

Realms, and give a mortal Stab to our Existence as a free and independent Nation. The Justice of your Majesty's Cause, and the Moderation of your Claims, must be felt and acknowledged by every surrounding Power; and we are convinced that the brave and happy People of this Land, conscious of the Purity of their Freedom, and the inestimable Privileges they enjoy under your Majesty's mild and paternal Rule, will, with one Hand and Heart, resolve to defend and maintain them. Your Majesty's faithful Citizens of London feel a grateful Pride in this Assurance of kindred Loyalty throughout your Majesty's Dominions, and are deeply sensible of the eminent Distinction they are invested with, by this Opportunity of testifying their Fidelity and Attachment to their beloved Sovereign. It is our earnest Prayer that every Blessing may attend and prosper your Majesty's Zeal and Exertions for the Welfare of your People; and should substantial Peace not be attainable but by the Decision of the Sword, may the Calamities of a War not to be averted, be lost in the Success and Glory of its Achievements.

Your Majesty's faithful Citizens cannot, however, refrain from expressing their Satisfaction at the Disposition manifested by your Majesty, of availing yourself of any favourable Circumstance of terminating the subsisting Differences, whenever it can be done consistently with the Honor and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, and the Security and Welfare of the British Empire.

Signed, by Order of Court,
HENRY WOODTHORPE.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

I Receive with great Satisfaction this dutiful and loyal Address from My City of London.

My Endeavours to preserve Peace have been unhappily frustrated by the restless Spirit of Aggrandizement which actuates the Councils of the French Government, but I trust the united and vigorous Exertions of the Nation at large, in Support of the just Cause in which we are engaged, will, under the Protection of Divine Providence, enable Me to maintain the Dignity of My Crown, and to defend the Rights and Interests of My People, against every Aggression.

They were all very graciously received, and had the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

St. James's, June 8, 1803.

THE following Addresses have been presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Sligo, of every Persuasion and Description.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our Zeal and Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government. We are satisfied it has been your Majesty's earnest Desire to preserve the Peace of the British Empire, so long as it was consistent with the Honor of your Crown and the Welfare of your Dominions; but we have observed, with Grief

and Indignation, that your Majesty's best Endeavors have been frustrated by the restless Ambition of the French Government, by its Aggressions on your Majesty's Allies, its Hostility to our Commerce, (even in Time of Peace,) and by its avowed Pretensions, inconsistent with good Faith and with the essential Interests of your Empire. For these Indignities and Provocations your Majesty has demanded Satisfaction and Redress in vain. Fully persuaded, therefore, that it is necessary to call forth the Vigor and Energy of the State, we beg Leave to offer our best Exertions, with our Lives and Fortunes, in Defence of your Majesty's Crown, our invaluable Constitution, and the Independence and the Rights of the British Empire.

William Griffith, Sheriff.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Lord Pelham.]

The humble Address of the Provost and Burgessees, and the Merchants and other Inhabitants of the Town of Sligo.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town of Sligo, of all religious Persuasions, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with renewed Assurances of unshaken Attachment to our beloved Monarch. We sincerely regret, that the Wisdom, the Justice, and the Moderation of your Majesty's Councils have proved ineffectual in preserving to the Empire the Blessings of Peace, and that the restless Ambition of France has again involved us in War, and threatens the Invasion of Great Britain and Ireland.

Fully sensible of the Value of our unrivalled Constitution, and of the Happiness which we enjoy under your Majesty's mild Administration of the wisest and most equitable Laws; we feel it our bounden Duty thus early to come forward and to pledge ourselves to your Majesty and to each other, to uphold and maintain our Constitution, and to protect your Majesty's Person and Government with our Lives and Fortunes.

We feel confident, that those who have been imposed upon by false Ideas of speculative Liberty, convinced of the fatal Example of other Nations will now join Heart and Hand in Support of the British Constitution.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Lord Pelham.]

Westminster, June 11, 1803.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of the Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act to enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the Defence and Security of the