

ings from us, and subject us under the Iron Yoke of an intolerable Usurpation.

We partake of the patriotic Animation that now pervades the whole Country. It is not for us indeed, in Opposition to the studious and sequestered Habits of our Education and Profession, and to the declared Sentiments of the Legislature, to oppose the ambitious Invaders of our Country in the Ranks of an Army, but we will endeavour to serve the great Cause, in which every patriot Heart must be engaged, with an Efficacy perhaps not inferior. We have peculiar and appropriate Duties to perform, on a due Attention to which the Existence of the State must principally depend, and without which the Resources of Wealth, however incalculable, and the Exertions of Number and Spirit beyond all Example, would prove of little Avail.

On the Discharge of these important Duties we pledge ourselves to your Majesty to employ our best Faculties zealously and unremittingly. We will excite those committed to our spiritual Care to the most vigorous Exertions, by shewing the inestimable Value of the pure reformed Protestant Religion, as it is happily established in these Kingdoms. We will inculcate that admirable Code of Morals, which, while it characterizes the Christian Dispensation, is best calculated to afford Stability to the State. We will teach Prayer and Dependence on Almighty God, who is the God of Battles, and with whom alone are the Issues of War.

Devoting ourselves wholly to these Occupations, we trust we shall be found most actively and efficaciously discharging our peculiar Duties, as they respect the Service of God, and the Prosperity of our Country.

Such, Sir, are the zealous Professions, and such shall be found to be the faithful Conduct of this Portion of the Clergy of your Majesty's Dominions on the Occasion of the present Threat of Invasion of these Kingdoms. Should the ambitious and unprincipled Foe presume to pollute these Shores, we look with Satisfaction to the Righteousness of our Cause, and to the impenetrable Phalanx of a whole Nation of Patriots: We call to Mind the sacred and inflexible Courage which animated the Breasts of the holy Army of Martyrs, who shed their Blood in Attestation of the pure and reformed Faith; but, above all, we feel Confidence from a grateful Recollection of the past signal Mercies of Almighty God vouchsafed to this Nation at Seasons of Distress; and we will never cease to implore the King of Kings to shield your Majesty from all Danger, and to continue the Existence and Prosperity of a State in which the Happiness and dearest Interests of its chief Governor are inseparably bound up.

H. Chester.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary  
Torke.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, deeply impressed with the present alarming Situation of our Country, beg Leave to approach your Throne to express our warmest Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government.

We feel grateful to Divine Providence for having prolonged your Majesty's valuable Life, which has

been uniformly employed in promoting the Happiness of your People.

We sincerely regret that the late Peace, which your Majesty so seasonably concluded, has been of such short Duration, and that your Majesty has been again involved in War, in Defence of your Crown, and of the dearest Rights of your People.

The Rulers of France, jealous of the Prosperity of your Majesty's Subjects, have threatened to invade our Country, and to destroy our Liberty, our Property, and all the happy Fruits of our excellent Constitution—a Constitution framed by the Wisdom of our Ancestors, and which has been preserved sacred and inviolable by your Majesty.

But we trust that there is Spirit in your Subjects, with the Help of God, to defeat all their hostile Attempts. We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that, as Ministers of the Gospel, it has been our constant Endeavour, and we trust, not without Success, to inculcate upon our People a sacred Regard to Religion and Morals, and a Spirit of Loyalty and Patriotism so necessary to the well-being of our Country. Your Majesty's Subjects under our Care, have vied with each other in Affection to your Majesty and in Fidelity to your Government, and have stepped forwards with Zeal in Defence of both. Great Exertions have been necessary, but they have been made with Cheerfulness, and we hope in God will be accompanied with the wished-for Success.

That it may please Almighty God long to preserve your Majesty so endeared to your People by your auspicious Government, and by your personal Virtues; to shower down upon your Royal House the richest of his Gifts, and, after a successful War, to restore the inestimable Blessing of Peace, are the fervent Prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful and affectionate Subjects.

Signed in our Name and by our Appointment.

And Duncan, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 15th September 1803.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary  
Torke.]

Commissions in the Bedfordshire Militia, signed by the  
Lord Lieutenant.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign Anthony Nott.

Ensign James Thurgood.

Ensign John Amos.

To be Ensigns,

J. H. Jackson, Gent.

Robert Garnsey, Gent.

William Hook, Gent.

Peter Upsdale, Gent.

Commission in the Bedfordshire Militia, signed by the  
Lord Lieutenant.

Captain John Hampton Hampton to be Major.

Dated September 12, 1803.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County  
of Bedford.

To be Deputy Lieutenants,

The Right Honorable Viscount Hampden.

The Right Honorable Lord Saint John.

