

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex, convened by the High Sheriff, at the Shire-Hall, on Friday the 29th Day of November, 1805.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex, humbly beg Leave to offer to your Majesty our warmest Congratulations upon the great and glorious Victory over the Combined Force of France and Spain, which (through the Blessings of Divine Providence) has been obtained by your Majesty's Fleet under the Command of the late illustrious and most lamented Hero, Lord Viscount Nelson; and also upon the decisive Success of a Squadron of your Majesty's Ships, commanded by Sir Richard Strachan, over an equal Number of French Ships, off Cape Ortegal.

The strongest Feelings of just Pride and Exultation animate our Minds in reflecting upon these additional and splendid Proofs of the matchless Valour and Superiority of your Majesty's Navy.

Whilst we experience these Sensations, we, at the same Time, deeply and sincerely lament the Loss of that great and heroic Commander, whose Life has been peculiarly distinguished by the most brilliant Achievements, and whose Name has added to the Honor and Lustre of your Majesty's Kingdoms, we deplore also the Loss of those other valiant Men who have, with him, honorably fallen in the Service of their Country. But it is our Consolation to know that his surviving Companions glory in his Fame, and emulate his Exploits; and we rejoice in the full Conviction, that the Skill, Enterprize, and Gallantry of the British Navy will for ever possess that decided Superiority which for Ages it has maintained, and which so eminently contributes to uphold the Splendour and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, and the Power, Honor, and Security of your Majesty's Dominions.

*James Reed, High Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by James Reed, Esq; High Sheriff for the said County of Essex.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Norfolk, beg Leave to offer to your Majesty, an humble Address of Congratulation and Condolence; of Congratulation upon the glorious and important Victory over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain; of Condolence for the Loss of the Hero, under whose Command it was obtained. In the proud Annals of our Naval History, filled as they are with glorious Proofs of British Skill and Valour, there is no one Action which shines with greater Lustre, than that off Cape Trafalgar. Inferior to the Combined Force of France and Spain in Number of Ships, Men, and Guns, the British Fleet, in a few Hours, obliged Twenty of the Enemies' Ships to strike.—Such a decisive Proof of Superiority, whilst it adds Glory to the British Navy, gives Strength and Security to every Part of your Majesty's Dominions.

We of this County, proud that such a Man was born amongst us, feel perhaps a larger Share of Exultation at his Victory, and of Grief for his Death. We shall ever deeply lament this irreparable Loss. Our Consolation must be, that he died in the Arms of Victory, and in the Service of a grateful Nation, fully sensible of his transcendent Merits, and that his immortal Name, by its powerful Influence, will still animate our Fleets and contribute to future Victories.

Done at a Public Meeting at the Castle of Norwich, in the Shire-House there, in and for the said County, on Saturday the Thirtieth Day of November One thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed at the Request, and in the Name of the Meeting. *Bayning, Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by Lord Townsend.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town and County of the Town of Poole, beg Leave, humbly to congratulate your Majesty, on the recent glorious and decisive Victory obtained by your Majesty's Fleet over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain off Trafalgar; and although we cannot in these Congratulations forget, or cease to deplore the Loss of the deservedly lamented and brave Commander Lord Viscount Nelson, and those who so nobly fell on that memorable Occasion, yet we trust the Examples of their Courage and Magnanimity, and the Zeal, Bravery, and Conduct of those who so gallantly and successfully completed the Defeat of the Enemy, will stimulate every Description of your Majesty's Subjects thus gloriously to struggle, (and nobly fall, if Providence so decrees,) rather than your Majesty's Person and Government, our Laws and Liberties, should become the Victims of that unrestrained Ambition and unjust Aggression which have despoiled so large a Portion of the fairest Parts of Europe.

*John Strong, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by John Jeffery and George Garland, Esqrs. Representatives in Parliament for the said Town and County of the Town of Poole.*]

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*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Reading, beg Leave to approach your Throne with our Congratulations on the glorious Successes of your Majesty's Fleets, particularly in the splendid Action off Cape Trafalgar; a Victory, if not unparalleled, at least never surpassed, even in the Naval Annals of Great Britain.

The subsequent Victory of Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, by which fresh Wreaths of Glory have been added to the British Flag; deserves our highest Esteem.

Whilst with pious and heartfelt Gratitude we acknowledge the Favour and Protection of Divine Providence on these great and memorable Occasions, we feel ourselves called upon to express our just Sense