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St. James's, December 23, 1805.

THE following Addresses having been transmitted to the Right Honorable Lord Hawkesbury, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been, by his Lordship, 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 Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Coventry.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Coventry, in Council assembled, beg Leave to approach your Throne with a due Sense of the great Mercies of Almighty God to this Nation, to offer our sincere Congratulation to your Majesty on the late important, glorious, and decisive Victory obtained over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain, by your Majesty's Fleet, commanded by the ever to be lamented Hero, the late Lord Viscount Nelson.

As Britons, we glory in a Victory that records the proudest Day that ever graced our Naval Fame, but as Men we shed a Tear on the Loss of a Chief, whose Life has been devoted to the Service of his Country, and whose Fame and Memory must claim and receive the Veneration and Gratitude of succeeding Generations.

At the same Time that we deplore the national Loss of this exalted Character, we feel the most confident Hope, that the Courage, Skill, and Ability of the surviving Commanders of your Majesty's Fleets, aided by the uniform Intrepidity of British Seamen, will still add to the Glory of your Majesty's Arms; and that the Pre-eminence of the British Navy may bid Defiance, and at last humble, the combined and inveterate Enemies of your Majesty's Empire, and ultimately secure to your faithful and loyal Subjects a Peace, compatible with the Dignity of your Crown, the Happiness of your People, and the Security of your Dominions.

We ardently pray that the Blessings we enjoy under our free and happy Government may be transmitted to the latest Posterity, and that your Majesty

may long continue to reign over a free and happy People.

In Testimony of the above, we have caused our Common Seal to be hereto affixed, this 14th Day of December, 1805.

Francis Perkins, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by W. Mills, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said City of Coventry.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Dorset, beg Leave to approach your Majesty's Throne to offer our warmest Congratulations on the most glorious and decisive Victory obtained over the Combined Naval Force of France and Spain, off Cape Trafalgar, by your Majesty's Fleet under the Command of the illustrious and ever to be lamented Hero, the Lord Viscount Nelson. A Victory which, whether we consider the Superiority of the Enemy, or the critical Time it was so decisively achieved, calls for our strongest Feelings of Gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of all Events for this transcendent Mark of his Protection to this favoured Nation.

In Events of this Nature we must inevitably have to lament the Loss of many Lives; and on this Occasion, our Grief and our Lamentations cannot be suppressed at the Fate of a Man, the sole and laudable Ambition of whose Life it was to maintain and increase the Prosperity of your Majesty's Dominions, and the Glory of your Majesty's Arms, in all Parts of the World: Not that these melancholy Sensations can deprive the Survivors in that memorable Action of our just Admiration of their Intrepidity, or of their indefatigable and humane Exertions for a considerable Period afterwards.

A further Proof of the Ability of our Commanders, and of the Valour of our Seamen, was displayed, on the 4th Ult. by Sir Richard Strachan, and the Squadron under his Command, sufficient to induce us to expect that these Two Victories will maintain the usual Emulation in the British Character, to preserve their Loyalty to their beloved King, and their Attachment to their Native Country, with renewed Lustre on all Occasions. At a Period so big with Events to surrounding Em-