

the known and acknowledged Character of British Seamen, that there never will be wanting a Succession of Commanders to emulate the bright Example of the immortal Nelson.

Signed at the Request, and in the Name of the Meeting, *William Chambers Bagshaw*, Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by William Chambers Bagshaw, Esq; High Sheriff for the said County of Derby.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of Ipswich, in Great Court assembled.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of your ancient Town and Borough of Ipswich, beg Permission to offer to your Majesty our most cordial Congratulations on the late brilliant and decisive Victories obtained by your Majesty's Squadrons over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain:—Victories of such extreme Importance to the Security and Prosperity of the Empire, as far to exceed the Bounds of human Calculation, and which must effectually tend to frustrate, and set at Defiance, the haughty Threat of a rancorous and inveterate Foe, to invade, and subdue to his tyrannous Despotism, the free and brave Subjects of your Majesty's Dominions.

At the same Time that we bend with the profoundest Gratitude to the Supreme Being, whose protecting Power has made your Majesty's Arms the Instruments of such unexampled Success, we deplore, with the deepest and most heartfelt Sorrow, the Loss of the illustrious Commander in Chief, Lord Viscount Nelson; the Glory of whose Name will be transmitted to the latest Posterity, and who fell at the Battle of Trafalgar, after having achieved the most splendid Victory that is recorded in the Annals of Naval History. We feel, indeed, a peculiar, and, if we may be indulged in the Expression, a Kind of domestic Grief for the Fate of our beloved and lamented Hero, our Corporation having been honored by his Lordship's holding the highest Office it had to bestow.

But, while we give Vent to our Sorrow on this mournful Occasion, we are desirous to be understood as not presuming to repine at the Decrees of that Providence to which we are indebted for so many Blessings under your Majesty's gracious and paternal Government, or wishing to advance any Thing which may, in the slightest Degree, tend to depreciate or wound the Feelings of surviving Merit. We acknowledge, with Exultation and Pride, the Gallantry, Zeal, and Intrepidity which characterize the Officers and Men employed in your Majesty's Fleets, and which have won the Admiration of the World. We are so strongly impressed with this Sentiment, that we do not hesitate, confidently, to affirm, that the unconquered Seamen of the British Navy will continue to be led to Battle and to Victory by able, skilful, and distinguished Commanders.

Given under our Common Seal the 18th Day of December, 1805.

[*Transmitted by Sir Andrew Snape Hamond, Bart. and Sir William Middleton, Bart. Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Ipswich.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnstaple, in the County of Devon.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnstaple, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the warmest Professions of Zeal and Attachment to your beloved Person, and your illustrious House, and with our most cordial Congratulations on the late glorious Exploits achieved by British Seamen.

The splendid Victory, in which we rejoice, gained by your Majesty's Fleet under the Command of the late ever to be lamented Hero, Lord Viscount Nelson, over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain, stands unparalleled in Naval History, and promises the most momentous Consequences. It cannot fail to impress the World with the highest Admiration of British Valour, Skill, and Intrepidity; it humbles the Pride and crushes the Hopes of our sanguinary and bitter Foe, and proclaims how futile are all his Boastings, Menaces, and Insults, when opposed to the Hearts of your Subjects, the Justice of your Cause, and your Reliance on Heaven: it tends powerfully to secure to the Inhabitants of this highly-favoured Land the undisturbed Possession of their national Prosperity, genuine Liberty, and true Religion.

Every Thing, Sir, that is good and great; every Thing that ought to interest the human Heart, is involved in the Issue of the perilous Contest which we are now maintaining against an implacable Enemy; we beg therefore to assure your Majesty, that, however long or sharp the Contest may be, we, together with the rest of your loyal Subjects, will be ever ready to call forth all our Vigour, and bring forward all our Resources, for the Preservation of those Rights and Interests over which you have watched, so many Years, with such paternal Vigilance, Wisdom, and Devotion.

May your Majesty long continue to sway the Sceptre of these Realms, happy in the Affections of a grateful and brave People, instructing them by the Virtues and Lustre of your Example, and blessing them by the Mildness and Wisdom of your Government: May that Being, who is the Staff and Stay of all who confide in his Protection, still go forth with your Fleets and Armies; and, in his own good Time, make you the happy Instrument of restoring and perpetuating Peace to this Country and to all the World.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Borough, this 5th Day of December, 1805.

*Henry Bellew, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by William Devaynes, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Barnstaple.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, and Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Halifax, beg Leave to approach your Throne with our sin-