

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 Magistrates, Merchants, Bankers, Ship-Owners, and other principal Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Leith.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

AT this important Crisis, when the Eyes of Europe are bent on the Exertions of the Nation, we, your Majesty's most loyal Subjects, the Magistrates, Merchants, Bankers, Ship-Owners, and other Inhabitants of Leith, conceive it our Duty to approach the Throne, and thus humbly to express to your Majesty our Sentiments of Veneration for your sacred Person, and Attachment to our inestimable Constitution.

While the Honour and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, the Existence of the Empire, and the Wealth of your Subjects, call for a Continuation of the arduous Contest in which your Majesty is unavoidably engaged, we presume to offer our Assurances of cheerfully submitting to all those Burdens and Privations that are ever the Concomitants of War; satisfied that no Sacrifice can be too great for the Preservation of our happy Constitution, which we trust will ever be supported by the Concord and Unanimity of your Subjects.

While we mark the Progress of a rapacious Tyrant; while we behold the once-powerful Nations that surround us humiliated, degraded, and fallen, we look with Gratitude to that Providence which hath hitherto supported this happy Land, confident that, under the Blessing of Heaven, the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, the continued Energy of your Arms, and the Loyalty of your People, every Effort of our Enemies will terminate in Glory to the British Name; and that your Majesty's paternal Wishes will ultimately be gratified in the Attainment of a safe, permanent, and honourable Peace.

Signed at Leith, this 23d Day of January 1808, in Presence of and at Desire of the Meeting, by

William Balleny, Magistrate.
John Crawford, Magistrate.

[*Transmitted by the Right Hon. Robert Dundas.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Magistrates, Merchants, Ship-Owners, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Greenock, influenced by Sentiments of Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, beg Leave at this momentous Period to approach the Throne, not only to express our sincere Affection for the best of Sovereigns, but to congratulate him on the Energy and Promptitude that so distinguish the Measures of Government, which to a loyal People is still the more pleasing, as it affords a Prospect of Security against the accumulating Threats of our now numerous and inveterate Foes, and is calculated to inspire all Ranks with Confidence, that though nearly alone in this unprecedented Contest, we shall, under the Blessing of Providence, ultimately convince the ambitious Disturber of the World, that the Prosperity of your Majesty's Dominions is not to be shaken by any Combination of Foreign Powers: And we sincerely

trust, that the eminent Advantages we enjoy as a Nation will ever secure the cordial Harmony of all your Majesty's Subjects; none of whom, we assure your Majesty, can be more heartily disposed than we are to contribute, by every Exertion in our Power, to maintain the Honour of your Majesty's Crown, and the invaluable Rights and Privileges we enjoy.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, by the Chief Magistrate of Greenock, and sealed with the Corporation Seal, this 20th Day of January 1808. *Alex. Dunlop.*

[*Transmitted by Mr. Dunlop.*]

To His Majesty the KING.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's very faithful Subjects, the Magistrates and Council of Paisley, fully sensible of the uncommon Difficulties of the Period in which we now exist, resulting from the arduous and unprecedented nature of the Contest in which the British Empire is at present engaged, feel it a Duty incumbent upon us to transmit to your Majesty the warmest Assurance of our Regard for your Majesty's Person and Family, and Attachment to the Government over which your Majesty hath so long and so honourably presided.

But while the Times are difficult, and the Contest most arduous, and while the Nation must submit to Privations hitherto unexperienced, we are very far from yielding to or indulging Sentiments of Despondency or Despair. Our Resources are still most ample, and there exists in the Empire a native Spirit of Loyalty and Subordination, which, rightly directed, cannot fail, under the Blessing of Providence, to secure us from the Hostility of our Enemies, and the systematic Inveteracy of the general Disturber of Nations.

Satisfied then, that the most vigorous Measures are requisite to counteract the daring and ambitious Designs of the Foe, we humbly presume to assure your Majesty of our most cordial Support and Co-operation in every Undertaking which is calculated to ensure the Safety of our Country, and to promote the Prosperity and Happiness of the People.

Signed in our Presence and by our Appointment, by *William Stowe, Chief Magistrate.*

23d January 1808.

[*Transmitted by W. Stowe, Esq.*]

Ordnance-Office, January 27, 1808.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Robert Taylor, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant. Dated January 22, 1808.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Second Captain James R. Arnold to be Captain, vice Backwell, deceased. Dated January 3, 1808.

First Lieutenant Thomas M. Dickens to be Second Captain, vice Arnold. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet Thomas B. Hutchinson to be Second Lieutenant, vice Slade, promoted. Dated January 15, 1808.

Commission in the 38th, or Ayrshire Regiment of Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Robert M'Lean, Gent. to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice John Clark, promoted. Dated January 9, 1808.