

Dignity of your Crown, and the Rights and Interests of your People.

Whilst we affect not to conceal from your Majesty the Pressure of the heavy Burthens which we sustain in consequence of the War, and which in this Town, so peculiarly interested in a free Intercourse with Foreign States, is most severely felt, and can only be essentially alleviated by the Return of Peace, we humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty that it is still our firm Resolution to be deterred by no Privations, and to spare no Sacrifices, in defending your Majesty's Royal Person and Throne, and the happy Constitution under which we live, against all your Enemies, relying on your Majesty's Wisdom for the Adoption of such Counsels as may tend to convince your Enemies, not only of the unconquerable Power of your Majesty's Arms, but of the Justice and Moderation of your Majesty's Views; and trusting that by a firm and dignified, but, at the same Time, conciliatory Conduct towards hostile and neutral States, your Majesty will be enabled not only to maintain the yet unbroken Relations of Peace and Amity with a Power nearly connected with us by the Ties of a common Origin, and an advantageous Commercial Intercourse, but to restore at an early Period to your faithful Subjects, and to the World at large, the Blessings of a secure and lasting Peace.

[Transmitted by Lord Derby.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Address of the Gentry, Clergy, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Liverpool.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Liverpool, called together by public Notice under the Hand of our Mayor, in pursuance of a Requisition made to him, beg Leave to approach the Throne with Expressions of that Affection to the Person of your Majesty, which has constantly animated the Inhabitants of this great commercial Town, and with Assurances of that firm Confidence in your Majesty's Government, which this extraordinary Crisis renders so necessary, and which the Wisdom and Energy of your Majesty's present Councils appear to us fully to merit.

Ascribing, as we do, the Downfall of other States, in a great Measure, to the Abatement of public Spirit, and to Disunion artfully fomented by external or internal Enemies, we behold, in our present Situation, the most powerful Motives ever offered to Mankind for Unanimity and Fortitude in opposing that Torrent of Violence, Fraud, and Oppression so unceasingly exemplified in the Conduct of our Enemy, whether during Peace or War, and which threatens Dissolution to every independent State.

Hence we are unavoidably led to deprecate in the most forcible Manner the Formation of any systematic and vexatious Opposition to the Measures of your Majesty's Government, which may be founded upon Hostility to the Ministers proposing such Measures, rather than upon Principles of that Patriotism now so urgently called for by the Situation of the Country from every Individual, whether in public or private Life.

Hence, likewise, we conceive it to be prudent to absterge from anticipating evil Consequences to the Commerce of the Kingdom from such Measures of Vigour,

of a retaliating Nature, as your Majesty may, in the Exercise of your Prerogative, have recurred to, and of the Effects of which there is yet no Experience.

No Part of your Majesty's Dominions is liable to be more affected than this Town by the State of Trade, in which we are all in different Ways interested, and upon the Success of which our Prosperity essentially depends, yet we see no Cause for Despondency; and so far from drawing unfavourable Conclusions against your Majesty's Government in the Measures which it adopts upon Views of public Advantage, we should deem ourselves unworthy of the Name of Britons, who are the only remaining Hope of Europe, and the last Stay of the civilized World, if we did not, with your Majesty, bring into this great Contest for Freedom and Independence an unshaken Determination to consent to every Sacrifice which either now or hereafter may be required, and if we did not employ all our Efforts to realize the Hope of your Majesty, that the present awful and momentous Struggle, through the Blessing of Providence, may prove ultimately successful and glorious to Great Britain.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Merchants, Manufacturers, Inhabitants of Leeds, and other Places in the West Riding of the County of York, beg Leave to present to your Majesty our unfeigned Assurance of Attachment to your Majesty's Person, and to the Principles of Government which placed your Majesty's august Family on the Throne of these Realms. We humbly represent to your Majesty the distressed State to which great Numbers of our Merchants and Manufacturers are reduced by the long Continuance of this unfortunate War, which has deprived them of their accustomed Foreign Markets, whereby many of their Workmen are left without Employment, and many of the smaller Manufacturers are already disabled from providing their Families with Support; our poor Rates are increasing, and the Pressure of heavy Taxes is severely felt, as our Means of providing for them are every Day lessened; in addition to these accumulated Evils which are daily augmenting to a most alarming Extent, we are also under the Apprehension of these Calamities being increased by a War with the United States of America.

We beg Leave further humbly to represent to your Majesty, that no Prospect of Relief is opened to us by the longer Continuance of a War which has been hitherto attended with no solid Advantage to this Country, and which has been in its Consequences so calamitous to Europe.

Your faithful and loyal Subjects have seen with deep Concern and Sorrow, that the Progress of the War has yearly increased their heavy Taxes, added greatly to the National Debt, and to the annual Expenditure of the Country; whilst at the same Time, the Power and Territories of our Enemy have been enlarged, and most of our Allies have deserted us to seek his Protection or his Friendship.

Should the War be continued, we fear that many of those States, the former Friends and Allies of your Majesty, will be drawn into a closer Connection with France, which may make their accustomed Relations of Amity and Commerce with this Country very difficult to be resumed.