

proach the Throne with the warmest Expressions of Loyalty and Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Deeply as we lament the Calamities of War, and fully aware as we are of the Difficulties with which we have to struggle during a Contest which we are carrying on for our very Existence as an independent Nation, yet we feel convinced that a too eagerly and generally expressed Wish for Peace at such a Moment would have no other Effect than to raise the Demands of our Enemy, increase the Obstacles to a Negotiation, and remove to a still greater Distance that desirable Event.

We therefore declare that it is our decided Resolution to support your Majesty to the utmost of our Power in the vigorous Prosecution of a War which involves the Honour of your Crown, and the Independence of your Dominions, in the Hope that, by maintaining a firm Line of Conduct, (as well as by bearing with Steadiness the Privations incident to our present Situation,) we may convince the Enemy of the Impossibility of subduing the Spirit of the Nation, and afford your Majesty an Opportunity of restoring to your Subjects the Blessing of Peace, whenever it can be obtained upon Terms consistent with the Honour and Security of the British Empire.

*Wilbraham Egerton, High Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by D. Davenport and T. Cholmondeley, Esqrs. Representatives in Parliament for the said County*]

May it please your MAJESTY,

SIRE,

WE your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Inhabitants of the County of Anglesea, deem it our indispensable Duty at this momentous Crisis, humbly to lay before the Throne our free and unanimous Sentiments relative to the great Contest in which our Country is at present engaged.

We would have considered it a Liberty in no small Degree unwarrantable to have obtruded upon your Majesty our political Sentiments at any Time, except in a Case of extreme and paramount Necessity; but as Perils, which we consider highly impolitic and of the most dangerous Tendency, have not long since been presented to Parliament, we would likewise feel ourselves deficient in loyal Attention to your Majesty, and to our Country, if we did not thus publicly avow how sincerely we disapprove, and how deeply we lament the Adoption of such Proceedings. Is it a Time to sue for Peace when our inexorable Enemy is intoxicated with Victory, and enthralled Europe crouching at his Feet? Has he not repeatedly avowed, that whether he assumes the Garb of Friendship, or wields the Sword of Hostility, the Motive and Object of either will be our immediate or ultimate Destruction; and can we, with the Knowledge we have of his Character, hesitate for a Moment to believe that this is the fixed Determination of his Soul? Shall we, following the Example of the vassal Continent, bend the suppliant Knee, and offer our sacrilegious Prayers to a perfidious Enemy for the Acquirement of a Peace, which is to seal our Ruin? Forbid it Heaven! Let us be firm and united, and as far as human Foresight can penetrate through the Veil of Futurity, we are invincible. Or should it please the Almighty Disposer of all Events to make us fall

before our Enemies, we shall fall as faithful Martyrs on the high Altar of our Independence and our Religion, with the consoling Assurance, (even if our Exertions should be over-ruled, and temporal Success be denied us by the Dispensation of an inscrutable Wisdom,) that they who fulfil their Duty to their Country and their God, will receive at the last a most abundant Recompence.

Your Majesty's Subjects do not deprecate a Peace, it is the only Object of their Warfare; but they would carry on War until they can obtain a secure and honourable Peace, and they conceive no Peace to be secure but that which is honourable. If we continue to exhibit the noble Example of a People undaunted in the Defence of their Country, we may be Instruments in the Hands of an All-merciful Father in rousing into Action the torpid Energies of Mankind, in freeing them from the most extensive and atrocious Tyranny that ever disgraced their Annals, and in shedding the Blessings of Peace and Happiness over the Face of a degenerate and ravaged World. And may that good God, in whose Hands is the Fate of Men and Nations, long preserve your Majesty to your faithful People; and when it shall please Him to call you to a better World, may your Crown descend unfulfilled to your latest Posterity.

These are the Sentiments, Sire, which warm and animate the Bosoms of almost the whole Population of your Majesty's Subjects, and of none more sincerely so than your loyal Subjects the Inhabitants of the County of Anglesea.

Signed by Order of the Meeting,

*Holland Griffiths, Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by the Honourable Berkeley Paget, Representative in Parliament for the said County of Anglesea.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Aldermen, Bailiffs, Capital and other Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Denbigh.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Aldermen, Bailiffs, Capital and other Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Denbigh, implore Permission to approach your Majesty's Throne to testify our unvarying Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government.

We are deeply sensible of the Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's Government; and the Indignation we feel at the unprovoked and unwarrantable Aggression of our Enemies, who seek to deprive us of those Blessings, and threaten your Majesty's Kingdoms with Invasion, will animate our Resolutions, and redouble our Efforts in the national Defence. We trust that those Efforts, seconded by the Zeal of a faithful and loyal People, will, under the Providence of God, be fully sufficient to repel every Attack, to frustrate the Hopes, and defeat the Designs of one of the most alarming Confederacies that was ever formed against the Crown and the People of Great Britain.

In such a Crisis the Approach of Danger can serve only to call forth that national Spirit, which always rises with the Occasion that demands it, but never displayed itself in a more important Conjunction.