

Resources of Spain, when waiting in the extensive Plans of his own Ambition, but in which she had not the remotest Interest, the Treasures of her Colonies, and the Blood of her Subjects, it was then that the present Ruler of France was pleased, in the wanton Insolence and Lust of Domination, to occupy her Capital with his Soldiery, to massacre its loyal Inhabitants, to deceive, dethrone, and lead into Captivity her unfortunate Monarch and Royal Family. Thus he has at once treated with the foulest Perfidy a Nation celebrated from its earliest History for rigid Adherence to public and to individual Faith, and stigmatized with Insolence and Contumely a People proverbially jealous of national and of personal Honour.

May we be permitted to hope that an Aggression unparalleled in History for the Treachery in which it commenced, the undisguised Effrontery with which it was avowed, and the Cruelty by which it was enforced, as it has already converted the most passive and useful Ally of France into the most formidable Enemy, may teach the other Nations of Europe how little is to be expected from Submission to such a Foe; how much may be hoped from decided, determined, and uncompromising Resistance. Above all, from the Measures, alike prudent, liberal, and active, already adopted in your Majesty's Councils, we are encouraged to hope that no Aid which the Resources of your Majesty's Kingdoms can supply will be withheld from those Patriots who are now in Arms, not solely in the Cause of Spain, but in that of Britain, of Europe, and of the World. If it is the Pleasure of God that their noble Efforts shall be finally unsuccessful, let it not be recorded as a Cause of their Failure that Britain was a cold and indifferent Assistant in so glorious a Struggle. But if, as we hope, trust, and pray, the Issue of the Contest shall be successful, may it be written in the Annals of Spain, that, not alone the Wisdom of her patriotic Councils, and the Enthusiasm of her brave Warriors, but the ready, the decided, unconditional, and disinterested Succours of Britain, saved her from the Yoke of a worse than Moorish Conqueror, and aided her to erect, in the preserved Independence and renovated Energy of her Government, an insurmountable Barrier against his insatiable Ambition.

That God may grant your Majesty a long and happy Reign, and may vouchsafe to direct your Councils at this important Crisis to the Weal of Britain, of Spain, and of Europe, is the unfeigned and devout Prayer of your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

Signed in our Name, by our Appointment, and in our Presence, and the Seal of the said City is hereto affixed. *Donald Smith, Provost.*
Edinburgh, July 20, 1808.

[Transmitted by the Lord Provost]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Marlborough.

MAY it please your Majesty, graciously to allow your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Borough and Town of Marlborough,

to approach the Foot of your Throne, among their Fellow-Subjects, with their sincere and hearty Congratulations on the gallant and almost British Spirit manifested by the Spanish and Portuguese Nations in their truly patriotic Opposition to the insidious Artifices and nefarious Inroads of the Enemy of your Majesty's just Rights and Dominions, the Corrupter and Destroyer of all national and moral and religious Liberty.

Our Duty to your Majesty, and our Love for our Religion and Laws, teach us the Importance of so providential an Interposition in the Behalf of our Country. We are sure that we, in common with every true-hearted Briton, with every honest and good Man throughout the Continent of Europe, shall feel the Benefits of it under your Majesty's Wisdom and Counsel. We presume not to appreciate its Importance, nor to estimate its Value; we only request, with the proper Lowliness that becomes us, your Majesty's most gracious Permission to avow the Sentiment of our Joy at finding that there are other Nations besides your Majesty's who prefer Death to Gallic Chains; to express the Solicitude of our Wishes for the entire Discomfiture of French Arrogance, Avarice, and Atrocity in every Direction; and to present our unfeigned Gratitude for your Majesty's fatherly and unremitting Attention to all our important Concerns.

Long may your Majesty live; and, if it please Divine Providence, soon may you, Sir, enjoy the Triumph of seeing the Reign of Truth and Justice restored to the World by the Exertions of your Majesty's Power.

[Transmitted by Lord Bruce and Lord Stopford.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble, dutiful, and loyal Address of the Portreeve, the Bailiff, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Great Bedwin.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Portreeve, the Bailiff, and principal Inhabitants of your ancient Borough of Great Bedwin, beg Leave again to approach your Royal Throne, and to reiterate the Assurances of our Loyalty and Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Family, and our Veneration for the excellent Constitution which your Majesty so zealously maintains. Indignant as we have been at the unbounded and unprincipled Ambition which has so long and so fatally actuated the common Enemy of Order and the Independence of every Nation in the World, we cannot but feel the liveliest Interest at the recent Events in Spain, and hail the loyal and determined Spirit which her brave Defenders have manifested in the Vindication of their dearest Rights. Permit us, Sir, to offer our grateful Thanks and sincere Homage for the Promptitude of your Exertions to support their just and glorious Struggle, and to feed the Flame of Liberty which now burns in Spanish and British Breasts with equal Ardour and Brilliance.

May your Majesty's Efforts be the blessed Means of uniting in perpetual Alliance these brave and generous Nations, and tend, under the Guidance of Providence, to the Restoration of the Liberties and the Peace of Europe.

George Hill, Portreeve.

Josiah Wooldridge, Bailiff.

[Transmitted by the King's Advocate-General.]

