

Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply and Heritors of the County of Kincardine, assembled at the Head Burgh of Stonehaven, the 25th Day of October 1809, beg Leave to approach your Majesty on this auspicious Day, with Sentiments of the most sincere and affectionate Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government.

Grateful to Almighty God for having given us such a King, we rejoice in that Protection which Providence has afforded to your Majesty, during a long and arduous Reign, and that your valuable Life has been preserved as a Blessing to your People amidst the Vicissitudes of Time and the Conflicts of Nations. We congratulate your Majesty on having attained the Fiftieth Year of a Reign marked throughout by a steady Regard to the Principles of a free Constitution, by an anxious Care for the Welfare of your Subjects, and by an illustrious and instructive Example of Piety and Virtue. You have ruled these Kingdoms in Times of unprecedented Difficulty and Danger, with a mild and paternal Sway; and while many independent States have been overthrown, while many free and prosperous Governments have become extinct, while almost the whole Continent of Europe has been subjugated to the most odious Tyranny, you have been enabled, through the Blessing of the Most High, to maintain the Rights and Liberties of this Nation unimpaired, and to preserve it safe and happy. Britain, under your Majesty's benign Auspices, has increased in Greatness and in Strength, has improved its Arts, its Agriculture and its Commerce, to a Height unknown before, has acquired a splendid Degree of Naval and Military Glory, has extended its generous Assistance to other Nations struggling to be free, has been the Asylum of the oppressed, and is at this Moment the only Country in Europe, where true Liberty can be said to dwell.

That Almighty God may continue his Protection to your Majesty's sacred Person, that you may see the Blessings of an honourable and lasting Peace speedily restored to our Country, and that you may long continue to reign over a free and happy People, are the sincere and fervent Wishes of, most gracious Sovereign, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply and Heritors of the County of Kincardine.

Signed in Name and by Appointment of the Meeting, by our Præses George Harley Drummond, Esq; of Drumtochly.

*George Harley Drummond, Præses.*

[*Transmitted by George Harley Drummond, Esq.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Stafford, in the County of Stafford, in Common-Council assembled.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE**, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of your ancient Borough of Stafford, beg Leave to approach your Throne with the sincerest Professions of Attachment and Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government. After solemnly offering up our Thanks to Almighty God for the Protection afforded you through a long and arduous Reign, we

are solicitous to express to your Majesty our heartfelt Congratulations on your Entrance into the Fiftieth Year of your Government of this Kingdom. The first Dawn of that auspicious Æra was marked by Acts which taught us to expect much from your Majesty's paternal Care and Attention to the Welfare and the Interests of your People. The Event has shewn that our Hopes were not raised too high; for the Justice and Clemency that have uniformly distinguished your Reign have more than answered our most sanguine Expectations. We believe it to be owing, in a great Measure, (under Providence) to your Majesty's personal Virtues that we have escaped those Calamities which have overspread almost the whole Continent of Europe. Whilst other States have been made the Prey of foreign Foes, or torn to Pieces by domestic Broils, England alone has stood hitherto unmoved amidst the general Commotion; and only felt the remote and distant Consequences of War. Favoured as you have hitherto been by Divine Goodness, may you to the End of Life remain the chosen Object of its peculiar Care, and when it shall happen that your Majesty shall be gathered to your illustrious Ancestors, may your Posterity inherit the Crown, and by imitating your virtuous Example, reign, like your Majesty, seated in that best and proudest Throne of Monarchs the Hearts of a brave, grateful, and loyal People.

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Stafford, this 7th Day of November 1809.

*Francis Hugbes, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Honourable E. Monckton, M. P.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble, loyal, and dutiful Address of the Corporation and Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Plympton Earle.

*SIR,*

**A**MONG the great Number of our Fellow-subjects eager to approach your Majesty with their sincere Congratulations on your having commenced the Fiftieth Year of an arduous Reign, we, the Corporation and Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Plympton Earle, are most anxious to offer ours. To a Monarch long endeared to us by his firm Attachment to the British Constitution, and ever watchful over the Interests of his People, we know not what Tribute can be more acceptable than a grateful Acknowledgment of his paternal Care, with an Assurance of unshaken Loyalty, willing Obedience, and unfeigned Affection. Your Majesty has every Right to expect from us this Assurance, and in such Expectation you shall never be deceived. Some of us have grown old under your Majesty's mild and equitable Government; and having witnessed from its Commencement a Reign of unexampled Difficulty, and at a Period when no Deductions from former Experience could control a Series of Events as awful as they are new, and in the Vortex of which entire Kingdoms have been swept away; we almost wonder at our own Security, and that we still enjoy the Blessings of Freedom and Tranquillity amidst the Wreck of Nations. Till we reflect that the upright and vigorous Measures of a pious and patriot King, seconded by the best Energies of the British Character, have been directed by an unseen, but all-powerful Hand. May this resolute Power still mercifully vouchsafe to extend its