

withheld; when we have seen a new Estate established in the Realm, highly dangerous and unconstitutional; when we have seen Power, Influence, and Emolument thus set apart to controul and embarrass the executive Government, at a Time of such unprecedented Difficulty, when all the Energies of the State are necessary to enable us to surmount the Dangers with which we are threatened, both at home and abroad? We confess, that, feeling as we do the most unbounded Gratitude to Your Royal Highness, for undertaking these arduous Duties at a Moment of such Péril, and under such Circumstances, we can discover no Cause for Congratulation; on the contrary, we should be filled with Dismay and the most alarming Apprehensions, were it not for the known Patriotism and amiable Qualities, which Your Royal Highness possesses, and the Resource which we trust Your Royal Highness will find in the Zeal, Ardour, Affection, and Loyalty of a free and united People.

Numerous other Grievances we forbear even to mention; but there is one so prominent in the Odioufness of its Nature, as well as in the Magnitude of its mischievous Consequences, that we are unable to refrain from marking it out as a particular Object of our Complaint, and of Your Royal Highness's virtuous Abhorrence—the present Representation in the Commons House of Parliament; a ready Instrument in the Hands of the Minister, for the Time being, whether for the Purposes of nullifying the just Prerogatives of the Crown, or of insulting and oppressing the People; and a Reform in which Representation is therefore absolutely necessary for the Safety of the Crown, the Happiness of the People, and the Peace and Independence of the Country.

Reposing the fullest Confidence in Your Royal Highness's beneficent Views and Intentions, we can only deplore the present unfortunate State of Things, fully relying, that, under Circumstances so novel and embarrassing, every Measure which depends personally upon Your Royal Highness will be adopted towards extricating us from our present Difficulties, and for promoting the Peace, Happiness, and Security of the Country.

Thus to mingle our Expressions of Confidence and Affection with the Voice of Complaint is grievous to our Hearts, but placing as we do, implicit Reliance on the constitutional Principles of Your Royal Highness, we are cheered with the Hope, that such a Change of System will take place, as will henceforward, for a long Series of happy Years, prevent Your Royal Highness from being greeted by the faithful and loyal City of London in any Voice but that of Content and of Gratitude.

Signed by Order of Court,

HENRY WOODTHORPE.

To which Address His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer;

*I THANK you for the Assurances of your Attachment, and of your Confidence in the Sincerity of my Endeavours to promote the Welfare and Security of His Majesty's Dominions by the faithful Administration of those Powers with which I am entrusted during the lamented Indisposition of the King.*

*In the arduous Situation in which I am placed, I can assure you it will be the happiest Moment of my Life when, by the Blessing of Providence, I shall be called upon to*

*resign the Powers now delegated to me into the Hands of my beloved and revered Father and Sovereign.*

*My own Disposition, no less than the Example of my Royal Father, will make me at all Times ready to listen to the Complaints of those who may think themselves aggrieved, and will determine me on all Occasions to regulate my Conduct upon the established Principles of that antient and excellent Constitution under which the People of this Country have hitherto enjoyed a State of unrivalled Prosperity and Happiness.*

They were all received very graciously, and had the Honour to kiss His Royal Highness's Hand.

Carlton-House, February 5, 1811.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was this Day pleased to make the following Appointments in his Household:

Sir Henry Hallford, Bart. M. D. to be a Physician in Ordinary:

Major-General Turner, of the 3d Guards, to be Assistant Private Secretary: And

General William Keppel, Major-General Francis Thomas Hammond, and Lieutenant-Colonel William Congreve, to be Equerries.

Foreign-Office, February 15, 1811.

His Royal Highness the Prince Régent has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Lord William Bentinck, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Palermo.

His Royal Highness the Prince Régent has also been pleased to appoint Augustus John Foster, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

Carlton-House, February 14, 1811.

This Day His Royal Highness the Prince Régent was pleased to appoint Samuel Chetham Hilton, of Molton, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County-Palatine of Lancaster for the Year ensuing.

Admiralty-Office, February 16, 1811.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Bourchier, of His Majesty's Sloop Hawke, addressed to Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart. and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.*

SIR, *Hawke, Dungeness, Feb. 11, 1811.*

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you that I captured on the Morning of the 7th Instant, after an anxious Chace of Nineteen Hours, Le Furet, a very fine French Schooner Privateer, pierced for Sixteen Guns, but only Fourteen mounted, consisting of Twelve Nine-pounder Carronades, and Two long Sixes, commanded by Monsieur Guâtier, a Lieutenant of the French Navy, with a Complement of Eighty-six Men; out Ten Days from St. Maloes, but had made no Capture. She is only Four Months old, coppered and coppered fastened, nearly Ninety Feet on Deck, and Twenty-two Feet Beam, well built and very strong, and, in my Opinion, well adapted for His Majesty's Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

H. BOURCHIER.