

the Regal Duties; a Prince, who has so greatly endeared himself to the People by his known Attachment to the Principles which placed the illustrious House of Brunswick on the Throne of Great Britain.

We join most sincerely in the Sentiments so prevalent throughout every Part of the United Kingdom, in regretting that when Your Royal Highness was appointed to exercise the Royal Authority during the Continuance of His Majesty's Indisposition, it should have been thought fit to withhold from Your Royal Highness any of those Powers and Prerogatives of the Crown, which are at all Times a Trust for the People; persuaded as we are, that in the Hands of Your Royal Highness they would have been exercised wisely, and convinced that it is an entire Subversion of the first Principles of the Constitution to separate the Splendour and State of the Court and the Authority of the Executive Government, and to suspend for any Period those Powers of the Crown which only exist for the good of the People.

Deeply impressed as we are with a Sense of the many and great Difficulties which, with Power so limited, Your Royal Highness must have to encounter in the Discharge of Duties so arduous, and deprecating as we do the Conduct of those who evinced such unfounded Jealousy of Your Royal Highness, we will not, however, approach Your Royal Highness on this Occasion with the Language of Complaint, although we hope we may be permitted to say that we most cordially concur in the Sentiments expressed by the Corporation of the Metropolis of the Kingdom in lamenting that the Taxes imposed on the Industrious and oppressed Inhabitants of this Kingdom should be wasted in ill-contrived and ill-conducted Expeditions.

We feel unbounded Gratitude to Your Royal Highness for undertaking the arduous Duties of Regent at a Moment of such Peril; we place the most unlimited Confidence in Your Royal Highness's known Patriotism and amiable Qualities, and the Resources which we trust Your Royal Highness will find in the Zeal, Ardour, Affection, and Loyalty of a free People; and we are sure every Measure which will depend personally on Your Royal Highness will be pursued towards extricating us from our present perilous Situation.

Signed by Order of the Meeting,  
Robert Lister, Mayor.

[Presented by the Right Honourable Lord Dundas.]

To His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales,  
REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen,  
Common Council, and Livery of the County  
and Town of Nottingham.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and Livery of the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, entreat Permission to approach Your Royal Highness's Presence, impressed with the most dutiful and affectionate Respect and Gratitude to Your Royal Highness, and the firmest Attachment to His Majesty and the Constitution of these Kingdoms, as established by the glorious Resolution of 1688.

Deeply and sincerely deploring that awful Visitation of Providence in the Person of Your Royal Father, which has occasioned the Houses of Lords and Commons to commit to Your Royal Highness the Exercise of those Prerogatives which were necessarily suspended by His Majesty's Indisposition, we have observed with Sentiments of the most poignant Regret that such a Moment could have been chosen by Persons acting as the confidential Servants of the King, to annihilate, for a Time at least, some of the most essential Prerogatives of the Crown, and to limit and alter some of its most important Functions in the Person of Your Royal Highness. Appointed Regent under such Restrictions as (although alleged to be devised for assuring to Your Royal Father the speedy and secure Resumption of all the Prerogatives of his high Station, in case of his Recovery,) appear to us to be equally inconsistent with the Principles of the British Constitution, and with that Respect which the public Character and Conduct of Your Royal Highness had a Right to command from the hereditary Counsellors of the Crown and the Representatives of the British People. We know not how sufficiently to admire that gracious and disinterested Condescension which has induced Your Royal Highness to sacrifice your personal Feelings for the Welfare of the Empire, and to take upon yourself the Cares of Government under Limitations hitherto unknown to the Executive Authority in the British Constitution.

The Government of the Realm being wisely and happily confided to the Care of Your Royal Highness, we desire to express our unlimited Confidence in those constitutional Principles which throughout every period of your Life have so gloriously distinguished the Heir Apparent of the British Sceptre. We feel assured that all your Actions as Regent will be regulated by a steady and anxious Desire to promote the Welfare of the Country and the Happiness of the People of Your Royal Father's Dominions, and are persuaded that no Considerations (but such as may appear to Your Royal Highness necessarily to arise out of that filial Regard to Your Royal Father, which it needed not the Force of legal Constraint to inculcate upon a Heart devoted to its Exercise,) to interfere with your carrying into Execution such a System of Government as your Wisdom may deem most consistent with the Principles of the British Constitution, and most congenial to those generous Feelings which seem invariably to actuate Your Royal Highness to desire the Alleviation of those heavy Burthens and Calamities in which a State of War, the Progress of Taxation, and the Consequences of an obstructed Commerce, appear to us to have involved the Subjects of Your Royal Father's Dominions.

In the Mayoralty of John Bates, Esq;  
George Coldham, Town-Clerk.

[Presented by the Right Honourable Lord Holland.]

Downing-Street, March 14, 1811.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, to appoint John Hodgson, Esq; Major-General in the Army, to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Curacoa.

