

jects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Common Council of the City of Glasgow, in Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, on the present occasion, with the strongest assurances of our attachment to your Royal Person, and of our ardent zeal in support of your government.

While we deeply lament, along with your Royal Highness and our fellow-subjects, the continuance of His Majesty's indisposition, and the disappointment of the hopes entertained of his early recovery, we cannot but admire the delicate propriety of your conduct, in relation to your august father; and we are most grateful to Almighty God, that the exercise of the royal authority is, in the meantime, vested in a Prince, who has no other object in view but the general welfare and happiness of his people, and whose leading principle of action is an unbiassed regard to the common interests of the whole empire.

We humbly offer to your Royal Highness our congratulations, on the signal successes which have attended His Majesty's arms, during the short period of your regency; not only in assisting the nations of the Peninsula in their noble struggle for independence, but also in accomplishing the extinction of the colonial power of France in the Eastern Hemisphere.

While we reflect with pride, that your Royal Highness has preserved the national faith inviolate towards His Majesty's allies, we entreat permission to testify our unqualified approbation of the resolution of your Royal Highness steadily to persevere in the arduous contest; and, in looking forward to the issue of that contest, we anticipate, from the vigour of your councils, the consummate skill of your generals, and the gallantry of your troops, a glorious result.

We humbly desire also to express our firm persuasion, that the wisdom and energy of your Royal Highness, in the government of these realms, will command the confidence and support of a grateful people; and will enable you, under the blessing of Divine Providence, not only to maintain unimpaired, but to advance, the honour and prosperity of the British empire.

Signed and sealed, with the common seal of the said City of Glasgow, by me, Lord Provost and Chief Magistrate of the said City, in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council thereof, at Glasgow, the 24th day of February 1812. *John Hamilton.*

[Transmitted by the Lord Provost of Glasgow.]

Westminster, March 5, 1812.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, for declaring His Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Arch-*

bishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for granting Annuities to discharge certain Exchequer Bills.

An Act for further continuing, until the 25th day of March 1813, certain Bounties and Drawbacks on the Exportation of Sugar from Great Britain; and for suspending the countervailing Duties and Bounties on Sugar, when the Duties imposed by an Act of the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty shall be suspended; and for continuing so much of an Act of the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty as allows a Bounty on Raw Sugar exported, until the 25th day of March 1813.

An Act for continuing the Term and altering and enlarging the Powers of Two Acts of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from Alfreton to Mansfield, in the Counties of Derby and Nottingham, and other Roads therein mentionep.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of Two Acts of King George the Second, and Two Acts of His present Majesty, for repairing and widening Old-Street-Road, and other Roads therein mentioned, in the County of Middlesex.

And Two Private Acts.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, March 7, 1812.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to His Lordship by General the Earl of Wellington, dated Frenada, February 19, 1812.

SINCE I addressed your Lordship on the 12th instant, I have received intelligence that the First and Fourth Divisions of the Army of Portugal, and part of General Montbrun's Cavalry, as well as the Sixth Division, are on the Tagus, in the neighbourhood of Talavera de la Reyna and Toledo. It is certain that General Bonet evacuated the Asturias at the time I received the reports that he had done so in January; and I understand that he suffered considerably in this operation, as well from the effects of the weather as from the operations of a detachment of the army of Galicia, and of General Porlier's troops.

No movement of importance has been made by any of the troops composing the army of Portugal since I addressed your Lordship on the 12th instant.

The Guerilla parties continue to increase, and their operations become every day more important: Saomil has lately intercepted the communications