

of any kingdom or state in amity with His Majesty, and navigated in any manner whatever, without payment of any duty whatsoever; provided that a due entry shall be made of all such articles as aforesaid that shall be imported, with the proper officers of the Customs at the port where the same shall be imported, under the penalties and forfeitures mentioned and referred to in the said above-recited Act, passed in the thirty-ninth year of His present Majesty: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Chetwynd.

THE following Address has been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Address His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

WE the undersigned Magistrates, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Bolton, in the county of Lancaster, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, our gracious Prince Regent, with sentiments of respect and expressions of duty.

When it pleased the Almighty Disposer of health and strength so to afflict our revered Sovereign your Royal Father, that he could not personally administer the affairs of these kingdoms, great as was the grief of us his dutiful subjects, we still felt it to be no small alleviation of our sorrows, that we had in the Heir Apparent to His Majesty's throne, a Prince, to whose hands might be safely committed the government of the country, a Prince, on whose British character and principles we could rely with the utmost confidence. And when upon the removal of those restrictions, which the wisdom of Parliament thought necessary to be imposed upon a Regent, we have seen your Royal Highness freely pursuing those measures which have produced effects so glorious to the nation, and giving your approbation to those who have honourably distinguished themselves in support of them; when we also read that your Royal Highness has "no predilections to indulge, no resentments to gratify, no objects to attain, but such as are common to the whole empire," we cannot but congratulate each other on your Royal Highness's wisdom and patriotism, nor can we refrain from laying a testimony of our most high estimation and dutiful regard at your Royal Highness's feet.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our steady attachment to your Royal Highness's government, and of our determined resolution to support it to the utmost of our power. In common with the great bulk of our fellow-subjects, we repose the highest confidence in its members, believing them to be possessed of great political talents, coinciding with them in all the leading features of the present policy of the empire, and highly approving of their past measures for the stability and prosperity of the Church and State.

The commercial distresses of our town and neighbourhood are not unknown to your Royal

Highness, and we are entirely convinced that there is every disposition in your Royal Highness and your Ministers to do all that can be done for our relief. We clamour not for peace, believing that a safe and honourable peace is altogether unattainable in present circumstances. We complain not of the Orders in Council, being fully persuaded that they are not the cause of our sufferings, and that an adherence to them is a necessary and politic measure. We trust that under the auspices of your Royal Highness, our trade will ere long again flourish, and we believe that every measure which true wisdom can suggest, will be adopted in the mean time to assist and promote it.

We entreat your Royal Highness graciously to receive this our humble address, and to be assured of our best wishes and prayers for your Royal Highness's personal happiness and public prosperity.

[Transmitted by Thomas Ainsworth and Josh. Ridgeway, Esqrs. through John Blackburne, Esq; one of the Members for the county of Lancaster.]

Westminster, March 20, 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 Archbishop 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 to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Lotteries.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act for the regulating of His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act to render valid and effectual certain Oaths administered to and taken by certain Members of the House of Commons before Deputies of the late Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household during the Vacancy of the said Office.

An Act for making perpetual an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of His present Majesty, for encouraging the Manufacture of Leather, by lowering the Duty payable upon the Importation of Oak Bark, when the Price of such Bark shall exceed a certain rate.

An Act to continue several Laws relating to permitting the Importation of Tobacco into Great Britain from any place whatever, and to permitting Goods and Commodities to be imported into and exported from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in any Ship or Vessel, until the Twenty-fifth Day