

assurances of attachment to your person, and of zeal in support of your government.

In common with your Royal Highness, and with all our fellow citizens, we cannot avoid feeling the deepest sorrow at the continuance of our beloved Sovereign's illness, and the failure of the hopes which were entertained of his recovery. At the same time we see in the delicate propriety of your Royal Highness's conduct on this mournful occasion; in your magnanimous and patriotic declaration when the restrictions imposed upon you as Regent had ceased; in your resolution to tread in the steps of your august father, and faithfully to assist our allies in their glorious struggle to break the barbarous yoke of military despotism; and in the brilliant successes, with which His Majesty's arms in the East as well as in the Spanish peninsula have, during the short period of your regency, been already crowned; we see in these circumstances ample grounds of present satisfaction, and the best foundation on which we can build our future hopes.

Neither ignorant of the long and peculiar pressure upon our commerce, nor insensible to the great sufferings of certain parts of the empire, we cannot however discover that any good is likely to result from impatient and clamorous petitions for peace.

We do not think that the language of despondency and the attitude of supplication either become our character, or will promote our permanent interests. We rather believe from the history of all ages, and more especially from that of the present, that the appearance of an abject and unresisting spirit in us would only serve to animate the efforts and increase the demands of our inveterate foe.

We are convinced that in the awful wreck of the nations around us, we cannot be safe without being brave, and firm, and patient. To the expression of fidelity to our Prince, and of attachment to our invaluable constitution, which we intreat your Royal Highness graciously to accept, we have only to add our hearty prayers, that the great Ruler of the World would vouchsafe to prosper all your measures for the public good, and that the British isles may continue, what by the divine blessing they long have been, the chosen abode of independence and comfort.

[Presented by J. Blackburn, Esq; Member for Lancashire.]

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

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Council of Dumbarton.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Magistrates and Council of the royal burgh of Dumbarton, gladly avail ourselves of an opportunity of expressing our affectionate attachment to your Royal Highness's person, and respectful approbation of the measures of your government.

Feeling assured, that the line of conduct followed by your Royal Highness, at the entrance upon the duties of your exalted station, originated in the best feelings of human nature, we humbly offer our congratulations on that course having likewise proved the best adapted for promoting the welfare and glory

of the empire. Whilst we join in the universal grief for the affliction of our revered Sovereign, we rejoice to think, that if it shall please the Almighty to restore His Majesty to health, his royal mind will be gratified with the review of a period, which His Majesty cannot fail to contemplate with exalted pleasure, both as a King and a Father.

Grateful for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, we engage to exert our limited influence, collectively and as individuals, to maintain that constitution under which the nation is respected abroad and happy at home; and that your Royal Highness, aided and encouraged by the zealous co-operations of all classes, may long direct the energies of the state, with satisfaction and success, shall continue to be our earnest prayer.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the other Magistrates and Councillors, in Council assembled, the 17th April 1812,
John Dixon, Provost.

[Presented by Alexander Houston, Esq; Member for Glasgow.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Renfrew.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the royal burgh of Renfrew, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and offer our most dutiful homage, and sincere attachment.

We contemplate, with the highest satisfaction, the wise administration of government, under your Royal Highness, in behalf of our revered and august Sovereign Lord, the King; and fervently do implore the blessing of the Almighty King of Kings, on a continuation of your endeavours for the prosperity of these realms, and for an honourable issue of the unhappy contest in which the nation is now involved.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the meeting, by
Robert King, Provost.

[Presented by Alexander Houston, Esq; Member for Glasgow.]

Carlton-House, April 28, 1812.

This day His Excellency the Duke del Infantado, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Supreme Council of Regency of Spain and the Indies, acting in the name of His Catholic Majesty Ferdinand the Seventh; had a private audience of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, for the purpose of delivering his letters of recall.

His Excellency the Count de Fernan Nunez, Duke de Montellano, successor to the Duke del Infantado at this Court, had also a private audience of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to deliver his credentials:

To which they were respectively introduced by Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Sec-