

His Majesty's arms in the mighty contest in which Spain and Portugal are engaged with the enemy of freedom and independence, has added a fresh wreath to the laurels which already encircled the British diadem, the ardent zeal with which your Royal Highness has espoused the cause of a great and loyal people, exhibits to the world the firm assertor of the rights and liberties of mankind, treading in the same path of glory and of duty, which his father so nobly trod before; and makes your country cherish the well founded hope, that the same policy which so long guided the counsels of our Sovereign and proved the happiness of his people, will be the rule of a prince whose patriotic adherence to the rights and interests of the country he is now called upon to govern, will never, we are firmly persuaded, be shaken by any feelings inconsistent with the public good.

We hail as a gratifying proof of the same patriotic views, that spirit of conciliation to neutral powers, which has dictated the declaration that those restrictions on trade, rendered necessary by way of retaliation against the frantic rage of the enemy to destroy our commerce, the pillar of our independence and naval superiority, shall cease the moment his hostile measures are withdrawn; and we trust that neutral nations will be satisfied that, while under your government, a due regard to our national rights will be maintained, the exercise of those rights will ever be tempered with a due regard to the rights of others.

While in common with the rest of His Majesty's subjects we continue to lament the severe visitation which has deprived us of that paternal government, under which for more than half a century the people of this country have hitherto been conducted in safety through these eventful times, we feel this calamity lightened, when we already see so conspicuously in the son the same zeal for the public welfare, the same views of national policy, the same adherence to those principles which placed your family on the throne, which uniformly animated our revered Sovereign; and we have the best assurance that the same paternal and patriotic government, which made him the father and the friend of his people, will continue to increase the glory and augment the happiness of the subjects of this country, and amid the overthrow of ancient thrones and the downfall of legitimate sovereigns, will rivet the attachment for your person and government, too strongly to be dissolved by any efforts of foreign policy, or arts of domestic faction.

Signed, in the name and by the appointment of the meeting, this 30th day of April 1812 years,
by *Thos. G. Carmichael, Preses.*

[Presented by *Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

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

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, and Justices of the Peace, of the County of Dumbarton.

May it please your Royal Highness,
WITH feelings of the most sincere attachment to your Royal Highness's person and government,

we, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, and Justices of the Peace, of the county of Dumbarton, in a general county meeting assembled, humbly beg leave to express our warmest gratitude to your Royal Highness, for the proofs which you have already given of unflinching regard for the interest of your people, and of the most upright, wise, and steady conduct in the exercise of those high and important duties now belonging to your situation.

While we deeply regret, in common with His Majesty's other faithful subjects, the present inability of our most gracious and beloved Sovereign to exercise in person the functions of royalty, we have had the pleasing consolation of knowing by experience, that the defect could be well supplied. We pray to Almighty God, that your Royal Highness's life and health may long be preserved, as a source of happiness to your people, and as our best security for the continuance of those great and signal advantages which have attended the auspicious dawns of your power.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that as we have the most entire confidence in your wisdom, and in the justice, ability, and good intentions of your government, so, we are determined in our different spheres to serve and support your Royal Highness with all the zeal which is due from faithful and loyal subjects to the best of princes; never losing sight of that excellent constitution which we enjoy, nor of those principles of rational freedom, which we consider as our birthright; nor shall we be deterred from doing our duty either by the clamours of internal faction, or the threats of external force.

Signed in presence, and by appointment of the meeting,
Hay Cambell.
County Hall, Dumbarton, April 30, 1812.

[Presented by *Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of his ancient burgh of Ayr, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness with the most lively expressions of our attachment to your royal person, and unfeigned assurances of our ardent zeal for the support and dignity of our unrivalled constitution; as well as to congratulate your Royal Highness upon your recent entry to the unrestricted exercise of the regal authority of these realms.

If we may be permitted to judge of the future by the past, we would look forward with confidence and satisfaction for a continuance of those firm and energetic measures which have marked your Royal Highness's councils, and crowned with unexampled success His Majesty's arms.

Whilst we lament, in common with His Majesty's other loyal subjects, the malady with which it has pleased the Almighty to afflict our revered Sovereign, we cannot but admire the tender sympathy and filial affection which have governed all