

the honour or safety of the country shall require such a sacrifice.

[Presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Lieutenancy, Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, and Community at large, of the County of Nairn, assembled in the Town Hall, at Nairn, on the 30th day of April 1812.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lieutenancy, Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, and Community at large, of the county of Nairn, assembled in the Town Hall, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and to offer our condolence on the continued melancholy situation of our afflicted Monarch; and while we bewail his sufferings and have to lament the loss of his paternal care, it is a matter of the greatest consolation, that we have the happiness of seeing in the son so genuine a representative of the august person whose functions he is appointed to discharge.

We beg leave humbly to express to your Royal Highness, how much we have admired the propriety of your having left the most delicate discussions, to the decision of an unbiassed Parliament; evincing that your Royal Highness has no object to obtain, but such as are common to all His Majesty's subjects.

We most humbly beg leave to express our entire approbation of those great state measures made necessary by the arbitrary and denationalizing decrees of the enemy respecting neutral commerce: and we further beg leave, in approaching your Royal Highness, to express the sincere pleasure we feel in offering our congratulations to the empire at large, that your Royal Highness has in no instance deviated from that bright example, exhibited by your Royal Highness's august parent.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment,
by *Hugh Rose, Preses.*

[Presented by Major Davidson.]

Whitehall, May 29, 1812.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, His Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Richard Ryder, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Royal Highness,

THE gracious letter with which your Royal Highness, in name and on behalf of His Majesty, has been pleased to honour this meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was received with sentiments of gratitude and profound respect.

The approbation which His Majesty has been pleased to bestow on past Assemblies, during a long course of years, and the confidence which he has reposed in our loyalty and attachment to his person and government, are powerful motives to induce us to maintain those principles, and to continue in the diligent discharge of those duties, which may justify the good opinion which your Royal Highness, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, has been pleased to express, and prove that the royal confidence has not been misplaced; and it is a subject of heartfelt satisfaction that the same disposition and conduct which, as good members of society and true Christians, we are bound to cherish and maintain, will most certainly procure for us the royal favour; and that the faithful discharge of our duties is regarded as the best return we can make to the affection of a Sovereign who has had nothing so much at heart during his long reign, as to promote the happiness of his subjects.

We rely with entire confidence on that assurance which your Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, has been pleased to give of your determination to maintain the Church of Scotland in the full enjoyment of all its just rights and privileges. This assurance we consider as a proof of your Royal Highness's regard for the rights of His Majesty's subjects; and it lays us under strong obligations to cherish respect and loyalty to His Majesty's person and government under which we enjoy protection.

The re-appointment of the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier to represent His Majesty in this Assembly, we consider as a new mark of the royal favour. The honour of his ancient family, his public and private virtues, his known attachment to the Church of Scotland, and the long experience we have had of his fidelity and talents, render this appointment most acceptable to us all.

We have listened with respectful deference to the paternal admonition of your Royal Highness, and we are deeply impressed with the urgent necessity of redoubling our efforts to check that spirit of innovation and licentiousness by which the present times are so unhappily characterised, and which threaten to fill the kingdom with violence and confusion. We are fully persuaded that we shall effect the most important purposes of our meeting if we can advance the interests of religion and virtue, and secure the stability of that national church and of that excellent constitution under which we have for so long a period enjoyed such invaluable blessings, and we desire to assure your Royal Highness that no exertion shall be wanting on our part to promote the loyalty, and preserve the peaceable demeanour which, we are happy to say, prevail among those entrusted to our national care.

We have received with gratitude His Majesty's donation of two thousand pounds for the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and we will endeavour so to distribute this sacred fund of charity as may best promote the pious and benevolent intentions of the Royal Donor.

That Almighty God the Father of our Lord and Saviour may protect and bless our good and gracious Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen, your Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and all the members

