

for our allies, and by due administration of the resources of this great empire, your government may, under Divine Providence, be enabled to preserve, undiminished, against every effort of inveterate hostility, the splendour of our venerable and beloved Sovereign's crown, the dignity, reputation, and happiness of his people.

Signed, in our name and presence, at Hamilton, the 4th day of July 1812.

Belhaven.

[Presented by Lord A. Hamilton.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk, in Council assembled, beg leave humbly to express to your Royal Highness our warm attachment to your person, and our earnest desire to support your Royal Highness's government.

Since it has pleased the Divine Providence to visit with an afflicting dispensation our venerable and beloved Sovereign, we have the satisfaction to think, that the want of his paternal guidance is well supplied by that prudence, moderation, and integrity, which so strongly characterise the measures of your Royal Highness.

May we be permitted to congratulate your Royal Highness on the numerous and brilliant victories of our armies in Portugal and Spain, achieved in the noble cause of independence, against the most treacherous and unprincipled usurpation; and the final success of which we confidently look for, in the vigour of your Royal Highness's councils, and in the unexampled gallantry of His Majesty's troops.

We feelingly condole with your Royal Highness on that melancholy catastrophe, which has deprived the country of the valuable services of the late Mr. Perceval, whose public merit, and private worth, had obtained for him the distinguished honour of your Royal Highness's esteem, and the perfect confidence of the nation. Under this misfortune, we cannot but join our tribute of applause to that which is universally given in honour of the noble and disinterested conduct of your Royal Highness, relative to the late important Ministerial discussions. We declare our determination to support your government, by every means in our power, as carried on by those able and experienced Ministers of your Royal Highness's choice. May they still be able, under the auspices of your Royal Highness, not only to rescue the country from every domestic and foreign danger, but to add to the power, the glory, and prosperity of these kingdoms.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Town Council, and the seal of the Burgh hereto appended, this 10th day of July 1812.

J. Anderson, Chief Magistrate.

[Transmitted by Lord Napier, and presented by Lord Sidmouth.]

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To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the ancient and loyal Burgh of Carnarvon, humbly approach your Royal Highness, with a declaration of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, on the murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, within the walls of the House of Commons; an event which has deprived your Royal Highness and the nation of a most zealous, active, and upright Minister.

The horrid crime of assassination has hitherto but seldom stained the pages of British history, and it is with the deepest sorrow and indignation that we now find it perpetrated, under circumstances of unexampled atrocity. Whether we regard the virtuous and eminent person who has fallen a victim to the act, the scene and the moment in which it was committed, or the diabolical motive assigned by the assassin, it is to be contemplated as most revolting to the feelings of Britons, and as an aggravated violation of established law.

Impressed with these sentiments, we beg leave most respectfully to assure your Royal Highness of our sincere and unalterable attachment to your royal house and person, our unfeigned veneration of our happy constitution in church and state, and of our determined resolution to support the crown and dignity of these realms.

Signed, for and on behalf of the meeting.

*Edward G. Roberts, } Bailiffs.
Richard Griffith, }*

[Presented by Mr. Berkeley Paget.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

May it please your Royal Highness.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of St. Alban, in the county of Hertford, in Common-Hall assembled, beg leave to approach the person of your Royal Highness, with unfeigned submission and respect.

Deploring the recent event which at this awful crisis has deprived the country of the faithful and zealous services of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, we are anxious, from considerations of feeling and duty, to express our deep concern, and to testify to the world our utter abhorrence of the atrocious and sanguinary crime by which it was effected;—a crime which threatens the very existence of society; which, whether perpetrated against public or private characters, and under whatever form of government it may prevail, is equally destructive of the confidence and security so essential to the intercourse and welfare of man.

In a contest so arduous as the present, we feel it our duty to assure your Royal Highness, of our continued and firm attachment to your person and government.—Relying on the divine favour, we confidently hope, that the difficulties and dangers by which we are now surrounded may be effectually overcome and averted—That by the wisdom and energy of our councils we may so triumph over our enemies, that when the blessings of peace shall return, they may be long and securely enjoyed, and

