

" I feel very sensibly the just expressions of your grief at the continuance of His Majesty's indisposition, as well as those of your gratitude for the protection uniformly afforded by His Majesty to the Established Church.

" It is highly gratifying to me to be assured of your confidence in my own disposition and determination firmly to support our religious establishment, and at the same time to maintain the principles, and to encourage the spirit of a wise and benevolent toleration.

" I have no doubt of your zealous exertions in promoting true piety and virtue amongst all classes of His Majesty's subjects; and in the performance of this most important duty, you may rely upon my constant protection and support."

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE the Protestant Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the county of Roscommon, assembled by public notice from the High Sheriff, actuated by the most lively and loyal attachment to the sacred person of our most gracious King, and to the government of the United Kingdom as administered by your Royal Highness, humbly beg permission to lay these our sentiments of attachment and duty at the foot of the throne.

Awful as is the present aspect of the affairs of Europe, and threatened as these countries have been, and still are by a powerful and implacable enemy, we have nevertheless the utmost confidence that (under the guidance of the great and wise Disposer of all Things) the firm and exalted patriotism, and the true magnanimity which so eminently distinguish your Royal Highness, are fully equal to protect from all danger, a Constitution which has so long remained the wonder, and the envy of the rest of the world.

Happy should we have been if the arduous duties which crowd upon your Royal Highness were produced by the foreign enemies of the realm alone; but while we view their efforts for our subjugation with that calm courage which our loyalty and your Royal Highness's wisdom and energy are so much calculated to inspire, we cannot without anxious apprehension perceive, that our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects continue to seek, nay to demand as a right, with an importunity always commensurate to the difficulties of the State, such unqualified repeal of all the laws affecting them, as must, in our opinions, be subversive of that Constitution, which placed the illustrious house of your Royal Highness, on the throne of this realm, and which has diffused through it a degree of public happiness unknown to the rest of mankind.

While the two Houses of Parliament, after the most mature deliberations, have from time to time rejected those claims, and while all the most eminent statesmen of the nation seemed to concur in the opinion that they were not consistent with the safety of the Constitution in Church and State, it was not necessary for us to intrude our sentiments upon your Royal Highness; but now that one House stands pledged to a consideration, which threatens to lead to unqualified concession, and when many of those statesmen who heretofore resisted, now abet such concession, and seem to cherish and encourage the

spirit with which it has been demanded, we find ourselves forced to seek from your Royal Highness that protection for the Constitution which your illustrious family have at all times so firmly, so ably, and so effectually extended to it.

We beg permission to assure your Royal Highness that we are by no means actuated by any spirit of intollérance, or exclusion towards our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects, but do on the contrary anxiously wish that they may, as they do now, exercise unmolested that mode of religious worship, consistent with the tenets of their religion; and enjoy every further extension of privilege, and removal of disability, which the security of the Constitution in Church and State may admit. But we cannot consider it consistent with that security, that any concession should be yielded to a demand as a right; and we must always view unqualified concession, as the prelude to Roman Catholic ascendancy, to the separation of Ireland from Great Britain, and ultimately to the total ruin of the empire.

Through your Royal Highness's care then, we firmly rely, that if the ancient and venerable fabric of the Constitution, under which we and our forefathers have so long enjoyed security, protection, and happiness, must now be modified, such substantial bulwarks for the defence of what may remain, may be raised as shall firmly uphold the Protestant establishment, and safely guard it from all future encroachment.

Lorton, Chairman.

[Transmitted by His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Sidmouth, His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.]

Admiralty-Office, December 12, 1812.

REAR-ADMIRAL FREMANTLE has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a Letter from Captain Taylor, of His Majesty's ship the Apollo, giving an account of his having, on the 20th of September, off Corfu, captured the Ulysse xebbeck, of 6 guns and 56 men, commanded by Mons. Oletta, commander of a division of gun-boats belonging to that island:

And also a Letter from Captain Andrew, of His Majesty's sloop Weazle, stating, that the boats of that vessel had captured, on the 21st and 22d of August, between Parga and Corfu, a bombard laden with oil, and an armed settee with letters and passengers.

Office of Ordnance, December 10, 1812.

Engineers, King's German Legion.

Quarter-Master John Lattermann, from the 6th Battalion of the Line, to be First Lieutenant, vice Schweitzer, promoted. Dated November 21, 1812.

Royal Artillery Drivers.

William Weaver, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Allen, resigned. Dated November 28, 1812.

William Percivall, jun. Gent. to be a Veterinary Surgeon, vice Price, deceased. Dated November 30, 1812.