

for such a series of years, excluded from political influence in this Protestant State.

That Petitioners, firmly confiding in the united wisdom of Parliament, and the long experienced attachment to the principles of the Constitution in His Majesty's illustrious House, would have considered it unnecessary to make any public declaration of their sentiments, had it not been called forth by the unfounded assertion, that the entire and unqualified concession of the claims of the Roman Catholics of Ireland, had received the sanction of the great majority of their Protestant fellow-subjects.

That Petitioners are further induced to prefer this their Petition, in consequence of the tone and resolutions lately adopted by their Roman Catholic fellow-subjects in the prosecution of their claims; a conduct which Petitioners deeply regret as being highly calculated to promote disunion and discontent in their country, and to excite just apprehension and alarm in the Protestant mind.

That Petitioners do most humbly beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, their strongest and most dutiful assurances of loyalty and attachment, and their firm confidence that they will continue to find in your Royal Highness the faithful guardian of that glorious Constitution, which the people of these lands inherit from the wisdom of their ancestors, confirmed by the accession of your illustrious House to the throne of these kingdoms.

That your Petitioners do therefore most humbly hope and solicit, that if upon mature deliberation, it shall appear expedient to your Royal Highness, on behalf of His Majesty, in conjunction with the other branches of the Legislature, to accede to the Petitions now preferred by the Roman Catholics of Ireland; it will please your Royal Highness to ratify the concession, only under such restrictions and limitations, as may afford ample and lasting security to the Protestant establishments of these realms, both in Church and State, and finally ensure to posterity the permanence of that ancient and excellent political Constitution, to which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, is to be ascribed the prosperity of these lands, and integrity of His Majesty's empire amidst the ruin of surrounding nations.

Signed on behalf of the Protestant Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Wicklow, assembled at Wicklow by notice from the High Sheriff, on the 3d day of December 1812,
Aldborough, 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.]

Whitehall, January 2, 1813.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, by warrant under His Majesty's royal signet, and the sign manual of His Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, bearing date the 3d day of November last, hath been pleased to give and grant unto Timothy Fysh Foord, of the Wold Cottage, in the East Riding of the County of York,

Clerk, one of the Chaplains in Ordinary to His Royal Highness, His Majesty's royal licence and authority, that he and his issue, when they shall be in possession of certain estates devised to him under the last will and testament of his brother, Lieutenant-General Barnard Foord Bowes, late of Beverley, in the County of York, deceased, may take and use the surname of Bowes, in addition to and immediately after his present surname of Foord; and that he and they may bear the arms of Bowes, quarterly, in the first quarter, with those of Foord; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise His Majesty's said royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to order, that the said royal concession and declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

Admiralty-Office, January 2, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Downie, of His Majesty's sloop the *Royalist*, addressed to Vice-Admiral Foley, and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Royalist, in the Downs, Dec. 30, 1813.

SIR,

I BEG leave to state to you that His Majesty's sloop *Royalist*, under my command, captured, at eleven o'clock last night, off Hythe, the French lugger privateer *Le Rusé*, of sixteen guns and sixty-five men. She is a very fine and entirely new vessel, on her first cruise, and had not made any capture.

The enemy had one man killed, one wounded, and the main-mast shot away before he struck.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GEO. DOWNIE.

To Thos. Foley, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the Blue, Commander in Chief, &c. Downs.

Office of Ordnance, December 26, 1812.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Brevet Major Stephen G. Adye to be Major, vice Duncan, deceased. Dated October 1, 1812.

Second-Captain Courtenay Ilbert to be Captain, vice Adye. Dated as above.

First Lieutenant Alexander Macdonald to be Second Captain, vice Ilbert. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant William Drummond to be First Lieutenant, vice Macdonald. Dated as above.

Second Captain Thomas Hutchesson to be Captain, vice Lefebure, deceased. Dated October 24, 1812.

First Lieutenant John Longley to be Second Captain, vice Hutchesson. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant Joseph C. Acherley to be First Lieutenant, vice Longley. Dated as above.

To be Second Lieutenants,

Gentleman Cadet Henry Williams, vice Townsend, promoted. Dated December 17, 1812.

Gentleman Cadet Henry W. Picard, vice Trench, promoted. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet William Greenwood, vice Drawbridge, promoted. Dated as above.