

blessed by the paternal Government of native Princes, who are accustomed to seek their glory and happiness in accomplishing our own. A son of our highly revered Monarch, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, who, ever since his earlier residence among the Hanoverians, has conceived the most lively attachment to them, is himself on the spot, and has most generously resolved actively to contribute towards effecting the welfare of the ancient inheritance of his illustrious ancestors.

In this joyful change of circumstances, we have not hesitated, in the name of the lawful Sovereign, to resume the Government of the Electoral Dominions. We had flattered ourselves to have had the satisfaction, even in this early notification, of communicating to the faithful German subjects of His Majesty, the first expressions which His Royal Highness the Prince, our present Regent, has been pleased, so early as the 5th of last October, to address to them, in order to assure them of his gracious intentions, and of his indefatigable endeavours for their happiness. Accidental circumstances have as yet prevented us from receiving this most descending Proclamation of His Royal Highness. We must therefore content ourselves, for the present, with the assurance, that His Royal Highness is particularly solicitous to restore, as speedily as possible, his subjects to the enjoyment of their former happy constitution.

To execute this high intention will be our most pleasing duty. But every thing has been too much

overturned, to allow of this object being attained at once. We therefore, preliminarily, confirm the provisional Commissions of Government, which have been appointed by the military authority, and which, under our superintendance, will henceforward provide for the several provinces, whatever in each may be, of the first and most pressing necessity, not doubting but that, supported by the tried loyalty and attachment of Hanoverians, we shall quickly witness among us the revival of our former happiness, and of our earlier comforts, provided that a lasting peace secures what has hitherto been gained. But if we would obtain this, it is not yet time to lay aside our arms. The enemy is defeated; he is humbled beyond any former period; but he may, he will rise again, should the Germans prematurely imagine that they may take rest. It ought not to be concealed, that for a time to come, ample sacrifices, as well as further efforts of our long-tried valour, are indispensable. The public spirit and ancient military glory of the Hanoverians, are pledges that they are willing and ready to make them; and that, after so many successes, they will not shrink from any call, manfully to sustain the last struggle. Concord, courage, confidence, and patriotism, infallibly ensure success.

The Privy Councillors of the King of Great Britain, appointed to the Electoral Ministry of Brunswick-Lunebourg, for the State and Cabinet,

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BREMER.

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