

of Dumfries, now provincially assembled, feel it our duty to approach the throne of our Sovereign with sentiments of devoted loyalty.

Contemplating with high satisfaction the wonderful events which have lately taken place in the affairs of Europe, we embrace the earliest opportunity of presenting to your Royal Highness our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on those brilliant successes which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, have attended the arms of our country and those of our Allies; and on the glorious conclusion by which the arduous struggle has been crowned.

Relying on the continued protection of the King of Kings, we look forward with cheering hope to the blessings of a permanent and honourable peace, and to the firm establishment of those political and religious principles, which are at once the basis and the bulwark of national prosperity.

Whilst we offer up our gratitude to Almighty God, for his peculiar and distinguished goodness, we trust your Royal Highness will accept from us the humble but sincere tribute of dutiful attachment and unalterable fidelity.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Synod of Dumfries,

*William Hunter, Moderator.*

Dumfries, 19th April 1814.

[Transmitted by Rear-Admiral W. J. Hope, M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Merse and Tirrotdale, convened at Dunse this 26th day of April 1814, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of sincere and profound respect, and to offer our most hearty congratulations on the completely prosperous issue of the arduous and long protracted contest with the unprincipled usurper of the French Government; a contest which, from the magnitude of the events that have marked its progress, and the deep interest of its consequences to the nations of Europe, must unquestionably be considered as one of the most important which have ever occupied the page of history.

The present happy state of public affairs is in a peculiar manner gratifying to us, and to all His Majesty's loyal subjects, when we reflect that, by the blessing of Heaven on the wisdom of your Royal Highness's counsels, and on the skill of your Commanders and valour of your soldiers and sailors, this country, to the immortal honour of the British name, has been enabled all along to stand foremost, and at one period single-handed, in resisting the unjust aggressions of the enemy, and vindicating the cause of the oppressed nations; and has contributed largely to the restoration of liberty, independence, and safety to those states and kingdoms, which, for a time, were the unhappy victims of the most licentious outrage, and rapine, and cruelty.

Whilst we admire the cordial unanimity, and the unabated zeal and activity, with which the illus-

trious Allies of your Royal Highness have persevered in prosecuting the great object of the war, we at the same time observe with still higher satisfaction, their unexampled moderation in the hour of victory. When conquerors generously employ their power for the benefit of the vanquished, they deserve and they will obtain the gratitude of their contemporaries, and of all succeeding generations.

In the present laudable exertions of your Royal Highness and of the Allied Sovereigns, to heal the wounds of the bleeding nations, to adjust and reconcile the interests of different states, and to establish the tranquillity of Europe, on a fair and equitable foundation, which alone, under Providence, can ensure the extension and continuance of the blessings of peace; in these auspicious labours we hail the approach of a new and happy æra, when the noise of tumult, commotion and war, shall no longer be heard, when the claims of humanity shall be respected, and when the just rights of individuals and of nations, shall be recognized and maintained.

While we deeply lament the continued indisposition of our gracious and much revered Monarch, we devoutly pray, that the Almighty may speedily enable him to participate in the general joy arising from the successful perseverance of your Royal Highness in the vigorous measures formerly adopted by His Majesty; that the Almighty would greatly bless your Royal Highness in your person, in your government, and in all your concerns; and that he would render, by his grace, the people under your dominion as remarkable for the virtues of peace in future, as they have been for those of war in the years that are past.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

*Thomas Logan, Moderator.*

[Transmitted by G. Baillie, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

*Westminster, May 4, 1814.*

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Deputy Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, for declaring His Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to issue Exchequer Bills on the credit of such aids or supplies as have been or shall be granted by Parliament for the service of Great Britain, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.