

fidently look forward for a happy accomplishment to the same wise and vigorous measures which have been steadily pursued during the administration of your Royal Highness.

At no former period has the character of the British nation stood higher in arms; but to your Royal Highness has been reserved to exhibit the noblest example of friendship towards His Majesty the King of France, the influence of which must extend not only to the subjects of these nations, but to the whole civilized world, and cannot fail to produce reciprocal offices of good will and lasting peace.

Signed, by appointment, and in presence of the Quarter Sessions, at Glasgow, the 10th day of May, in the year 1814,

*John Lang, Preses.*

[Transmitted by Mr. Lang, the Preses, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness George PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Bailies and Trustees of the Towns of Port Glasgow and Newark, do humbly beg leave to approach the throne with our hearty congratulations on the successful termination of calamities unequalled among civilized mankind.

To the wise and vigorous measures adopted by His Majesty, and perseveringly followed up by your Royal Highness, is to be ascribed, under the Divine favour, the deliverance of the world from the destructive torrent which had prostrated mighty nations, and threatened the overthrow of all social order, and a return of barbarism and ignorance to all the States of Europe.

We flatter ourselves that the miseries inflicted upon so great a portion of the human race by the revolutionary hydra of France, will serve as a lesson to all, and guard, at least, His Majesty's subjects from the dangerous delusions of anarchy and democracy, while the whole world will view the British Constitution of Government as the best security of rational freedom which any age or nation has exhibited, worthy of being adopted as the most complete model which human wisdom has devised, and the firmest support of the liberties of mankind.

It will therefore be no small consolation to your Royal Highness, under your filial sorrow for the protracted indisposition of His Majesty, to see the happy conclusion of a struggle altogether unparalleled, in which this country has born so conspicuous a part.

That your Royal Highness, with all of His Majesty's subjects, may long enjoy the fruits of that peace which the energy and fortitude of His Majesty and your Royal Highness have been the means of restoring, is our sincere and ardent prayer.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, in Council assembled, by me, the eldest Bailie and Chief Magistrate, and the common seal of said Towns hereunto affixed, at Port Glasgow, the 7th day of May 1814, and of His Majesty's reign the fifty-fourth year.

*Peter M'Farlane.*

[Transmitted by the Town Clerk, Mr. Watson, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Unto His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, the Noblemen, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, assembled at our annual General Meeting, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the tender of our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the late glorious and unparalleled events, which promise a happy termination to the arduous contest in which we have so long been engaged.

That tyranny has been annihilated, and that Europe, relieved from the destructive power of insatiable ambition, beholds in every quarter the re-establishment of social order, of liberty, and independence, were alone matter of high exultation: but when we reflect, that these glorious results may, under Divine Providence, be in a high degree ascribed to the undaunted exertions of this mighty empire, directed by our beloved Sovereign and your Royal Highness, we want words to express our triumphant feelings, or the obligations we owe to your Royal Highness, for your unshaken firmness and perseverance in that line of policy which, having saved Britain from the anarchy which desolated Europe, has now raised the British name to the proud eminence on which it is placed by the gratitude of rescued nations. The wisdom of British counsels, and the splendid achievements of British gallantry, have been acknowledged by the voice of united Europe.

While we claim for our own intrepid country, the glory of having shown the example of unvaried resistance to lawless ambition, we beg leave to express our admiration of the vigour and unanimity with which that example has been followed by His Majesty's august Allies, who from the confines of Europe having pursued their oppressor to the capital of his dominions, have crowned their victorious career by bestowing on emancipated France the blessing of a free Constitution, under its legitimate Monarch; repressing every feeling of resentment—despising every emotion of revenge.

That lasting peace, rational freedom, and established government, may continue to be the reward of success merited by bravery, by unswerving constancy, and by moderation in the hour of victory; and that your Royal Highness may long enjoy the love and confidence of a free and loyal people, is our earnest and fervent prayer.

Signed by our Preses, in our names, and by our appointment, at Perth, this 30th day of April 1814,

*Gray.*

[Transmitted by the Duke of Athol and Mr. Drummond, M. P. for the County of Perth, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, now assembled in our General Meeting, embrace with heartfelt joy this early opportunity of approaching your Royal Highness with the strongest assurances of loyalty and