

nearby of France has been restored in the person of her lawful King. Those false principles of government, by which some of the fairest portions of Europe have been desolated; and others endangered, are now eradicated; and that cause has now triumphed, which connects the rights and duties of Sovereigns with the true interest and happiness of their people.

The magnanimity with which those great events have been achieved, is unparalleled in the history of the world. And it is with exultation we reflect, that their success is chiefly and ultimately to be ascribed to those wise and vigorous councils which constitute the glory of His Majesty's reign, and which, sanctioned and adopted by your Royal Highness, have made Great Britain the first of nations. Our unfeigned gratitude for blessings so pre-eminent is the surest pledge of our devoted submission to His Majesty's government, and of our inviolable attachment to your Royal Highness.

Signed, in our name and presence, and by our appointment, at Kirkwall, this 13th day of May 1814, by *Wm. Balfour, Preses.*

[Transmitted by Lord Melville, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in our Provincial Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale, beg leave to approach the throne of our Sovereign with sentiments of the warmest affection, and most profound respect, to congratulate your Royal Highness on the glorious result of those signal victories, with which it has pleased Almighty God to crown the exertions of His Majesty's fleets and armies, and those of His Allies.

The revolutionary spirit in France, having overthrown the altar and the throne, and having trampled under foot all the venerable institutions, on which had been built, for ages, the renown of that illustrious kingdom in arts, in science, and in arms, at last waded, through every species of crime, to a ferocious military despotism; hostile to every established government, and breathing peculiar malignity against our country, and that invaluable Constitution which is the admiration and the envy of the world. While kingdoms and empires became, in succession, the victims of a tyrannical usurper, who aggravated conquest by insult and oppression, Great Britain, under the vigorous administration of a Sovereign whom we revere, had the high honour of standing alone, in the dignified attitude of unyielding resistance to unprincipled ambition, while she tasted the sublime satisfaction of devoting her treasure and her blood, not to the destruction, but to the vindication of the liberty and the independence of ancient States. The display of British heroism in the cause of Portugal and Spain roused to indignation the latent spirit of patriotism in those insulted nations, and contributed, by the triumphs which it won, to form that illustrious coalition of Emperors and Kings, which, in co-operation with Britain, has so gloriously repelled invasion, and overwhelmed the invader with disasters, singular in the annals of war, and with disgrace and degradation not less sudden and complete, than justly due

to the enormity of his crimes. The restoration of their lawful Sovereigns to Portugal, to Spain, and to France; the liberties of Germany, and of the Northern Powers, vindicated and re-established, through the noble exertions and magnanimous sacrifices both of rulers and people, are unperishing monuments reared to the glory of Britain's councils and of Britain's arms.

It is with exulting hearts that we offer to your Royal Highness our congratulations on that wisdom in the Cabinet which fearlessly adopted, and, which for so many years, continued steadily to pursue, those measures, by the execution of which, our heroes on the ocean, and in the field, have, as the instruments of an over-ruling Providence, so gallantly accomplished an end, of the last importance to the best interests of social order among men; peace, returning to heal the wounds of afflicted humanity, and to bless our happy land with increasing commerce, with growing prosperity, and with the gratitude of nations rescued from oppression, will preserve to your Royal Highness, that affectionate homage of a loyal people which you now enjoy, and will, under the direction of such enlightened patriotism as that by which our national exertions have hitherto been conducted, animate them to uphold the high rank which Britain has attained, by mingling, with her naval and military achievements, her sympathy with ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~misfortunate~~ <sup>misfortunate</sup> sufferers, and her liberality in relieving their distress. That Almighty God may bless your Royal Highness, may prosper your administration, may render you his honoured agent in promoting the prosperity, asserting the liberty, and maintaining the privileges by which we are so highly distinguished, and that after a long, happy, and glorious life on earth, you may obtain, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, a crown of unfading glory in Heaven; are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this Provincial Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale.

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

*Henry Garnock, Moderator.*

[Transmitted by Lord Melville, 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, His Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Dumfries, embrace this opportunity of approaching the Throne, with sentiments of loyal and dutiful subjects.

The late wonderful change, by which legitimate Sovereigns have recovered their thrones, renowned states and kingdoms their independence, and all Europe repose, from the calamities of a war, unprecedented in point of bloodshed and devastation, has filled us with inexpressible joy and gladness. The goodness of God in casting the shield of His Providence over all our invaluable rights and privi-