

nations; and, greater than all, by the silent and conscious testimony of your own approving breast.

Signed, by order of Court,

*Henry Woodthorpe.*

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Answer:—

“ I thank you for this kind and flattering Address.

“ I have long desired to visit this country, and I find myself amongst you with the more satisfaction at a moment when, after a war full of glory, a peace has been given to Europe, which, I trust, will long prove a blessing to mankind.

“ You may assure your fellow-citizens, that the British nation has always possessed my respect; their conduct throughout the late long and arduous contest commands my admiration, as it has done that of the whole world. I have been the faithful Ally of Great Britain in war—I desire to continue her firm friend in peace.”

*St. James's, June 11, 1814.*

This day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the City of London, waited upon His Majesty the King of Prussia, with the following Address, which was read by John Silvester, Esq. the Recorder :

To His Majesty the KING of PRUSSIA.

The Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to tender our most cordial compliments of congratulation to your Majesty, on the happy occasion of your safe arrival in the dominions of our revered and gracious King, and that events, under the guidance of an over-ruling Providence, have enabled the inhabitants of Britain to rejoice in the honour of the august visit of his Majesty's brave, faithful, and magnanimous Ally, the Sovereign of Prussia.

The signal overthrow of a gigantic tyranny, under which the nations of suffering Europe had for years been oppressed and enslaved, has presented the consolatory prospect, that this astonishing crisis will, with their restoration to peace and their legitimate dynasties, likewise restore that internal tranquillity amongst themselves, and that harmony of intercourse with the rest of the world, as will ensure substantial blessings to every country; and that the sword now sheathed, the torch of discord may be for ever extinguished.

We cannot but express to your Majesty the high sense we entertain of the pre-eminent services rendered by the arms of Prussia in bringing about these mighty benefits, which, in their results, we confidently hope will lead to the lasting repose of the world, and we feel that the consummate skill,

intrepidity, and prudence of your Majesty, and the illustrious Commanders of your armies, under the most pressing difficulties and toils of warfare, have maintained with equal, if not superior success, those lofty claims to the admiration of Mankind, with which, in times past, your Royal predecessors graced the archives of military glory.

The forbearance and mercy of the Allied Monarchs, under circumstances the most trying, and injuries the most galling, evinced in the proudest hour of triumph, will weave an eternal wreath of fame for their victorious brows, more brilliant than their crowns, and more lasting than their thrones; and the names of deliverers will, to the latest posterity, outshine on record all that we justly admire and revere in those of heroes and conquerors.

May every happiness attend your Majesty, and your people gratefully appreciate the virtues which their Sovereign has so eminently and so beneficially displayed; and may the heart that has with so much bravery and so much clemency exercised them, feel the reward of its own applause and approbation.

Signed by order of Court,

*Henry Woodthorpe.*

To which address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:—

*My Lord and Gentlemen,*

“ I thank you for the obliging Address which you have presented me with on the occasion of my arrival in this happy country. It affords me peculiar satisfaction to receive the cordial compliments and congratulations of so distinguished and eminent a body as the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of one of the first cities in the world.

“ I rejoice with you that the glorious efforts of the Allied Sovereigns, in the cause of Europe, have ultimately accomplished the overthrow of a gigantic tyranny, under which the nations of suffering Europe have been oppressed.

“ While I contemplate the magnanimous efforts which my great Allies have each individually made in our protracted struggle, the perseverance, exertion, and great sacrifices of the people of this realm stand pre-eminently forward. I am sensible of the aid my subjects and my armies have received in their great efforts, by the wise policy of my good brother and Ally, the Prince Regent, and by the great example he has set to the world, by his perseverance, in which he has been so well seconded by the spirit and constancy of the nation, and the wisdom of his Ministers.

“ While you congratulate me on the conduct of my army, I must assure you I have looked with equal admiration to those brave legions which, landing early in the Peninsula, under their great leader, arrived in the heart of France, covered with their glorious exploits, to witness our common triumph, and closing the most just and necessary war by an equitable, and I trust, lasting peace.

“ I cannot take leave of you without expressing my anxious desire that the cordial union which is so happily established between Great Britain and Prussia may continue for ages to come, and that the perfect understanding which subsists between my good brother and ally, the Prince Regent, and myself, may remain ever unimpaired.”