

awakened to a true sense of their own situation by the example of Great Britain, were thus induced to enter into that august confederation, which, after many glorious achievements by the arms of His Majesty and His illustrious Allies, has established the general tranquillity upon an honourable, and, we trust, safe, and permanent foundation.

We are however aware that this long and arduous contest has not been supported on our part without a very severe pressure upon the finances of the country, but we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that we confidently rely on the wisdom and integrity of your Royal Highness's government for every alleviation of this burthen, which existing circumstances will allow, by a strict economy in the public expenditure, and by affording on all occasions due encouragement and protection to the various important objects which, under the auspices of returning peace, may engage the attention of British industry, and multiply the sources of national revenue.

Given under the seal of our Corporation, this 6th day of July 1814,

*Thos. Smith, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Right Honourable Lord Eldon, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble, dutiful, and loyal Address of the Gentry, Clergy, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Kendal, in Public Meeting assembled.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of Kendal, beg leave to present to your Royal Highness our warmest congratulations on the happy accomplishment of all the great objects of the war, by a peace honourable to all parties.

Whilst we gratefully attribute to the Supreme Disposer of all events that complete success which has attended the exertions of ourselves and our Allies; at the same time we cannot refrain from expressing our highest admiration of the wisdom of the counsels which, during the period of your Royal Highness's most arduous and glorious Regency, have directed the energies of a mighty empire to promote in so essential a degree the freedom and the happiness of Europe.

Signed at Kendal, the 16th day of July 1814, in the name and on behalf of the Meeting,

*Thos. Holme Maude, Mayor, Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Lonsdale, K. G. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Cambridge, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, most humbly to express our conviction of the impolicy, injustice, and inhumanity of the African slave trade, and earnestly to request that your Royal Highness will be graciously

pleased to use all the influence of your Royal Highness, with the Allies of His Majesty, at the approaching Congress, to induce them to take such steps within their respective dominions as may insure an immediate and final cessation of that unchristian traffic. And we are the more emboldened and encouraged to approach your Royal Highness with this request, from the late gracious interference of your Royal Highness with the governments of Holland and Denmark, in consequence of which, we presume, those Powers have prohibited the farther continuance of that desolating warfare in the countries subject to their dominion.

And your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

*J. Page, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Hardwicke, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Devizes, in the county of Wilts.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Borough of Devizes, with the sincerest attachment to your Royal Highness, and with sentiments of the greatest veneration and respect for His Majesty's person and government, humbly beg leave to offer our heartfelt congratulations to your Royal Highness, on the termination of a bloody and protracted war; by the conclusion of peace with France, on terms consistent with the dignity and honour of His Majesty's crown, and the security and happiness of His subjects.

We beg to express to your Royal Highness, our most grateful thanks for the able and judicious direction, which His Majesty's government has given to the energies and resources of the country, and for the no less well timed and happily applied assistance which has been afforded to his Majesty's Allies, who have so nobly contended in the same cause, and whose valour and magnanimity in battle, have been only equalled by their forbearance and moderation in the hour of victory.

We congratulate your Royal Highness, ourselves and the world, on the most unhopd-for accomplishment of the principal objects of the war, particularly on the restoration of the ancient and legitimate authorities of Europe.

And we reflect with pride and satisfaction, that, under the favour of Divine Providence, Europe is indebted for deliverance from the tyranny under which she has so long groaned, to the glorious example and efforts of this country, to the firmness and perseverance with which your Royal Highness has adhered to the wisdom and sound policy pursued by our beloved Sovereign, to the unshaken loyalty and patient fortitude of the people during times of distress and difficulty, and to the splendid achievements of British valour, which (under the direction of a Commander whose renown has never been surpassed) have raised the military reputation of the country to the highest pinnacle of glory.