

promote not only their own glory, but the happiness and welfare of their subjects, and assure to the world a state of permanent tranquillity.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Hen. Woolcombe, Mayor.

Guildhall, June 16, 1814.

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

The humble, dutiful, and loyal Address of the
Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the
County of Anglesey, assembled pursuant to
Public Notice by the High Sheriff of the
said County.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Anglesey, assembled by the High Sheriff of the said County, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt congratulations on the late distinguished achievements of the British, Spanish, and Portuguese arms in the Peninsula; the hostile standard, now fixed within the frontiers of France, proudly testifies that His Majesty's Peninsular Allies have derived from the presence and example of British soldiers, not only confidence to assert and valour to maintain their invaded rights, but the power to retaliate the injuries, and to punish the audacity of the invader.

We deem it no less our duty to congratulate your Royal Highness also on the signal victories recently gained by His Majesty's Allies in Germany, which confer immortal honour on their arms, are likely to prove most momentous in their consequences, and are the glorious results of British policy, that has given birth and vigour to the potent confederation by which they have been achieved.

We presume to offer our farther congratulations to your Royal Highness on that reviving spirit of national independence, which first armed the Peninsula against her oppressor, which has since animated and united the great powers of the North, and still more recently impelled the people of Holland and of Hanover to throw off the French yoke, and reinstate their legitimate Rulers: this spirit, under the blessing of Providence, will, we trust, ultimately effect, what has been the invariable object of all the exertions of Great Britain, the restoration of independence to the Continental States, and the accomplishment of such a pacification as may ensure some degree of repose, security, and happiness to afflicted Europe.

To the further sacrifices which the attainment of these great objects may render necessary, we shall submit with the duty and loyalty becoming subjects affectionately attached to your Royal Highness and your illustrious family, duly impressed with the value of their own matchless Constitution, zealous for the extinction of that military despotism by which the liberties of other States have been troubled, and relying with full confidence in the

justice, the vigour, and the wisdom of your Royal Highness's government.

Signed on the behalf of the Meeting,

W. S. Hampton, Sheriff.

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 Mayor and other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, and most dutiful and loyal subjects of our honoured Sovereign, most respectfully approach your Royal Highness, to offer our sincere congratulations on the happy restoration of peace with France.

We rejoice that peace is again with us, as the evils of war are ever to be deplored; but when we reflect on the duration of the late hostilities, on the vast expenditure of human blood and treasure, and, above all, on the inveterate hatred and malignant obstinacy of that individual against whom we had more particularly of late years to combat, we rejoice with tenfold earnestness and ardour.

Sir, it is consolatory to us, it is consolatory to all the nations which have bled and suffered with us, it is consolatory to human nature throughout the universe, that that being, who trampled for too lengthened a period on the rights and liberties of mankind, is hurled from his usurped throne, and driven by the just vengeance of his instruments, as well as of his opponents, into insignificance and contempt.

By what means, Sir, has this stupendous work been accomplished? By the valour of your Royal Highness's Allies, by the sword of your own brave warriors! England expected every man to do his duty, and, in the fierceness of the fight, every man has answered gloriously his country's call.

Though Nelson be dead (and peace be to his spirit), he will live in the bright page of history, and his name will be loved and cherished by his adoring countrymen to the end of time; and the victories of Wellington, equalling, but not surpassing, the heroic deeds of Nelson, have stamped a never-fading laurel on his brows, and lifted the achievements of British arms to the pinnacle of fame.

Sir, dreadful as has been the struggle, and many as have been the privations which we have endured, we thank you most heartily for a glorious termination of the war.

We feel that we are victors; we feel that we are still an independent nation; we feel that if blood and treasure have been expended, we have not lost our glory or our honour.

We cannot, Sir, but lament the continuance of the severe affliction of our good and revered King, which renders him incapable of participating with his faithful subjects in the glories of the present period. Had it been his lot to observe the blessings heaped upon his country, he would have rejoiced as a patriot and a true father of his people.

In the name and on behalf of the Inhabitants
of Bedford,

Wm. Long, Mayor,