

of natural allegiance was capable of being dissolved or withdrawn from His Majesty, His heirs and successors; We have, therefore, thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby warning all the natural-born subjects of His Majesty, that the natural-allegiance which they owe, and of right ought to bear and pay, to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, cannot, either by their own acts, or by the acts of any foreign Princes or States, either alone, or concurrent with their own, be dissolved or withdrawn from His Majesty, His heirs or successors: And We have further thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice aforesaid, in consideration that some of the said natural-born subjects of His Majesty, may, through delusion or error, have so acted as aforesaid, by this Proclamation to publish and declare, that all such the said natural-born subjects of His Majesty who, having so acted, shall, within four months from the date hereof, withdraw themselves from the service of the said United States, shall receive His Majesty's free and gracious pardon: And We do, moreover, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice aforesaid, hereby also publish and declare, that all natural-born subjects of His Majesty, who shall hereafter voluntarily enter, or, having entered, shall voluntarily continue to serve in the land forces, or on board any of the ships or vessels of war, of the said United States of America, or in the private ships or vessels of war belonging to the citizens of the said States at enmity with His Majesty, being thereby guilty of high treason, shall be punished with the utmost severity of the law.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Exeter.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Exeter, in Chamber assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with hearts full of the most lively gratitude to the Supreme Disposer of all human events, to offer our congratulations on the happy termination of the long and arduous contest in which this nation hath been engaged, and on the general peace so auspiciously concluded by your Royal Highness, in conjunction with the allied powers of Europe.

We feel with pride and exultation, in common with all His Majesty's subjects, the high pre-eminence and splendid situation in which this country now stands, by the wisdom of its councils, and a steady adherence to the system of measures pointed out by that great and able statesman, whose memory must be ever dear to all true lovers of their country.

From principles so laid down, supported by the good sense and energy of the people under severe difficulties and privations, and by the valour and intrepidity of our fleets and armies, led by the most able and distinguished Commanders, assisted by the co-operation of our magnanimous Allies, the power of the restless disturber of the world has been overthrown, and the great work of peace has been gloriously accomplished, under the auspices and councils of your Royal Highness, with honour to all the powers of Europe, and with all the appearance of permanent security.

In presenting to your Royal Highness this tribute of our joy on this important event, we cannot omit to express our sense of the wise and prudent measures displayed by your Royal Highness in the government of this country since His Majesty's lamented indisposition; and we hope and trust, when it shall be the will of Heaven that your Royal Highness should succeed to the throne of your ancestors, that your Royal Highness may long continue to reign in tranquillity and peace, over a free, brave, grateful, and united people.

Given under our common seal at the Guildhall of the said City, the 16th day of August 1814.

[Transmitted by Mr. William Courtenay, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To 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 High Sheriff, Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and other Freeholders of the County of Worcester, beg leave to approach you with the offering of our warmest congratulations on the happy termination of the long, arduous, and eventful contest in which we have been engaged. The choicest blessings to which the pride of empire can look up, or the social state of man aspire, are the sober and solid comforts which after victory succeed on a glorious and lasting peace.

The wisdom which has matured your councils, and the bravery and conduct which have signalized your arms by sea and land, have planted thick the laurels round the throne of our beloved Sovereign, and fixed an everlasting seal on the honour of the crown and the happiness of the nation. But the measure of both is greatly augmented by the recollection of the cause for which we armed—justice, order, and humanity; and it has pleased the Almighty (without whom our efforts had been ineffectual) to let the light of his countenance shine on undertakings consecrated in Heaven for the interests of mankind.

Had we waged hostilities for universal empire, and let flow the blood of thousands to shine as the meteor of a terrified world, we might reasonably