

restoration of the legitimate and ancient authorities of Europe.

We reflect with pride and satisfaction that, under the favour of the Great Disposer of all Events, Europe is indebted for deliverance from the tyranny under which she has so long suffered, to the efforts and glorious example of this nation; to the firmness and perseverance with which your Royal Highness has adhered to the sound policy pursued by our much revered and beloved Sovereign; to the unshaken loyalty and patient fortitude of the people during times of unparalleled difficulties; and to the glorious achievements of British valour, which have raised the military character of the country to the summit of glory.

We beg leave to embrace this opportunity of renewing the assurance of our unfeigned regard to your Royal Highness, and attachment to our happy and excellent Constitution.

Given under our common seal, at the City of Hereford, the 4th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1814.

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE-REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Bedford, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our unfeigned expressions of duty and attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and Government, and to offer to your Royal Highness our heartfelt congratulations on the successful and glorious termination of the severe and arduous contest in which we have been so long engaged; an event which we must attribute, under the blessings of Divine Providence, to the wise and vigorous measures adopted by our revered Sovereign, your august father, and persevered in by your Royal Highness with equal wisdom and firmness—to the undaunted bravery, and transcendent abilities of His Majesty's Commanders by sea and land (to the very brilliant achievements of one of whom, it is impossible not particularly to allude)—to the faithful, valiant, and unremitting exertions of his fleets and armies, and to the great but cordial sacrifices and spirited co-operation of all his people.

We congratulate your Royal Highness upon that high satisfaction, which, as the Head and Regent of this great empire, you are so justly entitled to feel, in the reflection that you have not only asserted, protected, and secured the rights and honour of His Majesty's dominions, but that you have also contributed, in a very essential degree, by your example and support, to the honour, the interests, and the happiness of the whole civilized world. It is indeed to the justice which all Europe has done to your Royal Highness's conduct, that the nation owes the very remarkable opportunity which has so lately been afforded of expressing its high veneration and respect for those great and illustrious Sovereigns, together with those veteran and distinguished heroes by whom they were surrounded, to whose great personal intrepidity and vigorous, but yet temperate, and most magnanimous conduct,

the merit and the glory of the late most important and splendid events must be chiefly attributed.

Nor can we, Sir, on this auspicious occasion, omit to congratulate your Royal Highness upon that great and proud day for England, when your Royal Highness, amidst the generous shouts and acclamations of tens of thousands of the people (which did no less honour to themselves than to the object to which they were addressing), accompanied to the metropolis, and conducted, as it were, to his throne the great and unfortunate Monarch, whom this country, forgetting all former jealousies and wrongs, had so long and so generously protected under its powerful ægis.

We feel that we should be wanting to our country, ourselves, and your Royal Highness, if we were to suffer circumstances of such magnitude and national interest to pass away in silence, if we were not eager to express our gratitude and admiration, by carrying our warmest congratulations to the foot of the throne, not only, inasmuch as those great events shed a brilliant lustre upon this our nation, which we trust will not be momentary, but as they tend to consolidate the peace and happiness of the nations of Europe, upon a more solid and permanent basis than was ever yet afforded.

To these our congratulations, we are further anxious to add an expression of the satisfaction with which we have learnt the gracious answer of your Royal Highness to the loyal Addresses of the two Houses of Parliament, "that they may rely upon the unremitting exertions of your Royal Highness to give effect to their views for the abolition of the slave trade."

We beg leave humbly to thank your Royal Highness for this gratifying and solemn pledge, and we rest assured that every measure will be taken by your Royal Highness for the universal discontinuance of that disgraceful and abominable traffic.

Stephen Thornton, High Sheriff of the County of Bedford.

[Presented by Mr. Stephen Thornton, accompanied by the Honourable Mr. Trevor, the Mover, and Lord Hampden.]

Foreign-Office, November 19, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of Mr. W. W. Bentham as Consul, at Sheerness and Chatham, for His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange Nassau, Sovereign Prince of the United Provinces of the Netherlands.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has also been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of Mr. James Robinson as Consul, at Southwold, for His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange Nassau, Sovereign Prince of the United Provinces of the Netherlands.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has also been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of Mr. Joseph Horsford as Consul, at Weymouth, for His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange Nassau, Sovereign Prince of the United Provinces of the Netherlands.

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