

to approach your Royal Highness, as ruling this United Kingdom, in the name and on the behalf of our venerable and beloved Sovereign, with unfeigned sentiments of attachment to your Royal Highness, and with assurances of our unabated zeal and determination to support the policy of this nation as opposed to the inordinate ambition of Buonaparte, whose principles and conduct are incompatible with the peace of Europe. We are persuaded that the empire of this unprincipled invader and military tyrant of the people of France has been re-established by treachery, and is supported by and dependant on military despotism, arising from and still aided by the demoralizing effects of a revolutionary government; inasmuch as we consider the prosperity and true greatness of States, as well as the peaceable enjoyment of property and the general good of mankind, to depend on the maintenance of religious and civil rights, and that the legitimate use of military power is to defend these blessings, and therefore the policy of this country, in uniting with the other great Powers of Europe against any Government threatening the peace of the world, and breaking down the recognized principles of society, justice, and humanity, has been wise, firm, and moderate, and we confidently believe, that a prompt, energetic, and unanimous adoption of the same policy, cannot fail to subdue and regulate the destructive ambition of the military power of France, to obtain the disgrace and ruin of its faithless Chief, and by a firm hand to secure permanently the great end and object of our ardent hopes and prayers, the peace, independency, and happiness of all the States of Europe.

*D. Forrest, Mayor.*

*[Presented by the Mayor of Plymouth.]*

*Carlton-House, April 20, 1815.*

This day His Excellency Count Merveldt, General of Cavalry, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, had an audience of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to present, in the name of His Imperial Majesty; their Royal Highnesses the Prince Regent and the Duke of York with the diploma of Field-Marshal in the Imperial Army; His Excellency was introduced to the audience by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Robert Chester, Esq. Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.

This day His Excellency the Count de Funchal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, had an audience of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to deliver a letter from His Sovereign; to which His Excellency was introduced by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Robert Chester, Esq. Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.

This day His Excellency the Baron Fagel, a Member of the *Corps des Nobles* of the Province of Holland, had an audience of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to deliver a letter, announcing His Sovereign's accession to the Throne

of the Netherlands, and also new Credentials of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, Grand Duke of Luxemburg, &c.; to which audience His Excellency was introduced by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Robert Chester, Esq. Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.

*Carlton-House, April 20, 1815.*

This day His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to invest Vice-Admiral Sir Eliab Harvey, Major-General Sir Charles Wale, Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, and Major-General Sir Colquhoun Grant, with the ensigns of a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

By command of the Prince Regent, Vice-Admiral Sir Eliab Harvey was conducted, with the usual reverences, to His Royal Highness, preceded by Sir George Naylor (the Officer of Arms attendant upon the Knights Commanders), bearing upon a crimson velvet cushion the star, ribband, and badge of the second class of the Order.

The sword of state was thereupon delivered to the Prince Regent by Admiral the Lord Viscount Keith, Knight Grand Cross of the Order, and Sir Eliab Harvey, kneeling, was knighted therewith, after which he had the honour to kiss His Royal Highness's hand.

Then His Royal Highness the Duke of York and of Albany, First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Order, having received from the Officer of Arms the ribband and badge of a Knight Commander, presented them to the Prince Regent, who was pleased to invest Sir Eliab Harvey with the same. The Vice-Admiral having again had the honour to kiss the Prince Regent's hand, and having received from His Royal Highness the star of a Knight Commander, retired.

Major-General Sir Charles Wale, Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, and Major-General Sir Colquhoun Grant were severally introduced, knighted, and invested with the same ceremonies.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Colonel the Honourable Sir Charles J. Greville, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

*Carlton-House, April 20, 1815*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on the following Gentlemen:

Brevet Major Victor Von Arentschild, Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Portuguese Regiment of Artillery, upon his receiving the royal licence to accept and wear the insignia of Knight of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of the Tower and Sword.

Thomas Lawrence, Esq. Principal Painter in Ordinary to His Majesty.