

forefathers, confirmed and established at the glorious revolution of 1689, we should be unworthy of such advantages were we not, in the most solemn and earnest manner, to entreat your Royal Highness to exert your utmost influence to suppress that unhappy spirit of persecution which has lately manifested itself, alike contrary to the Constitutional Charter of France and those enlightened principles of toleration entertained by your Royal Highness.

We, therefore, humbly pray your Royal Highness will be pleased to adopt such measures as may best tend to suppress these enormous evils.

Signed, by order of Court,
Henry Woodthorpe.

To which Address and Petition His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

“The just sense entertained by His Majesty's subjects of the value and importance of religious toleration, is necessarily calculated to excite in their minds strong feelings of uneasiness and regret at any appearance of the want of it in other nations of the world.

“In such feelings, when called for and justified by the occasion, I shall ever participate; and whilst I lament the circumstances which led to your Address, I derive great satisfaction from the persuasion, that they are in no degree to be attributed to an indisposition on the part of the Government of France, to afford to the freedom of religious worship the benefit of its promised protection and support.”

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

The humble, loyal, and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, humbly approach your Royal Highness with renewed expressions of loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, and of zealous attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and to the illustrious House of Brunswick.

We beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our heartfelt congratulations, that the unparalleled exertions of our Country and of our Allies have, under the signal favour of Divine Providence, enabled your Royal Highness, by the Treaties recently concluded at Paris with His Most Christian Majesty the King of France, to put an end to the miseries and calamities inseparable from a state of hostility, and so speedily to restore to the people of these realms the inestimable blessings of an happy and peaceful peace.

We have felt, in common with the rest of His Majesty's subjects, the impetuous necessity which called for the exertions of the whole British people against a Power which threatened the independence and tranquillity of every neighbouring State; and

we have viewed with feelings of the warmest admiration, that character of intrepidity, heroism, and moderation which has uniformly distinguished the British arms; and which in the late ever-memorable campaign, has reached to the recollection of Europe the proudest achievements of our ancestors.

We trust that the experience of the late dreadful calamities will not be lost, and that during a long period of tranquillity it will be universally felt, that the true greatness of Princes, and the real happiness of Nations, are only to be secured by a steady adherence to justice and moderation, and to those sacred principles of a rational and well regulated liberty, to which Great Britain, under the illustrious House of Brunswick, has been indebted for the prosperity and the glory of her empire.

We congratulate your Royal Highness on the conclusion of a Treaty which holds out to humanity, by a solemn pledge of the Great Powers of Europe, the prospect of a speedy and entire abolition of the African slave trade; affords security for the repayment of a part of the expenditure occasioned by the late renewal of hostilities; and for the discharge of the just claims of British subjects on the Government of France; and provides, by a series of precautions, justified by necessity and dictated by experience, for the future safety and repose of Europe.

Whilst we feel grateful to Divine Providence for these distinguished benefits, and for the exalted rank which the moral, political, and military character of our country has attained, we are not insensible to the difficulties and embarrassments which are, as we trust, the temporary though painful result of a return to a state of things, interrupted by so long a period of exertion and of warfare.

For the removal of these difficulties we rely with confidence upon the wisdom and firmness of your Royal Highness and of Parliament, and upon the energy and resources of the British empire; and we trust that such steps will be taken as, by a speedy and necessary reduction of every branch of the public expenditure, as far as (after the late glorious successes) the safety of the nation will admit, and by a steady perseverance in the reduction during peace of the national debt, may afford to your Royal Highness the means of strengthening the public credit, and the grateful opportunity of alleviating the burthens of a generous and loyal people.

That your Royal Highness may long live in the hearts and affections of a free, prosperous, and united nation, is the ardent prayer of His Majesty's faithful subjects the Citizens of London.

Signed, by order of Court,

Henry Woodthorpe.

To which Address His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

I thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address, and accept with great satisfaction your congratulations upon the conclusion of peace on terms honourable and advantageous to this Country and to Europe. It may justly be regarded as the adequate result of a Treaty which, under Divine