

To His Serene Highness Leopold-George Frederick, Duke of Saxe, Margrave of Meissen, Landgrave of Thuringuen, Prince of Cobourg of Saalfeld.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Burgesses, and loyal Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnstaple, beg leave to address to you our warmest congratulations on your marriage with the presumptive heiress to the British throne.

The merits of an illustrious ancestry are justly deemed a strong and legitimate recommendation to public respect, and in estimating the character of your Serene Highness, we find that respect heightened by the gallant spirit and heroic qualities which have at so early a period marked your military career, and enlisted in your favour the generous and manly feelings of Britons. On the present occasion, however, it is not to the sterner virtues, which delight to display themselves in the glorious achievements of war, that we look with so much satisfaction, as to that strength of understanding, that amiable disposition, and those sound principles which your Serene Highness is known to possess. These endowments conciliate general esteem, ensure to yourself and your royal bride all possible connubial and domestic happiness, and sanction the most cheering confidence, that the inestimable blessings of our excellent Constitution, our civil and religious rights will be perpetuated among us.

We should have rejoiced in any fortunate concurrence of circumstances that brought such a character to our shores; how greatly then must our gratification be augmented, when we behold you united with that illustrious Personage, on whom our hopes so much depend, and in whose welfare we have such mighty interests at stake.

That you may both ever continue to enjoy the favour and the choicest blessings of Heaven, is the fervent wish of every loyal heart.

*Henry Drake, Town Clerk.*

Barnstaple, June 19, 1816.

[Presented by Sir Matthew Lopez, Mr. Franco, and Captain Gribble.]

To which Addresses Her Royal Highness and His Serene Highness were pleased to return the following Answer:

"Assure the inhabitants of Barnstaple with what happiness we must remember their attachment, and the interest they have expressed in our happiness; we receive their address and congratulations with the highest satisfaction."

*Carlton-House, July 1, 1816.*

This day His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to invest Lieutenant-General Sir Gordon Drummond and Rear-Admiral Sir Israel Pellew with the ensigns of a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

By command of the Prince Regent, Lieutenant-General Sir Gordon Drummond was conducted, with the usual reverences, to His Royal Highness, preceded by Sir George Nayler (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, and Sir Gordon Drummond, kneeling, was knighted therewith, after which he had the honour to kiss His Royal Highness's hand.

Then Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of York, 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 Gordon Drummond with the same.

The Lieutenant-General 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.

Rear-Admiral Sir Israel Pellew was then introduced, knighted, and invested, with the same ceremonies.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was also pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the following Officers, Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath:

Colonel Sir Thomas Arbuthnot.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable Sir Robert Lawrence Dundas.

*War-Office, June 22, 1816.*

The late 2d Battalion of the 47th Foot having borne a part in the memorable campaign in the Peninsula; and more particularly in the defence of Tarifa in Spain, and in consequence received the Prince Regent's permission to bear on its colours and appointments, the words Peninsula and Tarifa, and as that Battalion has been reduced, and the men transferred to the 1st Battalion, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of the 47th Regiment being permitted to bear on its colours and appointments, in addition to any other badges or devices which may have been heretofore granted to the Regiment, the words "Peninsula" and "Tarifa," in commemoration of the distinguished services of the late 2d Battalion of that Regiment in Portugal, Spain, and France, under Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington, and of the gallantry displayed by that Battalion in the defence of Tarifa, on the 31st December 1811.

*War-Office, July 2, 1816.*

3d Regiment of Dragoon Thomas Rider, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Branfell, promoted: Commission dated June 20, 1816.

1st Regiment of Foot, Captain Robert Gordon, from the half-pay of the Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Dods, who exchanges. Dated June 20, 1816.

38th Ditto, Ensign Henry Williamson, from half-