

grateful to Divine Providence for the preservation of your Royal Highness.

Reflecting upon the daring and traitorous attempt made upon your Royal Highness, occasioned by the irritability and restlessness of a comparatively few seditious, discontented, and disaffected;

Forgetting the wealth that has been expended, and the bloodshed during a war of upwards of twenty years, against the most inverte and unprincipled foe Old England ever had to contend with; can it be expected that we are not to feel the consequences at the attainment of peace?

Forgetting also what our brave armies have borne and endured during that period, and our not suffering at any time in any degree of proportion with them, and that war undertaken and prosecuted for every thing that was dear to man; may we not assert it was for the preservation of the Throne of our beloved and venerable Sovereign, for the preservation of our Constitution in Church and State, laws, rights, and privileges we contended; which immortalized the name of Howe on the glorious 1st of June 1793, for which the great Nelson nailed the flag to his mast, determined to conquer or to perish? for which one third of our male population of all ranks gloriously and honourably bled, and which his Grace of Wellington achieved on the 18th June 1815?

And are such blessings, the result of the wisdom of our ancestors, and such conquests by those heroes, to be surrendered at discretion to the faction of the present day?

We cannot therefore endure, much less approve the specious pretence for reform, as contemplated by the vociferous and treasonable advocates at field meetings, which means nothing short of revolution. Irresolution and concession to them will realise their expectations.

But if the same firmness in peace is assumed, as manifested in war, our domestic tranquillity will soon be restored, and the country enjoy its accustomed prosperity.

It is to your Royal Highness, and to the executive power of His Majesty's Government, that the eyes of every loyal man, of every staunch friend to the Constitution are now directed, and assuming (which we do not mean to doubt,) an imposing attitude; suitable to the exigencies of the moment, in the same degree will firmness and resolution extend itself throughout these dominions.

And we have the best founded hopes, such will be displayed by your Royal Highness, and by the executive branch of the Government, and thereby prevent those guns being turned upon us, and our beloved, but envied country, which were so successfully pointed against the enemy.

Then may temperate and progressive reform and

consistent retrenchment, justifiable by existing circumstances, take place, without danger to the Throne of His Majesty, the Constitution, and the rights and liberties of his subjects.

We cannot conclude without assuring your Royal Highness, we will upon all occasions, according to our various stations, rally round His Majesty's Throne, to subdue discord and anarchy, and to suppress sedition and treason, under any masque. And that without presumption, arrogance, and impiety, we will practise the Christian dictates of fearing God, honouring the King, and obeying the authorities set over us.

[Transmitted by W. Sterry, Esq. the Under Sheriff, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the Borough of King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, in Council assembled, beg permission to express our sincere congratulations to your Royal Highness upon your having escaped from the late daring outrage, on your return from opening the Session of Parliament. And we also beg leave to take this opportunity of expressing our abhorrence of the false and pernicious principles, which have been exhibited to aggravate the public distress, and to create popular discontent, while we gratefully acknowledge the liberal disposition which your Royal Highness has shewn to meet the wishes of the nation, by setting a noble example of personal retrenchment.

And we also beg permission to assure your Royal Highness that no public meeting of the Inhabitants of this Borough was held, for the appointment of Delegates to the late assembly at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, in London, and to express our indignation to be so represented, and our repugnance to be so associated, and also to assure your Royal Highness of our unshaken loyalty and attachment to your illustrious House and Person, and our full conviction, that as it is the privilege of Englishmen to be guarded against any encroachment of arbitrary power, it is equally our duty to support the Throne whenever its safety and independence are in any measure threatened by democratic violence.

Given under our common seal, at our Guildhall, this 14th day of February 1817.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Oxford, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]