

the late traitorous attack on your highly valuable life.—We are unable to express in adequate terms our indignation at such an outrage, the more atrocious, as it was committed at the very time when your Royal Highness was engaged in fulfilling those sacred duties of the Crown, which form an essential part in our excellent Constitution.

We beg permission to assure your Royal Highness of our firm attachment to our gracious and venerable Sovereign, and to the Person and Government of your Royal Highness. In conformity with these sentiments, we will endeavour, as Ministers of the Gospel, to propagate, both in our discourses and in our conversations, such religious doctrines, as shall unite the honour of the King with the fear of God.

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Landaff, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, Freeholders, and other principal Inhabitants of the ancient Town of Rye and neighbourhood, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the offer of our most sincere congratulations on your Royal Highness's providential escape from the attempts of violent men, who, we grieve to suppose, bear the name of Englishmen.

In a country like this, so peculiarly blessed with a Constitution, the envy and glory of the world, maintained for half a century by the wisdom and virtue of our beloved and gracious King, and continued under the wise Government of your Royal Highness, we could not have supposed from our sense of the blessings we enjoy, that treason could have existed; we deeply lament the evil, and beg leave humbly to offer to your Royal Highness the assurance of our fidelity to our most happy Constitution, and to your Royal House.

[*Transmitted by Thomas Davis Lamb, Esq. Mayor of Rye, 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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Council, Burgesses, and whole body of the Inhabitants of the united Burghs of Fortrose and Rosemarkie, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the expression of our detestation and abhorrence of the treasonable and daring outrage, offered to your sacred and Royal Person when returning from fulfilling the high and important duties of your station, in opening the Session of Parliament, and we offer our most unfeigned congratulations, that so atrocious an attempt has proved abortive.

It is with feelings of indignation and disgust, that we observe the artful and insidious attempts made to mislead the minds, and stir up the worst passions, of the lower classes; partly by means of inflammatory publications, and partly by the speeches of demagogues at factious meetings, audaciously

assuming to themselves the voice of the people, thereby libelling the loyalty and fidelity of His Majesty's subjects.

Whilst we have been contemplating, with pride and gratitude, the vigorous measures of your Royal Highness, and the plans pursued with so much perseverance and success, which have raised our country to the highest pitch of glory, and to the admiration of Europe, we most sincerely lament that the nation should be disgraced by profligate men, imposing on the ignorance of the multitude, and exciting them to sedition and rebellion, under the delusive pretext of a reform in Parliament.

Although we, in common with our fellow subjects, deplore the general distress, arising from a combination of circumstances, which no human effort could controul, yet we observe with satisfaction, that the people of the surrounding districts, uncontaminated by revolutionary principles, are struggling under their difficulties, with fortitude and patience, and, by their industrious exertions, gradually overcoming them.

We further beg leave to avail ourselves of this opportunity of expressing our affectionate attachment to our venerable Sovereign,—to your Royal Highness's Person,—and to your Illustrious House, with which, we are deeply sensible, the liberties of this country are closely identified; and we pledge ourselves to support the Government of your Royal Highness, as by law established, and to maintain inviolate our glorious Constitution, with our lives and properties.

Signed in our name, and given under our seal, at Fortrose, this 12th day of March 1817.

*Alexander Mackenzie, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by Charles Grant, Esq. Jun. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the parish of Riseley, although obscure individuals, and living in a village, deem it incumbent on us as dutiful and loyal subjects of Great Britain, to declare our sentiments on the present state of public affairs.

We are aware of the distresses which affect every class of the community, especially the poor, and are desirous that every lawful means be used for their relief, and we confidently hope and believe that the national resources are not radically impaired, but merely under a partial and temporary obstruction; that the difficulties we have to endure will, by the enlightened policy of Ministers, be overcome, and that the agriculture, manufactures and commerce of the country will soon revive, flourish and increase.

We are at the same time satisfied that nothing can tend more to retard the accomplishment of our hopes and wishes, the good designs of our Sovereign, and the blessings of God upon us, than the methods resorted to of late by designing and evil-minded men, to persuade their hearers and readers that a speedy remedy is to be found in measures, which, under specious pretences, would effect the complete subversion of the Constitution. We are,