

meanour, and submission to the laws, by impressing their minds with a just sense of the unrivalled excellence of our Constitution, in Church and State, and of the religious obligations on all ranks of the community to venerate, support, and preserve it.

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

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble and dutiful Address of His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heritors of the County of Orkney.

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heritors of the County of Orkney, in approaching your Royal Highness upon the present occasion, beg leave to assure you of our invariable attachment to your Royal Highness, and of our fidelity and loyalty to His Majesty.

It is with feelings of the deepest horror and indignation, that we have learned that your Royal Highness has been exposed to the attack of a lawless and misguided mob.

While we lament that a mischievous spirit of revolt should at all exist in this country, we at the same time feel convinced that it is confined to a few, and that the great body of the British people will be found zealously attached to your Royal Highness, and to the Constitution over which you preside.

With our sincere gratitude to Heaven for its gracious protection so lately evinced to your Royal Highness, we add our fervent prayers, that your Royal Highness may long be preserved to exercise the Government of these realms in peace, honour, and happiness.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, at Kirkwall, the 12th day of March 1817 years,
by *Wm. G. Watt, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by R. B. S. Slagman, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS George William Earl of Rothes was duly elected and returned to be one of the sixteen Peers of Scotland, to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and

commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood-House, in Edinburgh, on Thursday the seventeenth day of April next, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland, to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said George William Earl of Rothes, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both constituent and proxy being qualified according to law), and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We strictly charge and command that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns in Scotland, twenty-five days, at least, before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the first day of March; one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 1st of March 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the present session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to continue and extend the provisions of an Act, of the forty-ninth year of His present Majesty, for regulating the trade and commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and also for regulating the trade of the Island of Mauritius;" His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from time to time, to give such directions, and make such regulations touching the trade and commerce to and from all islands, colonies, or places, and the territories and dependencies thereof, to His Majesty belonging or in His possession, in Africa, or Asia to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope (excepting only the possessions of the East India Company), as to His Majesty, in Council, shall appear most expedient and salutary, any thing con-