

and holy protection; may He stretch forth His almighty arm to preserve you; may He cover you with His impenetrable shield; may He guard you from lawless perfidies, from treason, from danger and every injury. Most earnestly do we beseech Him, that you may long, very long, direct the helm of State with that wisdom, steadiness, and glory which have conspicuously signalized the administration ever since you held the reins of the Government.

By order of the States,
Frs. Godfray, Greffier.

Jersey, 9th April 1817.

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

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

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Aberdeen.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Aberdeen, in Synod assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the renewed assurance of our fidelity and attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, and humbly to express our heartfelt abhorrence of the atrocious insult lately offered to your Royal Highness. We deeply regret that unprincipled and factious persons, taking advantage of temporary distress, have seduced multitudes of the lower classes of the community into conduct subversive of order and good government, and particularly unworthy of any inhabitant of this favoured kingdom. It affords us at the same time the highest satisfaction to assure your Royal Highness, that, in the congregations entrusted to our care, we perceive no symptoms of that spirit of irreligion and insubordination which has appeared in other places.

It shall be our great object to endeavour, by the faithful and zealous discharge of our ministerial duties, to inculcate those religious and loyal sentiments which have long secured, and can alone perpetuate, the happiness of our country. That Almighty God may ever protect your Royal Highness, and that your illustrious Family may long continue to sway the sceptre over these realms, is the ardent prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Aberdeen.

Signed in our name and presence, and by our appointment,
Pat. Forbes, Moderator.
Aberdeen, April 9, 1817.

[Transmitted by P. Forbes, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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 contained in an Act, passed in the twelfth year of the reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled "An Act for the encouraging and increasing of shipping and navigation," or in an Act, passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King William the Third, intituled "An Act for preventing frauds, and regulating abuses in the plantation trade," or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, relating to His Majesty's colonies and plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: and whereas on the night of the twenty-fifth of September last, a dreadful fire broke out in the town of Port Lewis, in the Island of Mauritius, which totally destroyed the chief part of that town, together with a great mass of provisions and merchandise intended for the consumption and trade of its inhabitants, whereby a great number of families were reduced to extreme indigence, and left without a home; in consequence of which dreadful calamity the Governor of the said Island found himself compelled to open the ports of the Island to foreign vessels, in order to afford the speediest relief of which the case would admit, and thereby to save His Majesty's subjects residing in that colony from the greatest extremity of distress; and whereas it is expedient that facilities should in consequence be granted to the trade of the Island of Mauritius, for a limited time, with the view of giving still further relief to its suffering inhabitants; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that all vessels, whether British or foreign vessels belonging to countries in amity with His Majesty, arriving at any port of the Island of Mauritius, or its dependencies, within twelve months from the date of this present Order, from any country in amity with His Majesty, laden with any articles the growth, production, or manufacture of any such country, excepting all articles composed of cotton, iron, steel, or wool of foreign manufacture, shall be permitted to enter and land their cargoes, and dispose of the same, in the said ports; provided always, that such articles, when imported in a foreign ship, shall pay a duty of two per cent. *ad valorem*, over and above