

tions of attachment, which their genuine feelings suggest, and the crisis demands.

We therefore, the inhabitants of the parish of Richmond, beg leave most respectfully to assure your Royal Highness, that, sincerely deploring the state of local difficulty which has exposed multitudes of unemployed labourers and mechanics to be misled by the arts of ill-designing men; we feel at the same time, the necessity of such measures as may effectually obviate danger and restrain excess; that we highly value and revere that principle of our happy Constitution, which identifies the just prerogatives and dignity of the Sovereign with the rights and liberties of a free people; and, with due discrimination between the executive and legislative authorities, has armed the former with full powers to curb and restrain any such members of the body politic as may act with irregular violence to the detriment of the whole; that, so long as the Throne is occupied by a Prince of the House of Brunswick, we have every reason to believe that those powers will never be employed but with a paternal regard to the welfare of the people, and with a patriotic solicitude to preserve the Constitution itself from dangerous innovations, that we regard with unfeigned detestation and horror the impious endeavours of profligate men to make the cause of infidelity subservient to that of anarchy; and, for the sake of undermining the principles of good Government, to bring those of Religion itself into suspicion and contempt: that, we pledge ourselves collectively and individually, so far as our influence extends, to resist and withstand these evil practices, whether against the Church or State; to encourage the well disposed, to undeceive the ignorant, and to aid and promote that ancient spirit of British loyalty and good sense, which has a direct tendency to maintain Religion, to guard the Constitution, to watch over the real interests of the people, to strengthen the Government, and to support the Throne.

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leicester, in Common-Hall assembled, feel ourselves imperatively called upon, at the present momentous crisis, humbly to approach your Royal Highness with a declaration of our fidelity and affection.

We have long contemplated with pain and detestation the base attempts of turbulent and disaffected men to sap the very foundations on which alone the existence of civil society depends. Emboldened by the success with which they have abused the liberty of the press, and diffused their pernicious and blasphemous tenets among the most numerous classes of the community, they now assume the port of defiance. Tumultuous meetings have been held for the avowed purpose of reform, but more evidently for promulgating the

most seditious and dangerous doctrines, and delivering the most inflammatory harangues. Mischievous individuals have traversed the island, from one extremity to the other, sowing the seeds of discontent and insurrection; and an extensive plan of treasonable co-operation seems to threaten the destruction, by open violence, of all that we have, from infancy, been taught and accustomed to admire, to love, to reverence, and to defend.

At a time when (as your Royal Highness has been pleased to remark) "ill designing and turbulent men are actively engaged in inflaming the minds of their fellow citizens, and endeavouring, by means the most daring and insidious, to alienate them from their allegiance to His Majesty, and the Constitution of the Realm," we regard, with peculiar indignation, the eager disposition which has in some quarters been manifested to overawe and intimidate those employed in an arduous public service, to attribute to them motives of the worst description, and thereby to cast on them an odium, of which we entertain a perfect confidence that they will shew themselves to be wholly undeserving. We trust that these efforts will fail in their destined aim; that the magistrates, and other constituted authorities, will still be encouraged to a fearless and energetic discharge of their important duties; and that they will exercise with discretion, but with vigour, the full powers entrusted to them by the law for maintaining the public tranquillity, and for the general welfare of His Majesty's subjects. These being our feelings and sentiments, we deem it incumbent upon us, at this period of public agitation, to come forward and unhesitatingly avow them: And we entreat permission to renew to your Royal Highness the assurances of our steady loyalty and attachment, and of our firm determination to frustrate, as far as in us lies, the malignant intentions of those who would subvert our ancient establishments, and erect a wild democracy on the ruins of our venerable and excellent Constitution.

Signed, by the unanimous order of a Common Hall,
Tho. Burbidge, Town-Clerk.
Leicester, October 14, 1819.

[*Transmitted by John Mansfield, Esq. 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 Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Borough of Liverpool, in Special Council assembled, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our earnest assurances of personal respect, and of our unfeigned attachment to the happy Constitution under which we live.

At a period when sedition, under the imposing mask of reform and tumult, under the specious pretext of legal assemblage, are rapidly combining to alienate the affections of the people from their Sovereign, and to endanger the existence of all civil and religious rights, we feel it to be a duty imperative upon us to express, in the strongest