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THE following Addresses, having been transmitted to Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, have been presented by His Lordship to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Noblemen, Freeholders, Heritors, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Peebles.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Heritors, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Peebles beg leave to express to your Royal Highness our unanimous sentiments on the present important juncture of public affairs.

The state of the country has for some time past awakened a general and powerful feeling; the distresses of a numerous class of the population excited the warmest sympathy; the endeavours of the Government to alleviate misfortunes which no human power could instantly and entirely relieve were hailed with public approbation, and seconded as far as possible by individuals; the conduct of the sufferers in certain districts exhibiting their patience and their gratitude afforded the most pleasing hopes; but these have become clouded through the criminal activity of factious and seditious persons, who have exerted every art of misrepresentation, and employed all the seduction of inflammatory harrangues to persuade misguided multitudes that the only relief of their distresses was to be found in measures tending directly to the subversion of the Government. The magistracy of the country would have been deeply culpable had such unjustifiable proceedings been unrestrained, and it was natural to conclude that in their endeavours to check these they might rely on the cordial support of all the worth and intelligence of the country.

It was no question of any particular line of

politics admitting of difference of opinion among good and honourable men, but a question whether our happy Constitution in Church and State (equally assailed in both branches by unprincipled demagogues), should stand or fall.

Such we conceive was the decided feeling of the country when the events occurred at Manchester, which have recently occasioned so much unhappy discussions.

Though placed at a distance from the scene, we could not help feeling a deep interest and anxiety as to the proceeding. We considered however that it was our duty calmly to await an investigation into the real facts of the case; we need not disguise that we both entertained the hope and admitted the presumption that the result of such investigation would be to justify the conduct of the Magistrates, and to establish in their favour a claim to the thanks and approbation of their country; but we have seen with regret a different conduct pursued, first by individuals and afterwards by some public bodies by whom presumptions of a nature contrary to ours have been rashly and we think dangerously declared.

We now therefore think it our duty solemnly to express (not our opinion on the conduct of the Magistracy of Manchester, a matter which we still leave for due discussion with sufficient information and with competent authority), but our abhorrence of the conduct of those persons who have endeavoured to destroy our religion and Constitution by the dissemination of blasphemous and seditious publications, and have also both at Manchester and other parts of the kingdom, convened large assemblies of the people (physically incapable by their numbers of deliberation), under pretext of petitioning for redress of grievances, but obviously with the hope of overawing and intimidating the Government; nor can we omit to state our decided disapprobation of that hasty and vehement pre-judication of the Manchester question as it is called, which has elsewhere been manifested by persons who have ventured to pronounce a sentence of condemnation against gentlemen acting under lawful authority, and have held them up to public indignation as abusing the sacred trust committed to them, upon the information of those ringleaders of