

overwhelming preponderance in the balance of the Constitution. We conceive that the subjection of the representative part of the Senate to the increasing influence of popular caprice, and the probability of a continual change of its members, from the natural result of annual Parliaments, would preclude the possibility of perseverance in the best concerted system of political measures; that the proposition of universal suffrage will be equally injurious to individuals and to the public at large, it being preposterous to expect that persons in a dependant situation of life, would be generally actuated by independant motives in the election of representatives; and it being frequently experienced that the exercise of the privilege of suffrage instead of being advantageous is highly detrimental to the private interests of persons of this class of the community.

We have observed with concern, not only the contempt with which the Legislature has of late been treated, but likewise the obloquy which has been cast upon the executive branch of the Government. We particularly disapprove of condemning unheard, any body of Magistrates, whose conduct has not yet been subjected to legal investigation.

Fully sensible of the advantages which have been enjoyed by ourselves and by our forefathers under the present excellent Constitution, in the security of our persons and property, the equal administration of justice, and protection from the assaults of both foreign and domestic enemies, we pledge ourselves to strengthen the hands of Government when the Constitution is endangered by faction and insurrection, and when political revolution assumes the cloak of radical reform. We avow our strongest attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, and to your Royal Highness, and our firm determination to support the constituted authorities in the execution of the laws; and we are resolved personally to discountenance to the utmost of our power, the propagation of blasphemy, infidelity, and sedition, from the fullest persuasion, that such principles are equally destructive to the present and to the future happiness of mankind, and merit the reprobation of every honest and well-disposed mind.

[Transmitted by Samuel Kingdon, 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 Ministers and Elders of the Province of Angus and Mearns, in Synod assembled, beg leave respectfully to approach your Royal Highness expressing our firm and zealous attachment to the Person and Family of our venerable Sovereign, whose continued indisposition we sincerely lament; to the Government of your Royal Highness; and to our unrivalled Constitution in Church and State.

In proportion as we value those religious and civil privileges, which all classes of the community so fully and so equally enjoy, under your Royal Highness's paternal Government; we regret the

exertions that are making by the designing in several parts of the kingdom, to alienate the minds of His Majesty's subjects, and the progress which principles, tending to subvert the religious and civil institutions of the Country have made.

Encouraged by long experience we rely with perfect confidence on the wisdom, firmness, and energy of His Majesty's Government, and trust that, under the direction of Him, in whose hands are the hearts of all men, your Royal Highness will be able to adopt such measures as shall protect the loyal and peaceable part of the community from the dangers by which they are threatened, give a seasonable and effectual check to the career of profanity and sedition, and put a stop to the farther diffusion of opinions, which every good man regards with abhorrence, and which are equally subversive of private and public virtue and happiness.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that it shall be our constant endeavour to impress upon the minds of the people committed to our charge, a regard for the principles and conformity to the precepts of our holy religion which commands us to "fear God and honour the King."

That Almighty God may support and comfort His Majesty the King, guide and direct your Royal Highness in the discharge of the arduous duties with which you are entrusted, bless the whole Royal Family, and maintain and perpetuate our invaluable privileges sacred and civil, is the fervent prayer of, May it please your Royal Highness, the Ministers and Elders of this Synod.

Signed, in name, presence, and by the appointment of the Provincial Synod of Angus and Mearns, at Forfar, this 26th day of October 1819 years, by
R. Smith, Moderator.

[Transmitted by the Rev. R. Smith, Moderator, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Magistrates, and Heritors of the County of Bute, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, acting in the name and on behalf of your Royal Father, our venerable Sovereign, and to express those sentiments of allegiance and respectful attachment which are due to your sacred Person. We do not presume to make a boast of these sentiments, which we hope and do firmly believe are common to the immense majority of His Majesty's subjects; but we think it our duty to declare them at the present juncture. We feel the value of the liberties we enjoy, and will yield to none in our resolution to maintain them; but we consider as their worst enemies those men who watch every moment of distress, not to relieve and assist their fellow subjects, but to take the most treacherous means of exciting their worst passions against every principle which we are accustomed to revere as established and sacred. We rally round a Throne which owes its honour to the attachment of a free