

your Royal Highness every assurance of loyalty to the Crown, and attachment to the Constitution of this Kingdom.

The Government established in our Country has been, under Providence, the source of so much happiness and prosperity, that we cannot but regard with the deepest abhorrence any attempt to weaken or subvert it.

Reflecting with gratitude that we have been preserved, and that we have been the honoured instruments of rescuing others from the anarchy and despotism which so long desolated a large portion of the world, we cannot silently behold the ungrateful and mischievous restlessness of those who would take advantage of the circumstances attendant upon returning peace, to undermine that goodly fabric which weathered the tempest, and still excites the admiration of surrounding states.

We feel for the poor, and for others whom the increase of population and the fluctuations of commerce have involved in difficulties and distress; but we rely on the wisdom and paternal care of the Legislature, for the adoption and judicious application of every practicable remedy.

The free expression of opinion, whether through the press or otherwise, is the privilege of a Briton: and far be it from us to desire that it should be restrained, so long as it keeps within the bounds of religion and good order. But we wish not to forget, that if our advantages be great, so is our responsibility. In this matter we have not only the deepest personal interest, but we are intrusted with a sacred deposit to preserve for those who come after us. We would guard as a precious jewel that liberty which has never shone with a purer lustre than in our favoured country: we deprecate the licentiousness which is its counterfeit. True freedom is in peril when blasphemy and tumult are defying the laws of God and man; when the necessary decorum of our courts of justice is pertinaciously violated; when opportunities are eagerly seized or cunningly contrived, to vilify in the eyes of the lower classes all that is respectable in the ranks above them, and to undo every sacred tie by which society is holden together. In the crowded Meetings to which the unthinking multitude are invited, reform is the pretence, but sedition the object: discussion is professed, but all freedom of speech is put down by groans and clamour: the only thing permitted, is an obsequious listening to the railings and theories of some demagogue or his minions; and ingenuity chiefly displays itself in trying how much mischief may be done without overstepping the line which separates this new kind of audacity from actual treason.

If the loyal and the good have been less conspicuous and obtrusive than those whose conduct we thus deplore, yet they have not been inattentive observers; and their experience is well calculated to convince them that the times require a faithful expression of their principles, and a steady exertion of their influence. Thus may they reclaim many who for a while have been misled by the artifices of the designing, and we trust there will now, as in the best days of our history, be one powerful union, under the blessing of the Almighty, round the Altar,

the Throne and the Laws, for the preservation of all that is dear to man.

[Presented by the Earl of Lonsdale, K. G.]

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

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Inhabitants of the borough and town of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, feel ourselves compelled by circumstances which we most deeply lament to renew the expression of our attachment to His Majesty and His August Family.

We have beheld with sorrow the attempts of wicked and designing men to dissolve the alliance between the Throne and the People; we have beheld with indignation the wish to subvert our glorious Constitution; we have beheld with horror the design of persuading mankind to abandon their duty to their God.

Foreign enemies have never inspired us with fear; yet we contemplate with painful apprehension the portentous aspect of the present times; every species of evil is set in array against every species of good; the enemies of civil society are active and indefatigable; every law which can give value to social order, every virtue which can bless human life, is the object of their attack; they would conjure up in this kingdom that fiend of anarchy which recently laid Europe prostrate in blood and desolation; they would, by impiety and discontent, introduce infidelity and confusion. Atheism is in their heart, treason on their tongue, and the dagger of assassination in their hand; yet, we trust that the arm of the law will, in these dominions, ever be found strong enough to maintain the sacred rights entrusted to its care; and if the daring designs of the disaffected should be matured into a practical effort for their accomplishment, we feel a firm assurance that such will be the simultaneous exertion of His Majesty's loyal subjects as not only to frustrate the purposes of the rebellious, but to crush the formation of every future hope to destroy that Palladium of "The Rights of Man," which secures to each and all of us our property, our liberty, and our lives.

We humbly request your Royal Highness to accept the assurance of our firm devotion to your Royal Highness and our determination to defend to the utmost of our power that Constitution which our forefathers raised by their wisdom, and cemented by their blood, that we may transmit it as the most valuable birthright which we can bequeath to our posterity. To your Royal Highness's illustrious Family, the Inhabitants of this town are attached by motives of gratitude and of love; and when we see the spirit of loyalty rising as it does over the face of this island, we look forward with the strongest hopes that a more close union will augment our security and our happiness until the blessings of peace may return to the channels from which they were diverted by a long and expensive war, and the tide of prosperity again flow over this rejoicing land.

[Presented by the Right Hon. T. Wallace, Masterton Ure, Esq. and T. F. Burton, Esq.]