

under which we, and our forefathers, have enjoyed so many inestimable blessings.

With these feelings we cannot view, without great astonishment and alarm, the conduct of those persons who have lately disturbed the tranquillity of many parts of this empire, and who, under the specious mask of reform, and availing themselves of the ignorance and temporary distresses of the lower orders, in certain districts, have, by the circulation of seditious and blasphemous writings, poisoned their minds, and have dared to proclaim doctrines tending to sap the foundations of our holy religion, and of all our constitutional establishments.

Although we are, by local circumstances, far removed from the scenes of these disorders, and have the happiness to assure your Royal Highness of the tranquillity and loyalty of this part of the empire, we feel ourselves called upon to express our abhorrence of the conduct of those turbulent and wicked persons; and to assure your Royal Highness, that it is our ardent wish, and shall be our earnest endeavour, as far as our humble influence extends, to check the progress of these disorders, and to assist, by every means in our power, to defend the Altar, the Throne, and the British Constitution, against any attack, whether foreign or domestic.

*Wm. Robinson, Provost.*

[Transmitted by the Provost, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Council of the Royal Burgh of Dumbarton.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Magistrates and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Dumbarton, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, at this eventful period, in order to express our sentiments of detestation and abhorrence at the seditious attempts which have been lately made in different parts of the country, to disturb and endanger the public peace.

While we deplore the sufferings endured by many of our fellow subjects, occasioned by a considerable stagnation in our commercial transactions, which have been borne without repining by certain classes, at the same time we regret that there are persons, who, taking advantage of these distresses, endeavour, by their seditious harangues, to stir up the minds of the disaffected to tumult and disorder.

We also deeply lament the means that have been lately fallen upon, to disseminate amongst the lower classes the most impious and blasphemous publications, which tend to undermine the morals, and alienate the affections of His Majesty's subjects. We, however, look with confidence to the energy of His Majesty's Councils and the wisdom of Parliament, for the adoption of such measures as may be thought best calculated to meet the exigencies of the times; and we are convinced that the great body of the people remain uncorrupted, and will support the Government in whatever proceedings are adopted for the public good.

And while we thus inadequately express our detestation at the attempts of designing and evil-minded men, to mislead His Majesty's subjects by specious pretences, having a tendency to anarchy and bloodshed, and the overthrow of the Constitution; we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity to renew the expression of our affectionate attachment to your Royal House and Person; and, grateful for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, we engage to exert our limited influence, collectively and as individuals, in support of the Constitution, and to promote the general tranquillity of the British Empire.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the other Magistrates and Councillors, in Council assembled, the 18th day of November 1819, by *John Dixon, Provost.*

[Transmitted by *Alexander Houstoun, Esq. M. P.* 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Cardigan, in public meeting assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of the most unfeigned attachment to His Majesty's Family and Government.

At a period like the present, we should deem it a crime to be passive, when plausible pretences are resorted to by designing demagogues to assemble and mislead the labouring classes of the community, and when doctrines, at once favourable to insubordination and to blasphemy, are industriously disseminated amongst menacing multitude, with revolutionary zeal and mischievous expectation.

Looking with veneration to our happy Constitution, and holding the law sacred, we turn with abhorrence from the malignant, but we trust abortive efforts of those who would daringly resist the one, or insidiously subvert the other.

With every sincerity of feeling, and with these impressions indelibly fixed upon our hearts, may we humbly hope your Royal Highness will accept our renewed assurance of the fidelity and unshaken loyalty of His Majesty's subjects of the county of Cardigan, and of our unalterable resolution, now and at all times, to discountenance, and to the utmost of our ability, restrain every attempt hostile to the Religion, the Laws, and the Constitution of the Empire.

Signed at the request and in behalf of the Meeting, *George Jeffreys, Esq. Sheriff.*

[Transmitted by *W. E. Powell, Esq. M. P.* and presented by *Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, His Majesty's most loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heritors of the County of Roxburgh, feel ourselves called on in the present disturbed state of several districts of the king-