

dom, humbly to approach your Royal Highness with assurance of our loyalty to the King and attachment to the Constitution as established by law.

We have contemplated with pain (but with a determination to repress them) the attempts of desperate and wicked men, to undermine those principles of loyalty and religion by which alone the bonds of society can be held together, and who have been long actively employed by seditious and blasphemous publications and inflammatory addresses to assembled multitudes, to render the ignorant and the unwary fit instruments to aid them in their sanguinary and profane enterprises of overthrowing the Government, and annihilating all respect for our sacred tenets.

With the mingled feelings of regret and indignation we have viewed (however fruitless has been their endeavour) the indecent insolence which individuals have assumed in some quarters of the kingdom, to intimidate and overawe those who have so boldly and impartially discharged their duties in the public service. The conduct of these respectable functionaries, for such even the enemies of peace and of good order allow them to be, is to be submitted to the regular tribunals of their country; and we deem it unwarrantable, unfair, and ungenerous, to endeavour to cast an odium on men acting on unprecedented and trying occurrences, to the best of their judgment, during the interval that must necessarily elapse before their case can be investigated, a delay which cannot be imputed to them, but to those persons whose acts called loudly for their interference, and who, availing themselves of the lenity of our laws, have postponed a decision, which it is usually the desire of conscious innocence to accelerate.

Such being our feelings and sentiments, we deem it incumbent on us, at this moment of agitation, to come forward and avow them; to renew to your Royal Highness the assurance of our loyalty, and of our firm determination to frustrate, as far as in us lies, every attempt to subvert our ancient establishments, or to erect a wild democracy on the ruins of our venerable and excellent Constitution.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, at Edinburgh, the 15th day of November 1819, by
John Rutherford, Preses,
[Transmitted by the Marquess of Lothian, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Stirling, assembled at a general meeting, beg leave at the present moment to approach the Throne, through the medium of your Royal Highness, to express the abhorrence with which we have

witnessed the recent attempts of wicked and designing men to disseminate principles, alike subversive of that glorious Constitution which has afforded to ourselves and our forefathers happiness and security, and of that holy Religion upon which alone we found our future hopes.

The conduct of these profane and seditious agitators cannot fail to excite serious alarm, when we consider the baneful effects of their pernicious doctrines, and loudly calls upon every class of His Majesty's subjects to rally round the Throne and the Altar, in support of the great and invaluable blessings we have so long enjoyed.

Strongly impressed with these sentiments—firmly attached to our King and Constitution, and reposing the most implicit confidence in the paternal care of your Royal Highness and the wisdom of Parliament, to preserve inviolate that Constitution and the liberties it secures to us, we look forward with anxious expectation to the legislature adopting, by a firm and wise controul, the best means to allay or subdue the evil spirit which exists; and while we deeply lament the distresses of the times, and will endeavour to give aid and relief to the unhappy sufferers, we beg leave at the same time to assure your Royal Highness that, collectively and individually, we shall exert our best endeavours to counteract the progress of infidelity and disaffection, and to impress upon the minds of those connected with us, a reverence for and submission to the laws of their country, which have hitherto preserved the liberty, protected the property, and increased the enjoyments of a free and prosperous people.

Signed in our name and by appointment of the meeting at Stirling, this 19th day of November 1819 years, by the Right Honourable Lord Keith, Chairman. Keith.

[Transmitted by the Right Hon. Lord Keith, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates of Towns, Commissioners of Supply, and Heritors of the County of Renfrew, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Royal Highness, and to request you graciously to accept this tribute of our loyalty and duty to your sacred Person, and of our affectionate attachment to your illustrious House, which, from its accession to the Throne of these kingdoms, has so well understood, appreciated, and maintained our invaluable Constitution.

We deeply lament the occasion of our present address to your Royal Highness. The severe, though we trust temporary pressure on the manufacturing classes of this county excites our warmest sympathy, and commands our earnest and unremitting endeavours to alleviate it; while we view, with shame and indignation, the too successful efforts of impious and seditious men, availing themselves of such a moment of distress, to withdraw the weak and unwary from their allegiance to their Sovereign, and