

nation great, happy and prosperous beyond the example of former years, is the sincere prayer of us, His Majesty's, and your Royal Highness's dutiful subjects.

Given under the Common Seal of the said City, this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord 1819. *Thomas Blamire, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Mayor, 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 Address of the Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Aberdeen.
May it please your Royal Highness.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of the City of Aberdeen, in Council assembled, beg leave, in the present disturbed state of some parts of the United Kingdom, to express our ardent loyalty to our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and our stondest and most unalterable sentiments of respect and attachment to your Royal Highness's Persons, Family and Government.

Venerating the unparalleled excellence of our happy Constitution in Church and State; a Constitution gradually matured by the wisdom of our ancestors; and under which we have enjoyed such inestimable blessings as have fallen to the lot of few nations upon earth, our most earnest wish is, that it may descend inviolate to the latest posterity.

We therefore contemplate with the deepest concern; the evil-minded and disaffected men, under the specious but delusive pretence of Reform, assembling numerous and often tumultuous conventions of the people; and, by seditious harangues, inflaming their minds against the rulers of our country, and impressing them with political opinions, obviously tending to the destruction of their best interests, and subversive of the mild government and salutary laws under which our nation has risen to distinguished pre-eminence.

With equal abhorrence we view these demagogues defying our laws, insulting our judges in open court, and with unblushing effrontery employing that most powerful engine of mischief, a profligate and licentious press, not only to calumniate our Government; but even in blasphemous language to revile the scriptures of truth, and to sap the very foundations of our most holy religion; without the awful sanctions of which civil society could not exist upon earth, and without the animating assurances of which all our cheering hopes of futurity would vanish into darkness. Instead of being deterred by the dreadful example of revolutionary France, so recently before their eyes, we lament, that by similar means they endeavour, too successfully, to spread their deadly delusions among the people, to efface from their minds every moral and religious restraint, and thus to prepare them for accomplishing their dangerous and daring innovations by physical force.

But though these evils have appeared chiefly among the lower classes of the community, yet in our apprehension they have made an alarming pro-

gress; and if they meet with no timely and effectual check, they may lead to consequences which we tremble to anticipate. For that check we look with confidence to the prudence and vigour of your Royal Highness's Government, to the wisdom of Parliament, and to the sound principles and determined loyalty, not only of the higher and more enlightened orders of society in general, but even of a vast majority of those who earn their bread by the labour of their hands.

And we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that our most strenuous efforts to repress the machinations of seditious, disloyal and irreligious men shall never be wanting.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the said Magistrates and City Council, in Council assembled, and the City Seal hereto affixed, at Aberdeen the 23d day of November in the year 1819, by

A. Brebner, Provost.

[*Transmitted by the Provost, 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 dutiful subjects, Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood of Bolton-le-Moors beg leave to express to your Royal Highness, at this eventful period, an assurance of our loyal attachment and unshaken fidelity to your Royal Highness's Family and Government.

We have observed with deep concern, the spread of disaffection and sedition through a large portion of the community, and the turbulent means by which this evil has been produced and multiplied, justly excite in us feelings of the strongest indignation.

The general organization of secret and corresponding Committees, active by night and by day—the ferment raised in the minds of the people, partly by the intemperate effusions of their designing leaders imposing upon ignorance and credulity, partly by a regular system of menace and intimidation, and still more by the unbounded circulation of papers and pamphlets from an inflammatory and a treasonable press,—the expectation of plunder and property which has been too frequently holden out to the abettors of radical reform,—the manufacture of arms for the avowed purpose of resisting all interference of the civil or military power,—the shameless institution of schools for the corruption and perversion of the youth of the Empire; these evils, and such as these, loudly call for the avowal of our most decided and unqualified reprobation.

And there is yet another evil of still more alarming magnitude, which we are desirous of marking with peculiar, with utter detestation; we allude to the systematic attempts which are openly and impudently made to undermine and subvert the fundamental principles of Christianity. The impious efforts of our enemies are not exclusively directed against any particular religious establishment, but against revelation itself.

The bolder apostates hesitate not to proclaim and to propagate, in the face of day, their infidelity and blasphemy; and their designs have been thought-