

tessly, not to say criminally, countenanced by those whose talents and characters should have kept them, as we think, at an immeasurable distance from such a degrading combination.

Nor should we omit to mention in terms of condemnation the very indiscreet and blameable encouragement, which has been afforded to the cause of disloyalty by many respectable persons, both individually and collectively, who yet abhor the pernicious doctrines of popular reform: jealous ever of the imagined invasion of constitutional rights, and forward in arraigning every object of ministerial sanction and favour, they have not only overstepped the bounds of common justice and decorum, but have coalesced for the prosecution of their political purposes with a dangerous party, which holds them in contempt, and sets them at defiance, and mediates their ruin.

That there does exist, in the manufacturing districts, real distress; we perceive with unfeigned sympathy and sorrow, and anxious should we be to concur in any measures that could be devised for the relief of the industrious and peaceably inclined of His Majesty's subjects, especially when we consider that many of those who endure the greatest privations, have still retained their true British spirit, and have strenuously refused to join in the commotions around them. But it is obvious that the machinations of seditious leaders, have materially tended to aggravate the sufferings of the labouring classes, as the most effectual means of promoting the accomplishment of their own daring designs.

We are most grateful to your Royal Highness for the firm and energetic measures which have already been taken by your Royal Highness's Government, for the suppression of these portentous and increasing evils, and we humbly trust that such further regulations and enactments will be promptly made as shall conduce not only to secure our present tranquillity, but to eradicate those pestilent principles, which are relaxing all the bonds of civil society, and are threatening the country with anarchy and destruction.

We shall be ready at all times to prove our loyal and devoted allegiance to your Royal Highness, and your illustrious House, by a cordial and active co-operation with the constituted Authorities of the Realm, by uniting to protect our laws from revolutionary outrage, our liberty from the inroads of licentiousness, and our religion from the attacks of the infidel and profane.

[Transmitted by Mr. Dobson the Boroughreeve, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Clergy, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Caithness.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Freeholders, Clergy, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Caithness, humbly beg permission, at this critical period,

to renew the expression of our loyalty and attachment to the illustrious House of Brunswick, and our earnest desire for the maintenance of that happy Constitution which has preserved to us, amidst the troubles of surrounding nations, the blessings of civil and religious liberty.

We regret with mingled feelings of horror and detestation the wicked attempts that have been recently made in different parts of this kingdom to alienate the minds of the people from the established Government.

The agents in this mischievous conspiracy against the peace and happiness of these realms, have well considered that they could no otherwise so successfully accomplish their nefarious purpose, as by disseminating principles which serve to loosen all the bonds of moral obligation; they have accordingly, with an impiety and audacity which must shock the feelings of every thinking man, spread far and wide the poison of their doctrine, and by setting their deluded followers free from all the restraints of religion, have too well prepared them for the violation of every civil obligation.

Under circumstances so awful and alarming we conceive it to be the imperious duty of every man, who has any just value for the blessings he enjoys, to stand boldly forward in defence of the Throne and of the Altar, to resist, by every possible means, that torrent of infidelity which, in its desolating progress, threatens to subvert the very foundations of civil society, and to involve, in one common destruction, all that is valuable to man in time and throughout eternity.

Impressed with these feelings, though happily as yet removed from those scenes of disorder which have called them forth, we pledge ourselves to exercise all the influence or authority we may possess in resisting the progress of that system of delusion which has so successfully been practiced upon the minds of misguided men to seduce them from their allegiance, and to plunge them at once into the extremes of misery and guilt; and we shall deem no sacrifice too great that may secure to us and to our posterity the civil and religious privileges we enjoy.

That Almighty God may aid and direct your Royal Highness and your Councils in the present emergency is our earnest prayer.

Signed in presence and by appointment of a general meeting by *Ja. Traill.*

[Transmitted by George Sinclair, 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.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, in a general meeting of the said County assembled.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, conceive it to be our indispensable duty, at the present moment, to renew to your Royal