

courage sentiments of loyalty and obedience to the laws, and, by every means in our power, to suppress any attempt which has for its object, the overthrow of that system of Government, under which, by the blessing of God, we and our fathers have enjoyed so many invaluable privileges, both of a civil and religious nature.

Signed in Council, this 19th day of November 1819 years; in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council, and the town seal affixed hereto, by

*William Murray, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by Hugh Innes, 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 most loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Fordyce, beg leave, under the present circumstances, to approach the Throne with the assurance of our most dutiful attachment to our Sovereign, to your Royal Highness, and to the Constitution under which we have the happiness of living.

We cannot but regard, with the deepest regret and indignation, the mischievous designs of those unprincipled men, who are endeavouring to withdraw the respect and attachment of the inhabitants of these realms from a Constitution under which this country has attained to such unrivalled greatness, and under which we all of us have our rights, and our interests, so secured and consulted; men who have been not only aiming at the subversion of our long and widely envied Constitution, but have been endeavouring to destroy those religious principles, upon which the social compact can most firmly be founded, which bind man most closely to man, which are most conducive to his present usefulness and dignity, as well as to his future happiness and glory. We had hoped that the awful experience, which has lately been witnessed, in a neighbouring nation, of the desolating effects of the measures which these men are now so audaciously and remorselessly pursuing would have proved a sufficient warning against them. We trust, that by proper vigilance and exertion their baneful designs may be, in a very considerable degree, frustrated; and that even many of the misdeeds may be brought again to see their true interests. And we hope, that by a continuance of those exertions, so usefully and honourably promoted by your Royal Highness, for the more general, the universal communication of religious instruction to all classes, the young in particular, a recurrence, in any degree of success, to attempts so diabolical, will be prevented. We rejoice, that not only in our respective parishes, but in the whole country around us, there has been no manifestation of any spirit but what is entirely favourable to the Religion and the Constitution of the country; and we are confident, that none else is to be found. It shall continue to be our aim to cherish and promote, to the utmost of our power, that disposition, and those principles, which we

know to be most conducive both to individual and to public happiness.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, by  
*George Innes, Moderator.*  
Potsay, November 1819.

[*Transmitted by the Rev. George Innes, Minister of Cullen, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Members of the Presbytery of Lanark, being this day met, beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our loyalty to our Sovereign, and of our attachment to the Constitution under which we have the happiness to live. As loyal subjects and Ministers of Religion, we feel it to be our duty to approach the Throne at the present moment, to express our abhorrence of the wicked attempts which have been recently made, by designing and desperate characters, towards a total subversion of Church and State, by means of blasphemous and seditious speeches and publications; and our determination to use whatever influence we may possess, in counteracting the wild and impracticable schemes of factious and irreligious demagogues. We deeply deplore the existence of a spirit of sedition and infidelity, which has been too extensively excited among the lower classes of society, by the indefatigable efforts of men, who have openly avowed their principles of hostility to the civil and religious institutions of the country. While the itinerant orators of the present day continue to disseminate, by their impious harangues and publications, a spirit of disaffection and irreligion, we trust we shall feel ourselves more imperiously called upon to counteract their endeavours, by earnestly inculcating belief in the doctrines, and obedience to the precepts of that pure religion, which has, since its first publication, commanded the assent, regulated the conduct, soothed the distresses, and enlivened the hopes of the wise and worthy in every age. That Almighty God may protect, preserve, and prosper your Royal Highness, and the interests of the nation committed to your Regency, is our most earnest prayer.

Signed in the presence, and by appointment of the Presbytery of Lanark, this 24th day of November 1819,

*James Hamilton, Moderator.*

[*Transmitted by the Rev. James Hamilton, Moderator, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Magistrates, Councillors, Clergy, Resident Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Merchants, Ship-Owners, Fish-Curers, and other Inhabitants of the Ancient Burgh of Barony of Thurso, in North Britain.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects,