

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, met here this day, beg most humbly to approach your Royal Highness with renewed assurances of our unshaken loyalty and attachment to the person of our venerable Sovereign, and all the branches of the Royal and Illustrious House of Brunswick.

Deeply impressed with the value of the blessings we enjoy, under our envied and inestimable Constitution to which we are inviolably attached, we hasten to convey to your Royal Highness the expression of our just detestation and decided abhorrence of the spirit of anarchy and infidelity manifested by tumultuous associations in the southern parts of the kingdom, and the dissemination of blasphemous publications and seditious speeches in different parts of the country, for the avowed object of overturning not only that revered Constitution, but even our holy Religion itself.

In this critical juncture, however, we beg to assure your Royal Highness that we entertain the firmest confidence in the wisdom of your Royal Highness and Parliament, for devising such efficient measures as may tend to counteract the machinations of evil and seditious men, and secure to His Majesty's faithful and dutiful people the Constitution and Religion of these Realms, as by law established.

We further beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our fixed determination, with divine assistance, to support your Royal Highness, with our lives and fortunes, in the defence and preservation of our divine Religion and glorious Constitution, or perish in the attempt. And we sincerely pray that Almighty God may aid the councils of your Royal Highness in the present emergency; and that, by his grace, the sceptre of these realms may continue to be swayed, with undiminished splendour, by the Royal House of Brunswick to the latest posterity.

Subscribed in presence and by appointment of the meeting, by

*Geo. Pattison, Preses.*

[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 Magistrates, Town Council, and Burgesses, of the Royal Burgh of Wick.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Town Council, and Burgesses of the Royal Burgh of Wick, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness to renew the expression of our unalterable attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and Government, and to declare our abhorrence of the attempts of wicked and seditious men to overturn our excellent laws and unrivalled Constitution, pretending that their objects are a redress of grievances, and a reform in Parliament. Experiencing, as we and our fathers

have done, the advantages of living under the administration of mild and equal laws, and enjoying the protection and encouragement of your Royal Highness's Government, we detest their wicked designs, and humbly beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our determination to oppose and resist them by every means in our power.

Educated in the faith, and trained up, from our earliest infancy, in the practice of our holy religion, we have heard, with horror and the deepest sorrow, that blasphemous publications are openly and industriously circulated among His Majesty's subjects. Though we know that our religion is true, and that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, we, nevertheless, lament that there should be found, within His Majesty's dominions, men so utterly abandoned as to endeavour to shake the faith, and destroy the dearest hopes of our fellow-subjects; and we are fully persuaded, that your Royal Highness, with the advice and assistance of Parliament, will devise and execute such measures as may give a check to their unbridled licentiousness; and put a stop to the further dissemination of their pernicious and profane writings.

That He, "by whom King's reign and Princes decree justice," may prosper your Royal Highness's Government, and defend you from all your enemies; and that you may long continue to tread in the steps of your Illustrious Father, our Most Gracious Sovereign, whose continued indisposition we deeply lament, are the earnest prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, the Magistrates, Town Council, and Burgesses of the Royal Burgh of Wick.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, at Wick, the 20th November 1819, and the seal of the Burgh hereto affixed, by

*John Kirk, Chief residing Magistrates.*

[Transmitted by George Sinclair, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Unto His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Provost, Bailies, and Council of the Borough of Calton of Glasgow, in Council assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, and to make known our sentiments in the present state of public affairs.

We observe with sorrow and indignation the growing increase of infidelity, and of a spirit of insubordination and disaffection, which seem to spread around us with an alarming rapidity.

We see wicked and designing men, who neither have property nor character, taking the advantage of the distresses of the working classes, and stirring them on to plunder and mischief.

We feel for these distresses, under which not this country alone but the whole commercial world is suffering, and which we hope will be only temporary; we have endeavoured, and will not cease to use our utmost exertions, to alleviate the existing distresses.

We see the destroyers of the happiness of mankind, eagerly engaged, and widely disseminating by