

lowest and least informed portion; and while we sympathise most sincerely with those who are more immediately suffering under the pressure of the present times, and rely with confidence on the wisdom of your Royal Highness's government, to adopt such measures as are adapted to the present exigencies, we, at the same time, pledge ourselves in our official situations, to a faithful discharge of our duty, in inculcating upon the people committed to our charge, the principles of our holy religion, as the best foundation of loyalty to the Sovereign, and of the discharge of every social duty.

That Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may communicate his divine consolations to our beloved Sovereign; that he may prosper the government which your Royal Highness exercises in name and on the behalf of His Majesty; and that the descendants of the illustrious House of Brunswick, may, to the latest posterity, sway the British sceptre over a free, loyal and virtuous people, are the earnest prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Irvine, met in Presbytery, this 1st day of December 1819 years.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, by

*John Roxburgh, Moderator.*

[Transmitted by the Earl of Eglinton, 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 Moderator and Members of the Reverend the Presbytery of Aberdeen.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Moderator and Members of the Reverend the Presbytery of Aberdeen, beg leave, under a deep sense of our duty as ministers of religion and good subjects of His Majesty's government, to approach the Throne at the present time: offering to your Royal Highness the renewed expression of our steadfast loyalty to our King, and of our dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness and your illustrious House.

While we sincerely and deeply commiserate the privations to which certain classes of our fellow-subjects, in common with those throughout the other nations of Europe, who occupy the same places in society, are subjected in the present season of general commercial distress, we cannot behold without detestation the attempts of unprincipled and desperate men, to poison the chief sources of hope and confidence under suffering, in order that the public pressure may become instrumental to the success of designs formed against the Constitution and Government of our country. We hear with mingled feelings of amazement and horror, of the active circulation of publications fraught with blasphemy and sedition: of assemblages of men educated in the Christian faith, and in principles of obedience to lawful authority, convened for the purpose of listening to itinerant disseminators of infidelity and rebellion; of parents vowing

in the face of Heaven to educate their offspring in principles which are repugnant to the laws of God and of man. We deeply deplore the infatuation which, rendering men deaf to the voice of reason and conscience, and insensible to the excellencies of our glorious Constitution, impels them to embark in schemes which propose to ameliorate society, by destroying the very elements of social union, and to introduce a better order of things, by degrading and subverting all that is most valuable to us as men and as Christians.

We bless God, that in the part of the country with which we are chiefly connected, sentiments and designs so abhorrent to every pious and reflecting mind have made no sensible progress; and that principles of sound religion and morals, feelings of dutiful attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, and sentiments of respect and obedience towards the legislative and judicative departments of the State, remain hitherto uncorrupted. And we beg that your Royal Highness will be assured that to cherish these happy dispositions among the people committed to our pastoral charge, and to avert from them the contagion of infidelity, disloyalty and misrule, is the object to which our fervent prayers and most strenuous exertions shall be unceasingly directed.

Signed in name, presence, and by appointment of the Reverend the Presbytery of Aberdeen, by

*George Glennie, Moderator.*

[Transmitted by the Rev. George Glennie, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth].

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

Address of the Nobleman, Freeholders, Heritors, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Forfar, assembled within the County Hall of Forfar, on the 7th day of December 1819.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Forfar, beg leave to approach the Throne at this eventful period, with the assurance of our unalterable loyalty to our venerable Sovereign, of most dutiful respect and obedience to your Royal Highness, and of our warm attachment to the unrivalled Constitution, under which is our happiness to live.

We have beheld with deep regret and indignation the daring and persevering exertions of wicked and designing men, in various parts of the kingdom, to deprive us of our dearest earthly blessings. Under the specious pretext of a radical reform in the Constitution, principles are propagated subversive of its very existence, and tending to render this land happy in the enjoyment of peace and freedom, the scene of revolutionary horrors; whilst the abettors of these principles, in order to forward their dangerous views, are endeavouring, with unhallowed zeal, the dissemination of blasphemous writings, to destroy the authority of the sacred oracles, and bring contempt on our holy religion.

Among a population such as ours, distinguished