

meetings have not scrupled to avow objects which are inconsistent with public order and the maintenance of private rights, when their measures are framed—not for countenance and support among the discreet and orderly of their fellow-subjects,—but but in defiance of their opinions; and are sought to be advanced by the extinction of all religious sentiments in the classes of the people to whom they are addressed, there can be no doubt of the motives of such designs; and we cannot too strongly express our abhorrence of them.

Under these feelings of anxiety and alarm, we have seen with much satisfaction that your Royal Highness has been pleased to assemble Parliament agreeably to the wisdom of that constitutional principle which has declared “that for the redress of all grievances and for the amending, strengthening and preserving of the laws, parliaments shall be holden.”

On the wisdom of Parliament we rely with full confidence for such measures as may be adapted to preserve peace and order, and to allay the ferment which has been excited in the public mind.

We regret the events which have happened at Manchester, as they have affected individuals, but we are sensible that it becomes us to abstain from the partial and premature agitation of the important questions connected with those events, we deprecate such discussion as unnecessary and prejudicial to the great principles of justice. And without venturing to anticipate the results of those judicial inquiries which have been instituted, and can alone perfectly elucidate those transactions, we see enough in the present aspect of public affairs to impress us with a sense of our duty to declare our attachment and firm adherence to the Constitution under which we have the happiness to live, and our resolution to maintain, by all means in our power, the authority of the laws among all orders of His Majesty's subjects.

*W. H. Horndon, Portrevé.*

[*Transmitted by the Honourable Colonel Lygon, and Sir Christopher Robinson, M. M. P. and presented Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood of Ipswich, observing with deep concern the pains and industry displayed at the present moment in the circulation of the most blasphemous and seditious publications, calculated to inflame the minds of the lower classes of society, and to seduce them from their allegiance to their Sovereign, and a due respect for the laws of their country, and the obligations of religion, feel it would ill become the inhabitants of a place so long distinguished for its loyalty, to defer any longer approaching your Royal Highness with such demonstrations of attachment as the present awful crisis imperatively demands.

We, in common with all good subjects of the Realm, can not but be convinced, that the welfare and prosperity of this great and free country must ever depend, under Providence, upon a steady attachment to, and a firm reliance upon the laws by which it is governed, laws affording equal protection to the rich and the poor.

It is therefore with the greatest alarm and abhorrence we behold the daily attempts of designing and desperate individuals, to weaken that attachment and reliance, to excite a spirit of discontent and disloyalty, and even to sap the foundation of religion, by speeches of an inflammatory and dangerous nature, and by publications of a blasphemous and seditious tendency.

Under these impressions it is no less our wish than our duty to make a solemn declaration to your Royal Highness, of our unaltered attachment to our happy Constitution, and of our firm determination to uphold the same as by law established, to the utmost of our power.

[*Delivered by R. A. Crickett, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness:*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Kinross, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to represent that we are well assured of the attachment of this district, to the Religion, the Laws, and the Constitution of the country; and humbly to make known to your Royal Highness, that this disposition has been uniformly manifested, in the regular and peaceable conduct of the inhabitants of this small county. That when the times or the seasons have caused privations, and the product of manufacturing labour has been diminished, (as is now the case,) they have always submitted with cheerfulness to their situation; and looking to the protection of the laws, the solaces of religion, and the care of those who anxiously endeavour to administer to their relief. They have beheld with the greatest regret and disapprobation, that spirit of disaffection which has exhibited itself in certain parts of the united kingdom.

While we His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Kinross, thus venture to approach your Royal Highness, to convey our firm opinion of the reliance to be placed on the loyalty and religion of this portion of the country; we beg leave most humbly, but most fervently and sincerely to express our detestation of those acts which wicked and designing men have fostered and promoted, for the purposes of their misguided, inordinate and lawless ambition; and in that spirit we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that we are ready with every effort to join in the suppression of insurrection wherever it may appear; and by every wise and lawful exertion, to endeavour to counteract those principles, which if permitted to prevail on, extend themselves, may endanger our holy religion, and subvert the wisest system of law, and the best constitution of government that ever blessed mankind.

*Michael Henderson, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by the Right Hon. William Adam, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]