

We are deeply sensible of the blessings, both civil and sacred that we enjoy under your wise and paternal government; blessings which we and our fathers have possessed ever since your illustrious House has filled the Throne of these Realms; and which are higher and more valuable than have fallen to the lot of any other nation that at present exists, or which history records.

It is therefore with equal surprise and sorrow that we hear of the attempts of wicked and designing men to disseminate principles of irreligion by the circulation of impious publications; and to mislead their fellow subjects, and excite them to acts of violence by proposing to assembled multitudes, under the delusive name of reform, schemes of the wildest anarchy, couched in the most inflammatory language.

We admire the firmness with which these traitorous desigus have been met, and confide, Sire, in your wisdom and energy for their entire suppression.

But whilst we lament those endeavours which have been too successfully employed in other parts of this kingdom to disturb the public peace and happiness, it is no small consolation to us that the doctrines of sedition and impiety have found no admission among the people under our pastoral care; and we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that our best efforts shall ever be directed to preserve their principles uncontaminated, and maintain among them sentiments of unshaken loyalty and pure religion.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Presbytery of Forres, this 13th day of November 1819, by

*Francis W. Grant, Moderator.*

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

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Lochmaben, in the county of Dumfries, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness in the present state and circumstances of the country.

We cannot possibly shut our eyes to that spirit of disaffection which has appeared, accompanied with symptoms of impiety and sedition, and of treason and rebellion in many parts of the land.

It is to us extremely satisfactory, that these symptoms have not yet appeared within the sphere of our labours and influence; and we entertain the hope that, by the Divine blessing, the measures recommended by your Royal Highness's Ministers, and adopted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, will be effectual in preserving peace and loyalty and order in the country.

But we owe it to your Royal Highness, to our country, and to ourselves, thus publicly to express our detestation of that delusive and most dangerous spirit which has appeared under the specious mask of reform; and to assure your Royal Highness, that we are willing and ready to contribute by our efforts, our Ministry, and our example, to such

measures as may appear most proper to preserve and to secure the peace and the civil and religious interests of our country.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Presbytery of Lochmaben, by

*Thomas Gibson, Moderator.*

Lochmaben, December 8, 1819.

[*Transmitted by Sir W. J. Hope, M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Paisley, met in Presbytery.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Paisley, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with renewed expressions of loyalty and affection to our beloved Sovereign, and of unshaken attachment to the Constitution both civil and ecclesiastical, under which it is our happiness to live.

We lament the continuance of commercial difficulties, and sympathising with the distresses of our brethren around us, we feel ourselves called on to exert ourselves in our private and in our official capacities, to lighten the pressure of a calamity so general, and so deeply felt by the operative classes in particular. At the same time we beg leave to express our abhorrence of the efforts of designing men, who take advantage of the present distresses to sow the seeds of discontent, of disaffection, and of sedition among the people.

We have not beheld with indifference the dissemination and the progress of infidel and irreligious principles, nor are we listless spectators of their deplorable effects. In the assiduous exertions of the enemies of religion and of social order, we find a new and powerful motive to increased diligence in our appropriate duties; and we beg to assure your Royal Highness, that, in dependence on the grace and on the blessing of heaven, it will be our endeavour, as it is our sacred duty, to use every christian and constitutional means in our power, for counteracting the progress of irreligion; for cherishing in the minds of our people, reverence for the laws, both of God and of man; and for promoting their best interests, both in time and in eternity.]

That Almighty God, "by whom kings reign, and princes decree justice," may bless your Royal Highness; that he may be pleased to console the mind of our revered and afflicted Monarch by the "peace which passeth understanding," that he may continue to defend the throne of these Realms; that he may endow with a spirit becoming their station all who are appointed to bear rule over us; that he may bless the senate of our country, and direct to such measures as may prove effectual for securing the liberty and the prosperity of the people; and, above all, that he may revive and extend among all ranks, the interests of that "pure and undefiled religion," which is the only safeguard of