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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1819.

THE following Addresses, having been transmitted to Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, have been presented by His Lordship to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

Address from the Magistrates and Inhabitants of Stromness.

May it please your Royal Highness,

" WE, the Magistrates and Town Council, Clergy of the Presbytery of Cairston, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and other Inhabitants of the Burgh of Barony of Stromness and its vicinity, publicly and legally assembled, beg leave at this time to express our loyal and settled attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and Government, and to the Laws and Constitution of We should not, on ordinary occaour country. sions, deem this at all necessary from persons situated as we are at such a distance from the seat of Government, and so humble in comparison with the inhabitants of more wealthy and populous districts of His Majesty's United Kingdom; but when we perceive that other more highly favoured regions are agitated and alarmed by disloyal and wicked men, and that they avow the most revolutionary and dangerous purposes, we consider it incumbent even on us to express our sentiments of attachment to our King and the Constitution under which we have the happiness to enjoy peace, and plenty, and liberty. It is fit in such times as the present, that a line of distinction should be drawn betwixt those who love peace, good order, and justice in society, and those who would subvert them all; and it is necessary when dangerous opinions and purposes are avowed by some, that the humblest persons who think and feel differently should openly declare that they will not forsake the Laws and Religion of their fathers, nor stand aloof unconcerned spectators when the Throne,

the Altar, and the Tribunals of Justice are openly insulted and threatened with violent overthrow.

May it please your Royal Highness, the people in this neighbourhood do not suffer many of those distresses which press heavily on other parts of the empire; distresses over which no earthly Goverament can have any controul, and which we believe it must be your Royal Highness's desire to heal to the uttermost.

The inhabitants of this Burgh are all peaceable and well affected; there are no seditious or irreligious pamphlets or sentiments in circulation among us, and all are ready to support the civil anthority in every lawful measure for promoting the public advantage and tranquility; and we beg leave most humbly to remark, with reference to certain transactions which have been made a pretence for disturbing the public comfort and peace in other places, that we rely with perfect confidence on the purity and sufficiency of the judicial establishments of the country for redress to all who receive injury; that we are satisfied the Parliament of Great Britain will never permit any stain on the honour of our country, or lawless outrage on its subjects to remain without enquiry and punishment, that in due time, we trust, it will be shewn to the world and to posterity, that mercy, and not tyranny, is the attribute of every Prince of the House of Brunswick; and that righteourness is the solid foundation upon which the King's throne in these realms is placed, and, we hope, will stand for ever.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Meeting,

James Ross, Chief Magistrate. Stromness, 25th November 1819.

- [Transmitted by Alex. Peterthin, Esq. Sheriff Substitute of Orkney, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]
- To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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WE, the Inhabitants of the small but loyal