

faithful and loyal subjects at once to come forward and avow their determination to support the principles of the British Constitution, to rally round the Throne, and to guard the Religion and Laws of the country from outrage and insult.

We therefore, Sire, are most anxious to testify to the country at large, our resolution to defend the Monarchy as well as all the other branches of the Constitution, and to our utmost endeavour, under the sanction of the laws, to transmit to posterity the blessings which we have derived from the wisdom and bravery of our ancestors.

We pray that your Majesty, as the legitimate source of authority, may long continue, in peace and happiness, to be the guardian of our liberties and laws; and that we may be ever impressed with a due sense of the blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and paternal Government.

[Transmitted by Charles Duncombe, Esq.]

The Declaration of the Inhabitants of Wolverhampton, December 13, 1820.

WE, the undersigned Clergymen, Gentlemen, Merchants, Manufacturers and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wolverhampton, viewing with deep regret and abhorrent indignation, the Throne, the Altar, and all the constituted Authorities assailed by the turbulent and factious, and insulted by the most seditious and blasphemous publications ever issued from a profligate and licentious press, misleading the ignorant and inciting the lawless to acts of violence and destruction, feel it our duty unequivocally to declare that we are attached by the strongest ties of gratitude and unalterable affection to His Majesty's most sacred Person; that we will strenuously oppose, by every means in our power, the dangerous designs of the seditious and disaffected against all the ancient and valuable institutions of the Government; that we will unite our firmest energies to insure the peace and security of the Realm, the stability of the Throne, the blessings of our established Religion, and the perpetuity of our unrivalled Constitution; and we do resolve, that the Members for the County be requested to transmit the above declaration to the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, beseeching him to convey to His Majesty the sentiments contained herein, in the way he shall deem most proper.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Transmitted by Edward John Littleton, Esq. M. P.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, Gentlemen, Clergy and Inhabitants of Blandford, in the County of Dorset, and its Neighbourhood, beg to approach your Majesty with this assurance of our unaltered attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Government.

To be silent in cases of impending national danger, is in some degree to be criminal; and now that infidelity and sedition are no longer confined to the closets of speculative men, but have become almost the watchwords of the populace; now that they stalk abroad and force their way into the cot-

tages of the poor, stirring them up to disloyalty and irreligion, we feel it necessary thus publicly to declare our sentiments, and to enter our protest against the nefarious arts by which our most sacred institutions are endangered.

We are aware that the strength of the designing increases with the supineness of the loyal, and therefore while wicked men leave no artifice untried to accomplish their object, it becomes doubly incumbent on the loyal and well disposed part of your Majesty's subjects to emulate their zeal though in a better cause, to rally round the Altar and the Throne, and to pledge themselves to the most strenuous and effective support of such measures as are now imperiously requisite for checking the growing evil.

At this crisis we rely on the wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, and we presume to express a hope that they will meet with suitable energy the exigences of the times, and thus afford a pledge that, under the Divine blessing, we may be enabled to transmit unimpaired to our posterity that admirable Constitution which provides at once for the liberty of the subject, the dignity of the Throne, and the honour of God.

[Transmitted by the Bailiff.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, in Council assembled, beg permission to approach your Throne with sentiments of the most perfect loyalty and attachment to your Royal Person, and to the illustrious House of Brunswick.

Alike adverse to those factious and seditious spirits whose sole desire is to seize opportunities for turbulence and disorder, and to that venal tribe who on public questions move only at the beck of those in power; we take the liberty of declaring our firm determination to support the Constitution and Government of our country as by law established, to respect and, to the utmost of our ability, cause to be respected, all its institutions and authorities, confident that what has been framed and fostered by the wisdom and patriotism of our ancestors is the safest guide for our happiness and prosperity.

We request, however, that in thus assuring your Majesty of our unfeigned attachment to your Royal Person and the Constitution of our country, we may not be supposed to express any opinion on the inquiry which has lately occupied the attention of Parliament, or upon the general measures of administration.

With hearts warmly glowing for the honour and prosperity of our country, and with every sentiment of faithful devotion to your Majesty, we fervently hope that your Majesty may long continue the Constitutional King of a free and loyal people.

Given under our common seal, at our Guild Hall, the 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord 1820.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Orford.]