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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, were presented by His Lordship to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace and other Heritors of the County of Ross.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace and other Heritors of the County of Ross, assembled in general meeting, beg leave to approach your Majesty and to express our unaltered feelings of allegiance and fidelity to your sacred Person and to the Government over which you preside.

It is little more than twelve months since the factious and treasonable proceedings of the disaffected in different parts of England and of this kingdom, under the specious pretext of a reform of the representation of the people in Parliament, induced us to approach your Majesty with a declaration of our determination to support the Constitution against the machinations of that desperate faction.

The danger which at that time assumed the appearance of actual rebellion and threatened the overthrow of the Constitution and of our rights and privileges, religious and civil, was happily suppressed by the energy and wisdom of Parliament, under your Majesty's auspices.

We, however, observe with much pain that, notwithstanding the wise and salutary regulations adopted by Parliament on that occasion, a spirit of misrule prevails in the nation, fostered by the mischievous arts of desperate designing men, and aided by the incessant efforts of a seditious press, whose object evidently is to vilify and traduce, by the most mischievous misrepresentations and falsehoods, the constituted Authorities of the empire, and thereby

to bring the laws and religious institutions of the country into contempt.

Whilst we venerate and admire the genuine spirit of liberty which is inherent to our Constitution, we detest and abhor the licentiousness to which its abuse gives rise in the hands of the profane, the factious and the unprincipled, and we confidently trust that, by the wisdom of Parliament and the energy of your Majesty's Councils, measures shall be resorted to for restraining the latter, while the former may still be maintained in full vigour.

In the various and numerous publications of the disaffected a deception is daily practised to impose upon the ignorant and uninformed classes, by terming their own party and followers the people, thereby attempting to persuade these that their support is general, whereas it is matter of great exultation to us to be able to declare to your Majesty with confidence our firm conviction that an overwhelming majority of your subjects see through the arts and intentions of these demagogues, and when called upon will be found ready with heart and hand to support and maintain your Majesty's just and inalienable Prerogatives and the Constitution of the empire against all their machinations.

It is sufficiently evident that in the different nations of the Continent where the people have attempted an innovation on their various systems of government to extend their liberties, an approximation to the happy and well poised Constitution of these realms seems universally to be the object of their most ardent wishes.

Feeling the inestimable value of the privileges, both sacred and civil, which we enjoy under that our enviable Constitution, we beg leave to assure your Majesty, that it is our determined resolution, and we pledge ourselves to defend these and your Majesty's just rights at the hazard of our lives and fortunes, against the domestic enemies of your Majesty's Throne and dignity.

We continue to have the fullest reliance on the wisdom and firmness of your Majesty's Councils for suppressing the seditious and treasonable schemes of the disaffected, and maintaining the authority of the laws and their administration and a just respect for the religion of the State.