

as well for His mild and paternal sway, as for that enlightened policy which, in the day of trial, confirmed the independence and increased the glory of the nation.

We humbly offer our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the August Solemnity in which your Majesty is this day engaged; we hail it with joy and gratitude as a sacred proof of the Constitutional principles which actuate your Majesty, and regulate the measures of your Government. And we earnestly pray that your Majesty may be long preserved to adorn the Throne of these realms, and to wield the Sceptre over a loyal, a free and a happy people.

Signed by us, at Stonehaven, the 19th of July 1821.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Transmitted by Charles Munro, Esq., of Berryhill, Stonehaven.]

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the St. John's Lodge of Free Masons, in Beith, Ayrshire, Scotland.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the St. John's Lodge of Free Masons, in Beith, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, humbly request permission to approach your Majesty with the most sincere expressions of that attachment and loyalty for which our ancient and respectable Order has ever been distinguished.

We congratulate your Majesty on your happy Coronation as the Sovereign of this Great Empire, and we rejoice to see upon the Throne the Royal Patron of Free Masons, under whose auspicious care our Order has been greatly raised in respectability, and increased in numbers. We are deeply sensible of the kind protection given us by the laws, and we are well assured that under your Majesty's reign this protection will be graciously continued.

That your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous, that your Majesty and your Illustrious House may long be the Guardians and Protectors of the laws and liberties of these realms, and maintain unimpaired that ancient freedom, which at once renders us the happiest subjects, and your Majesty the most powerful Monarch in the world, and that under your Majesty's reign, Free Masonry may flourish, will continue to be the sincere and constant prayer of our hearts.

Signed by appointment, and in our presence, in full Lodge assembled, at Beith, this 19th day of July 1821.

Jas Dobie, Master of B. St. John's.

[Transmitted by the Master.]

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and affectionate subjects, Members of the Presbytery of Cupar, beg leave to approach the Throne and to congratulate your Majesty on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty's Coronation. As Members of the Church of Scotland we possess a hereditary right of loyalty

towards a Protestant Prince; and as successors in office to those very men who so eminently and decidedly contributed to that happy settlement which established your Forefathers on a British Throne, we trust that your Majesty will graciously condescend to pardon us for claiming an additional share of exultation on this happy day.

We rejoice in the opportunity which we now possess, in a season of patriotic and loyal feeling, of humbly and respectfully addressing the illustrious Descendant of the House of Brunswick, and the Son of a Monarch sincerely and ardently beloved, upon your solemn investiture with that crown which is not less truly yours by the right of inheritance than by all which can render such possession valuable, the grateful and heartfelt benediction of a free and of a happy people.

That your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign, and may pursue such measures as may secure to us and to the nation at large that honourable and distinguished character which, as subjects of your Majesty's government, we at present enjoy, and that Almighty God; by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, may endue you with true wisdom, and crown you with every temporal mercy, and with every spiritual blessing, is the sincere and fervent prayer of your Majesty's most loyal and affectionate subjects, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Cupar. William Thomson, Moderator. Cupar, 19th July 1821.

[Transmitted by the Rev. Alexander Lawton, Minister of Creich.]

Unto His Most Excellent Majesty, George the Fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Glenelg, in Synod assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty's presence impressed with the warmest sentiments of unfeigned loyalty, fidelity and attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government: and, on a day which must be peculiarly interesting to your Majesty and to all the inhabitants of this realm, to express our cordial participation in the universal joy which the great national event, now in the course of taking place, is calculated to inspire.

Our fervent prayer to Almighty God is, that "He by whom Kings reign and Princes decree judgment," will render in every way propitious that solemn and religious ceremony by which your Majesty is this day consecrated to the sacred duties of your Kingly office! May the Throne which you now fill be ever established in righteousness! May the Crown which you now wear continue long to adorn your brow and derive its brightest lustre from the splendour of your princely virtues: and the Sceptre which you now grasp may you long live to sway with dignity and honour, and with justice tempered by mercy, over a free, happy and affectionate people!

May the same love of liberty, the same regard for the public weal, the same reverence for the laws, and the same zeal for the advancement of the true glory of Britain which have hitherto distin-