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THE following Address, having been transmitted to Mr. Secretary Peel by the Lord Provest of Edinburgh, has been presented by Mr. Peel to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the General Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the constituted Representatives of the Royal Burghs of Scotland, take the first opportunity of our assembling in Convention since your Majesty's most auspicious visit to Scotland, to express our warmest gratitude for the honour your Majesty has done to our country by most graciously condescending to visit it. Of this event your Majesty's subjects in Scotland will always retain the most grateful remembrance. We also beg leave humbly to express the exultation we have felt at the very gracious manner in which your Majesty, in your Speech to Parliament, was pleased to take notice of the reception you had experienced in Scotland.

We beg leave humbly to assure your Majesty of our inviolable attachment and allegiance to your Royal Person and Government, and of our unshaken confidence in your Majesty's steady maintenance of our civil and religious liberties, and of that unrivalled Constitution which, happily for the nation, placed upon the throne of this empire your Majesty's illustrious predecessors.

That your Majesty may long sway the sceptre over a great, a free, a loyal, a happy, and an united people; and that your Majesty may long enjoy health and every other blessing which this world affords, is the earnest and most anxious wish of this General Convention.

Signed in name and by appointment of the

Royal Burghs of Scotland, in General Convention assembled.

William Arbuthnot, Lord Provost and Preses of the Convention.

Edinburgh, August 9, 1823.

A T the Court at Carlton-House, the 21st of July 1823,

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, inti-tuled "An Act to authorise His Majesty, under " certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and " drawbacks on goods imported or exported in "foreign vessels, and to exempt certain foreign vessels from pilotage," His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by any Order or Orders in Council, in all cases in which British vessels, of less burthen than sixty tons, are not required by law to take pilots, to exempt foreign vessels, being of less burthen than sixty tons, from taking on board a pilot to conduct them into or from any of the ports of the United Kingdom, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding; His Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in him by the said Act, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the date of this Order, all vessels belonging to the subjects of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, and being of less burthen than sixty tons, which shall enter in or clear out from any of the ports of the United Kingdom, shall be, and they are hereby exempted from taking on board a