

The numerous and splendid Instances of Success, which, under the Direction of Divine Providence, have distinguished the eminent Exertions of your Majesty's Naval Commanders, have hitherto been observed by us with silent Admiration; but the recent signal Victories, so highly important to ourselves, and so beneficial to other Nations, will suffer us no longer to restrain our earnest Wishes of thus publicly manifesting to your Majesty the unfeigned Joy in which we equally participate with the most zealous of your Majesty's Subjects.

The very important Advantages arising to these Kingdoms from such happy Events, it is difficult for us to calculate; but whilst the Enemy, with unremitting Industry, has been endeavouring to spread Sedition in every Country, we have perceived, with the sincerest Satisfaction, that your Majesty's Subjects, sensible of the Blessings which they enjoy under your good and virtuous Government, have stood forth with an undaunted Zeal to defend your Throne, and repel the Insults of a haughty Foe.

Impressed with the strongest Sense of the anxious Care which your Majesty has uniformly shewn for the Welfare of your Subjects, and the Interests of Religion and Literature, allow us to add our most fervent Prayers to Almighty God, that your Majesty may enjoy a long and happy Reign; and that such a Spirit of Firmness and Loyalty may continue to animate your People as may enable your Majesty to maintain the Dignity of your Crown, and to preserve the good Order, Religion, and Prosperity of your Dominions.

Given under our Common Seal, this 31st Day of October, 1798.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Most Gracious Answer:

*I Receive with great Satisfaction this dutiful and loyal Address.*

*On an Event so glorious to the National Character, so important to the Success of the great Cause in which We are engaged for the Defence of all Our Civil and Religious Establishments, nothing can be more acceptable to Me than the Congratulations of those who are entrusted with the important Charge of public Education, and whose Studies are dedicated to the Advancement of sound Learning and Science, and to the Maintenance of Our Holy Religion.*

*The University of Cambridge may be assured of My uniform Support, Favour, and Protection.*

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

**WE**, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Oxford, in Common-Council assembled, ever anxious to evince our Loyalty to your Majesty, beg Leave to approach your Royal Person with our most sincere Congratulations upon the Victories lately obtained by your Majesty's Fleets over the Power of France.

So decisive have these Victories been, and so important will necessarily be their Consequences, that whilst we gratefully admire the almost unexampled Skill and Valour displayed by your Majesty's Forces on the glorious Occasions, we are induced also, with well-founded Confidence, to look forward, not only to the immediate Safety of the British Empire from the Attacks with which it hath been threatened and

assailed by an implacable Foe, but in a more comprehensive View to regard, as further removed from impending Destruction, the System, so long established in Europe, of religious Belief and well-ordered Government. Animated by the successful Stand which your Majesty has made in Defence of the Independence and Rights of your Crown, we trust that other States will catch a similar Spirit, and exert a similar Degree of Perseverance.

We pray the Almighty that He will prosper with equal Favour your Majesty's Arms until it shall please Him to restore unto us, on a secure and permanent Basis, the Blessings of Peace: and that He will so far more peculiarly bless us your Majesty's Subjects, as to prolong, to a distant Period, your Majesty's Reign, under which we feel and know have been preserved inviolate our Civil and Religious Liberties, and in the fullest Perfection have been administered the invaluable Blessings of a free Constitution.

Given under our Common Seal, this 31st Day of October, 1798, and in the Thirty-ninth Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Signed by Order,

*Taunton, Town Clerk.*

[Presented by Francis Burton and Henry Peters, Esqrs; Representatives in Parliament for the said City.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, of the City of Winchester.

**WE**, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Winchester, presume to approach the Throne, and humbly to offer to your Majesty our Congratulations on the brilliant and important Successes with which it has pleased Almighty God to crown the gallant Exertions of your Majesty's Navy.

We beg Leave particularly to congratulate your Majesty on the recent Victory, achieved by the Skill, the Conduct, and the Intrepidity of the Fleet under the immediate Command of Admiral Lord Nelson; and we partake in the honest Pride and Exultation of every loyal Subject, on an Event so highly honorable to the British Name, so essential to the Prosperity and Security, and so important to the Commercial Interests of the Country.

We beg your Majesty to be assured that we are fully sensible of the Justice of the Contest in which we are engaged; that we consider it as the common Cause of Civilized Society; and that we shall cheerfully acquiesce, to the utmost Extent of our Efforts and Abilities, in such Measures of Vigor and Energy as the Wisdom of your Majesty and your Parliament may judge conducive to the favorable Issue of the War; till, by the Humiliation and Defeat of the Enemy, they are driven to embrace those Offers of Pacification, which we are confident the humane Propensities of your Majesty are disposed to afford them, on such Terms as alone can ensure Permanence to any Treaty or lasting Security to the established Governments of Europe.

Given under our Common Seal, in our Council Chamber, this 5th Day of November, in the Year of our Lord, 1798.

[Presented by Sir Henry Mildmay, Bart. Mayor, and Sir Richard Gamon, Bart. one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said City.]