

the British empire has been so long engaged. It has been a struggle for every thing dear to civilized man,—for religion, liberty, and law, against atheism, despotism, and anarchy; and for the liberation of Europe from the most cruel oppression.

While we acknowledge with devout thankfulness, that this great deliverance hath been wrought by that omnipotent God, who "ruleth in the kingdoms of men, and giveth them to whomsoever He will," it affords us peculiar satisfaction to think, that the chief instruments employed to accomplish it, have been the wise and steady measures of His Majesty's councils so vigorously pursued by your Royal Highness; and the consummate skill of the commanders; and the prowess of the forces employed to carry these measures into effect.—By the example, which Britain thus exhibited to an admiring world, the other great powers of Europe were roused from what appeared to be a torpor almost unaccountable; and by the unanimity and vigour, which, in conjunction with your Royal Highness, these powers have since displayed in the common cause, the Tyrant, whose aim was to enslave all the surrounding nations, has been cast from his usurped throne, and through the moderation, combined with firmness, of the Allied Sovereigns, its ancient and legitimate Monarchy has been restored to that oppressed country, in which the volcano first burst forth, which has so long shaken all Europe to its centre.

Your Royal Highness is too well acquainted with the history of the dominions which you were born to render happy, not to be aware, that while we sincerely rejoice, in common with our fellow subjects, at the prospect which these events afford of a durable peace to the long harassed nations, we find in our ancient and well-known principles an additional ground of gratitude for the manner in which the arduous contest has been thus terminated. The measure of our joy would, indeed, be full, did we not, with due submission to that God "who ordereth all things for good to them that love and fear him," lament that our venerable and beloved Sovereign is still unable to enjoy the happiness which he would otherwise feel on the restoration of that peace which he so ardently desired, and on perceiving with what wisdom and vigour your Royal Highness hath, in his name and on his behalf, exercised the high authorities with which you are invested.

That the great God, "by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree justice," may be pleased, in his good appointed time, to restore His Majesty to your Royal Highness, to the rest of the Royal Family, and to his people, likewise his children; that he may afterwards call him, full of years, and rich in good works, from an earthly to a heavenly crown;—that your Royal Highness may thenceforth in your own right the sceptre of this Empire with the same ability with which you have hitherto swayed it in the right of your Royal Father, and that the latest posterity may look back with pride, if pride be at all made for man, to the reigns of George the Third and George the Fourth, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful and obedient subjects, the Bishops and Clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

Signed, at our several places of residence, by us, the Bishops, for ourselves, and for the Clergy of our Communion.—June 4, 1814.

*John Skinner*, at Aberdeen; *Andrew Macfarlane*, in Inverness; *Alexander Jolly*, Fraserburgh; *Daniel Sandford*, Edinburgh; *Patk. Torry*, Peterhead; *George Gleig*, Stirling.

[Transmitted by the Rev. Dr. Skinner, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Whitehall, June 18, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant the dignity of an Earl of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto the Right Honourable William Viscount Cathcart, Knight of the Most Ancient Order of the Thistle, and General of His Majesty's Forces, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Earl Cathcart.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant the dignity of a Viscount of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto the Right Honourable George Earl of Aberdeen, Knight of the Most Ancient Order of the Thistle, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Viscount Gordon, of Aberdeen, in the county of Aberdeen.

His Royal Highness has also been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto the Honourable Sir Charles William Stewart, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-General of His Majesty's Forces, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Baron Stewart, of Stewarts-Court, and of Ballilawn, in the county of Donegal.

Oxford, June 13, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood on *Joseph Lock*, Esq. Mayor of Oxford.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day also pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood on *Elias Taunton*, Esq. of that City.

Whitehall, June 17, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent hath been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to give and grant unto *Benjamin D'Urban*, Esq. Colonel in the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel in the 2d West India Regiment, and a Brigadier-General in the Portuguese Service, His Majesty's royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the insignia of an Honorary Knight-Commander of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of the Tower and Sword, with which His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal has honoured