

dictate a sitting in Council, what is, and what is not to be done. "Soldiers ought not to be in readiness in case of riot. The Judge appointed by the King is unfit for his office, and so are the magistrates. We recommend them to resign immediately." If the advice was good, it might have been "recommended" privately. To post it on the walls was to advertise the soldiers to endeavour to make the Recorder and the magistrates publicly obnoxious and contemptible, and to provoke "the riot and perhaps bloodshed" which "the Council of the Union" predicted. This was adding fuel to the flame. "As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife."—(Proverbs.)

A communication having previously been made to Sir Chas. Wetherell and to the Secretary of State in London, as to the state of public feeling, it was nevertheless determined that the administration of justice should proceed in its regular course. Some soldiers were sent to the neighbourhood lest the civil force should prove insufficient to keep the peace. Two troops of the 14th Light Dragoons were quartered at Clifton, and one troop of the 3rd Dragoon Guards at Keynsham; in all about seventy men, to be employed only in case of necessity.

On Thursday the 27th the magistrates published the following address:—

It being apprehended from information received through various channels, that some indiscreet persons may be inclined to promote feelings of irritation and excitement on the arrival of the Recorder in this city, the Mayor and Aldermen most earnestly hope that all classes of their fellow citizens, *however they may differ on political subjects, will see the propriety of cordially co-operating to maintain peace and good order*; and that they will abstain from manifesting any declaration of their opinions on so solemn and important an occasion as the delivery of His Majesty's Gaol, in cases affecting the lives of the persons to be tried for offences against the laws of their country. The Magistrates confidently hope that they may rely on the good sense and discretion of the inhabitants, not to depart from that orderly conduct which has hitherto prevailed in the city; but should any disposition be shewn, tending to create disturbance, they feel it will become their imperative duty to use all lawful means for the apprehending and bringing to punishment all persons who may be found committing any breach of the peace, or other illegal acts."