

legitimate sovereigns. As a member of the most enterprising and flourishing quarter of your native country, whose improvement and prosperity, your Commercial abilities, knowledge, and wealth, tends so much to increase: As the Representative of the first Commercial City in Scotland—a City, which has at all times been distinguished for its steady support of, and affectionate loyalty to our venerable Sovereign, our happy Constitution and Laws: As one who can appreciate and understand the extent and solidity of the power, the interest, and the resources of the British Empire: and as an independent member of that August Assembly, whose deliberations and decisions are looked up to, and felt by the world, who have saved themselves by their firmness, as they have preserved Europe by their example, I cannot choose any other individual better deserving, or more proper than yourself, to whom I could address the Narrative of those important events, which formed the triumphant termination of twenty-two arduous years of toil, and labour, and danger. We have seen the complete triumph of those principles and those Counsels, through good report and through bad report. In the battle, and in the breeze, they bravely resisted, and successfully overcame that hideous and destructive torrent of immorality, irreligion, anarchy and despotism, scattered over Europe by the Governors of France. In this honourable and glorious resistance, we have warded off from our native land, all those horrors and evils, which so heavily pressed upon others, and with which we were threatened by a powerful, a rancorous, and a vindictive foe.

BUT our toils and our dangers are not yet at an end. These are lessened, but not removed. The sweet prospect of peace and happiness amongst