

PUBLIC REJOICINGS

Lancaster Illumination, **FIREWORKS, BALL ETC.**

A celebration of the happy return of
PEACE

At length, the Almighty said - Let Discord cease,
He said; - the world obey'd, and all was Peace.
Hail sacred Peace! - hail, long expected Days!
Which Britain's Glory to the Stars shall raise
Extend thy Reign, sweet Pow'r, from Shore to Shore.
Till Conquest cease, and War be known no more.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, there were exhibitions of Fireworks from a stage erected on the Banks of the River Lune, near the New Bridge, which were much admired, and gave general satisfaction.

Tuesday being fixed for the General Illumination, the morning was ushered in with the ringing of bells (which continued till nearly three o'clock the next morning) and the hoisting of the royal standard and the union flag on the Church steeple; flags were also displayed on the Castle, Custom House, and at a number of other places; during the day, the influx of visitors from the neighbourhood and distant towns and villages was immense - About half-past eight o'clock, the lighting-up commenced, but it was not till nearly eleven that the town blazed in all its splendour - The brilliancy of the lights, the variety of the devices, and the manner in which almost every window was decorated with flowers, evergreens, ribbons etc. were never before equalled in this town, and we much doubt whether they were excelled by any place in the kingdom.

Owing to the salutary measures taken by our worthy Chief Magistrate, not a single squib or pistol was fired in the streets.

We have endeavoured to collect an accurate account of the principal transparencies, devices etc. - to have given the whole, would have doubly filled our paper - We have only to add, that the emulation manifested by all descriptions of the community, in adding splendour to the occasion, was worthy of the auspicious events they were commemorating.

On the great gate at the entrance of the **Castle** was a most brilliant Star, in lamps; the effect produced, by light and shade, upon this venerable pile of Gothic architecture, was grand and imposing.

The Town Hall. "Peace" in large letters, of white lamps, over the portico, and the windows illuminated with candles.

Custom-House. Had no Internal lights, but the appearance externally had a good effect, particularly as seen from Skerton and the New Bridge, from whence it appeared very brilliant; over the flag-staff and above the union, a large light was suspended and the whole, seen at a distance was very conspicuous.

In the front of the **Poorhouse**, in very large letters "We rejoice."

Mrs Hargreaves, Spring Field, Upon the portico, a large Star, and G.R. The door and two side windows outlined with lamps. Over the portico, a large figure of Britannia, painted on an opaque ground.

Mr Unsworth, Greenfield, A Crown and G.R. beneath which was the following inscription, surrounded by stars, and decorated with oak, laurel, etc. "Wellington. The perseverance of Great Britain, the courage of her brave officers and men (led to glory by the immortal Wellington) have given to all nations that with repose, the blessings of peace; Thank God." Another window, the word, "Bourbon," and this inscription, "Though I have withdrawn from thee my presence for a moment, yet have, I returned unto thee." Underneath, a Sun, and this inscription, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." "Bonaparte." Another window, two small Transparencies, of Lord Wellington and Britannia, with the following:- "G.P.R." - "England has done her duty." - "Peace and Plenty." - Alexander the Liberator, whose only revenge on a fallen foe, was that of mercy." - "Francis and Frederick, our great and glorious Allies."