

French Revolution 1789

The unsettling consequences of the French Revolution, that began in 1789, including conflicts with neighbouring powers, were a constant concern. On 22 September 1792 the First Republic was proclaimed. The alarming events in France, and concern at the actions of radicals at home, prompted a flood of loyal addresses by local bodies manifesting their loyalty to the Crown and attachment to the "present happy constitution".

In Deddington a Constitutional Association was formed, and a loyal address, together with a call for bringing to justice those "guilty of feditious or treafonable Practices", was unanimously passed at a large meeting at the Town Hall on 7 January 1793, convened by Job Coles, the High Bailiff. Louis XVI was guillotined two weeks later.

5 January 1793

Notice by Job Coles, Bailiff, convening meeting of the Deddington Constitutional Association at the Town Hall to manifest public loyalty to the constitution.

DEDDINGTON CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Inhabitants of this Town and Neighbourhood having requested me to call a Meeting, that they may have an Opportunity of manifesting their Loyalty, and acknowledging the Bleffings they enjoy under our present happy Conftitution: I do therefore appoint a Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Monday next, at Eleven o' Clock in the Forenoon, for that Purpofe.

January 3, 1793.

JOB COLES, Bailiff.

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12 January 1793

Notice of resolutions passed at a numerous meeting of the Deddington Constitutional Association, chaired by Mr. Job Coles, High Bailiff, expressing allegiance to, and supporting measures to preserve, the present constitution.

DEDDINGTON CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION.

AT a very numerous and respectable Meeting held at the TOWN HALL, the 7th of January, 1793,

Mr. JOB COLES, HIGH BAILIFF, in the Chair;

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, That we the Inhabitants of this Town and Neighbourhood, impressed with the deepest Sense of the Blessings we enjoy under our present happy and inestimable Government, do consider it our Duty at this Time to testify our sincere Allegiance to our most gracious Sovereign, and our firm Attachment to the present Constitution; and that we will by our utmost Exertions, collectively and individually, pursue such Measures as shall appear most proper for the Preservation of the same: And that our best Endeavours shall be used to bring to Justice all Persons who shall be guilty of seditious or treasonable Practices.

That any five of this Society be a Committee for the Purpose of carrying these Resolutions into Execution.

That these Resolutions shall be continued open for the Signature of any Person who may wish to join this Association, and that the same be left at the Town Hall for that Purpose.

That these Resolutions be printed in the Oxford Journal, Northampton Mercury, Bucks Herald, Oracle, General Evening Post, and St. James's Chronicle; and otherwise circulated as this Society or any five of them shall think proper.

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Oldfield Bowles, Esq; and William Draper, Esq; for their good, loyal, and constitutional Sentiments at this Meeting; and also to the High Bailiff for his Readiness and Attention in calling the same, and for his upright Conduct in the Chair.

JOB COLES, BAILIFF.

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