

TUESDAY last, being the day appointed for the coronation of his most sacred Majesty King **GEORGE III.** and our most gracious Queen **CHARLOTTE**, was solemnized here with the greatest demonstrations of joy ever known.

At sun-rising, a great gun was fired, on which the flags on the castlehill and blockhouse were hoisted; and immediately thereafter, the whole ships in the harbour displayed their colours.

Betwixt eleven and twelve before noon, an anthem was performed in the Marischal college hall, by the gentlemen of the musical society, assisted with other voices, (the musick composed by Mr. Peacock) where were present a most brilliant company of ladies; the Magistrates and Council, the earl of Buchan, lord Forbes, lord Prestongrange, and many gentlemen of distinction, the members of the university, the ministers of the city and presbytery, the officers of the military, of the customs and excise, most of the principal citizens, and several strangers, amounting, in all, to the number of about five hundred persons. The audience was greatly delighted with the performance, it being reckoned the best of the kind ever performed here.

From the Marischal college hall, the Magistrates and Council, accompanied with the noblemen and gentlemen present at the anthem, and escorted by a party of general Pettitot's regiment lying here, marched in procession down the Broadgate, and round the Castlegate (preceeded by a band of musick composed of drums, fifes and French horns, performed by the gentlemen of the musical society) to a theatre erected at the cross, the tables of which were covered with carpets, and the rails with Mazarine blue cloth, where the company drank to the healths of his Majesty, Queen Charlotte, the Princess dowager of Wales and the Royal Family; at each of which healths, there was a volley of small arms discharged by the military, and a round of great guns fired from the Castlehill; and betwixt the healths, several songs adapted to the day were sung upon the cross, accompanied with martial musick; and fruit, and a great many medals were thrown from the theatre among the populace.

The ladies being invited to the town-hall, were immediately after the procession, along with the noblemen and many of the gentlemen, entertained by the Magistrates and Council, with musick and sweet-meats: and in the mean time, the different corporations made processions in good order, round the Castlegate and all the streets of the town, with musick, and having the ensigns of their different employes displayed, which they continued to do most