

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Prince of Saxe Cobourg of Saalfeld.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of Peace, Clergy and others, Heritors and Inhabitants of the County of Orkney, in general meeting assembled, deeply affected by the late calamitous event, beg leave to approach your Serene Highness humbly to express our sentiments of sorrow and sympathy on an occasion so distressing.

Respected for your virtues and endeared to all classes by your attachment to the object of their fondest hopes, we had indulged the pleasing expectation that an union so congenial to the wishes of a whole people, would long have proved a source of domestic comfort and public happiness. The stroke by which these hopes have been so suddenly destroyed, while it has overwhelmed your Serene Highness with the deepest distress, has called forth a sympathy equally general and sincere.

Participating with our fellow subjects in these feelings, we must humbly but sincerely offer our condolence to your Serene Highness upon the melancholy occasion, earnestly praying that the Being who is now rewarding the virtues of your late beloved consort, may administer unto your Serene Highness that consolation under a dispensation so severe which mortal power cannot bestow.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, by William Graham Watt, Esq. of Breckness, Convener of the County, at Kirkwall, this 31st day of January 1818.

*Wm. G. Watt, Convener.*

[*Transmitted by R. B. J. Honyman, Esq. M. P. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

*At the Court at Carlton-House, Thursday, February 19, 1818.*

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned, in their mantles, chains, and badges, attended His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in his own apartment soon after two o'clock; and, being called over by Garter Principal King of Arms, a procession was made to the Chapter-Room in the following order:

Earl Bathurst. Viscount Castlereagh.  
 Earl of Liverpool.  
 Duke of Montrose.  
 Marquess of Hertford. Marquess of Stafford.  
 Earl of Winchilsea.  
 Earl of Hardwicke.  
 Marquess Camden. Earl Spencer.  
 Earl of Westmorland.  
 His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.  
 His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.  
 His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Sir T. Tyrwhitt, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. { The Hon. and Rev. the Dean of Windsor, Register of the Order. } Sir Isaac Heard, Knt. Garter Principal King of Arms.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order.  
 His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The Prince Regent and the Knights Companions being seated, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter the pleasure of His Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of the Sovereign, for filling the vacant stall in the Royal Chapel of St. George at Windsor.

The suffrages were then collected by the Chancellor, beginning with the Junior Knight Companion, and presented to the Prince Regent, who commanded his Lordship to declare Henry-William Marquess of Anglesey duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Marquess (being already a Knight) was thereupon received at the door of the Chapter-Room by the Viscount Castlereagh and Earl Bathurst, the two Junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them to the Prince Regent, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and Black Rod.

His Lordship kneeling near the Prince Regent, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, which His Royal Highness, assisted by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Cumberland, the two Senior Knights Companions present, buckled on his Lordship's left leg; the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

Garter then presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George; and His Royal Highness, with the assistance of the said two Senior Knights Companions, put the same over his Lordship's left shoulder; the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

The Marquess, having kissed the Prince Regent's hand, and made the usual salutations to the Knights Companions (bowing only to those of the Blood Royal), withdrew.

The Chapter ended, Garter, by the command of the Prince Regent, called over the Knights Companions; and a procession was made back to the apartment of His Royal Highness, in the order as before.

*Whitehall, February 20, 1818.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent hath been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to nominate and appoint the under-mentioned Knights Commanders of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, to be Knights Grand Crosses of the said Most Honourable Military Order:

Admiral Sir Charles Morice Pole, Bart. vice Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart. deceased.  
 Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Francis Fremantle, vice Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth, Bart. deceased.  
 Rear-Admiral Sir George Cockburn, vice Admiral Sir Richard Onslow, Bart. deceased.