

whom our hopes had long rested as the destined Sovereign of this kingdom, is to us an almost irreparable loss ; but we bow with submission to the Divine Will, and humbly hope that the succession to the Crown, in the Protestant illustrious House of Brunswick, may long be continued to perpetuate those blessings we have enjoyed under their Government ; and that your Royal Highness may long be spared to reign over your afflicted, but loyal, subjects.

Given under our common seal, at the Guild-Hall of the said Borough, the 27th day of November 1817.

[*Transmitted by Sir Joseph Banks, Bart. G. C. B. the Recorder of the Borough, and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

Unto His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The dutiful and affectionate Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock, in Common Council assembled, request to be permitted, at this melancholy season of national mourning, to approach your Royal Highness, with the expression of our sincerest sympathy on the great and irreparable loss, with which it hath pleased Almighty God, in the death of your illustrious daughter the Princess Charlotte Augusta, to afflict your Royal Highness her beloved Father, His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg her distinguished Consort, the Royal Family and whole United Kingdom.

In the sad and solemn contemplation of this lamented event, with which our minds are exercised, we receive a striking lesson of the uncertain tenure of all temporal felicity, even in circumstances of the most exalted rank, the most perfect condition of enjoyment and flattering probability of endurance. Little more than a year has elapsed since the universal gratulations of a loyal and happy people, on the auspicious occasion of her marriage, demonstrated their affectionate interest in the welfare of the Princess, whose noble and exalted character they greatly loved and honoured. That union they were eager to hope and to predict as the commencement of a long and perfect happiness to the illustrious parties so affectionately allied, and as a source of augmented satisfaction to your Royal Highness and the Royal Family in domestic and friendly relation ; but this interest became still dearer and more momentous, when the Princess was viewed as the presumptive Heiress to the Throne and the expected Mother of a long posterity, in whom the Crown and Government of the Kingdom might descend in happiness and in security.

At the period, Alas ! when these hopes, brightening in the transition of time were raised to their highest pitch, and seemed most likely to receive their happiest confirmation, it pleased Divine Providence to annul them, and to number their illustrious object with the dead, in the bloom and vigour of youth.

In such painfully afflicting circumstances of national bereavement, when an universal mourning over the memory and the tomb of the beloved Princess, and of those hopes which centered in her and in her offspring, has filled the hearts of all His Majesty's faithful subjects, we beg to commend the Royal and illustrious mourners most nearly and deeply affected, in devout submission to the will of God, to the support and consolations of that Divine Religion, in which the lamented object of their grief lived and died, and of which we trust she now inherits the promises.

That the Divine Protection and Blessing may surround and cheer the Royal Family and this people amid their mourning, and remain with them for ever ; that the Sovereignty of the empire may descend, notwithstanding the present disappointment of our hopes, in the Family of our venerable King, and that those invaluable civil and religious privileges which the nation has so highly and so long enjoyed under the Princes of His house, may be secured and transmitted, unimpaired, to the latest generations, are the earnest prayers, may it please your Royal Highness, of the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, in our presence, by Quintin Leitch, Esq. Chief Magistrate at Greenock, the 24th day of November 1817.

*Quintin Leitch.*

[*Transmitted by Quintin Leitch, Esq. and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Deputy Lieutenants, Landholders, and Justices of Peace of the County of Aberdeen, beg to be permitted to approach your Royal Highness, with expressions of our sincere and unfeigned condolence at the present mournful crisis.

Readily embracing on all former occasions, every opportunity of tendering our humble congratulations, on any event connected with the dignity, happiness and stability of the House of Brunswick, we trust we shall stand excused in expressing our warmest participation in that deep and lasting grief with which your Royal Highness is overwhelmed by the death of your illustrious and beloved daughter, the Princess Charlotte Augusta ; an event which has bereaved the nation of one of its proudest hopes and brightest ornaments ; nor can we refrain from testifying at the same time, our cordial sympathy in the inexpressible affliction which such a direful calamity must for ever occasion to her highly distinguished Consort, His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

Convinced that your Royal Highness and the other branches of His Majesty's Family, will submit with Christian fortitude to this awful dispensation of Divine Providence, we trust that you will also reap consolation from those marks of sorrow, so universally prevalent throughout the British empire, and which can alone flow from the hearts of