

kind and most tender attentions to our departed Princess; and we pray earnestly to Almighty God in his behalf, that He, "who knoweth our frame" and "remembereth that we are dust" may support and comfort him, under the overwhelming weight and afflicting peculiarity of his sufferings.

We join with the people committed to our care, in deploring those multiplied transgressions, which have brought down upon us so signal an indication of the Divine displeasure. We lament over our ingratitude, and especially our ingratitude for the blessings of national peace, and of reviving commerce; and while we humble ourselves, under the mighty hand of God, we most sincerely pray that, for Jesus Christ's sake, these, together with the other invaluable blessings which we enjoy under the benignant and prosperous administration of your Royal Highness, may be continued with us, and go down to our children's children; and above all, we pray that the Father of Mercies may take your Royal Highness into his especial care and heavenly keeping; that he may assuage the bitterness of your grief; that he may guard you from all danger and long preserve you; and that when his inscrutable purposes have been accomplished, he may at last receive you into his eternal kingdom and glory.

We remain, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient and most loyal subjects, the Ministers, the Elders of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

*Alexander Hutchison, Moderator, pro tempore.*

[*Transmitted by Lord Archibald Hamilton, M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Chancellor, Rector, Principals, and Professors of the University of St. Andrews, apprehensive of intruding upon the sacredness of paternal grief, yet anxious to testify our concern in the deepest interests of your illustrious House, presume to offer to your Royal Highness the expressions of our tenderest sympathy, upon the late afflicting dispensation, by which it has pleased the great Disposer of all, to take away the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, from a Father, from a Husband, and from a nation to whom she was so deservedly endeared.

We partake of the strong emotion which this sudden affliction has carried from the bosom of the august Family, where she was fondly cherished, and the exalted circle which she adorned, to every corner of His Majesty's dominions. We mourn the departure of those virtues, full of the fairest promise to the British empire, and enter into the sorrows of your Royal Highness, and of her illustrious affectionate Consort, with the additional grief caused by the national calamity.

It is with Him alone, who has taught us that our greatest treasures are secured beyond the vicissitudes of this fleeting scene, to heal the wounds which they leave when withdrawn.—Yet after the

consolations from this purest source shall have had time to operate, your Royal Highness may be able to think with tender satisfaction on the noblest of all monuments, to the memory of the departed amiable Princess, which rose in the unaffected grief of a great people, and will be imperishable as the annals where it is recorded: also on the moral feeling with which that people, bound to the family of their venerable beloved Sovereign, press round the throne like children, to defend, to rejoice, or to weep with a father.

Signed in name and by appointment of the University.

*Melville, Chancellor; John Cook, Vice Rector.*

[*Transmitted by Viscount Melville, and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To his Royal Highness the Prince REGENT, Earl of Chester.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Ancient and Loyal City of Chester, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness to express the deep and unfeigned sorrow which we have felt, and to offer our most sincere condolence on the affliction which your Royal Highness has recently sustained, in the lamented death of your Royal Daughter, our beloved Princess.

Most sincerely do we mourn with your Royal Highness under this afflicting dispensation of Providence; yet, we trust, it will be a source of consolation to your Royal Highness to reflect, that the short life of her whose death we so deeply lament was a bright example of every virtuous and amiable quality, which will be fondly cherished in the recollection of a dutiful and affectionate people, and that your Royal Highness will yield in humble acquiescence to the will of the Almighty disposer of all events.

To these expressions of grief and condolence, we beg leave to add the assurance of our most cordial attachment to the Person and Family of your Royal Highness, and whilst we bow with submission to the Divine Will, we would not be unthankful for the numerous blessings we enjoy under your Government, in this highly favoured nation.

Given under our Common Seal this 27th day of November 1817.

*Henry Bowers, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Mayor, and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Council of the Town of Kilmarnock, in the County of Ayr.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

PENETRATED with the deepest sorrow for the afflicting dispensation of Providence, by which your Royal Highness has been deprived of an amiable Daughter, and the Nation of a Princess, in