

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful subjects the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Dumfries, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and to express the deep sentiments of grief and regret, which we, in common with the rest of the nation, have felt on the lamented death of your amiable and exemplary daughter, the Princess Charlotte Augusta, whose virtues rendered her a pattern to her sex, and raised in us the fond expectation of beholding her an ornament to the Throne, and a blessing to the country.

While we bitterly deplore this melancholy event, upon which we beg leave sincerely to condole with your Royal Highness, we earnestly implore Almighty God, to enable you to support the heavy loss you have sustained, with that fortitude and resignation, which a due sense of religion, so necessary in the hour of affliction, can alone inspire.

By appointment of a General Meeting of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, this day assembled.

Thomas Kirkpatrick, Preses.
Dumfries, December 10, 1817.

[*Transmitted by Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq. and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

The Loyal Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, and Burgesses of the Town of Cambridge.

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

May it please your Royal Highness, most Gracious Prince,

WE, His Majesty's faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, and Burgesses of the Town of Cambridge, deeply sympathizing in the keen anguish of suffering with which your Royal Highness, Her Majesty the Queen, His Serene Highness Prince Leopold, and all the Royal Family are overwhelmed, beg leave most respectfully to offer the tribute of our condolence upon the melancholy event; which, occurring at a moment, and under circumstances so peculiarly mournful and heart-rending, has filled both the Palace and the Cottage with lamentation and sorrow.

We hailed the union of Her Royal Highness, your departed daughter, as an event most auspicious to the future prosperity and glory of England.

We followed her into the tranquil yet dignified scenes of her domestic life, and beheld in her faithful discharge of every filial and conjugal duty, in her silent unostentatious exercise of every Christian Charity, and in her entire devotion to all the sacred obligations of religion, the bright promise of an example, which could not have failed, under the Divine Blessing, to have diffused its influence most extensively and powerfully for the happiness of these kingdoms; nor in the contemplation of Her Royal Highness's domestic virtues, did we fail to

mark and admire, in the proofs of her ardent attachment to the principles of our Constitution, the surest pledge of her anxiety to maintain the liberties and promote the welfare of her future people.

But it has pleased God, in his inscrutable wisdom, to blight the prospect in which we had too fondly indulged, and to awaken us, by a signal infliction of his power, to a recollection of our entire dependance upon His mercy.

May your Royal Highness, may His Serene Highness, (in whose unbounded devotion of himself to the happiness of His Royal Consort while living, and in whose manly though heart-broken sorrows and pious resignation at her loss, your Royal Highness, in common with all ranks of His Majesty's subjects, must find an ample source of mournful gratification) may you both find consolation in this agony of grief where alone it is to be found; and may we all be enabled to convert this national calamity individually to our moral and religious improvement.

Given under our common seal, this 4th day of December 1817.

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Rutland, K. G. High Steward of the Borough, and presented by 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 Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WITH feelings of poignant grief, we, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Selkirk, for ourselves, and as representing the community of the said Burgh, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and in a manner the most dutiful and respectful, to offer our humble condolence on that severe affliction; with which it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to visit your Royal Highness and this nation, by the death of your Royal Daughter, the Princess Charlotte, consort of His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg. When we reflect on that change, which a few short weeks have made, and think of that moment to which your Royal Highness with Parental fondness looked forward, and which the subjects of these realms anticipated with the joyful expectation of the probability of a child being born, who might one day sway the sceptre over them, a happy and loyal people, and consider how sadly and how speedily all these hopes have been frustrated, and our joy turned into mourning, most deeply are we sensible how much your Royal Highness stands in need of consolation, and how much it is the duty of all your loving subjects, as far as in them lies, to endeavour to afford it. It having, however, been the will of the Almighty that your Royal Highness and the nation should suffer this sore trial, it is our duty with pious and humble resignation to bend to his will; and in the midst of sorrow it may well afford comfort to your Royal Highness's mind to reflect, that as the life of your Royal Daughter our beloved Princess was one of continued and most exemplary virtue, hold-