

tish Throne may remain long fixed in the affections of a loyal people.

[*Transmitted by John Haythorne, Esq. the Mayor, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Burgh of Evesham, in Common Council assembled.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal Burgh of Evesham, approach your Royal Highness with feelings of the most heartfelt sympathy, to express our sorrow, and to offer our condolence on the inscrutable visitation of Providence, which has bereaved your Royal Highness of a dutiful and deservedly beloved daughter; which has cut off from the British nation the presumptive Heiress to the Crown of these realms.

We had fondly anticipated the hope of rejoicing on the birth of a future Sovereign to these dominions, in a direct line from your Royal Highness; but it has pleased the Almighty, for mysterious purposes, to dash the cup of joy from our lips, and to turn our pleasure into mourning; but we trust that the God of Mercy will incline his ear to the spontaneous supplications and prayers of a people, simultaneously offered up with fervent and awful earnestness to the Throne of Grace, to give that consolation to your Royal Highness, and to the whole of the Royal Family, which he alone can bestow; and to grant forgiveness and teach resignation to an humbled and sorrowing people, in the inexplicable dispensations of His unerring wisdom.

*T. Beale Cooper, Mayor.*

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

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Linlithgow, in public Meeting assembled, deem it to be our duty, on the present occasion, humbly to address your Royal Highness, and to convey to your Royal Highness the sentiments of condolence, and of deep sympathy, with which we contemplate the recent events that have afflicted your Royal Highness and the nation.

It has been heretofore our good fortune to approach the Throne on happier occasions, and with heartfelt unanimity to swell the tide of national triumph. We now, in the discharge of a painful duty, but with the same sentiments of loyalty to the King, and of affectionate respect for your Royal Highness, desire to join in that universal expression of public sorrow, which has been so strongly excited by the disappointment of our hopes, and by the lamented death of your Royal Highness's august daughter, the Princess Charlotte of Wales.

The virtues of that Illustrious Person, and the

union she had so happily formed with a Prince whose character we admire and revere, and in whose affliction we deeply sympathise, had justly tended to excite the fondest hopes, and to present the most auspicious prospect for the future.

The decrees of an unerring Providence, by destroying these hopes, and blighting that prospect, have involved the nation in gloom. But as Britons and as men, we feel justly proud of the nature and of the extent of that public feeling that has been called forth; and while we believe that it will eminently tend to draw closer those bands which, in every free State, should unite the Prince and the people, we feel persuaded that, under God, it will be the surest means of conveying to the breast of your Royal Highness that measure of consolation of which the melancholy occasion admits, and of which, it is our most earnest desire, that your Royal Highness, and the other branches of your Illustrious House, may participate in the fullest extent.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, by the Right Honourable John Earl of Hoptoun, our Preses.

At Linlithgow, the 4th day of December, 1817.

*Hoptoun.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Hoptoun, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The respectful and dutiful Address of the County of Selkirk.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, and Heritors of the County of Selkirk, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the expression of our deep sorrow, and of our heartfelt sympathy, on occasion of the severe calamity which, in the untimely fate of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte, has befallen your Royal Highness's Family, and the British nation. Participating, as we do, in the general feeling of grief, we humbly offer the tribute of sincere condolence, praying that the Almighty Disposer of events, may support your Royal Highness under this heavy affliction.

May your Royal Highness long be spared to a loyal and affectionate people: and may your Illustrious Family reign in happiness to the most distant posterity.

Signed at Selkirk, the 11th of December 1817, in name of, and by appointment of the Meeting.

*Buccleuch, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, K. T. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The condoling and dutiful Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the ancient Royal Burgh of Inverness.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the ancient Royal Burgh of Inverness, deeply lamenting the irreparable loss recently sustained by