

desolated his domestic happiness, and bereft him of the object of his tenderest affections.

We believe and are assured, that to the great and only source of consolation, the thoughts of your heart have been directed, by this severe visitation; and we are persuaded, that, next to the comforts of religion, there can be no more effectual antidote to the grief by which your Royal Highness is bowed down, than the assurance of the affectionate sympathy and condolence of all your loyal and dutiful subjects.

That the Gracious Power, from whose inflictions no rank nor station can exempt, but which never afflicteth but in mercy, may speedily restore to your Royal Highness the blessings of comfort and tranquillity, and that you may long be spared to reign in health and prosperity over a loyal and united people, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Magistrates and Common Council of the Burgh of Haddington, assembled this 13th day of December 1817 years, by

John Martine, Provost.

[Transmitted by the Provost, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City of Elgin, presume to approach your Throne to testify our sincere sympathy with your Royal Highness's feelings on the mournful occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte Augusta, by which you have lost a beloved only daughter, and the nation its brightest ornament and fondest hope.—No sorrow could be more deep and unaffected than that raised in our minds by the melancholy event—and if the assurances of the heart-felt condolence, love and unshaken attachment of your subjects, can in any degree alleviate the grief of your Royal Highness, we offer them, with that sincerity with which your splendid virtues, as our Ruler, inspire us, heightened by our sense of your severe affliction as a Father.

F. W. Grant, P.

[Transmitted by Col. F. W. Grant, M. P. 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, His Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Cullen, North Britain, humbly desire, with sentiments of heart-felt sorrow, to approach your Royal Highness, and to convey, in terms of sincere loyalty to our revered Monarch, of dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness, and of high respect towards the Prince Leopold, our unanimous expressions of condolence upon this distressing calamity recently sustained, in the untimely death of Her Royal Highness the late excellent Princess your daughter.

While we deeply deplore this severe dispensation;

which has at once deprived the kingdom of its fairest ornament and its future hope, we also lament our own inability to administer adequate consolation; but we earnestly pray Almighty God, that He may inspire your Royal Highness and His Serene Highness your Son-in-law with fortitude and resignation under a visitation no less afflicting than it has been sudden and unexpected;—that you may enjoy a long and prosperous life;—and that the succession to the Crown of this Great Empire may continue for ages in the Illustrious House of Brunswick.

Signed, by our appointment and in our name, by,
F. W. Grant, P.

[Transmitted by Col. F. W. Grant, M. P. 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 Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common Council of the City of Canterbury, in Burghmote assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common Council of the ancient City of Canterbury, in Burghmote assembled, humbly approach your Royal Highness with our unfeigned and sincere condolence, at your irreparable loss, in the premature and unexpected death of your most amiable daughter, the Princess Charlotte Augusta, Consort of His Serene Highness Leopold, Prince of Saxe Cobourg, an event which has deeply affected the whole nation.

From this union, so happily formed, and so honourably and virtuously supported, we had fondly anticipated a line of Princes, who would in due time have held and firmly supported the crown of these realms, and the blessings of our happy Constitution; but the inscrutable dispensations of Providence, to which we, with great humility, bow down, have otherwise decreed; and we can only now offer to your Royal Highness our deepest sympathy and regret at this lamented loss.

Given under the common seal of the said City, the 2d day of December 1817.

[Transmitted by S. R. Lushington, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Mayor, Deputy Recorder, Magistrates, Aldermen, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Dunheved, otherwise Launceston, in the County of Cornwall, with feelings of the most acute sorrow, beg leave submissively to approach your Royal Person, to offer our heartfelt condolence on the death of your Royal Highness's amiable and justly beloved daughter.

We feel, in common with our fellow subjects, that in her death the nation has at once been de-