

County of Northampton, humbly approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of sincere condolence and deep affliction, on the irreparable loss which your Royal Highness and the nation have sustained, in the lamented death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte.

Firmly attached to the person and family of your Royal Highness, we beheld, with the highest satisfaction, the recent union of your Illustrious Daughter with the Prince Leopold; an union accompanied by every circumstance which could justify our most sanguine expectations, whether we looked to the ripening virtues of our beloved Princess, or the amiable and estimable character of her august Consort.

We participate, in common with the whole Empire, in the poignant grief which your Royal Highness must have felt as a parent on this mournful occasion; but we humbly trust, that the same Almighty Hand which has inflicted the blow, will support your Royal Highness under the pressure of so severe a dispensation.

Signed, in the name and at the unanimous request of a Public Meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Northampton, held at the County Hall the 16th day of December, 1817.

*Charles Knightley, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by the Sheriff, and presented by 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 and loyal subjects, the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of Ipswich, in Great Court assembled, impressed with feelings of the deepest grief at the sudden and deplorable calamity which it has pleased the Almighty to inflict upon your Royal Highness and this nation, in the death of your Royal Highness's beloved daughter, the Princess Charlotte Augusta, Consort of His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our sincerest expressions of condolence upon this awful and distressing event, which has alike enveloped your Royal Highness and your people in indescribable sorrow and dismay.

Although, as Christians, we acknowledge it to be our duty to bear this calamitous visitation of Providence with resignation, yet, we feel your Royal Highness's and our own irreparable loss, as husbands, as parents, and as men; we shall ever lament her death as a misfortune which has deprived your Royal Highness of a beloved child, and presumptive Heiress to the Throne, and bereft the nation of a future Sovereign, whose eminent virtues had endeared her to a loyal and affectionate people.

Whilst we presume to hope your Royal Highness will derive some consolation, in this moment of sorrow, from the recollection, that the memory of your departed daughter will ever live in the hearts of Englishmen, and be revered by succeeding generations, we shall not fail to implore the Almighty Disposer of Events to alleviate the sufferings of your

Royal Highness, by future blessings on your august Person and on your Family.

Given under our common seal the 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord 1817.

[*Transmitted by R. A. Crickett, Esq. and J. Round, jun. Esq. 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, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the Corporation of Huntingdon, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with expressions of our heartfelt grief and condolence at the lamented death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, consort of His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

When we contemplate the amiable qualities, splendid endowments of mind, and transcendent virtues that adorned Her Royal Highness, and rendered her as illustrious in moral excellence as elevated in rank, we feel the impossibility of finding consolation for such a loss, from any source, but a sense of duty in submitting to the inscrutable decrees of Divine Wisdom. Nor should we satisfy our feelings, not to state to your Royal Highness our assurance of the unfeigned sincerity with which, in common with the whole nation, we sympathize in the sufferings of His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, for the loss of one, whose high merits, his mind so well enabled him to appreciate. We beg your Royal Highness to accept our fervent prayers for the restoration of that peace of mind which has been so deeply wounded, for your health and happiness, long to govern a nation deeply impressed with their present calamity, but endeared to your Royal Highness's Family by the strongest ties of duty and affection.

Given under the common Seal of the Corporation, the 17th day of December 1817.

*John Savile Dobym, 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, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses and other Inhabitants of the Borough Town of Malden, in the County of Essex, beg leave, with feelings of the utmost respect and sorrow, submissively to approach your Royal Highness and humbly offer our sincere condolence on the loss which your Royal Highness and the nation in general have sustained, by the ever to be lamented death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales and Her Royal Infant.

We humbly pray that Divine Providence will support your Royal Highness under this heavy affliction, and beg leave to conclude with a repetition of those sentiments of attachment, which, as we