

has fallen on your Royal Highness and the family of our beloved and venerable Sovereign, by the death of your illustrious daughter the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

The talents, the accomplishments, the principles, the virtues, and the piety of that distinguished personage, had deservedly endeared her with peculiar tenderness to the affectionate feelings of her Royal Father; while we, in common with the whole British people, had marked these eminent qualities in her character with the utmost respect, admiration, and love, and had fondly indulged the flattering anticipation, that a Princess so accomplished was destined, by a gracious Providence, to promote, in her august person, the lustre of the Royal House, the dignity of the Throne, and the prosperity and glory of the empire; objects which we know have ever been most dear to the heart of your Royal Highness.

Deign then, Sir, to receive our humble assurance, that we deplore, with the most poignant sympathy, this calamitous dispensation, which has agonized and disappointed, by so fatal and mournful a reverse, at once the private paternal affections, and the public patriotic hopes of your Royal Highness.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, and the seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 10th day of December 1817.

*Kincaid Mackenzie, Lord Provost.*

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

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, the Portreeves, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Ashburton, venture to approach your Royal Highness with our condolence on the death of the Princess Charlotte of Saxe Cobourg and her offspring, of a Princess whose virtues in domestic life gave promise of what she would have been in public life, had it pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to have prolonged her existence. We would not long intrude on the hallowed sanctuary of grief; we feel of what little service, to allay the agitations of sorrow, can be the lamentations and regrets even of the whole empire; but if any consolation can, under such circumstances, reach the heart of your Royal Highness, some consolation may spring from a knowledge of that unbounded loyalty, that sincere affection, and real affliction, which the nation has, on this mournful occasion, so universally displayed.

When your Royal Highness can contemplate, with some degree of calmness, the mark of unfeigned respect which has thus been paid to the memory of this distinguished branch of the illustrious House of Brunswick, of which this country has been deprived, that contemplation must afford satisfaction to your Royal Highness, as it evinces a national regard for its Princes, in proportion to their virtues.

*Rob. Abraham, Andrew Tucker, Portreeves.*

[*Presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, Commonalty, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Hertford, beg leave to offer our condolence on the heavy loss which your Royal Highness and the nation have sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta. We are sensible that it is not for us to suggest to your Royal Highness those topics which afford to a father the only solid ground of consolation on so melancholy an occasion, and we fear that by dwelling on those amiable qualities and excellent virtues which so eminently adorned the Princess whose loss we deplore, we might excite feelings which we desire only to soothe; of this however we are confident, that your Royal Highness must derive comfort in your affliction from the deep impression which this mournful event has made upon the hearts of the whole nation. We trust, that that Power which has conducted us safely through great and numerous perils will still grant us its protection, and that your Royal Highness and your august Family may long continue to reign over an affectionate and loyal people.

To these expressions of dutiful respect to your Royal Highness, we humbly beg leave to add our sincere condolence with His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold, in whose sorrow also we take an unfeigned interest, and whose conduct has secured to him the respect and affection of a generous and sympathizing nation.

*Edward Ellis, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by Nicholson Calvert, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, humbly beg leave to express to your Royal Highness how deeply our hearts, and the hearts of all the Clergymen and Laymen of our Communion, are penetrated by sorrow for that affliction with which your Royal Highness and the British empire have been so lately visited.

Of the loss which the empire at large has sustained, all ranks and degrees of the people appear to be duly sensible; and numbers of them must know, by experience, what are the personal feelings of an affectionate parent on being bereft by death of a virtuous, dutiful, and accomplished child. But the feelings of your Royal Highness on being so unexpectedly, and in such circumstances, deprived of a daughter so illustrious, born to such high prospects, and so well qualified to adorn the elevated station which she appeared destined to fill, must be such as no other man in the empire has ever experienced, and such as very few, if any, are able adequately to conceive.

In the midst of this universal and deep-rooted grief, one consolation remains both to your Royal Highness and the nation. Although she, whose untimely fate is so justly deplored, hath not lived to wear an earthly Crown, there is no room to doubt, but that, for the sake of Him in whom alone she reposed her trust, and "whose doctrine," dur-