

bly request that your Royal Highness will accept our sincere and heartfelt condolence on the late most calamitous event which has deprived your Royal Highness of a beloved and amiable daughter, overwhelmed the country with the deepest concern, and disappointed its fondest hopes, at a time when it was anticipating circumstances which would have filled every heart with joy.

We could be silent, Royal Sir, from the most profound respect to your paternal sorrows, but your exalted mind will deign, in the midst of affliction, to accept the sympathy and dutiful attachment of a loyal and affectionate people.

May every present consolation be yours, which can attend a sorrowing parent, and every future blessing which can dignify a great and illustrious Prince.

Signed by order of the Meeting,

*John Barrett, Mayor.*

[Presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Master, Assistants, and Members of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh, incorporated by Royal Charter, ratified in Parliament, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness to express those feelings of sincere regret which we experienced from an event which has so suddenly involved this Kingdom in such deep and universal sorrow; and with sentiments of the most heartfelt grief, humbly to offer to your Royal Highness, in common with the rest of our fellow-subjects, the homage of our condolence on this occasion, where your Royal Highness has to mourn the loss of an only and amiable child, and where we have to regret the death of a Princess, not more endeared to us by those virtues which so eminently adorned her private character, than by those endowments which promised the accomplishment of the hopes so fondly entertained of her, as the future Sovereign of these realms.

While we thus humbly and sincerely sympathize with your Royal Highness in your present affliction, we pray that the Almighty Disposer of Events may give you fortitude and resignation to endure it.

Signed, in name and by appointment of a General Meeting of the Company, this 10th day of December 1817,

*William Patison, Master.*

[Transmitted by William Patison, Esq. Master, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The affectionate and dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Council of the Burgh of Dunbar, in Council assembled.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Magistrates and Council of the Burgh of Dunbar, have assembled together, humbly to present our deep expression of grief, in the severe and afflicting loss which your Royal Highness has recently sustained. And while we sincerely lament that the amiable and much beloved Princess is now

no more, we can truly affirm, that the irreparable loss has visited us in our dwellings, with the most heartfelt private as well as public calamity.

On such a trying occasion, alas! in our humble walk in life, we have nothing to offer but our prayers, that your Royal Highness may feel resigned to the will of the Almighty Disposer of all Events, under the consolatory reflection, that "He alone knows, in his inscrutable Providence, what is good for us better than we do."

We most sincerely sympathize in your Royal Highness's feelings, and unfeignedly offer the humble assurance of our dutiful condolence, as the genuine sentiments which unite all ranks of the British people in loyalty and affection for the family of their good and venerable Sovereign.

At the Council Chamber, Dunbar, 15th December, 1817,

*William Hume, Provost.*

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

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg; which Addresses His Serene Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the City of Waterford, beg leave to approach your Serene Highness, and with heartfelt sorrow to offer our condolence on the ever to be lamented death of your amiable and illustrious consort the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

In common with all the subjects of the realm, we deeply bewail the premature extinction of these virtues which adorned her exalted rank, and raised the highest expectations of her future excellence throughout the whole British empire.

We present to your Serene Highness our most earnest wishes for your prosperity and happiness, together with our ardent prayers, that you may be enabled through Divine Providence, to sustain with fortitude and resignation the severe and affecting calamity, with which it has pleased the Supreme Disposer of Events to visit your Serene Highness and the nation at large.

*Saml. Morgan, Mayor, Chairman.*

Waterford, December 11, 1817.

[Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.]

To His Serene Highness Leopold Prince of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, the Mayor, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of Cork, in Court of D'Oyer Hundred assembled, sincerely affected by the recent and irreparable loss that your Serene Highness has sustained by the untimely death of your most amiable consort, Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, beg leave to offer our most sincere condolence upon that melancholy event; an event the more to be lamented, as afflicting a Prince who has