

endeared himself to the people of this empire, by his amiable and conciliating manners in private life, and by his unexampled discretion and prudence in public.

Done, under the Common Seal of said City, the 12th day of December 1817.

*Thomas Gibbings, Mayor.*

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

At a meeting of the Noblemen, Clergy, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Meath, convened by the High Sheriff at Navan, on Saturday the 13th of December, the following resolutions passed unanimously :

Resolved,

THAT we most cordially sympathize with His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, on the disastrous event that dissolved the endearing ties that united him to the most lovely and virtuous of women, at the moment that promised to draw those ties closer, and to render them more dear to his heart, by adding the feelings of a father to those of the most affectionate and the best beloved of husbands.

Resolved,

That the Representatives of the County be requested to communicate respectfully, and through the proper channel, this resolution to His Serene Highness, with our earnest wishes that he may be enabled to yield to this complicated misfortune with patience and resignation, and may yet enjoy many years of health and happiness; solacing himself with the reflexion that he fully appreciated the merits, and with all the sympathies of a congenial heart, and a perfectly corresponding truth and warmth, returned the love of his incomparable Princess, and assured that he has for ever secured to himself the esteem, the respect, and the affections of the whole British people.

*Ferdinand Meath M'Veagh, High Sheriff of the County of Meath.*

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

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Highness,*

WE have not hitherto laid before you the unfeigned sentiments of sympathy and affliction which we have experienced at the untimely death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales and her infant.

It was not that we felt less strongly or less promptly than others, the extent of our loss, and of her virtues, but perhaps appreciating more fully the magnitude of your grief, we felt reluctant earlier to intrude on its retirement.

The same blow has swept away, by her death, the dearest blessings of your life, and the brightest hopes of our continued national felicity and renown.

Her short, though elevated, career has closed; but her great and good qualities have left behind them an immortal name.

Her probity, her private honour, domestic virtues, and devoted attachment to the sacred princi-

ples on which British liberty and happiness are founded, will never be forgotten.

They afford an eminent example of that strength of character, and native virtue which, at so early an age, are rarely to be met with in the page of history; they rose superior to the temptations of youth and rank, and have left us to deplore one far more distinguished by exalted worth than by elevated station.

That character and those virtues are now beyond the reach of envy, and our praises can no longer incur the charge of flattery.

You cheered the progress and soothed the difficulties of her exalted career; and may that recollection mitigate your sorrow for her loss, and enable you to enjoy that happiness which your virtues have so well deserved.

*Samuel Maddox, Mayor.*

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

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

The respectful Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Kilkenny, legally convened on the 11th day of December 1817.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

THOUGH we feel unfeigned reluctance to intrude on the retirement of your grief, emotions of a stronger nature impel us to lay before you those sentiments of deep sorrow with which we are inspired, by the untimely death of your illustrious consort and her infant.

That event, which it has pleased the Ruler of the universe to ordain, has swept away at once from you the dearest blessings of life, from an illustrious family one of its proudest ornaments, and from a nation its brightest hopes of future felicity and renown.

We trust that honourable ambition which prompted you to pursue with her that elevated career, which has for ever endeared her memory to Britain, will yield you some consolation, from the proud and immortal name it has conferred on her whom you have loved and lost.

In her life we saw a bright example of that probity, that private honour, and those domestic virtues which distinguish and ennoble the British character, and perhaps beyond all other causes, have contributed to render that nation great, free, prosperous, and happy.

In her we fondly traced those principles which have given the rule of this empire to her ancestors, and maintained their throne unshaken amidst the wreck of surrounding nations.

Severe to herself, though alive to the sufferings of others, she deeply felt the distress which this people had sustained in their great, successful and necessary conflict; disdained useless pomp and luxury, and limited her expenditure within the narrowest bounds consistent with the splendour of her exalted station.

But although her life has now fled, and with it the well-founded hopes of these realms, yet we shall always cherish the grateful recollection of her virtues, as an example of that conduct which, when displayed in Princes, is the surest source of national prosperity, and of individual renown.