you mourn over the desolation of your once delightful prospects, and of the happiness you so recently enjoyed. We consider it, however, our bounden duty to assure your Serene Highness of the unfeigned and warm interest we take in every thing that concerns you, and of the sympathies which your afflictive destiny has produced. We consider it as a tribute due to your distinguished worth, to express our conviction, that the moral, intellectual and religious principles, which have been so eminently displayed during your residence among us, in the uniform discharge of every domestic, social and public duty, have not only conciliated the esteem, but will for ever endear you to the best affections of the British Nation.

Under such impressions, allow us, Sir, to offer our most heartfelt condolence in this severe visitation of Providence, while we recommend you with all earnestness to the Great Comforter of the afflicted, and implore Him to support you under this trial, and to restore you to tranquillity and peace.

Signed, at the request of the Meeting.

Samuel Bremridge, Mayor.

Barnstaple, December, 15, 1817.

[*Transmitted by the Mayor, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

Unto His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Coboürg, &c. &c.

The respectful and affectionate Address of the Heritors, Householders, and other Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Kelso, in public Meeting assembled, at Kelso, this 29th day of November 1817.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Heritors, Householders, and other Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Kelso, beg leave in your peculiar circumstances of complicated distress, humbly to solicit your Serene Highness's acceptance of this sincere tribute of our unfeigned respect and condolence.

Thankful as we have ever been for the privileges and blessings which as Britons we inherit and enjoy, we have been accustomed to regard, as with kindred affection, the joys and sorrows of that Illustrious House, under whose mild and paternal sway, these privileges and blessings are confirmed and secured: but never in the annals of our country, did the public hopes follow with more animated joy, or cherish with fonder affection, any of the race of our Princes, than the Illustrious Female whose early promise, progressive accomplishments, and public and private virtues, made her the object of admiration and love. Anticipating as we did the continuance of the Royal Line in her person, never did we feel an interest more lively, or emotions more afflicting, than on occasion of the recent dark and mysterious dispensation of Heaven, which has at once deprived her Royal Parents of an only and most beloved child, your Serene Highness of the purest sources of domestic felicity, and the United Kingdom of its most buoyant and ardent hopes—hopes which have been blasted on the very eve of their accomplishment.

To your Serene Highness, the chosen partner of her heart, we know not how to offer consolation; meanwhile, confidence in the goodness and submission to the unerring Will of the Almighty Disposer of human affairs, is a duty every way becoming our condition as dependent creatures, and as Christians—a duty, of which, in the moment of her severe trial, and on the eve of her own departure, she afforded a striking and memorable example. The change is, to her, we trust, the commencement of eternal happiness, and the remembrance of her Christian graces, blended as it must be with the confident hope in her present felicity, may lead your Serene Highness, whilst emulating her virtues, to the cheering prospect of a participation of her bliss in a higher and holier state of being.

Subscribed in name, and by appointment of the Meeting. *Roxburghe.*

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Roxburghe, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

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

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Provost, Magistrates and Councillers of the Ancient Burgh of Haddington, presume to approach your Serene Highness, with the humble, but sincere expression of our deep sympathy and condolence.

We remember, with fond and fruitless regret, the virtues and the graces, which have been prematurely consigned to the grave. Upon them, your Serene Highness had built your hopes of a life of happiness. In them, a loyal and affectionate people saw the earnest of a long season of prosperity. We bow before that decree of an All-wise Ruler, which hath blasted these hopes and prospects. It is our consolation to reflect, that in all His dispensations there is mercy;—and to know that, under a trial which the unassisted reason of man could not have sustained, your Serene Highness has been supported by a strength greater than that of man.

But a few days have passed, since we regarded your Serene Highness as the Consort of our future Sovereign. We are now proud to claim you as a fellow-citizen and fellow-subject; and, amid the oppression of our grief, we can yet be gratified by the thought, that the same virtues, which have adorned your exalted station, and which, if it had pleased God, would have illustrated your union with our Sovereign, will yet be displayed upon the destined theatre of their exertion.

May your grief be speedily assuaged, by the consolations of Religion, by the lenient hand of time, and by the assurance of the universal, the respectful, and the affectionate attachment of the British Nation. May you long be spared, to assist it by your counsels, and to instruct it by your example; and after a long life of virtue and of usefulness, may you rejoin the objects of your dearest affections in that better Country, where sorrow and seperation are unknown.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council assembled, at Haddington, this 13th day of December 1817.

John Vartine, Provost.

[*Transmitted by the Provost, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]