To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

Most Excellent Prince,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Clergy of the County of Elgin, regarding with high approbation, the prudence and propriety with which you have uniformly filled your exalted station in this country, beg leave to present to your Serene Highness our most cordial expressions of sympathy and condolence, on the unexpected and deplorable death of your august Consort; an event that has not only given a deep and painful wound to the tender feelings of your own heart, but also to those of all ranks in the British Empire. That most amiable Princess, by her condescending mildness of temper, her undeviating rectitude of conduct—her unostentatious piety—her diffusive benevolence—and her exemplary discharge of all the relative duties, while she made the most indelible impression on your Highness's mind, rendered herself at the same time the delight and admiration of every sincere lover of our King and Country, and excited our ardent hopes, that the blessings of that mild and paternal Government, which we have ever enjoyed under the Illustrious House of Brunswick, would, through her, be handed down to our latest posterity. It has, however, pleased the great Disposer of all Events, to blast these flattering prospects, and we must now acquiesce in His will, all whose dispensations ultimately terminate in good.

May that Almighty Being, who has inflicted this calamitous stroke, support your Serene Highness under it, and console you with the assurance, that the virtuous will be again conjoined with those kindred souls, whom they here esteemed and loved, in a happier world.

W. Grant, M. P. for the County of Moray.

[*Transmitted by W. Grant, Esq. M.P. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold, of Saxe-Cobourg.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Berwick, beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness our sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolence on the death of your illustrious and amiable Consort, the Princess Charlotte Augusta, an event which has overwhelmed us and the whole nation with the deepest affliction.

We are unwilling on this melancholy occasion to intrude on your feelings, or to disturb the indulgence of private sorrow; but we cannot avoid assuring your Serene Highness, that your Royal Consort had, by her amiable qualities, and the fulfilment of every duty incumbent on her exalted station, endeared herself to the whole British nation, which will never cease to regret her sudden and untimely loss.

We are further induced to address your Serene Highness, from a desire to express our sense of your own good qualities and virtues, displayed during the short time you have been known to us, and to assure you, that you have rendered yourself so much an object of affectionate regard to the British people, that we shall always pour forth our ardent wishes for your welfare and prosperity.

Signed, in our name and by our appointment, by our Preses, the Earl of Home, at Greenlaw, the 16th day of December 1817.

Home, P.

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Home, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, the Mayor, Deputy Recorder, Town Clerk, Sheriffs, Common Council, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the County of the Borough of Carmarthen, deeply deploring the great and irreparable loss which your Serene Highness and the English nation have sustained, in the lamented death of your illustrious and amiable Consort, humbly beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness our condolence on that calamitous event. We beheld with heartfelt pleasure the union between our beloved Princess and your Serene Highness; and as we participated in the joy excited by that union, so do we now deeply share your grief; and we beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness that tribute of regard and attachment which is so justly due to your own personal merits, and to your late alliance with a Princess so dear to Britons. That the Almighty may enable your Serene Highness to sustain, with Christian fortitude and resignation, your irreparable loss, is our constant and earnest prayer.

John Hughes, Mayor of Carmarthen.

Carmarthen, 18th December 1817.

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

To His Serene Highness the Prince of Saxe-Cobourg.

WE, the Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County Palatine of Chester, most respectfully present to your Serene Highness the tribute of our condolence and unfeigned sorrow on the irreparable loss your Serene Highness has sustained in the death of your amiable and ever-to-be-lamented Consort. We had cherished the hope of your enjoyment of a long series of domestic happiness, and had fondly anticipated from it a succession of virtuous and patriotic Sovereigns. The inscrutable wisdom of Providence has disappointed these hopes, and it is our duty to submit, humbly praying the Almighty to support you under this severe infliction.

We beg to assure your Serene Highness that your numerous virtues have endeared you to the British nation, and that we shall ever feel a cordial interest in your future happiness.

By order of the meeting,

Richard Brooke, High Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by the Sheriff of the County, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]