or the real sympathy we entertain for your Highness on account of an event which has filled every bosom with the deepest anguish, and which we regard as a great national calamity. If any consolation can be derived in such an awful dispensation, we would seek it in the many amiable qualities and virtues of her who is now removed from us, and in that resignation to the Divine will, so bright an example of which the illustrious Princess, in her last moments, has left us to imitate.

Signed in our presence, in our name, and by our appointment, at Dumfries, this 27th day of November 1817 years.

John Barker, Provost and Chief Magistrate.

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

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick Prince of Saxe Cobourg.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Ancient Borough of Hartlepool, beg leave humbly to present to your Serene Highness, the expression of our sincere condolence, on the melancholy death of your most Illustrious Consort the Princess Charlotte.

The anguish which overpowered every other feeling, on the sudden and fatal termination of our most sanguine hopes, now gives place to the most tender sympathy for the agonized feelings of a husband and a father; and we devoutly pray that Providence may give you strength to bear this appalling visitation with pious resignation, and that the excess of your grief may find some alleviation and even comfort, in the words of that angelic spirit, whose untimely fate we all deplore, that "it is the Will of God."

Darlington, Mayor.

Town Hall, Hartlepool, December 1, 1817, done at a Court of Aldermen.

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Darlington, and presented by Sir R. Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness George Frederick Prince of Saxe Cobourg.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk, desirous of expressing in common, with other parts of the kingdom, the sorrow we feel at the calamity which has awaited your Serene Highness and the nation at large, beg leave to address your Serene Highness in sincere and unfeigned language of condolence.

We are desirous also of thus recording the high sense we entertain, of the exalted virtues of your late illustrious and beloved Consort, as well as of those which have distinguished the character of your Serene Highness from your first introduction to this country.

We trust, in discharging this painful but necessary duty, we shall not add to the poignancy of your Serene Highness's sufferings, but rather hope they may find some mitigation from the general assurances of a nation's esteem—and above all we most anxiously hope that the same all-wise and all-powerful hand which has so severely wounded your Serene Highness's feelings, may administer such timely and religious comfort as will soothe and reconcile your suffering mind to this awful dispensation of Heaven.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the County, *Rt. Harland.* Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by the High Sheriff, and presented by Sir R. Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Leopold, Duke of Saxe, and Prince of Cobourg.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to express our anxious solicitude to alleviate the sorrow and distress which your Serene Highness has sustained by the awful dissolution of the union between our beloved Princess and your Serene Highness.

We beg to assure your Serene Highness, that we feel very sensibly the affecting loss you have sustained, but forbear dwelling upon so mournful a subject, as by so doing we may tend to aggravate your Highness's affliction. We therefore can only allow ourselves to assure your Serene Highness that as we participated in the felicity of your alliance, so now with great esteem and reverence for your Serene Highness's virtues and character, we deeply deplore your sorrows and affliction.

We beg to tender to your Serene Highness our tribute of respect and veneration, so justly due to your own eminent goodness, and to the memory of a Princess, whose irreparable loss has come home to our breasts with a heartfelt shock of private calamity.

Given under the Common Seal, the 11th day of December 1817.

John Elam, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by Robert Waller, Esq. the Town Clerk, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Duke of Saxe, Margrave of Misnia, Landgrave of Thuringia, Prince of Cobourg of Saalfeld.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and others, Freeholders of the County of Berks, respectfully beg leave to approach your Serene Highness with feelings of heartfelt grief and condolence on the awful calamity, which by the inscrutable dispensation of Almighty God, has destroyed the happiness of your Serene Highness's domestic life, and at the same time disappointed the fond and ardent hopes of the nation.

Gratified, as we are persuaded your Serene Highness has been by the feelings which have been manifested in a degree, and to an extent wholly unexampled, by all ranks and descriptions of persons throughout the kingdom, we are confident that your Serene Highness will, with ourselves, derive the best consolation from a pious and humble submission to the will of Him, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and on whom our only sure dependance can be placed.