

very prime of a life, devoted to the cultivation of the best principles and the acquisition of the most virtuous habits—a national loss so unexpected, and so irreparable cannot fail of warning us to exercise that consideration, which the day of adversity is mercifully intended to produce. That survey will discover the depraved state of religion and morals in this country to be such, that we shall not be surprised at the severity of any chastisements that have fallen, or may yet fall upon us. We see the inestimable blessings of peace, at the termination of a perilous and sanguinary war, ungratefully slighted. We observe with the deepest sorrow and heaviness of heart, the publication of licentious and profane writings, the direct tendency of which is, to sap the foundations of religion, by rendering its doctrines, and solemn services, subjects of derision; and to excite ignorant and unwary men to acts of violence and treason. But amidst this lamentable depravity, it hath pleased the gracious Providence of God to open to our view a consoling prospect of better things to come. More diligent, and better directed efforts are now, and have, for some time past, been employed, and we trust will be continued with increasing energy, to rescue the bulk of the nation and to guard and preserve its youth from the sad consequences of ignorance and vice. To this truly Christian labour your Royal Highness has been pleased to grant the most signal encouragement of your protection and patronage.

Having the same purpose most anxiously at heart, we pledge ourselves to your Royal Highness, that to the utmost of our abilities and opportunities, we will zealously exert ourselves in the promotion of this and all other means of meliorating both the spiritual and temporal condition of the people committed to our charge. We beg leave further to submit to your Royal Highness, that even from the very depth of our national grief there hath sprung a source of consolation, peculiar to itself, and, we trust, well calculated to allay the anguish of your Royal Highness's paternal heart. The voice of mourning has been heard from all descriptions of men; and that, not in the mere form and common demonstrations of sorrow, but with great affinity to the plaintive moans of a family deprived of its fondest hopes. A circumstance of peculiar interest, and by which we humbly hope your Royal Highness will graciously appreciate the devoted attachment of the nation, to your Royal person and government, and to the happy constitution which it is your Royal Highness's glory to maintain inviolate.

May those exalted virtues, the loss of which, as a living example, we so deeply deplore, be cherished in grateful remembrance by all, and more especially be contemplated as a model for imitation, by those of her own sex who in their nearer approach to the highest station of civil society, will perceive a proportional similarity of obligations and duties.

Finally, with hearts full of affection and loyalty, we commend your Royal Highness to the special favour and protection of that merciful Being, who alone can heal the wounds, which he inflicts for our good. May He bless and preserve your Royal Highness in health and prosperity, and during a long and happy future reign, may He, through

your Royal Highness's ministration, convey to your loving people all the blessings by which a highly favoured nation can feel and prove; that they have the Lord for their God!

Signed in the name and at the desire of the Clergy of the Diocese of Durham, assembled at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 8th day of January 1818.

*Shute, Dunelm.; Richard Prosser, Archdeacon of Durham; Reynold Gideon Bouyer, Archdeacon of Northumberland.*

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Durham, 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 loyal subjects, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacons, the Prebendaries, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Chichester, beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness the tribute of our sincere and respectful condolences on the death of your illustrious and amiable consort the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales.

In the midst of that unfeigned sorrow with which this lamentable event has overwhelmed these kingdoms, every eye has been turned to your Serene Highness, and every heart has participated in your sorrows. In the lives of yourself and your beloved consort we had seen a pattern of every private virtue, of domestic happiness, and conjugal affection; and the strong proofs which you have given since the day of your irreparable loss, of attachment to the person, and reverence for the memory of our lamented Princess, have endeared you to the hearts of His Majesty's loyal subjects.

It would ill become us to offer any consolation to your Serene Highness on this melancholy occasion; your respect for the ordinances, and attention to the duties of religion assure us, that you well know where to seek for relief under the greatest of human afflictions, and with what feelings and frame of mind you must submit yourself to the dispensations of God's wise and benevolent providence.

That Almighty God may support your Serene Highness under the affliction which he has been pleased to lay upon you, and that he may long preserve your valuable life, is the prayer of your Serene Highness's faithful and humble servants, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacons, the Prebendaries, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Chichester.

*J. Cicest.*

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Chichester, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe-Cobourg.

WE, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Durham, lamenting that awful dispen-