

sation which bereaved the nation of it's hopes, and inflicted on your Serene Highness the heaviest calamity which man can suffer, would not intrude upon your sorrow with the assurance of our condolence, were we not persuaded that you will find a consolation in the public sympathy: for as the grief, so honourable to the heart of your Serene Highness, evinces the great and amiable qualities which adorned the Princess, and is the most affecting tribute to her memory, so on the other hand your Serene Highness must be gratified by seeing those qualities appreciated, and that memory cherished, by the whole people of Great Britain.

During your residence in this country our respect for the character and conduct of your Serene Highness has been constantly increasing, and especially for those domestic virtues which are beautiful in every rank of life, but most salutary in exalted stations; and we beg leave to say that your Serene Highness has been no less valued by us for your example than you are now endeared to us by your affliction.

We humbly beseech Almighty God to ease the burden of your sorrows, and to make the prolongation of your life tranquil to yourself and beneficial to mankind.

In witness whereof we caused this our Chapter seal to be affixed hereto, this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord 1818,

*Lich. and Cov. Dean.*

[*Transmitted by the Dean, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Bishop, Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Diocese of Durham, with the utmost respect, entreat your Serene Highness graciously to accept the unfeigned assurance of our participation in the poignant grief occasioned by the sudden and calamitous removal of your Serene Highness's Royal Consort out of a world, of which we fondly anticipated the improvement from an almost unparalleled example of domestic felicity, produced by the combination of high rank, distinguished talents, and correspondent exertions of virtuous conduct, worthy and seemingly destined to check the levity, and shame the frivolous pursuits of the age in which we live.

But, notwithstanding the shortness of the time during which we were permitted to contemplate the admired pattern set before us, we are confident that its effect will not be lost. Its impression on the nation is strong and general. For the survival of its efficacy, we confide in the Almighty, to whose grace all the good qualities found in any of his creatures must be thankfully ascribed. We trust that the first pledge of His continued favour will be the restoration of your Serene Highness's mind to that tranquil resignation which the religious disposition, evinced by the general tenour of your Serene Highness's life, cannot fail to produce. Your attachment to our holy religion seems as it were the birth-right of a Prince, whose glorious ancestors protected and cherished the infancy of

that Reformation which rescued the doctrines of the Gospel from the corruptions of the Church of Rome. And to your Serene Highness's strong and active sense of religion, the cause of Europe is indebted for the eminent services to which your Serene Highness was called forth at a period of life, when very few are firmly established in those principles upon which alone rectitude and decision of character can be securely founded; principles which preserved you from the seductions of vice and the pursuits of vanity. They excited your ardour for the attainment of all the qualifications required by your Serene Highness's station, and by the exigencies of our eventful times. They inspired fortitude in adversity, moderation in prosperity, prudence in counsel, valour in the field, filial piety in the defence and consolation of your illustrious parents, and that wisdom and patriotism which qualified your Serene Highness to occupy a distinguished rank among the asserters of German liberty. To the same principles, and to their uniform effect on your Serene Highness's character and conduct, we ascribe your influence on the congenial sentiments of our beloved Princess, and to their efficacy we trust for the soothing of your grief, under the guidance of that holy spirit, whom the compassionate Founder of our religion announced to His followers by the endearing name of the Comforter. May He protect and lead your Serene Highness through a life exempt from further calamities, and prolonged for the benefit of human society, to those blissful mansions where the Saints, made perfect, shall meet in joy unspeakable and everlasting.

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 Bowyer, Archdeacon of Northumberland.*

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

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

The affectionate and dutiful Address of the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Principal and Professors of the University of Edinburgh, beg leave to present to your Serene Highness, the assurance of our unfeigned and deep sympathy and condolence with the severe affliction which you have sustained, by the lamented death of your illustrious consort, the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

We deplore your bereavement of the exalted satisfaction, so congenial to a generous mind, which your co-operation with her purposes and plans for the public welfare could not have failed to afford you, and of that enviable splendor which seemed to await, through you, a distinguished posterity. But we deplore still more mournfully your irreparable deprivation, by her loss, of that excellence on which the warmest affections of your