

We pray that your Serene Highness may be enabled successfully to exert that fortitude which becomes your manly character, and, that in pious resignation to the will of the Almighty, and in possessing, with the consciousness of deserving the universal love and good opinion of this country, you may in future enjoy every comfort which this world can bestow.

Signed at Selkirk, the 11th of December 1817, in name and by appointment of the meeting,

*Buccleuch, Preses.*

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

To His Serene Highness, Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Magistrates and Council of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright, amidst the general grief for the severe affliction with which the Almighty has visited the nation, in the death of your illustrious consort and your son, beg leave to approach your Serene Highness with our expressions of the most sincere sympathy and condolence.

When we recollect the virtues which adorned her whom we now lament, our own sorrows are augmented, and we can truly feel for that anguish which must fill the bosom of your Serene Highness both as a husband and as a father.

While the universal British Nation deploras the loss which, in common with your Serene Highness it has sustained, it also acknowledges how worthy you were of that high regard which our lamented Princess entertained for you.

That the Almighty God, from whom alone flows all consolation, may dry up your tears, and, in his own good time, restore you to happiness and comfort, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

Signed, in our name, and in our presence, this 10th day of December 1817 years.

*Rob. Gordon, Chief Magistrate.*

[*Transmitted, by Robert Gordon, Esq. Chief Magistrate of Kirkcudbright, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

Unto His Serene Highness Prince Leopold.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of the Land Tax, and other Heritors of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright now assembled, beg leave on this most melancholy occasion, with profound respect, to approach your Serene Highness, and to present you this mournful tribute of our sincere sympathy.

The irreparable loss which your Serene Highness has sustained, whilst it agonizes the feelings of a husband and a father, spreads a mournful gloom over the British empire.

Illustrious sufferer! whilst we condole with your affliction, we esteem your virtues; and as the memory of the Princess Charlotte shall be ever embalmed in our affections, her surviving husband shall ever be dear to our hearts.

That the God of infinite Mercy may vouchsafe

to your Serene Highness those Divine comforts which alone can relieve the afflicted heart; and that He may lead you through the dark shades of your present distress to the bright sunshine of prosperity and happiness, are our anxious and fervent prayers.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, in our presence, at Kirkcudbright, the 9th day of December 1817,

*David Lamont, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by David Lamont, Esq. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates of Towns and Heritors of the County of Renfrew, have assembled together for the solemn purpose of uniting our deep sentiments of individual grief, for the awful affliction with which your Serene Highness has lately been visited, and while with speechless sorrow we dwell on the hallowed memory of our beloved Princess, we venture to offer the tenderest sympathies of our hearts to your Serene Highness, anxiously hoping that the first dreadful energies of grief being exhausted, your Serene Highness is now reposing in that calmness of resignation, which loves to cherish every memorial of departed excellence, and which affords us the pleasing conviction, that this our humble offering, will be no premature intrusion upon the sacredness of your solitude.

It is then with unfeigned sincerity of feeling that we beg to approach your Serene Highness, with this our public tribute of admiration for your high character, and of affection for your many amiable virtues.

It was with heartfelt pleasure, and with a long series of anticipated blessings to our country, that we beheld the union of your Serene Highness with our late illustrious Princess.—A union completed on the perfect basis of mutual affections, mutual dispositions, and mutual virtues. For a little more than one short year, all our warmest wishes, and our highest hopes, were abundantly gratified and fulfilled, and giving way to the impatient loyalty of our hearts, glowing with the bright display of royal domestic felicity, we indulged in the all but realized accomplishment of our desires, and seemed to behold in your Serene Highness the illustrious father of a splendid line of British Kings.—But, the King of Kings and Unseen Disposer of Events has ordained otherwise—we bow in suffering submission to His All-Righteous Will; and while with the strong sympathy of mutual affliction, we offer to your Serene Highness the affectionate condolence of our hearts, we would humbly seek to imitate your high example, by evincing the same perfect resignation to the unerring Will of Heaven.

And permit us to add, that, should your Serene Highness e'er long seek for that mitigation of your grief, which change of scene is wont to supply, we earnestly hope, that speedily finding such com-