

fectionate and devoted attachment to the beloved object of our lamentation.

*Thomas Bland, Mayor.*

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

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

The humble Address of the Free Burgesses of the Borough of Alnwick, in the County of Northumberland.

AT a time when every feeling is absorbed in those of sorrow, and the great national calamity felt in every corner of the British empire, we, the Aldermen and Free Burgesses of Alnwick, in Common Guild assembled, participating in the general grief, feel it our duty, no less than our inclination, humbly to offer to your Serene Highness the tribute of our unfeigned sympathy.

Misfortune is common to man; we cannot, however, but regard yours as one which peculiarly designates the inscrutable decrees of the Majesty of Heaven. Loving and beloved; reigning in the hearts of the British people; revered at home, and respected abroad; viewed in prospect as the Mistress of England's happiest period, the hand of death has smitten your beloved consort; blasted our brightest prospects, and destroyed our fondest anticipations; bereft her royal father of a parent's hope, her husband of the fondest, "happiest wife."

Though we are fully sensible of the poignancy of your Highness's affliction, which has at once destroyed your earthly hopes, and blighted the fairest prospects that ever dawned upon a people; though we acknowledge "our anticipated joys to be turned into mourning," and the smile of gladness into the gloom of despair, yet our hope and trust is, that that Being, "who is the Ruler of Princes," and who has promised to comfort those that mourn, will enable you to bear your eventful deprivation with fortitude, and teach us resignation to a dispensation of His Providence, equally awful and sudden. Permit us to close this our address of sincere condolence, by assuring your Serene Highness of our most affectionate and dutiful regard.

Given under our common seal, at Alnwick aforesaid, this 22d day of December, in the 58th year of His Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord 1817,

*George Lindsay, Senior Alderman and President of the Guild.*

[*Transmitted by Robert Tate, Esq. Clerk of the Guild, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

*Carlton-House, April 17, 1818.*

**CEREMONIAL** of the Investiture of Admiral Sir Charles Morice Pole, Bart. and of Rear-Admiral Sir George Cockburn, with the Ensigns of Knights Grand Crosses of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

THE Knights Grand Crosses, and the Officers of the Order, attending in their mantles, &c. proceeded into the presence of His Royal Highness the

Prince Regent, making the usual reverences, in the order following:

The Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his mantle, chain, and badge, bearing the scarlet rod.

Deputy Bath King of Arms, in the mantle, chain, and badge, with the sceptre of Bath; bearing the ribbands and badges of the Order, on a crimson velvet cushion.

The Genealogist, in his mantle, chain, and badge.

**KNIGHTS GRAND CROSSES.**

Sir Brent Spencer.

Right Hon. Sir D. Dundas. Sir J. F. Cradock.

Sir Alured Clarke.

Right Hon. Sir John Borlase Warren.

Lord Henley.

The Dean of Westminster, Dean of the Order.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Order.

Then, by the Prince Regent's command, Admiral Sir Charles Morice Pole, Bart. was introduced into the presence between Sir David Dundas and Sir Brent Spencer, the two Junior Knights Grand Crosses present, preceded by the Gentleman Usher of the Order, with reverences as before.

The Admiral kneeling, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, the Senior Knight Grand Cross, received the ribband and badge from Deputy Bath, and presented the same to the Prince Regent, who was pleased to put them over the Admiral's right shoulder; and he being thus invested, had the honour to kiss the Prince Regent's hand, and, having received from His Royal Highness the star of the Order, withdrew.

Rear-Admiral Sir George Cockburn was thereupon introduced into the presence with the same ceremony, and invested with the ribband and badge of the Order; and, having kissed the Prince Regent's hand and received the star of the Order, withdrew.

The Knights Grand Crosses being then called over, the procession returned in the order as before.

*War-Office, 17th April 1818.*

36th Regiment of Foot, General George Don, from the 95th Foot, to be Colonel, vice the Honourable Henry St. John, deceased. Dated 4th April 1818.

56th Ditto, Lieutenant-General Sir John Murray, Bart. from the 3d West India Regiment, to be Colonel, vice the Honourable Chapple Norton, deceased. Dated 31st March 1818.

95th Ditto, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hislop, Bart. from the half-pay of the 8th West India Regiment, to be Colonel, vice Don, appointed to the command of the 36th Foot. Dated 4th April 1818.

3d West India Regiment, Major-General Sir James Kempt, G. C. B. from the 60th Foot, to be Colonel, vice Sir John Murray, appointed to the command of the 56th Foot. Dated 31st March 1818.