

In the feelings expressed by your Royal Highness, respecting that awful and unexpected dispensation, with which it has pleased Almighty God to afflict your Royal House and this Nation, we most cordially and deeply participate. In common with all our fellow subjects we shared in unfeigned sympathy with the royal persons more immediately affected by the event which we deplore. But we also lamented as a national calamity the sudden and irreparable loss of our country's pride and hope. The virtues which distinguished Her Royal Highness could not be wholly hid in that retirement which they chiefly adorned. They were gradually becoming more generally known, and while extending their benign influence over all ranks throughout the kingdom, were at the same time exciting anticipations of the fairest promise.

It becomes us to bow with reverence before the Sovereign of the Universe, who in His inscrutable wisdom has removed from our eye, and our expectation, one who was so justly dear to our hearts. Our most sincere and fervent prayers have often ascended to His Throne for that strong consolation to your Royal Highness, and your afflicted House, which even the sympathies of a loyal and affectionate people are unable to yield. Nor have we failed to remind those whom it is our office to instruct, that it is their duty to receive with implicit submission the present visitation, and to place their reliance on that Being who rules in the exercise of infinite perfection, and has promised to make all things work together for good to them that love Him. And we cherish the solacing hope, that the amiable qualities, which have served so much to endear the character and embalm the memory of her who has been taken away, will have the happy effect of elevating the tone and enlarging the exercise of virtue among a people who must long and deeply bewail her departure.

We receive your Royal Highness's paternal counsels with becoming thankfulness; and, aware of the vast importance of pastoral diligence and fidelity to the welfare and prosperity of the nation, it shall be our unceasing concern, depending upon the Divine Aid, to teach sound doctrine and pure morality to the people committed to our care—to inculcate upon them that practical regard to the Gospel, without which the wisest human institutions are of no avail, and to employ every means in our power, to make them good and loyal subjects, by making them true and zealous Christians. While we learn with profound regret, that there are persons in these days, and in this Island, who have attempted to bring into ridicule and disrespect some of the Commandments and institutions of Religion, we trust that a better spirit will soon become universal, and that all ranks of our fellow subjects will be persuaded to fear God, and to work righteousness; we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that no efforts shall be wanting on our part to discourage any symptoms of profaneness which may appear among the people of Scotland, and to cherish in them that reverence for every thing sacred, without which they can neither be virtuous nor happy.

We participate in the high satisfaction expressed by your Royal Highness at the restoration of tranquillity and good order in those parts of the Island,

where wicked and designing men had succeeded in seducing some of His Majesty's subjects from their allegiance and duty: we pray to God that the inhabitants of every part of this highly favoured empire may be duly sensible of the blessings they enjoy, under our happy constitution, and be ready at all times to guard it from internal disaffection as well as from foreign aggression. And it is with no ordinary feelings of gratitude and joy, that we communicate to your Royal Highness our firm conviction, that the people with whom we are more immediately connected, are sensible of their privileges, sacred and civil, as a nation, and most cordial in their attachment to the Government of their country, and to your illustrious House.

We receive with all thankfulness the royal donation of two thousand pounds, for the propagation of Christian knowledge, and the principles of the Reformed Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. We shall be anxiously studious, by a faithful application of this bounty, to accomplish the pious and benevolent purposes for which it has been bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may impart to His Majesty the King all that support and consolation, which his case requires; that He may bless the Queen, your Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, and all the Members of the Royal Family; that He may direct the Counsels, and prosper the measures of His Majesty's Government; and that Princes of your illustrious House may reign to the latest posterity over a free, loyal, and happy people, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed, in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by,

*John Campbell, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 23, 1818.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness with the sincere expression of our affection and respect for His Majesty's Person and Family, of the satisfaction and happiness which we experience under the administration of your Royal Highness; and of our devoted attachment to the happy Constitution of Government, under which Divine Providence has placed us.

We deeply lament His Majesty's indisposition; under the continuance of it, we offer your Royal Highness the tribute of our sympathy. We pray that Almighty God may impart to His Majesty all the consolation of which his condition is susceptible, and speedily restore him to the conscious enjoyment of every blessing which may crown the evening of his days with felicity.

It is with heartfelt sorrow we turn our thoughts on this occasion to the severe calamity with which the United Kingdom has been visited by the death of your amiable and beloved daughter. Her Royal