

mighty, deprived our revered Monarch in his utmost need of the soothing attentions of his faithful august Spouse, and the nation of a Queen whose example was so eminently calculated to support the interests of religion and morality. We at the same time deeply lament that under the cares of Government devolved on your royal person, the feelings of your Royal Highness both as a parent and a son have been so severely wounded in the course of one fatal twelvemonth.

That the Father of Mercies may sanctify these domestic calamities to your Royal Highness, to the whole of the Royal Family, and to the nation at large; and that your invaluable life may be long preserved a blessing to the State, are the earnest prayers of; may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Ayr.

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

*John Macleod, Modr. p. t.*

Ayr, November 25, 1818.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Eglinton, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom, the illustrious Grand Master and Patron of the Order of Free Masonry in Scotland.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Most Noble George Hay, Marquess of Tweeddale, Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master Mason of Scotland, under your Royal Highness; the Right Honourable James Earl of Fife, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, and officiating in the absence of the Marquess of Tweeddale; Sir John Marjoribanks, of Lees, Bart. Right Worshipful Past Grand Master; William Inglis, Esq. of Middleton, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master; Sir William Hamilton, Bart. of Preston and Fingalton, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Samuel Anderson, Esq. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; Sir John Hay, of Smithfield and Hayston, Bart. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer; Alexander Lawrie, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, and James Bartram, Esqrs. Right Worshipful Grand Clerk; and the other Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Grand Lodge of Scotland this day assembled, do most humbly approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of sincere condolence on the mournful event of the demise of her late most excellent Majesty.

In lamenting this national calamity, we recollect with grateful admiration the dignity and purity of her manners as a Queen, as a wife, and as a mother, during a period of nearly sixty years.

We remember with equal feelings of admiration, the affectionate and anxious concern which this illustrious Personage ever shewed for our beloved

and revered Monarch, during his present melancholy affliction.

We must also never cease to recollect with how much piety and resignation her most excellent Majesty bore the most poignant distress, during a long and severe illness, an example which all must devoutly desire to have fortitude to follow in their hours of illness and suffering.

While we thus express our feelings of sorrow to your Royal Highness, it is some consolation to reflect that the memory of her most excellent Majesty as Queen of this country, and as Mother of an illustrious and distinguished family, must ever be associated with all that is high and valuable in the great practical moral duties both of public and private life.

Given, at Freemasons-Hall, in the city of Edinburgh, in name, by the appointment, and in presence of the Masons of Scotland and Grand Lodge assembled, this 30th day of November 1818, and of Masonry 5818.

*Fife, P. G. M., Alexr. Lawrie, Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

[Transmitted by the Earl of Fife, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Unto His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock, in Council assembled, request permission, at this period, to offer the expression of our respectful condolence with your Royal Highness, and the rest of the Royal Family, on the late lamented demise of Her Majesty Queen Charlotte.

In common with all His Majesty's faithful subjects, we ever entertained a high sense of the virtues by which the character of His Majesty's late royal and illustrious Consort was so eminently distinguished. And Her Majesty's memory, we are persuaded, will descend to posterity as a great example of piety and virtue, in a situation where personal character goes far to influence the principles and conduct of a whole people.

We observed, with mingled respect and sympathy, the unremitting solicitude of your Royal Highness's filial affection towards Her Majesty during her late illness, and we are sure it will afford the greatest consolation to your Royal Highness when thinking of its mournful close.

We lament the continued indisposition of our revered Sovereign; and while His Majesty is precluded from the personal exercise of the regal functions, we pray that the Regency of your Royal Highness may be blessed of Divine Providence for the advantage of the empire.

Signed, in our name and presence, and by our appointment, at Greenock, this 1st day of December 1818, by Quintin Leitch, Esq. Chief Magistrate.

*Quintin Leitch.*

[Transmitted by the Chief Magistrate and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]