

more than half a century, could not be dissolved without leaving a painful void in every loyal breast. We dwell with grateful recollection on those eminent virtues, which gave its chief lustre to her Crown, and diffused their kindly influence through the people; on the affectionate regard ever evinced by Her Majesty for the public interests; on the tender solicitude with which she participated in the cares of our beloved Sovereign; and on that nice regard to character and moral conduct which repelled the licentious from the Royal Presence, and discountenanced immorality in all classes of the community. And we feel confident in the assertion, that to the united example displayed upon the Throne, we owe, in a great degree, the superior purity of character and correctness of conduct, which adorn the British females; and that outward homage to virtue, which tends greatly to check the spread of vice and immorality among the people.

We beg leave also to express our fervent admiration of the filial piety which has ever shone conspicuous in your Royal Highness's character; which has been strikingly portrayed in the distinguishing features of your Royal Highness's Regency, and which has been further illustrated by the anxious discharge of pious duties and painful watchings over the sick bed of your late Royal Parent.

That the Almighty may keep our beloved and venerable Sovereign under His especial protection; that He may bless and prosper your Royal Highness and the whole Royal Family, is the prayer of a loyal and devoted people.

Given under the common seal of the said Borough, this 9th day of December, in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign.

[Transmitted by the Town Clerk, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's loyal affectionate subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, of the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed, in Guild assembled, beg to approach your Royal Person in terms of unfeigned condolence on the death of your Royal Parent, our much revered and late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Charlotte.

In reviewing the long period during which she shared with our most venerable Sovereign the resplendent honours of this empire, we cannot but recall to mind the many blessings by which, under Divine Providence, that period has been distinguished; more especially are we bound to appreciate the effects of those high and lofty principles of religion and morality, in the personal exercise of which, Her late Majesty, while she adorned the Court over which she presided, so eminently contributed to refine and exalt the moral character of the British population.

Such we presume to be the effect of those retired and domestic virtues which first gained her the esteem of the nation, and of which future ages, we

trust, will feel the beneficial influence, especially in forming the female mind to this standard of purity and excellence.

May her example, now that it has ceased to overawe, by the dignity of her rank, not fail to encourage an imitation of her virtues in all classes of society. May we be permitted also to express our feelings of gratitude to the Almighty, that we beheld His Dispensations towards her so tempered with mercy, in supporting her during a long and painful illness, and in the last hours of suffering, by the consolations of religion, by a spirit of resignation on her own part, and by the overflowing and vigilant tenderness of her royal and affectionate family.

Given, under our common seal at Berwick-upon-Tweed aforesaid, the 8th day of December, in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord 1818.

*John Hall, Mayor.*

[Transmitted by Charles Constable, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and other Members of the Town Council of the City of Perth, in Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with our expressions of condolence, at the late Dispensation of Providence, which has deprived the British nation of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and your Royal Highness of a Parent. While, with our fellow subjects of the British empire, we lament Her Most Gracious Majesty's demise, it is great consolation to us to reflect, that throughout the period of her reign, in duration unequalled in the annals of our country, she set a conspicuous example of piety and virtue highly conducive to the best interests of its people, and which must endear her name to succeeding generations. The remembrance of the uniformly conscientious manner in which she fulfilled the relative duties of domestic and public life, furnishes the best eulogy to her memory; and must contribute, together with her maturity of years, the usual reward of a well spent life, to alleviate your Royal Highness's grief at an event which is the certain lot of humanity, however exalted in station. It will also, we hope, be a constant source of solacing reflection to your Royal Highness, that you were enabled, in the illness which terminated Her Majesty's life, to pay to her such filial attentions, as are alike honourable to yourself as they must have been soothing to her. That your Royal Highness may long enjoy the cordial and merited regards of a loyal and dutiful people, is our ardent prayer.

Signed, in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Council, and the common seal of the city appended hereto, at Perth, the 7th day of December 1818.

*David Morison, Provost.*

[Transmitted by the Provost, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]