

of sympathy and condolence on the sorrowful event of the demise of our most Gracious Queen.

While we bow with submission to the Will of Heaven, we lament the loss which your Royal Family, and the nations, have thus sustained. We pray that the Divine Majesty may console and support our most gracious Sovereign under this increased affliction in his declining years!

May your Royal Highness, and all the members of the Royal Family, be comforted and supported under this trying dispensation of Providence; and, (with the grateful remembrance and conscious feeling of Divine Consolation, and favour, and trust), amid the cares of Government, may the sense of human frailty and mortality lead your Royal Highness to the vigorous and successful discharge of all Royal and Christian duties, and prepare you at last, in affectionate imitation of parental piety, for the reception of an unfading Crown of Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven!

Signed, in name, presence, and by appointment of the Presbytery of Caithness, by

*W. Smith, Moderator.*

[Transmitted by the Rev. William Smith, Moderator, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Manufacturers, and Principal Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Halifax, in the County of York, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, dutifully to express our feelings on the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Charlotte.

For more than half a century has the mild, beneficent, and dignified Consort of our revered Sovereign adorned the Throne of these kingdoms; but, alas! her star is set, and sincerely do we condole with your Royal Highness on this most melancholy occasion.

We are thankful, Sir, to that Providence which has been pleased to extend so far the life of your royal Parent, but we trust it may be permitted us to lament the loss of excellence so rare and perfect. To lament the loss of her who nearly throughout the period of a generation has been endeared to her people; their all-accomplished Queen, exalted by the possession and the practice of every domestic virtue.

We are anxious, Sir, to assure you of our firm attachment to your Royal Highness and the illustrious House of Brunswick; and we pray that the Almighty may grant to your Royal Highness his powerful protection under your severe affliction.

*Thomas Horton, Chairman.*

[Transmitted by Thomas Horton, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

WE, His Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster, beg leave to present our sentiments of unfeigned

and heartfelt condolence on the demise of Her late Majesty, an event not more disastrous to the Royal Family than to the nation at large.

The termination of a long life and royal dignity, spent in the exercise of every domestic virtue, and diffusing through every subordinate rank in society, the salutary effect of public example, cannot but be regarded as an irreparable loss to this country, by all who feel for the interests of decorum, morality, and religion.

But, Sir, beside our expression of these sentiments, in which the heart of every good man participates, we cannot forbear to signify the deepest regret that at a season of recent sorrow, when the feelings of the meanest individuals are held sacred by common humanity, symptoms of a disposition peculiar to the licence of this age and country, should have been permitted to manifest themselves on an occasion at once so awful and calamitous, by which neither the memory of the venerated dead, nor the hearts of the illustrious survivors, have been spared by the shafts of calumny and detraction.

That the lives of your Royal Highness and of every member of your august House may long be continued in health and honour, is the sincere prayer of your Royal Highness's dutiful and devoted servants.

Signed, on behalf of the Inhabitants, assembled at a public Meeting, held on the 7th day of December 1818.

*Joseph Fielden, Chairman.*

[Transmitted by Joseph Fielden, Esq. 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 faithful subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Bolton-le-Moors, in the County of Lancaster, beg leave to sympathise with your Royal Highness on the mournful event which has recently taken place in your Royal Highness's family,—an event which we have long been contemplating with gloomy anticipation.

The severe and protracted sufferings of our late venerable Queen filled us, in common with the nation at large, with anxious and affectionate concern; and the christian fortitude and resignation with which those sufferings were endured, cannot fail to have inspired all ranks of the people with admiration and esteem.

We derive moreover satisfaction from the assurance that Her Majesty's distressful malady received every alleviation which human care and attention could bestow; and, doubtless, the greatest earthly comfort with which an afflicted Parent can be blessed, is that of filial tenderness and love.

Our regret on this solemn and painful occasion cannot but be materially increased by a recollection of the many splendid virtues which distinguished Her Majesty's character; her active and extensive benevolence; her dignified and persevering discharge of moral obligation; her devoted attachment to all the best interests of religion, were not