

and of our unfeigned attachment to your Royal Person and Family. *John Williams, Sheriff.*

December 12, 1818.

[*Transmitted by the Sheriff, 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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex, beg leave humbly to offer to your Royal Highness our expressions of unfeigned condolence on the irreparable loss which your Royal Highness and the nation at large have sustained, by the demise of Her Most Excellent Majesty.

When we contemplate the exalted virtues which adorned your Royal Parent, we cannot but deeply deplore the loss of a Princess, whose good sense and unshaken principles of religion and virtue regulated all her thoughts and actions, guided her in the conscientious discharge of every relative duty, and enabled her to discountenance the slightest deviation from morality, and to diffuse the blessings of unostentatious charity with peculiar delicacy.

Under this afflicting dispensation, it must be a source of great comfort to your Royal Highness to reflect, that Her Majesty's maternal affection so unremittingly extended to her royal offspring has been largely repaid by them; and that your Royal Highness in particular, to the latest moment of the Queen's existence, manifested that filial piety which has ever distinguished the character of your Royal Highness.

For and on behalf of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex,

*John Theophilus Daubuz, High Sheriff.*

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

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln, entreat permission to express to your Royal Highness our unfeigned condolence on the event which has involved your Royal Highness in severe affliction, and deprived the nation of a most illustrious example of female excellence, in all the relations of domestic and public life.

We are truly sensible of the advantage and support which the cause of religion and interests of morality derived from Her Majesty's strict and conscientious discharge of the arduous duties of her exalted station.

While we sympathize with your Royal Highness on this mournful occasion, we acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of Divine Providence in

granting to Her Majesty a length of days beyond the ordinary duration of human existence; and we reflect with satisfaction that Her Majesty, in her last protracted illness, was blessed with all the consolations which an habitual sense of religion, the recollection of a well spent life, and the unceasing attentions of filial piety could supply.

*George, Lincoln.*

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Lincoln, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Burgh of Kirkby in Kendal, humbly offer to your Royal Highness our sincere condolence on the death of our most gracious and beloved Queen.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that we deeply participate in your filial sorrow; and that we most sincerely deplore the loss which the nation has sustained, in being deprived of so bright an example of piety, virtue, and every quality which can adorn a Throne, and preserve the morals of a great and powerful people.

We pray and trust that the Almighty Disposer of all events will support your Royal Highness under this domestic affliction, and long enable your Royal Highness to enjoy the blessing of health, and to reign in prosperity and happiness over His Majesty's dominions. *John Pearson, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Lonsdale, K. G. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Keys, of the Isle of Man, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness to offer our humble condolence on the loss your Royal Highness, your illustrious Family, and the British nation have sustained by the death of Her late Most Excellent Majesty the Queen.

The admirable qualities which so eminently adorned Her Majesty's character, and the domestic virtues which distinguished her long union with our revered King, not only shed a lustre on Her Majesty's exalted station, but extended their benign influence to every class of society, by affording them a noble and dignified example of the discharge of every conjugal and maternal duty; nor can we omit expressing our admiration of Her Majesty's gracious and beneficent disposition, which was ever anxious to alleviate distress and to comfort the afflicted.

The silent but numerous acts of charity which flowed from Her Majesty's bounty, were dispensed in the true spirit of Christian piety, and with a delicacy and kindness which rendered them doubly valuable; the tears of the widow and the orphan will now bear a melancholy testimony of the liberality of their unostentatious benefactress.

This consolation we may presume to offer to your Royal Highness. Her Majesty has departed this life full of years and of honours, to receive, we trust, an immortal and incorruptible Crown, and so long as virtue and female excellence shall be