

our posterity the blessings of the paternal Government of the illustrious House of Brunswick.

Given, under our common seal, this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1818, and in the 59th year of His Majesty's reign.

By order,

Peter Taylor, Town Clerk.

[*Transmitted by Charles Harrison, Esq. the Recorder, 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 loyal and subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Borough of Wick, beg leave most humbly to approach your Royal Highness to express our heartfelt sympathy and unfeigned condolence with your Royal Highness and the other Members of the Royal Family, on the demise of our most gracious Queen, your Royal Highness's affectionate and venerable Mother.

The numerous and great virtues of Her Majesty gained and secured to her the affections, not only of Her Royal Husband, our most gracious Sovereign, of your Royal Highness and her other illustrious Descendants, but of the nation at large, and have rendered her death, even at her advanced age, the subject of universal lamentation and sorrow.

That, on this mournful occasion, it may please the God of all comfort to shed His best consolations on the feeling and affectionate heart of your Royal Highness; that it may please Him to bless our venerable and afflicted Sovereign; and that your Royal Highness may long continue to rule this great and free nation with that wisdom, vigour and success which have hitherto so eminently distinguished your Royal Highness's government, are the earnest wishes and prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Borough of Wick.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, on the 12th day of December 1818, by

John Maclean, Chief residing Magistrate;
George Sinclair, Provost.

[*Transmitted by George Sinclair, Esq., M. P., and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the Bailiffs, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Bridgnorth, in the County of Salop, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness to express our affliction, and to tender our condolence on the late much lamented death of her most gracious Majesty the Queen.

We offer with gratitude our just tribute of admiration for those numerous and shining virtues which distinguished Her late Majesty as a Wife, a Mother, and a Queen, and we are deeply impressed with the conviction, that the influence of her bright

example has purified the morals and encouraged and exalted the religious feelings of the nation.

We should be wanting to our duty if we did not testify our deep respect and veneration for your Royal Highness's filial attentions and unremitting tenderness to your Royal Mother during a severe and protracted illness.

May your Royal Highness deign to accept our earnest wishes that you may be long preserved to a free, loyal and affectionate people.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the meeting.

Benjamin Yate and *Humphrey Oakes*, Bailiffs of Bridgnorth: *Thomas Whitmore*, Recorder; and *Richard Tyrwhitt*, Deputy Recorder.

[*Transmitted by Sir T. J. Tyrwhitt Jones, Bart. and Thomas Whitmore, Esq. M. P. for the Borough, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Hertford.

SIR,

WE, the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Hertford, humbly approach your Royal Highness at this mournful period, with sentiments of our unfeigned concern and sympathy.—We are well aware how faintly the voice of our County may be heard, amidst the general sound of a nation's condolence, which is now pressing upon the attention of your Royal Highness, still are we desirous to raise that voice, in attempting to testify our lively sense, and ready acknowledgement of her late Majesty's exalted merits; our cordial interest in the feelings of your Royal Highness; and our loyal attachment to your illustrious House:—We would fain also testify our gratified observation of the affectionate assiduities of filial duty, so eminently conspicuous in your Royal Highness, during the lengthened period of Her Majesty's declining health. Feelings, which in private life only, endear the person possessing them to every good mind, become in your Royal Highness, matter of important example, and of the highest respect.

Praise of human excellence, whether of the living or departed, may easily be excessive, and the loathsome offering of adulation would be particularly unbecoming, when it should seem that we might so well, in the delineation of character, leave to truth the expression of our sentiments.

Permit us, Sir, to sympathise with your Royal Highness in those soothing thoughts (for such we presume to be your Royal Highness's own reflections) which naturally arise from contemplating a life, uniformly spent, as we believe Her Majesty's to have been, in the regular discharge of moral and religious duties; and in the active and unostentatious practice of wide extended charities—firm and submissive to its close through the lingering and painful progress of approaching dissolution.

Thoughts, like these, will best teach the deepest mourners that it is their own loss that they lament: and they will also have a powerful tendency to bring the mind to that pious resignation, which,