

dictated speak peace to your Royal Highness in that hour when all external comfort shall fail.

In the name and by the appointment of the general meeting this day assembled.

*M. Sharpe, Preses.*

Dumfries, 16th December 1818.

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, K.T., Lord Lieutenant of the Shire, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's ever dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bailiff, Recorder, Aldermen, Town Clerk, and Burgesses of the Boro' of Brecon, in Council Chamber assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt and sincere expressions of condolence on the consummation of that event which the illness of the royal sufferer had long prepared us to expect; which hath at once bereaved your Royal Highness of a revered and affectionate parent, and withdrawn from this distinguished country its brightest example of virtue.

Convinced from awful experience that the contagion of licentious manners has a most destructive influence on the destiny of nations; we cannot but retain a reverential and grateful recollection of that dignified discharge of the duties of our holy religion, and of that inflexible regard for the purity of character, displayed in the conduct of our late Queen, from the moment she ascended, with our venerated Sovereign, the throne of these realms.

We have contemplated with sincere respect, and we trust have duly appreciated your Royal Highness's unremitting attention to smooth the pillow of sickness, and to alleviate the sorrows and anxieties of your august and suffering parent, and we are persuaded that the recollection of this your Royal Highness's truly filial and exemplary demeanour will, under every variety of circumstance, prove to your Royal Highness an unfailing source of consolation.

In common with the rest of our fellow subjects we hasten to convey to your Royal Highness's presence these our assurances of sympathy in the general loss, trusting that they will not be the less acceptable because they proceed from a spontaneous sentiment of unabated loyalty to our revered and venerable Sovereign, from an unaltered regard to the permanent interests of your illustrious house, and from a sincere attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and Government.

Signed on behalf of the Bailiff, Recorder, Aldermen, Town Clerk, and Burgesses of the said Borough of Brecon, this 30th day of December 1818. *W. Williams, Bailiff.*

[*Transmitted by the Bailiff, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, the Mayor, Citizens and other Inhabitants of His Majesty's City of Gloucester, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with un-

feigned expressions of condolence on the loss which the Royal Family and the nation have sustained in the death of our gracious Queen.

We should be insensible to the blessings we have long enjoyed under the paternal government of our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and under the delegated authority of your Royal Highness, did we not feel deeply interested in every important event which befalls your royal house. We cannot, therefore, but lament that at so short a period after the general burst of sorrow for the fate of our amiable Princess, we should again be called upon to express our sympathetic regret at this fresh subject of Royal and national affliction.

In humbly offering our tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Queen we feel that we are not merely deploring the loss of an august partner of the British Throne, but that we are commemorating a model of female excellence in the most elevated station. We never can forget that for more than half a century, Her Majesty's steady attachment to the established religion of the country—her conscientious discharge of duty as a Wife and a Parent—Her firmness of principle, and adherence to the cause of virtue, have added a moral lustre to the splendour of the Crown, preserved the purity and dignity of the Court, and have diffused the influence of a bright example from the palace to the cottage.

May your Royal Highness find every alleviation of your present distress in a dutiful submission to the Divine Will, and in the remembrance of your own filial piety and affection; and long may you have reason to rejoice in the attachment of a loyal, true, and united people, in the blessings of an honourable and permanent peace, and in the glory and prosperity of the country.

Signed, at the request of the meeting,

*R. Fletcher, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by R. Bransby Cooper, Esq. M. P. for the City, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Stirling.

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Stirling, assembled this day in a general meeting beg leave to lay before your Royal Highness, the expression of our sincere condolence, on the domestic calamity which has lately involved your Royal Highness and your illustrious House in the deepest affliction.

In common with all the loyal subjects of the realm, we feel the loss which has been sustained to be irreparable; but the highest consolation is to be derived from reflecting on the bright example which Her late Majesty exhibited, of a long life devoted to the uniform practice of virtue and religion, the powerful influence of which throughout the whole nation has exalted the character of the age in which we live, and will we confidently hope