

duty. It was surely an especial blessing to the kingdom that she who was most distinguished for the elevation of her rank was equally distinguished for piety and virtue; that she who had it in her power to exercise so wide an influence over her sex uniformly exercised it for the encouragement of pure morals and the preservation of female honour; that she who had every gratification at her command, sought it only and taught others to seek it in conjugal fidelity as a wife, and the tenderest care and attention as a mother.

Most unfeignedly therefore do we participate in the grief so feelingly expressed by your Royal Highness on this melancholy occasion; and long shall we cherish with respect and affection the memory of one who for so many years taught the wives and mothers of Britain the true way to happiness and respectability; and earnestly do we beseech the Almighty to grant that the virtues which shone so conspicuously in her, and which are so essentially necessary to the well being of society, may be equally visible in her descendants, and secure to them the same regard and veneration which she so eminently deserved and obtained.

Signed by order of the Meeting,

*John Edwards*, High Sheriff of the County of Merioneth.

[*Transmitted by Sir Robert W. Vaughan, Bart. M. P. for the County, 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 dutiful subjects the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Town and Liberties of Shrewsbury, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and to offer our sincere condolence for the great and heavy loss sustained by this country upon the lamentable demise of your excellent Mother, our Gracious Queen Charlotte of blessed memory, and we beg leave at the same time to assure your Royal Highness of our sincere and unalterable attachment to your Royal Highness's Person and Family.

By order of the Meeting,

*W. Egerton Jeffreys*, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by Richard Lyster, Esq. M. P. for the Borough, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Grand Office Bearers and Members of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Scotland.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the expressions of our condolence, upon the melancholy event with which your illustrious House and the nation at large have been visited, in the removal of your Royal Mother our much lamented Queen.

We with all humility thank the Great Architect of the Universe for having vouchsafed to allow Her Majesty to remain so long amongst us, and although it hath pleased Him to call Her hence, she will continue to live in the grateful memories of a loyal people, who are well aware of the virtue and morality that by her bright example peculiarly characterized the Court, and like the rays of the congenial Sun influenced the conduct of all classes in these realms.

We have observed with admiration the filial conduct of your Royal Highness at the couch of a dying Parent, the recollection of which cannot fail to sooth the sorrows of your Royal Highness under your present affliction.

Deign to accept this testimony of our feelings on the present occasion, and of our loyalty and attachment to your Royal Person and His Majesty's Government, and, that the Sceptre of these realms may continue to be swayed by yourself and the descendants of your illustrious House, till the latest ages, is the unceasing prayer of the Royal Arch Masons of Scotland.

Signed, in our name and by appointment of our Grand Quarterly Convocation, assembled at Edinburgh the 10th of December 1818, by

*Moray*, First Principal; *Patk. Walker*, Second Principal; and *Aboyne*, Third Principal.

[*Transmitted by Sir Patrick Walker, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness George PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, Common Council, Clergy, Gentry, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Colchester, entreat permission to approach your Royal Highness with the respectful expression of our sincere condolence on the lamented demise of Her late Majesty, the Queen Consort of our revered Sovereign. Affectionately attached to your Royal Highness's Person, Family, and Government, we cordially sympathize in the affliction in which this mournful event has involved the members of your august House.

Deeply sensible as we are of the benefits which the great cause of public morals has derived from virtuous example in the highest situation, we especially lament the loss of a Queen whose character we viewed with unfeigned respect, and in whose conduct, during a reign of more than half a century, was displayed a dignified observance of the duties attached to her exalted station.

We presume not to offer to your Royal Highness other and higher topics of consolation than are afforded by the recollection of the virtues of your lamented Parent, and the consciousness of your own assiduous filial attentions.

In testimony whereof we the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, and Common Council of the said Borough, have affixed our common seal the 14th day of January in the year of our Lord 1819.

[*Transmitted by D. W. Harvey, Esq. M. P. for the Borough, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]