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THE following Addresses, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Robert Peel, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, were presented by him to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To the KING's Most Gracious Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and affectionate subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, beg to approach your Majesty's Throne with sentiments of the most profound respect and sincere condolence.

In that afflictive dispensation with which it has pleased an all-wise Providence to visit your Majesty and your Royal House, we deeply sympathize.

In His Royal Highness the Duke of York your Majesty has sustained the loss of a brother, to whom, from the earliest years, your Majesty bore the warmest attachment, which, on the part of His Royal Highness, was met by a most cordial and sincere return—an attachment, by which the character of both was mutually illustrated and endeared to the community at large.

But the death of His Royal Highness is far from being an event exclusively affecting your Majesty. In the person of His Royal Highness the nation has to lament the death of one of her greatest and best benefactors—of an individual, the condescending urbanity and affection of whose character endeared him to all who were honoured by his personal intercourse, and whose public life has been the instrument of the most substantial and permanent blessings.

As a general in the field, His Royal Highness, on the most trying circumstances, displayed a combination of vigilant intelligence and personal valour, which reflect the highest honour on his character—and while he thus ably discharged the more special duties of a Commander, his kind nature prompted him to relieve the miseries of the private soldier, and to make the hardships of war a pleasure to those who endured them.

But it is to his character as Commander-in-Chief of the Army, that we must look for the most splendid testimony to His Royal Highness. His services

in this high and arduous station form a monument of glory on which future ages will look with admiration, and bless the memory of him who reared it.

When His Royal Highness was first appointed to this important department, the army was in a state of comparative inefficiency. Under his auspicious management the aspect of our military force soon changed, and the British army, like the British navy, stands pre-eminent in the world. And to the immortal honour of His Royal Highness be it said, that while he made physical means thus available for producing results so important, he imparted that moral energy to the army which forms the great bulwark of our military, as it does of our national power. While the results, too, of His Royal Highness' exertions were thus great, the mode of arriving at them is not less worthy of praise. It is matter of notoriety to all military men, with what unwearied assiduity, with what obliging condescension, and with what impartial judgment, His Royal Highness uniformly discharged all the duties of his high office. To him the meanest sentinel had the same access as the highest in rank; his petition was listened to with equal attention, and granted with equal readiness.

The noble institutions founded by His Royal Highness, and cherished by his care, for the education of youth destined for the army—for the relief of the maimed and veteran soldier, and the protection of the widows and orphans of the fallen, are monuments at once of the charities of his heart and the comprehensiveness of his mind.

Truly may it be said of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, that in him Britain has lost the regenerator of her military tactics, and the British soldier his best friend.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty, and comfort and support you under this severe affliction; that He may prosper and prolong your reign over a loyal and a happy people, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and affectionate subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, and the seal of the City is hereto affixed at Edinburgh, the 17th day of January 1827 years. *W. Trotter, Lord Provost,*

[Transmitted by the Right Hon. *W. Dundas, M. P.*]