

your Throne, fully sensible how unable we are, either to offer consolation, or to adequately express our feelings for the loss which your Majesty and the Nation have suffered by the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and though we humbly trust that an all-wise and all-gracious Providence, with whom are the issues of life and death, may pour into your Majesty's bosom those true and only consolations for these afflictions with which He visits every son of man, of whatever rank and station; yet as we are persuaded that there is a balm also in the tears and regrets of a sorrowing people, we would affectionately take a share in that universal grief, in offering our sincere regrets for one who was the nation's safeguard and the soldier's friend; we would deplore and sympathise in the loss of one, who, as a brother, was affectionately and firmly attached to your Majesty's Person and general interests; who, when placed in a high and responsible situation, though remarkable for his kindness and condescension in that exalted station, yet shrunk not from the painful yet necessary duty of re-organizing the army, till he formed those heroes whose glorious victories, and still more useful than glorious, shed a lustre round the Throne, ever to be remembered by the present age, and consecrated by an admiring and grateful posterity.

*John Judkin Fitzgerald, Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Stirling.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Stirling, beg leave humbly to approach the Throne for the purpose of expressing our deep sympathy with your Majesty under the afflictive dispensation with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit your Majesty and the Nation, in the death of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York.

By this distressing bereavement your Majesty has been deprived of an affectionate brother to whom you were warmly attached; and the Empire of one of its brightest ornaments and most useful benefactors; the impartiality and zeal with which he discharged his official duties, have commanded universal admiration and respect, and we cannot but feel that the high perfection in discipline to which the army, under the superintendance of His late Royal Highness, was brought, furnishes the most unquestionable claim to our grateful remembrance.

We sincerely trust your Majesty will be supported under this painful bereavement, and whilst, in common with the rest of our countrymen, we deeply deplore it; we humbly beg to assure your Majesty of our devoted attachment to your Royal Person, and our firm determination to support and maintain the laws and constitution of the Empire.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, by the Provost, at Stirling, the 15th day of February 1827, and the common seal of the Burgh is hereunto affixed.

*John Thomson, Provost.*

[*Delivered by Robert Downie, Esq. M. P.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Sire,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop, Archdeacon, and Clergy of the Diocese of Gloucester, beg permission to approach your Majesty, and to offer you our sincere condolences on the heavy loss your Majesty and your Royal House have sustained, in the death of your illustrious Brother, His Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York. Appreciating your Majesty's sufferings under this severe domestic privation, we feel ourselves more particularly called upon to express to the Sovereign and Father of his People, our sense of this afflictive dispensation of Providence as a public and national calamity; the sound principles, the manly virtues, the courage and magnanimity, the industry, integrity, and devotion to the public service, which His Royal Highness uniformly manifested in the course of an active and eventful life, endeared him to your people, and will long live in their recollection and regret. It would ill become us to enlarge upon the important services which His Royal Highness has rendered to the military profession, and to the country at large, in the eminent station which he has filled with so much renown to himself, and so much advantage to the country; but as a steady advocate of our civil and religious liberties, as a firm supporter of our Constitution in Church and State, sincerely and conscientiously attached to the principles of the Reformation, and to the Established Religion of our Country, His Royal Highness has an especial claim on our gratitude and veneration. That it may please God to support your Majesty under your present affliction; to watch over your valuable health, and long to preserve you to the wishes and affections of your people, is the prayer of us your Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Gloucester.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Recorder, Bailiffs, Capital Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Bridport and its Vicinity.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

A DISPENSATION of Providence has deprived your Majesty of a beloved Brother, and taken from the public service an illustrious Prince, whose discharge of the high and arduous duties of the office of Commander-in-Chief of your Majesty's Forces, was characterized by ardent zeal, unwearied history, and the most engaging condescension. Institutions, of which he was the judicious founder and ardent supporter, will attest to future times the benevolent views of the deceased and lamented Prince; the recent scene of domestic trial has given your Majesty fresh claims to the affection of your subjects; the eyes of the Nation followed their Sovereign to the couch of his Royal and afflicted Brother, and beheld an august example of fraternal affection, alleviating, by sympathy and consolation, the sufferings of sickness, and your Majesty received with the blessings of your royal Brother the benedictions of your people. Deeply affected by the distress which afflicts our beloved Sovereign, we, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Recorder, Bailiffs, Capital Burgesses, and Inhabitants