

departure of transcendent excellence; and the deprivation of services so long tried, and so highly and justly appreciated in an elevated and most important station.

In the field, during the horrors of a defensive and revolutionary war, His Royal Highness, as Commander-in-Chief, displayed invincible courage, the general characteristic of his august family. As the reformer and regenerator of the army, his military discipline and well-considered regulations had such a gradual and meliorating influence, that the British Forces now stand unrivalled by any troops in Europe; and his kind, courteous, and condescending attention to the welfare and comforts of the privates, with his humane and unceasing efforts to mitigate the sufferings of wives widowed, and children rendered orphans, have not only called forth public testimonials of respect, and the thankful acknowledgments of his country, but given his name and memory a place in the best of all mausoleums, the bosom of the grateful and the good.

May Almighty God grant to your Majesty bodily health and internal consolation, and long preserve to us a reign, distinguished by unparalleled blessings, by the administration of justice, and the exercise of mercy, and an anxious paternal regard for the happiness and prosperity of the kingdom.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Transmitted by Joseph Taylor, Esq.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Officers of the Masonic Lodges, Nos. 143, 275, 421, Dungannon, beg leave to approach your Majesty, under the deepest sense of sorrow and affliction for the loss which we, in common with all other your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, have sustained, in that brightest star—that effulgence—that luminary of our Order—which has set below our mortal horizon, to rise no more.

We also beg leave to offer condolence and sympathy to your Majesty, together with the other Members of your illustrious House, on this melancholy occasion, for the irreparable deprivation your Majesty and the United Kingdom have suffered at this critical and alarming period, in the decease of your Majesty's most august brother, the dearly beloved and the ever-will-be-lamented Frederick of York.

We have now only to pray, that many years may be added to your Majesty's most useful life; and that the time may be far distant when your Majesty's illustrious House may again have to lament so deep a wound.

Signed, *Alexander Duffy*, Secretary; *Samuel Davidson*, No. 143.; *Michael Stafford*, No. 275.; *Wm. Sheeren*, No. 421.

Dungannon, Ulster, Ireland, February 27, 1827.

[Transmitted by the Secretary, *Alex. Duffy*, Esq.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Dumfries, in Common Council assembled.

Deeply sensible, in common with every British

subject, of the magnitude of the loss which your Majesty and the Country have sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, beg leave to tender our humble but sincere expression of sorrow and condolence.

Well aware that the nation only appreciates the distinguished services of the valiant Commander-in-Chief, which were performed on a theatre too splendid to be overlooked, we deem it unnecessary to re-echo the praises which his country has deservedly lavished upon him. But your Majesty will permit us to assure you, that we sincerely sympathise with your Majesty under this heavy dispensation, which has not only bereaved our Monarch of a most generous and warm-hearted Brother, but deprived our Army of a most gallant and estimable Commander.

Allow us, in conclusion, to add our fervent prayer, that Heaven may grant your Majesty consolation and support under the present severe affliction, and that you may long live to sway the sceptre over a free, a loyal, and a happy people.

Signed in our name and presence, and by our appointment, at Dumfries, the 24th day of February in the year 1827; and the seal of the Burgh is hereto affixed.

*Wm. Thomson*, Provost and Chief Magistrate.

[Transmitted by *W. Thomson, Esq.*, Provost and Chief Magistrate.]

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The dutiful Address of the Reverend the Presbytery of Forfar.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Members of the Presbytery of Forfar, at this our first meeting since the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, beg leave to express our dutiful attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and our sincere condolence on account of the loss which your Majesty has sustained in the death of your much loved and loving brother.

Whilst we lament the afflicting event, and sympathise with your Majesty and the other Branches of your Royal House, we take pleasure in reflecting on the many amiable and princely qualities for which His Royal Highness was distinguished. We are not insensible to the kindness which His Royal Highness displayed to all classes of the community, and his readiness to promote objects of benevolence throughout the land. We admire, in common with the whole Nation, the exemplary manner in which His Royal Highness discharged the duties of his office, as Commander-in-Chief of your Majesty's Forces, which, under the blessing of Providence, he improved the discipline, and raised the moral character of the British Army. Above all, we cherish the memory of our late Prince, for the uniform attachment which he discovered to the Protestant cause, a feature in his public character, which happily for the Nation, was not peculiar to His Royal Highness, but which distinguishes the Princes of the House of Brunswick.

That the King of kings and Lord of lords may administer consolation to your Majesty, that your Majesty and your Majesty's counsels may be blessed, that your Reign may be long and prosperous, and that you may late exchange an earthly for a heavenly