

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

WE, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Deputy Lieutenants, Landholders, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Kincardine, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness on the recent mournful event, and with the deepest concern to express our sincere participation in that affliction and heartfelt grief, with which your Royal Highness is oppressed by the death of your beloved and illustrious daughter, a Princess possessed of every amiable quality, and by whose death this nation has been bereaved of one of its brightest ornaments.

We beg to be permitted to condole with your Royal Highness, and to offer our cordial sympathy in the inexpressible affliction which your Royal Highness suffers from this calamity.

We pray that the Almighty Disposer of events may enable your Royal Highness and the other branches of your royal family to support with fortitude and resignation this afflicting dispensation of His Providence, and that your Royal Highness may also feel some consolation from that universal sorrow which, on this mournful occasion, pervades all ranks in the British empire, flowing from the hearts of a people firmly attached to the sovereign and constitution, and duly appreciating the blessings they enjoy under your government.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, by the Preses of our Meeting, at Stonehaven, the 25th day of November 1817.

ARBUTHNOT.

[Transmitted by Viscount Arbuthnot, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.  
&c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates of Towns, and Heritors of the County of Renfrew, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, and with feelings of the deepest sorrow, to offer to your Royal Highness our most heartfelt condolence on the melancholy event of the death of your beloved and illustrious daughter, her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

While we lay at your Royal Highness's feet this mournful homage of our duty, as faithful subjects, we sympathize as men in the sacred sorrows of nature which rend the heart of a father, and are altogether unable to do justice in words to the feelings of our hearts. The deep and affectionate sorrow with which this event has been felt and mourned by the whole British nation, will, we are persuaded, be the most acceptable tribute to your Royal Highness, and that your heart will fully appreciate the unaffected attachment to yourself and your august family, which it so feelingly demonstrates: that moral empire over the mind which power cannot command, and which can only proceed from the real attachment of the people towards their sovereign.

The warmest sympathies of our hearts are excited towards the afflicted and illustrious consort of the lamented Princess, his Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, who has so justly gained the love and admiration of the whole country, and whose high character and conduct upon every occasion have so fully justified the wisdom of your Royal Highness's choice, when you selected him for the exalted situation of your son-in-law, and committed to him the happiness of a daughter so valued and so beloved.

We earnestly pray that the Heavenly hand which inflicted this wound, may support your Royal Highness under it, and that the acute feelings of your heart for a loss so irreparable may be soothed and comforted, by the contemplation of the piety and

virtues of the ever to be lamented Princess, the sweet recollection of her worth and excellence, and the sure and certain hope of the high reward she now enjoys in the regions of pure and perfect felicity.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, at Renfrew, the 27th day of November 1817.

GLASGOW, Preses.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Glasgow, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Perth.

WE, his Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Perth, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the most sincere expression of our condolence on the irreparable loss sustained by your Royal Highness and the nation at large, in the death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, your Royal Highness's daughter, and consort of his Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe-Cobourg: your Royal Highness may always depend on our deep interest in every thing connected with the happiness of your illustrious family, which we consider as identified with the welfare of the nation: and, in the present case, while we approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of sincerest sympathy, on account of the afflictive dispensation with which your Royal Highness's family has been visited, we beg leave at the same time to express our deep sense of the national loss, and our unfeigned participation in the general feeling of regret so unequivocally expressed by the British empire. While we bow to the mysterious decrees of Heaven, we shall not fail to pray for the happiness of your Royal Highness, both in your domestic and public relations.

That your Royal Highness may long preside over the administration of this country, and that Princes of your illustrious house may fill the throne of Britain to the remotest ages, is the earnest wish and prayer of his Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Perth.

Signed in the name and presence of the Presbytery of Perth, at Perth, the 26th day of November 1817, by

WILLIAM AITKEN, Moderator.

[Transmitted by the Rev. Mr Aitken, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Unto his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, his Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Heritors and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Lanark, approach your Royal Highness's person for the purpose of offering our sincere and dutiful tribute of condolence, on the much lamented death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte; an event which has overwhelmed your august family with severe affliction, and the nation with universal grief.

We deplore most deeply the untimely fate of an amiable and beloved Princess. We commiserate most sensibly the wounded feelings of an affectionate and afflicted father, and the keen sufferings of an heart-broken and disconsolate husband, and we sympathize most sincerely in the sorrows of the whole royal family.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that we participate fully in the general sensations of regret and grief at our irreparable loss, and in the general desire to testify to your Royal Highness a cordial and sincere condolence.

This calamity is indeed the more afflicting from

its sudden contrast with the train of bright hopes and prospects we had so lately formed: these hopes and prospects have in one fatal moment been blasted, and together with all those virtues which gave rise to them are laid in an early tomb: in the bloom of youth and in the most interesting moment of her life, our beloved Princess has been snatched from us, just as she was becoming doubly dear to every British heart.

While we deplore, however, this great domestic and national calamity, we sincerely hope that your Royal Highness and all those nearly connected with the lamented Princess, may, through the aid of Divine Providence, be enabled to bear this severe dispensation with fortitude and resignation, and we trust that the nation may be thus encouraged speedily to recover from its present deep distress and melancholy gloom.

Be pleased then, Sir, graciously to accept all the consolation in our power to bestow, our full concurrence, and our full proportion in the sincere and heartfelt condolence of a sympathizing, loyal, and affectionate people.

Signed in name and by appointment of a General Meeting of the County, called for the purpose, held at Hamilton this 28th day of November 1817.

BELHARENT STEUTON, President.

[Transmitted by Lord Archibald Hamilton, M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Irvine, met in Presbytery, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, with sentiments of the most sincere condolence, on occasion of the sudden and much lamented death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales.

Warmly interested in whatever affects your Royal Highness's personal happiness, we cannot but deplore that stroke of Providence, which has so severely wounded a parent's feelings, involved the royal family in deep distress, and overwhelmed the nation at large with heartfelt sorrow. Although the hopes we had fondly cherished are now prematurely blasted, and we are left to lament the loss of a Princess, whose distinguished virtues justly endeared her to her august family, and to the British empire, yet we bow with submission to the will of Heaven, and implore the God of all grace and consolation, to sooth the sorrows of your Royal Highness under the double bereavement of a Princess and her offspring, the lineal descendants of that illustrious house under which we and our fathers have enjoyed so many blessings.

That the God "who comforteth the cast down," may solace the breast of your Royal Highness under this painful visitation of Providence, and sanctify it to the British empire, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, your Royal Highness's most loyal and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Irvine.

Signed in our name and presence, and by appointment of Presbytery of Irvine, this 26th day of November 1817.

ANDREW HALDAN, Moderator.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Eglington, and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.]

To George, PRINCE REGENT of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

WE presume to hope, our anxious wish to approach your Royal Highness with our most respectful, most sincere condolence, on the late truly melancholy event, may not be considered an intrusion; we have to offer as our sole incentive, our participation in the acute sensations of regret and mourning, so universally felt in every breast, and deeply impressed on every countenance: if such are our feel-