

which have called forth the spontaneous tribute of a nation's grief, your Royal Highness will be supported by the consoling consideration that these have gone to their eternal reward.

Embracing this lamented occasion to renew our assurances of devoted affection to your Royal Highness, we trust that the memory of departed excellence will strengthen the ties of attachment to your royal house throughout the empire. Feeling that we cannot too highly venerate our inestimable constitution, we shall continue to exert our limited influence in promoting the peace and good order of society; and that your Royal Highness may long experience the happiness of governing a free, prosperous, and united people, is our earnest wish and prayer.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the other Magistrates and Councillors, in Council assembled, at Dumbarton, the 29th day of November 1817.

JOHN DIXON, Provost.

[Transmitted by the Duke of Montrose, 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 Dumfries, now publicly assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of the deepest condolence, for the irreparable loss which your Royal Highness has sustained by the death of your most amiable, virtuous, and illustrious daughter, the Princess Charlotte of Wales; and we fervently pray, that on this most trying occasion, the God of infinite and eternal mercy may communicate to your Royal Highness, to his Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, and all the members of the royal family, the soothing balm of divine consolation: and may dispose all classes of his Majesty's subjects rightly to improve that most awful and solemn dispensation of Divine Providence, which so deeply affects the British nation.

We are, may it please your Royal Highness, your Royal Highness's most devoted and humble servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dumfries.

Signed in our name, and by our authority.

GEORGE GREIG, Moderator.

Dumfries, 2d December 1817.

[Transmitted by W. R. K. Douglas, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Dean, Council, and Members of the Incorporation of Guildry of the Royal Burgh of Cupar, in Fife, in General Meeting assembled, this 1st day of December 1817.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Dean, Council, and Members of the Incorporation of the Guildry of Cupar, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with assurances of the warmest sympathy in that severe affliction with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit your Royal Highness.

Feeling, with the whole British empire, the most lively interest in every event which affects the welfare and happiness of your illustrious family, we deeply lament the loss of a Princess endeared to you by her affection and by her virtues; and we sincerely condole with your Royal Highness in the sufferings which a parent's heart must endure, under a calamity so severe and unexpected.

We fervently implore the Great Disposer of all, that He will bestow on your Royal Highness that strong consolation which is to be derived only from firm confidence in the righteousness and wisdom of His sovereignty—that He will pour His choicest blessings on your Royal Highness, and continue to

prosper your government, which has hitherto been administered with so much prudence, equity, and firmness; and that he will maintain, till the latest posterity, the mild and paternal government of your illustrious house, under which we have enjoyed so much prosperity and happiness.

Signed in name, presence, and by appointment of the Guildry.

JAMES INGLIS, Dean of Guild.

[Transmitted by James Inglis, Esq. Dean of Guild, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Lochmaben, in the County of Dumfries, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with every sentiment of respect and affection, to express our condolence under the severe dispensation with which it has pleased Providence of late to visit your Royal Highness and the whole nation.

We had the highest satisfaction in contemplating the many excellent dispositions and virtues of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, your late daughter, the heir of the throne, and the hope of the nation. We also beheld with high satisfaction, her happy union with his Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, who has endeared himself still more to the nation, by his feeling and conduct on this trying occasion; and our grief on account of her untimely and much-lamented death is proportionally severe.

We are aware of those feelings which must press more especially on your Royal Highness's paternal heart; and we humbly and devoutly pray, that your Royal Highness may participate abundantly in the consolations of our holy religion, which alone can administer adequate support under so afflicting an event.

Signed, in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, by

JACOB WRIGHT, Moderator.
W. SINGER, Clerk, B.

Lochmaben, 2d December 1817.

[Transmitted by the Rev. Jacob Wright, Moderator, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Magistrates and Town Council of Dundee, beg leave humbly to offer to your Royal Highness our sincere condolence on the afflicting dispensation of Providence, which has deprived you of an affectionate and beloved daughter, and the country of an heir to the throne, who, through her illustrious virtues, had already reigned in the hearts of the people.

We hope that the universal sympathy of a generous nation will in some degree alleviate your sorrow; that the same hand which has inflicted the wound, will heal the poignant grief of his Majesty's loyal subjects, by preserving the life of your Royal Highness for many years; and that an heir of the illustrious house of Brunswick may never be wanting to fill the British throne.

Given under the common seal of the Burgh, the 27th day of November 1817.

ALEXANDER RIDDOCH, Provost.

[Transmitted by Sir David Wedderburn, Bart. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful sub-

jects, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Inverness, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the homage of our most sincere condolence on the heavy calamity with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit your Royal Highness and the whole British empire, in the early death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales and her infant son. While as subjects of the divine government, we desire to submit with unreserved acquiescence to the appointments of unerring wisdom, as men and Britons, we cannot but deplore the sudden extinction of so many hopes. That your Royal Highness may derive all that comfort from the truths and hopes of the Gospel which, more especially under griefs like yours, they are so graciously adapted to yield, and that after proving a public blessing for many years, your Royal Highness may be united to your justly beloved and lamented daughter in a better world, are the earnest prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, his Majesty's most obedient, most faithful, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Inverness.

Signed, in our name and presence, and by our appointment, by

ALEX. ROSE, Moderator.

Inverness, December 2, 1817.

[Transmitted by Charles Grant, jun. Esq. M. P. 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 most loyal and devoted subjects, the Heritors, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, and Magistrates of the County of Bute, assembled at Rothesay, at a general meeting, beg leave humbly to offer to your Royal Highness the expression of our condolence upon the heavy affliction with which your Royal Highness as a father is now visited. We do also, upon public grounds, most deeply grieve for and lament the calamity, by which these kingdoms and your Royal Highness, as the high representative of their sovereign, are deprived of their dearest hope. We should not now intrude upon your Royal Highness, but that we consider it a duty, however melancholy, in proof of the affection and loyalty which we do truly bear to your Royal Highness's person and government.

Signed in our name and by appointment, this 20th day of November 1817.

ARCHD. MOORE, Vice-Lieutenant.

[Transmitted by the Marquess of Bute, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The humble Address of the Heritors, Householders, and other Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Kelso, in Public Meeting assembled, at Kelso, this 29th day of November 1817.

May it please your Royal Highness,

DEEPLY penetrated with the afflicting event which has suddenly deprived your Royal Highness of a beloved and only child, your illustrious house of one of its brightest ornaments, and a dutiful and affectionate nation of the object of its fondest attachment and esteem, we, his Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Heritors, Householders, and other Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Kelso, beg leave to approach you in the present season of public grief, to deplore, in common with your Royal Highness, as one of the greatest of national calamities, the awful dispensation of Providence with which we have been visited.

When we reflect on all the joyful hopes which seemed on the eve of accomplishment, in the birth of a royal infant, to transmit to posterity the name and honours of your illustrious house, and on the complicated reverse, which in one fatal night,