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The following Addresses have been presented to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Addresses his Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The dutiful and loyal Address of that body of Protestant Dissenters, commonly called the Associate (Burgher) Presbytery, in Edinburgh.

*May it please your Royal Highness.*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Associate Presbytery in Edinburgh, assembled in our monthly Presbyterial meeting, beg leave to join ourselves to that general train of mourners who approach your Royal Highness's sacred person, to pay the tribute of their tears, on the irreparable loss sustained by the death of her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte Augusta, and that of her royal infant.

The universally acknowledged goodness of our beloved Princess's life, is attended with an astonishment of grief of equal extent at her decease. Alas! her pre-eminence in personal piety; her domestic virtues; her attractive manners; her regal accomplishments; all those considerations which might be supposed to alleviate, only serve to aggravate our sorrow.

With admiration and delight we beheld her princely character unfolding itself; and contemplating at a distance, those resplendent excellencies with which she was adorned, we fondly trusted that this bright luminary would have shed forth her benignant influence over the British empire, and the world, during a long succession of years, after we ourselves had descended into the grave. An unexpected stroke, a great national calamity has destroyed our hopes for ever.

But if such be the sorrow which we and all around us feel, what must be the anguish that rends the affectionate heart of the royal parent! Ah we cease—we would not exasperate whilst we devoutly wish to sooth the wound which still bleeds. "We are dumb; we open not our mouth, because Thou O God! hast done it."

In the strictest integrity, and with feelings of the profoundest deference, we entreat your Royal Highness to take in good part the expression of our deep-

est sympathy and condolence, and our most fervent wishes that this most calamitous stroke of Divine Providence may be sanctified to all on whom it has pleased Heaven to make it fall.

We humbly beseech your Royal Highness to accept the renewed assurances of our fidelity to your Royal Highness's person and government; and of our continuing to pray the ever blessed God, that he may be pleased to take your Royal Highness into his unceasing protection; to support your spirits by his divine consolations; and continue long your precious life, so necessary for maintaining the dignity, and preserving the rights of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, together with their multiplied dependencies.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, at Edinburgh, this 3d day of December 1817.

JAMES HALL, Moderator.

[Transmitted by the Lord Advocate of Scotland, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Ayr.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Ayr, deeply impressed with sentiments of the most loyal attachment to your Royal Highness, humbly beg leave to lay at the foot of the throne, the expression of our affliction for that most melancholy and most calamitous event, the death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales, the beloved daughter of your Royal Highness, and the future hope and stay of the British empire.

Whilst in common with our fellow subjects we deplore the vast extent of the national loss, resulting from this sad catastrophe, which has cut off the lengthened hopes fondly entertained of a line of sovereigns from a favourite stock, we must be insensible, indeed, should we not feel that deeper anguish which wrings a parent's heart, and with those sensations earnestly to offer our most respectful condolence to your Royal Highness.

That your Royal Highness may be long preserved to govern this great empire, and to live in the hearts of a free and loyal people, is the ardent prayer, may it please your Royal Highness, of his Majesty's most loyal and most faithful subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Ayr.

Signed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Eglinton, Lord Lieut. of the County of Ayr, our Preses, in our presence, and by our appointment, at Ayr, the 1st day of December 1817.

EGLINTON, Preses.

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

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

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Irvine, in Council assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, with sentiments of the most sincere condolence, on the ever-to-be-lamented death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales and the royal infant.

We deplore that stroke of Providence which has so severely wounded your Royal Highness's feelings as a parent—involving the royal family in such deep distress, and overwhelmed the nation at large with heartfelt sorrow.—While we feel this event as the greatest national calamity, we deeply sympathize with your Royal Highness in being thus deprived of a child so amiably accomplished, and to whom the nation looked forward as a support to the throne, and a blessing to the United Kingdom.

That Almighty God may support your Royal Highness under this deep affliction, is the earnest prayer of,

May it please your Royal Highness, his Majesty's most loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Irvine.

Signed, by the Right Honourable the Earl of Eglinton, Provost, by appointment of the

