

bitants of the borough of Southwark; we are assured of their interest in our happiness, and we receive their congratulations with every heartfelt satisfaction and pleasure."

To Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations, residing in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, beg leave to present to your Royal Highness our sincere congratulations on the event of your alliance with His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe-Cobourg, and to tender our warmest wishes for your truest felicity through every succeeding period of your existence.

Descended from an illustrious line of royal ancestors, who have meritoriously and successfully laboured to advance the general improvement of the nation, and confirm our much valued liberties, we are persuaded that your Royal Highness will derive the highest satisfaction from emulating such laudable examples.

Should your Royal Highness be ever called to fill the arduous and elevated situation of a Sovereign, we are confident that the conduct of your Royal Highness will evince the unceasing conviction, that a devoted attention to the intellectual and moral improvement of a cultivated and loyal people, will afford your Royal Highness more solid gratification, and confer more real splendour, than the outward ornaments of royalty.

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Duke of Saxe, Margrave of Meissen, Landgrave of Thuringen, Prince of Cobourg of Saalfeld, &c.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations, residing in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, have sincere pleasure in hailing the arrival of your Serene Highness in this kingdom on the present important occasion, and in presenting our warmest congratulations on your alliance with our amiable and illustrious Princess, Charlotte Augusta.

From the elevated descent, various accomplishments, and excellent qualities of your Serene Highness, we are led to entertain the most pleasing expectation of the felicity attendant upon these auspicious nuptials.

It is our ardent wish, that this country may afford your Serene Highness facilities for every active, liberal, and beneficial pursuit congenial to your taste and inclination.

In promoting the happiness of our beloved Princess, the country's hope, affording her kind and constant support on all occasions conducive to her advantage, and aiding her benevolent designs for extensive usefulness, your Serene Highness will be entitled to the gratitude and affection of a free, enlightened, and loyal people.

Duly appreciating excellence, we rejoice to see it transplanted, naturalized, and flourishing in our

land, and it is our wish and prayer, that your Serene Highness may enjoy to a distant period all the happiness which your exalted situation can bestow.

These Addresses are signed, on behalf of the General Body, by

Abraham Rees, D.D. F.R.S. F.L.S. Soc. Amer. Soc. John Rippon, D.D. Thos. Morgan, Joseph Brooksbank, At Wtugh, D.D. John Humphrys, John Townsend, Thos. Cloutt, Thos. Thomas, Wm. Newman, John Coates, Wm. Moon, Thos. Rees, F.S.A. John Hawksley, John Pottery, Thos. Wood, and Richard Bowden.

To which Addresses Her Royal Highness and His Serene Highness were pleased to return the following Answer:

Be assured that we receive the congratulations of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations with every cordial satisfaction and pleasure; and we are well assured in those fervent hopes they express for our mutual happiness, and for the prosperity of His Majesty's kingdoms."

To Her Royal Highness, the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Burgesses, and loyal Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnstaple, request permission to approach your Royal Highness with our most sincere congratulations on the joyful occasion of your recent marriage.

From scenes of violence, and the operations of a just and necessary war, in which, under the auspices of your illustrious House, and the superintending care of Providence, the wisdom and valour of Britons have been so successfully and so decisively exerted in frustrating the ambitious and destructive views of an inveterate foe, and vindicating the national honour, we are allowed to turn our undivided attention to the more pleasing duties and occupations of peace; and at this early period of it, we contemplate with exultation your union with the noble House of Cobourg as one of its most favourable omens, as promising to your Royal Highness the greatest portion of domestic felicity, and encouraging the firmest hopes of continued prosperity and happiness to the British nation.

We, with confidence, indulge these pleasing hopes, on account of the numerous virtues and excellent qualities which distinguish your Royal Highness and your august husband, which, while they shed a lustre over your exalted station, endear you to a great and grateful people, and are the surest means of permanently securing their loyal attachment and affection.

We beg leave most dutifully to express to you our most ardent wishes for the uninterrupted health and happiness of your Royal Highness and your illustrious consort, in which the most important interests of this nation are essentially concerned.

Henry Drake, Town Clerk.

Barnstaple, June 19, 1816.