

that rejoices with those in joy, to weep with them that weep, presume most affectionately to approach your Royal Highness, with the tenderest expressions of condolence, for the loss of a Princess, whose private character and public virtues endeared her to every heart: a loss, under which, as it is deeply deplored by the whole nation, we hope your Royal Highness will graciously be consoled by permitting us in common with our fellow subjects, to share its weight with your Royal Highness, as we mournfully participate in its affliction.

This, we are aware, can best be done by uniformly evincing the dutiful regard we entertain for our beloved and virtuous Sovereign, your Royal Highness's venerable Father, together with every branch of His Majesty's illustrious House; and by imploring, as we cordially do, on them, and on your Royal Highness, the blessings and consolations of Heaven.

Signed, by desire of the Meeting,

Luke Booker, Chairman.

Town-Hall, Dudley, November 20, 1817.

[*Transmitted by Doctor Booker, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, the Inhabitants of the Borough of Tewkesbury, the loyal and dutiful subjects of your aged and much afflicted father, the best and most respected of Kings, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of the most unfeigned sympathy and condolence on the loss which this country has sustained by the very melancholy death of your revered, greatly lamented, and beloved daughter, Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, Consort of His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

Deeply impressed as we all are with feelings of the most poignant sorrow and regret, for the state of affliction in which your Royal Highness and your Royal Relatives have been placed, yet we are revived by the persuasion, that religion will supply you with those spiritual comforts and consolations, that patient resignation, that Christian fortitude, which alone can support and strengthen the mind under this most severe and afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence.

Under this calamitous and distressing event, we may be permitted to express to your Royal Highness our fond and consoling hope, that a Protestant successor, of the very noble and illustrious House of Hanover, may ever wield the Sceptre of this great and mighty empire, and continue the unvaried guardian and ever-watchful protector of its religion, liberty, and laws.

Signed, at the unanimous request of the Inhabitants,
Thos. Vernon, High Bailiff.

[*Transmitted by J. E. Dowdeswell, Esq. and John Martin, Esq. Members for the Borough, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Gentry, Clergy, Merchants,

Manufacturers, and other Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Birmingham, approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt expressions of condolence, on the sudden and calamitous decrease of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte.

Humbly submitting to the mysterious dispensations of an allwise Providence, we cannot but deeply sympathize with your Royal Highness, on being deprived of a Daughter so justly beloved; nor can we less deplore, on our own account, the loss of a Princess, to whom we had looked up with delight as the pride of your illustrious House, and the future hope of our country.

Trusting that the unalterable attachment of a loyal people will prove a source of consolation to your Royal Highness, under so severe a trial, we fervently pray, that the Almighty Disposer of Events may long preserve the life of your Royal Highness, and that our latest posterity may enjoy the blessings of our excellent Constitution, under the paternal Government of the House of Brunswick.

In the name and on the behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Birmingham,

Wm. Cotterill, High Bailiff.

[*Transmitted by Sir C. Mordaunt, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT:

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Corporation of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, deeply sensible of the irreparable loss sustained by the death of her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, humbly approach the Throne to express those sentiments of affliction and distress with which that calamitous event has overwhelmed ourselves and every class of the British people.

Deeply sensible of the blessings which we have enjoyed under the paternal rule of the House of Brunswick, we had proudly contemplated the progress of those virtues which so conspicuously adorned her Royal Highness; and in the fulfilment of every duty incumbent on her high station, we fondly anticipated for our children, in the lineal descent of the Crown, a continuance of that happiness which we ourselves have ever experienced under the government of our beloved Sovereign and of your Royal Highness.

But it has been the pleasure of Almighty God, that those hopes of his Majesty's people should be crushed in the dust, and that universal sorrow should overshadow the land.

Deep, notwithstanding, as the sorrows are, in which so heavy a disappointment has plunged the minds of an affectionate people, yet are they most anxiously alive to the sufferings, which by the loss of a Daughter so deservedly dear, have been thus untemporarily brought upon your Royal Highness.

We most unfeignedly sympathize in those feelings, and most sincerely offer to your Royal Highness the humble assurance of our heartfelt and dutiful condolence; and we venture to express our most earnest hope that Almighty God will extend to your