

Royal Highness his merciful and all-powerful support under this severe infliction of his inscrutable providence.

By order of the Royal College,  
*James Bryce, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by the Right Hon. W. Dundas, and presented by Lord Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT,  
*Most Gracious Prince,*

WE, his Majesty's most affectionate and loyal subjects the Convener, Trades, Bailies, Deacons of the fourteen Incorporated Trades, and other ordinary and extraordinary members of the Trades House of the City of Glasgow, beg leave to approach the Throne, with sentiments of profound respect, and most tender sympathy.

Whilst we bow with deep submission to the Sovereign will of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we mingle our tears with those of our fellow subjects, deeply lamenting the afflicting bereavement of a much beloved Princess, whose amiable character, endearing excellencies, and manifold private as well as public virtues, graced her exalted station and promised to ensure, under the blessing of Heaven, the continuance and increase of that prosperity, independence, and happiness, with which these realms have been so long and so highly favoured.

Participating in the exquisite feelings of your Royal Highness, and of his Serene Highness the much esteemed Consort of our departed Princess, on this melancholy occasion, we beg leave to express our condolence in all that is dutiful and soothing to the heart in the season of sorrow.

May the God of all Consolation, who alone can support under the deepest sorrow, comfort in the condescensions of his kindness your Royal Highness, and the other members of your illustrious family, and may life so valuable be long spared, and under the dispensations of a wise and ever gracious Providence, improving in all that is morally and spiritually excellent, be cheered with the prospect of that Crown and Kingdom, which shall never perish nor decay.

Signed in name, presence and by the appointment of the House, in their Hall assembled at Glasgow, this 22d day of November, 1817.

*John Graham, Convener.*

[*Transmitted by the Convener of the Trades House of the City of Glasgow, and presented by Lord 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 dutiful and loyal subjects, the inhabitants of the Towns of Manchester and Salford, beg leave to approach Your Royal Highness with the respectful homage of our unfeigned sorrow and condolence under that awful affliction which presses so heavily upon your Royal Highness and your Illustrious House, and has diffused throughout every part of the British empire one solemn feeling of universal grief.

Unwilling to intrude upon the sacred privacy of

domestic sorrows; we are yet anxious to manifest by this dutiful expression of our condolence, how feelingly we sympathise in your Royal Highness's individual sufferings, and how deeply we deplore the great and irreparable calamity which we have all sustained, in being thus suddenly bereaved of that amiable Princess, who was so justly deserving of a nation's love; whom we saw with pride so richly endowed with every virtue and accomplishment which could adorn a Throne, or exhibit a pattern of domestic excellence; and from whom we fondly hoped that the sceptre of these realms would have been transmitted with still increasing lustre, in uninterrupted succession to the latest posterity.

But deeply as we must ever mourn the afflictive disappointment of our brightest hopes, it would ill become us, at such a moment as this, to aggravate the poignancy of your Royal Highness's sorrows, by our unavailing lamentation; it were more reasonable to suggest the solid grounds of consolation which your Royal Highness cannot fail to find in the contemplation of those exalted virtues, and that exemplary innocence of life, which so eminently marked the character of our lamented Princess; and which, we doubt not, are recorded there, where alone virtue and innocence receive their just reward; and we are sure that your Royal Highness will ever derive a soothing and unmingled satisfaction, from the consciousness of that mild and affectionate tenderness which was upon every occasion so happily blended with the discharge of your parental duties.

And whilst we thus unfeignedly sympathise in your Royal Highness's sorrows, we cannot but express our sincere condolence with that Illustrious Mourner, whose agonising regret for the loss of his beloved Consort, can only be equalled by that faithful attachment which marked the short but exemplary period of their union, and by that affectionate solicitude which he so amiably evinced during the season of her protracted suffering. From the generous attention of your Royal Highness we are persuaded that he will experience every consolation which the tenderest sympathy can impart; and long as the memory of our beloved Princess shall be cherished in our land, the virtues of this Illustrious Stranger, the distinguished object of her choice—will ever be fondly associated with her's, and will secure to him a permanent asylum in the hearts of a generous and grateful people.

But afflictions thus severe, as they come not without the permission of an allwise though inscrutable Providence, so neither can they be effectually alleviated without recourse to those pure and holy fountains which religion has supplied for the comfort of them that mourn. A pious submission to the Divine appointments, and a firm trust and reliance in the unfailing mercies of God, will ever be our truest wisdom, as they unquestionably constitute our bounden duty.

Under these solemn impressions we close this Address, with our fervent prayers to Almighty God for your Royal Highness's health and felicity, and with the assurance of our faithful and unalienable attachment to the Person and Family of our revered Monarch, and to those fundamental principles,