

To his Serene Highness LEOPOLD, Prince of Saxe-Cobourg Saalfeld.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ancient and loyal City of Chester, in Common Council assembled, beg leave, in this season of unexampled sorrow, to present to your Serene Highness the language and the feelings of unfeigned sympathy; and to assure your Serene Highness of the sincere and deep regret with which we received information of the death of your Serene Highness's late amiable and illustrious Consort, the Princess Charlotte. On this mournful occasion, we cannot neglect to express the strong interest we feel in that severe and poignant grief which must have operated on the feelings of your Serene Highness, with an intensity very far beyond that of the common sorrows of mankind. We would not, under these painful circumstances, aggravate the grief of your Serene Highness and our own, by enumerating all the shining qualities which in so eminent a degree distinguished her Royal Highness the late Princess—qualities that called forth the highest admiration, and justified the most sanguine expectations of an affectionate and loyal people;—qualities that, while she lived, commanded our sincere attachment, and that have marked her loss with feelings of unparalleled regret. Yet, while we feel the calamity that your Serene Highness and the nation have sustained, we should ill discharge the duty, which on this distressing occasion we owe to your Serene Highness and ourselves, did we forget to commend our common sorrows to Him who is the God of all Consolation—who only can assuage the pangs excited by the sting of disappointment, and heal the wounds inflicted by the stroke of sorrow; and we therefore pray that your Serene Highness may, by the Divine blessing, be sufficiently strengthened to bear with Christian fortitude and patience this mysterious and awful visitation, and that many blessings may yet attend the future part of your Serene Highness's abode in this now afflicted yet highly favoured nation.

Given under our Common Seal this 27th day November 1817. *Henry Bowers, Mayor.*

To which Address His Serene Highness was pleased to return the following Answer:

“ To Henry Bowers, Esq. Mayor of Chester.

“ SIR,

“ I HAVE this day had the honour of presenting to the Prince Leopold the Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Chester, on the late afflicting events at Claremont.

“ The Prince Leopold commands me to request you will assure the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Chester, that he receives their Address with full and consoling confidence in their attachment and their sympathy; and in this awful and general dispensation of sorrow, he has received in their prayers for his restored tranquillity and happiness, the highest and only consolation he can know.

“ I have the honour, &c.

“ *Robert Gardiner.*

“ Claremont, December 2, 1817.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS We have taken into consideration the state of the copper coin of this kingdom, and have deemed it expedient, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, that all copper monies of this realm commonly called a halfpenny or a farthing, coined at His Majesty's Mint, and current in His Majesty's dominions, by virtue of any Proclamation prior to the twenty-sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, should be called in and recoined.

And whereas in pursuance of an Order in Council, dated the twenty-first of January one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, considerable quantities of the said copper monies before-mentioned, have been received and exchanged at His Majesty's Mint, so that only a small portion of such monies now remain in circulation; We do, therefore, by this Our Royal Proclamation, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, think proper to declare and command, and We do declare and command, that no copper monies whatsoever (other than and except such copper monies as are now current, by virtue of His Majesty's Proclamation bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, or any Proclamation dated subsequent to the said twenty-sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven) shall from henceforth be allowed to pass, or be current, in any payment whatsoever, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

And we do further, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice aforesaid, declare and command that all persons holding any of the copper monies of this realm, commonly called a halfpenny or a farthing, coined at His Majesty's Mint, and current in His Majesty's dominions, by virtue of any Proclamation bearing date prior to the said twenty-sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, who shall, on or before the thirty-first day of this instant December, bring the same to the Officers of His Majesty's Mint, in bags, contain-