

prived of a bright example of public and private virtue, and the pleasing hope in which it had so long indulged, that the chain of succession in your Royal House would have remained unbroken.

Your Royal Highness mourns the loss of one whose filial affection would have soothed your decline of life, and have lessened the burthens of royalty; but if those feelings can be at all assuaged by our participating in them, we have a mournful satisfaction in thus conveying our sentiments to your Royal Highness, and, at the same time, assuring your Royal Highness of our loyalty and attachment to your Royal House.

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Northumberland, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Regent.

WE, the Vyanders of the Borough of Newport, and Minister and Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Stephens, by Launceston, in the County of Cornwall, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Person with feelings of the utmost respect and sorrow, to express our sincere condolence on the severe loss which your Royal Highness has sustained in the death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales.

By your Royal Highness the privation of a beloved daughter, in whose filial affection you would have found an alleviation from the burthens of royalty, cannot but be acutely felt: the deep but not loud expression of sorrow which pervades all ranks of His Majesty's subjects, full plainly evinces how severely they too feel the loss of so bright an example of public and private virtue.

To express our participation in your grief, and our heartfelt sorrow at the late national calamity, we, the Vyanders of the Borough of Newport, and Minister and Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephens, by Launceston, in the County of Cornwall, thus humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Person, at the same time assuring your Royal Highness of our loyalty and attachment to your Royal House.

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To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Inhabitants of the ancient and loyal City of Peterborough.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Ancient City of Peterborough, at all times most anxious for the welfare of your Royal Highness, and for the prosperity of the august House of Brunswick, should consider ourselves culpably deficient in our duty, did we remain silent, at a time when your Royal Highness has experienced one of the most heart-rending calamities to which human nature is incident, by that heavy dispensation which has deprived your Royal Highness of an only and beloved child, Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales,

and the nation of its pride and hope, the object of its warmest wishes; so justly endeared to both, by the acknowledged amiableness of Her Royal Highness's private character, and by the celebrity of her public virtues.

In the general feelings of regret, which this most untimely and afflictive event has universally inspired, we flatter ourselves that the avowal of our sincere participation, will graciously be accepted by your Royal Highness.

We earnestly supplicate that inscrutable Being, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and whose mysterious wisdom has permitted the awful visitation, which we so deeply deplore, in His mercy to sooth and support your Royal Highness under it; and we fervently pray, that for the benefit of this and surrounding nations, He will long preserve the sacred life of your Royal Highness, and perpetuate the succession to the Crown, in the Protestant Illustrious House of Brunswick, to the latest posterity.

If this unfeigned tribute of our condolence, (in unison with the feelings displayed by the whole British Empire,) can, however remotely, tend to assuage the poignancy of parental sorrow, our most ardent wishes will be gratified: at least, by the transmission of these our genuine sentiments of sympathy, we shall have the satisfaction to reflect, that we have discharged the duty of loyal and devoted subjects.

Signed at the request, and on the behalf of the Meeting. *William Strong*, Chairman, D. D.

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

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Hartlepool, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the sincere expression of our sorrow and regret, for the melancholy death of your Illustrious Daughter.

The love and affection which the nation entertained towards the Princess Charlotte, are best evinced by the universal sorrow which has burst forth from the hearts of all classes of his Majesty's subjects; and even under the pressure of this sudden calamity, it is hoped, this consideration will afford consolation to your Royal Highness.

It becomes our duty, as it is our inclination, to offer up our prayers to that mysterious Providence, whose dispensations are far beyond the stretch of human calculation, to strengthen the mind of your Royal Highness, (and the illustrious members of your House,) that you may support the present affliction with fortitude and resignation.

Darlington, Mayor.

Town Hall, Hartlepool, December 1, 1817;
done at a Court of Aldermen.

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