

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 Commonalty of the Ancient Borough of Ripon, in the County of York, in Common Hall assembled, unanimously beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the expression of our sincere condolence, on the much lamented death of Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

Most firmly attached to your Royal Highness's person and government, we participate with the liveliest interest in every circumstance which can in any degree affect your Royal Highness's comfort and happiness.

We, however, devoutly trust, that the same good Providence which has permitted this calamity to befall your Royal Highness, and the nation, will support and console you under this severe trial and affliction.

May the same good Providence bless and keep our beloved Sovereign, long preserve your Royal Highness's most invaluable life, and perpetuate to our posterity the blessings of the paternal government of the illustrious House of Brunswick.

Given under our common seal, this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1817, and in the 58th Year of His Majesty's reign.

By order, *Peter Taylor*, Town Clerk.

[*Transmitted by the Right Hon. F. J. Robinson, M.P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales,
REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great
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May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Lieutenancy, Landholders, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Banff, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to bewail the deep and irreparable loss which your Royal Highness and the British Empire have sustained, in the untimely demise of your Illustrious Daughter, Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

With feelings of the most poignant sorrow, we offer to your Royal Highness the respectful homage of our unfeigned condolence.

When we contemplate the many great and amiable qualities which adorned the character of that beloved and distinguished Princess, her untainted purity of principle, her undeviating rectitude of conduct, the unostentatious benevolence of her nature; when we dwell on the memory of her domestic virtues, her eminent accomplishments and attractive manners, we mourn over her loss as a bereavement inexpressibly afflicting to your Royal Highness, to her sorrowing Husband the Prince Leopold, whose correct and exemplary deportment so congenial to that of his illustrious Consort, has justly endeared him to the affections, and entitled him to the applause of every rank; and reflecting on those highly cultivated capacities of mind and understand-

ing which so eminently fitted Her Royal Highness for discharging the arduous and important duties of that exalted station, which at a distant period we fondly hoped she was destined to fill, we bemoan this appalling event as a great national calamity.

Whilst we bow with humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, we confidently believe that benevolent dispensations only can flow from that unerring Being whose inscrutable wisdom directs the issues of life and death; and we anxiously trust that your Royal Highness will, with us, derive consolation from this conviction, joined to the pleasing hope, that the ever to be lamented Princess, whom we deplore, has attained the consummation of her happiness in a world of never-ending bliss.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, in a general meeting held at Banff, this 29th day of November 1817.

Fife.

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Fife, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Ancient Town of Stirling, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our sincere condolence upon the ever-to-be-lamented death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, whose transcendent virtues held out so fair a prospect of future happiness to these lands.

But whilst we, in common with all His Majesty's subjects, most deeply deplore the irreparable loss which your Royal Highness and the nation have thus sustained, we deem it our duty to lift up our hearts in humble gratitude to the Wise Disposer of events for the inestimable blessings with which we are still so highly favoured under the mild and successful administration of your Royal Highness, and to offer up our fervent prayers for your preservation and prosperity.

Signed and sealed in our names, and by our appointment, at the Town House of Stirling, this 13th day of December 1817.

Thomas Wright, Provost.

[*Transmitted by the Provost, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop of Oxford, the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Oxford, humbly presume to offer to your Royal Highness our unfeigned sentiments of sorrow and condolence for the heavy and afflicting loss which your Royal Highness, and the nation at large, have so recently and so unexpectedly sustained: as men, we sympathize deeply in your sufferings as a parent; and, as Ministers of God's holy word, we beseech the Father of Mercy, that He may enable you to support this severe calamity with pious fortitude, and to set an example to the people of this land of patient and submissive resignation to the Almighty