

will. It is not for us to attempt, by any suggestions of ours, to mitigate the bitterness of your Royal Highness's affliction: but we may be permitted, we hope, without offence, to declare our belief that you possess a more than ordinary share of those consolations to which, in the hour of trial, the sufferer may with confidence appeal; these consolations are to be found, not only in the repeated sympathies of a loyal and generous people, who, from the highest to the lowest, participate in the sorrows of their Prince; nor in the recollection of the numerous talents and virtues which adorned the character of the Princess whom we have lost, but in the reflection, most soothing to a father's heart, that those talents and those virtues were matured and fostered under your Royal Highness's ever watchful care and guidance.

We devoutly pray, that considerations such as these may have their full effect in alleviating your Royal Highness's sorrows: and whilst we purposely abstain from dwelling upon an inscrutable dispensation of Providence, which, in all its circumstances, must be so painful to your feelings, we may be allowed, we trust, on this as on all other occasions, to repeat to your Royal Highness the assurance of our unalterable attachment to your Person and Government, and of our grateful sense of the invaluable blessings of civil and religious liberty, which this nation has so long enjoyed under the mild and equitable sway of your august family.

Edward, Oxford.

[Transmitted by the Bishop of Oxford, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Helleston, in the County of Cornwall.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Freemen, and Inhabitants, of Helleston, respectfully beg leave to approach your Royal Highness and to offer our heartfelt expressions of sympathy and condolence upon an event which has filled the whole nation with the deepest sorrow and affliction.

Whilst we view this empire deprived of its fondest hopes by the death of your beloved daughter, Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, and that too, at a moment and under circumstances which have rendered the calamity signal and unparalleled, we trust we bend with humble submission to the chastening hand of the Almighty, whose judgments are unsearchable, and His ways past finding out.

To enumerate the virtues which adorned Her late Royal Highness, would but add to the poignancy of a parent's anguish for the loss of such a daughter, but the remembrance of them will be fondly cherished, and even now affords the cheering hope that she has exchanged an earthly for an immortal crown.

No expressions of our grief can afford to your

Royal Highness any consolation, but we devoutly pray the Almighty to bestow His comfort and support upon you.

At the request, and on behalf of the meeting,
H. M. Grylls, Mayor.

Dated 16th December 1817.

[Transmitted by Hugh Hammersley, Esq. M.P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg; which Addresses His Serene Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Most Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, the undersigned, the Bailiffs, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Bridgnorth and its vicinity, cannot refrain from intruding on your sorrows to testify to you our affliction, and to offer our condolence on the irreparable loss you have sustained in the unexpected and calamitous death of your late illustrious and excellent consort.

We lament the disappointment of our hopes of a long succession of Kings from your alliance with her; and we abandon with grief the expectations we had formed, that the bright example of her virtues would long have continued to improve and make happy the present and rising generation; but we are certain that the memory of her virtues will be consecrated in the hearts of an affectionate people.

We fervently hope that your Serene Highness may find some alleviation of your sorrows in that resignation to "God's will," of which your ever-to-be-lamented consort, in the bitterest moment of trial, afforded so affecting and edifying an example.

In the name and on behalf of the meeting,
Richard Baker and James Milner, Bailiffs of Bridgnorth; Thomas Whitmore, Recorder; Richard Tyrwhitt, Deputy Recorder.

To His Serene Highness the Prince of Cobourg.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Bailiffs and Citizens of the City of Lichfield, sensibly affected, in common with all His Majesty's subjects, by the severe calamity with which your Serene Highness and the whole nation have been afflicted, beg leave, however reluctantly, to intrude upon your Serene Highness with our unfeigned sympathy and condolence on the lamentable occasion.

Though it were vain to offer to your Serene Highness any consolation in a season of such deep distress, whilst we deplore the melancholy event, we cannot refrain from assuring your Serene Highness, that the respectful remembrance of the virtues and accomplishments of an amiable Princess, and of your Serene Highness's private worth and character, will ever live in the hearts of an affectionate and loyal people.

John Stanly and William Snape, Bailiffs; and Step. Simpson, Town Clerk.