

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Prince of Cobourg of Saalfeld.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Town of Beverley, in the County of York, in Common-Council assembled, humbly beg leave to express to your Serene Highness our sincere condolence and heartfelt sorrow at the late melancholy event of the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales.

We ardently admired the great endowments, virtues, and estimable qualities of our late illustrious Princess; and we deeply feel and deplore her loss.

We greatly esteem your Serene Highness for your affectionate attachment to your late amiable consort, and for your very proper and exemplary conduct on all occasions towards this kingdom.

We shall ever entertain the highest sentiments of regard for your Serene Highness; we pray for the restoration of your peace and happiness; and we shall at all times rejoice in every circumstance which shall tend to your Serene Highness's welfare.

Given under our common seal at Beverley aforesaid, the 1st day of December, in the 58th year of His Majesty's reign,

*John Arden, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Mayor.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince of Saxe Cobourg.

The affectionate Address of condolence of the Inhabitants of Rochdale.

IN this memorable hour of unexampled affliction—we wait not to trace the page of history for precedents—we stop not to draw our rules of conduct from the cold formalities that distinguish ordinary events, but we hasten with mournful solicitude to convey to your Serene Highness a declaration of those feelings—too sadly, alas! in unison with your own.

Permit us then to mingle the bitterest tears of a weeping land with those that flow from the heart-rending sorrows of a widowed consort—the worthy partner of departed excellence!

We shrink with respectful reverence, from entering upon a description of that exalted character, conscious of our inability to delineate her shining perfections with their due lustre.

When memory, through the lapse of years, recalls this saddest of all scenes to our minds, the pangs of regret will ever be mixed with feelings of affection and gratitude towards him, the amiable object of our Princess's love, who brightened her path of life with joy, and with unceasing tenderness smoothed the pillow of sickness.

Signed, in the name and on the behalf of the Meeting, *John Entwistle, jun. Chairman* Rochdale, December 3, 1817.

[*Transmitted by John Entwistle, jun. Esq. Chairman.*]

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Prince of Saxe Cobourg of Saalfeld.

WE, the Inhabitants of Brighthelmston and its vicinity, approach your Serene Highness with feelings of deep sympathy and sincere condolence

on the recent awful visitation of Divine Providence, which has deprived the nation of its hope, and your Serene Highness of an amiable, illustrious, and most devoted consort, on whose invaluable life your happiness and our future prosperity so much depended.

On this melancholy occasion, it is not necessary for us to point your Serene Highness to the only source of consolation. Your exemplary and pious deportment, during a short residence amongst us, convinces us that religion at this moment sheds its soothing influence into your wounded heart. We most earnestly pray, that your Serene Highness may long live and be happy; and that with sorrowful remembrance of your irreparable loss, may be blended consoling reflections on the glorious destiny of the illustrious deceased, who is invested with an unfading crown, and seated on a throne which can never be moved.

Signed by order of the meeting,

*Robert James Carr, Chairman; Thomas Attree, Town Clerk.*

Brighthelmston, December 9, 1817.

Unto His Serene Highness Leopold Prince of Cobourg, &c. &c.

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Irvine, in Council assembled, beg leave humbly to offer our respectful condolence to your Serene Highness, on the irreparable loss your Serene Highness has sustained, by the death of your amiable consort the Princess Charlotte, and the loss of the royal infant.—While we admire your Serene Highness's personal character, as well as the many virtues for which Her Royal Highness was so eminently distinguished, and which had endeared your Highnesses to the British nation, we sincerely sympathize with your Serene Highness, and all the members of the Royal Family, on this calamitous event.

That Almighty God may support your Serene Highness under this deep affliction, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Serene Highness, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Irvine.

Signed, by the Right Honourable the Earl of Eglinton, Provost, by appointment of the Magistrates and Council at Irvine, this 1st day of December 1817, *Eglinton, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Eglinton.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Inhabitants of Brixham (Forbay), at this time when the affliction to which your Highness has been compelled to submit, has excited the sympathies of this nation, humbly beg permission to express our sincere sorrow for the loss of a Princess, who (whilst she was beloved by your Highness, and giving joy and happiness to your conjugal state) was beloved and revered by all the subjects of the British dominions.

Your Highness lived in the just expectation of seeing your august, amiable, and Royal Consort (now no more) the Sovereign of this mighty em-