

pire, sharing with her the satisfaction which results from universal love and respect, and the gratifying hope of seeing the Throne of this united empire dignified by your illustrious offspring.

But it has pleased Almighty God to take Her Royal Highness and her infant from you; and whilst in humble submission you bend to His Divine appointment; with such sorrow as the Christian is permitted to indulge, your Highness is not without the consolation which springs from the assurance, that virtues such as her's can never perish.

Since your late royal alliance, your Highness has conciliated the affection of the British people by a life of exemplary and dignified morality, which will not be without its reward from Him who has power to give and to take away.

Our ardent prayer to Infinite Mercy is, that your Serene Highness may be strengthened with fortitude to bear the heavy affliction which you have been destined to suffer, and be blessed with health and peace throughout the remainder of your life.

Signed on the behalf of the above Inhabitants at their request, and as their Chairman, at a public meeting, this 2d day of December 1817,  
C. M. Cumby, Commander, R. N.

[Transmitted by the Right Honourable Nicholas Vansittart.]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, &c. &c.

WE, the Mayor, Recorder, Justices, Bailiffs, and Capital Burgesses, and other Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, in the County of Stafford, now assembled, deeply sympathizing in the bitter and severe affliction into which your Serene Highness has been plunged, by the unexpected death of your Serene Highness's illustrious and universally beloved and lamented consort, the late Princess Charlotte Augusta, respectfully beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness our sincere and heartfelt condolence on so mournful and affecting an event.

Fearful at the same time of intruding upon your Serene Highness at a moment like the present, or of exciting afresh the poignancy of anguish and of grief, we forbear to dwell upon the amiableness of character, the personal virtues and endowments of one, who, with no less satisfaction than delight, we so lately witnessed, sharing with your Serene Highness the choicest blessings, the most interesting hopes, and splendid expectations that life or nature can afford; or to recall the sad vicissitude which has at once destroyed this fair fabric of happiness, and spread over a sorrowing land one deep and universal gloom, and shall only therefore entreat permission to express to your Serene Highness, our ardent prayers and hopes, that your Serene Highness may be sustained and comforted, under this heart-piercing privation: that the same Overruling Power which has inflicted, will infuse balm into the wound; and in His own good time restore to your Serene Highness that tranquillity and peace, which may enable your Serene Highness long to enjoy the respect, attachment, and esteem to which your Serene Highness has established so

just and well-founded a claim, and which we are sensible will never cease to interest the hearts of an approving nation in your Serene Highness's future welfare.

John Nickisson, Mayor.

[Transmitted by James Caldwell, Esq.]

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Duke of Saxe, Margrave of Missen, Landgrave of Thuringen, Prince of Cobourg of Saalfeld.

THE Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Winchester, in Common Council assembled, with unfeigned sorrow and regret, beg leave to condole with your Serene Highness on the late melancholy event of the death of your most amiable and beloved consort; a Princess adorned with every virtue, and possessed of every accomplishment requisite for the consummation of counubial happiness; a bright example for the imitation of her sex, in attaining to conjugal felicity; and though it hath pleased the Almighty, in the exercise of His unerring wisdom, to deprive your Serene Highness, and the nation at large, of the blessings of such transcendent worth; yet we feel the consolatory assurance of her being crowned with (a far more exceeding glory) a celestial crown, instead of one which the country fondly hoped, in due time, she would have worn as an honour to herself, and a blessing to an admiring people.

Great and irreparable as the loss must be, we trust and hope your Serene Highness (possessed as you evidently are of virtues similar in all respects to those of the illustrious deceased) will follow her example of pious resignation to the Divine Will, which alone can alleviate the bitter anguish of such severe affliction, and restore your Serene Highness to that tranquillity of mind so essential to your future health and happiness; blessings which we most ardently hope you will long continue to enjoy.

Given under the seal of our Corporation, this 4th day of December 1817.

To His Serene Highness Prince Léopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE the undersigned, Inhabitants of Sunderland, Bishop Wearmouth, Monk Wearmouth and the Vicinity, impressed with a deep sense of the heavy affliction with which it hath pleased the Supreme Disposer of events to visit your Serene Highness, by the death of your Royal Consort, the beloved Princess Charlotte Augusta, beg leave to offer to you our tribute of unfeigned condolence.

We most sincerely participate in the universal sympathy, regret and lamentation, that pervade His Majesty's dominions upon this awful event, which has deprived your Serene Highness and His Majesty's subjects at once of a Princess of eminent virtues and most distinguished worth; and of the hopes they had anxiously placed on Her Royal offspring.

We fervently offer up our prayers to Almighty God for the welfare of your Serene Highness, beseeching Him, that your Serene Highness, supported by the consolations of Religion, may be