

enabled to bear with fortitude and resignation the peculiarly afflictive dispensation, which has proceeded from His wise, but inscrutable Providence. May tranquillity of mind be soon restored to your Serene Highness, and may you long live in the enjoyment of health and happiness.

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

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Chief Burgesses of the Ancient Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, with feelings of unfeigned sorrow, beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness our tribute of condolence, on the irreparable loss which you have lately sustained. The personal character of your Serene Highness, and your unbounded attachment to one so dear to us as your late Royal Consort, whose untimely fate we all deplore, has endeared you to the nation; and though the cord which bound you to us has been cut a-sunder, and the hopes of seeing your posterity seated on the Throne of our Monarchs, have been destroyed, yet we assure your Serene Highness, that we shall long cherish the remembrance of the bright example which you and our amiable Princess held out to the world; we trust your Serene Highness will derive consolation from this remembrance, and that the Almighty disposer of events, will heal the wounds that he has inflicted in your Serene Highness's heart.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our Common Seal, this 6th day of December, in the 58th year of his Majesty's reign.

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg of Saalfeld.

WE, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the Town and Port of New Romney, in the County of Kent, most respectfully beg permission to assure your Serene Highness, that while most deeply deploring, in union with all the subjects of this kingdom, our own irreparable loss; we feel with reverence, the sad pre-eminence of your Serene Highness's grief, and should not presume to attract your Serene Highness's attention for a moment, but for the hope that the universal sympathy of a great and loyal nation, and its heartfelt tribute to the virtues of Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte, might be acceptable to your Serene Highness's feelings. We pray earnestly for the restoration of your Serene Highness's health, and the mitigation of a sorrow which, although we deeply lament that your Serene Highness should endure, we glory in, as the highest tribute to her, on whom the fond hopes of this nation have long been fixed, and under whose offspring, directed to every virtue by your Serene Highness's wisdom and affection, we hoped our posterity would be governed to the latest ages.

Grateful to your Serene Highness for the happiness of our lamented Princess, and for the bright example of domestic virtue afforded to us by your Serene Highness, it must be considered by this nation as an inestimable blessing, that your Serene

Highness's health and feelings should enable you to continue in the midst of us; but wherever your Serene Highness may be, the prayers and blessings of Great Britain will attend you.

Given under the Seal of our Corporation of New Romney aforesaid, the 6th day of December 1817.

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of Norwich.

WE, the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of Norwich, in Common Council assembled, with the most profound sorrow, respectfully beg leave to assure your Serene Highness how unfeignedly we sympathize in the premature and most afflicting decease of your Royal Consort, the Princess Charlotte Augusta.

We deplore this dire event as a national calamity—grief oppresses every heart, and the country, as one family, laments the irreparable loss of such combined excellence, goodness and greatness.

We implore the Almighty to grant your Serene Highness fortitude to endure this awful, this severe trial; and to afford your Serene Highness that true consolation, derived from exemplary piety and submissive resignation, and from the well-founded assurance, that your departed and justly regretted Princess, is now receiving the reward of her exalted virtues.

Your Serene Highness will be pleased to accept the assurance of our high regard and attachment, with our prayer, that you may long continue to reside in a country, to which your manners and character are so congenial, and where your Serene Highness must be ever deservedly venerated and beloved.

Given under the Common Seal of the said City, the 5th day of December, in the 58th year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and in the year of Our Lord 1817.

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

FULLY sharing in the general sorrow, and entering into all your Serene Highness's agonized feelings, the Inhabitants of the Staffordshire Potteries, beg to offer their sincere and heartfelt condolence on the recent melancholy event, in the death of your Serene Highness's late Illustrious Consort, the Princess Charlotte.

We will not attempt to recount her virtues, nor dwell upon that loss, which each of us makes his own;—to partake of your griefs—to pour balm into your wounds, would rather be our office—and severe as the dispensation is, we must not forget that it was the will of that Almighty Power, who, however inscrutable his ways may be to man, "ordereth all things for his good."—A nation's sympathy commingles with your woes, and may the succouring hand of Heaven support your Highness in