

perhaps be found in (what you fully possess) a nation's sympathy; a sympathy which springs from the sincerity of the heart. Deign, Sir, to accept our repeated assurances of loyalty and attachment to your Illustrious House and Person, accompanied with the anxious hopes that you may long continue to enjoy the confidence of the people, and guard the interests of this Great Empire.

William Loyde, Portreeve.

[*Transmitted by James Townsend, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Lincoln, deeply afflicted by the recent calamity that has befallen your august Family, and which we deplore both as a public and private misfortune, beg leave to express, in terms of sincere loyalty to our revered Sovereign, and of dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness, our heartfelt condolence on the death of the late excellent Princess your daughter, and the extinction of her Royal Issue.

We presume not to offer consolation, which we are well aware can be derived but from one source, yet we humbly trust that the sympathy manifested by a loyal and affectionate people, may tend in some measure to the alleviation of the sorrows and sufferings of your Royal Highness.

May that Almighty Power who alone can heal the wounds which His own wisdom has inflicted, bestow in this hour of trial His comfort and support upon your Royal Highness, and every branch of the Royal Family, and upon His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, who, adopted by the most sacred ties into your illustrious House, has justly obtained the esteem and regard of the British Nation.

That your Royal Highness may enjoy a prosperous life, and that the sceptre of this Great Empire may long be swayed by heirs of the House of Brunswick, is our most fervent prayer and hope.

Signed, at the request of the Meeting, the 15th day of December 1817.

Robert Sheffield, High Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Brownlow, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth*]

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom, &c. &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Dorset, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the most sincere expressions of our deep and lasting sorrow, at the severe loss which your Royal Highness, together with the whole nation, has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte; an event the more to be deplored as the hopes and expectations of the whole kingdom, for a continuance of a succession of Sovereigns in your Royal Highness's descendants, were at the same moment disappointed and changed to the most poignant grief.

Universally and deeply lamented as Her Royal Highness has most deservedly been in every part of the empire, permit us, who have had more immediate opportunities of witnessing Her Royal Highness's many amiable and endearing qualities, to assure your Royal Highness, in how peculiar a manner we are affected on this melancholy occasion, and consequently how much the more sensible we are of the weight of affliction which must oppress your Royal Highness, her affectionate and disconsolate consort, and every member of your august Family; an affliction which nothing but the soothing hand of time, added to the never failing consolations of religion, can remove.

In the name, and on the behalf of the Meeting,
W. Oglander, High Sheriff and Chairman.

[*Presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT:

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates of the County Palatine of Lancaster, assembled in special session, most respectfully beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt and sincere condolence on the event, which has plunged the whole kingdom in the deepest affliction.

We do not attempt to offer to your Royal Highness any consolation on the loss of a daughter, the recollection of whose virtues aggravates our regret with the heavy disappointment of the hopes which, in common with every one of His Majesty's subjects, we had entertained, that through her, the Crown of these realms would have been continued in your Royal Highness's descendants for many generations; but we bow with submission and resignation to the Will of that Providence, whose ways are inscrutable, and whose dispensations, afflicting as they may be, are always for the best.

The general sensation which this calamitous event has excited throughout the whole country, will at least afford to your Royal Highness an opportunity of seeing how deeply the feelings and the interests of the nation are involved with those of your Royal Highness, and will, we trust, be received as a proof of the affectionate attachment of a loyal people, to your Royal Highness's Person and Family.

Edward Bootle Wilbraham, Chairman.
[*Transmitted by Edward Bootle Wilbraham, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the 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 Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heretors of the County of Berwick, penetrated with the deepest affliction, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, our sincere sympathy and affectionate condolence on the sudden and untimely death of your beloved daughter, Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, an event which has filled us and the whole nation with the most profound sorrow.

We regard with the most lively sensibility