

every occurrence, whether of prosperous or adverse fortune, which befalls your august Family; with you we rejoice, and with you we mourn;—we participate with unfeigned sorrow in your Royal Highness's sufferings as a father, for the loss of a daughter, who has been cut off in the bloom of youth, and who was distinguished for so many virtues, and, if the sympathy of a whole people be any consolation to you under your affliction, (and doubtless it has a tendency to alleviate grief,) that sympathy, we can assure your Royal Highness, along with the whole of our fellow-subjects, we truly feel.

While we mingle our tears with those of your Royal Highness, in your distress as a parent, we should be insensible to the blessings which we have enjoyed under the benign sway of your Illustrious House, did we not, at the same time, deplore the loss of our amiable Princess, as a national calamity. From her happy union with his Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, we fondly anticipated the highest expectations in the strengthening of your Illustrious Family, by a numerous race of Princes.—But alas! in these hopes it has pleased Providence that we should be disappointed, and we bow with reverence and humility to the Will of Heaven.

We pray that Almighty God may afford to your Royal Highness His all powerful support under your present affliction, and we pray, that your Royal Highness may be long preserved as a blessing to the British nation.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, by Alexander, Earl of Home, Preses of the Meeting, at Greenlaw, this 16th day of December 1817. *Home, P.*

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

Unto His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, in a general Meeting assembled, deeply as we participate in the sorrow felt by every subject of the British Empire, at the calamity with which it has pleased the Almighty to visit our country, by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta; it is not without hesitation, that at such a moment, we obtrude ourselves on the parental griefs of your Royal Highness.

We persuade ourselves, however, that the overflowing feelings of an affectionate and loyal people, who loved and who deplore Her, of whom Heaven has deprived us, will be received with indulgence.

Attached as we are to your Royal Highness's Illustrious House, under whose sway we have enjoyed unalloyed liberty, and unexampled prosperity, we feel in all its magnitude our national misfortune in the loss of a Princess, whose acknowledged virtues and talents had rendered her the hope and pride of her country

But we humble ourselves to the decrees of him whose ways are past finding out, and address to,

him our fervent prayers, for the consolation of your Royal Highness, and the afflicted members of your august House.

As a pure source of such consolation, we may be permitted to call the attention of your Royal Highness to those spontaneous, universal, and affecting proofs of sincere and unbounded sympathy, which have been manifested by every rank and description of persons in the empire, as affording the most gratifying evidence of the sentiments with which your Royal Highness and your august Family are regarded by a loyal people.

May your Royal Highness long be preserved to enjoy the affections of a nation, distinguished equally by the love of genuine freedom, and by manly attachment to its Sovereigns.

Signed by our Preses, in our name and by our appointment, at Perth, the 9th day of December, in the year 1817, *Atholl, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by James Drummond, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor and Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, beg leave to renew to your Royal Highness the assurances of our devoted attachment to our venerable and gracious Sovereign, to your Royal Highness's person and government, and to the Illustrious House of Brunswick.

Most deeply do we feel and deplore, and most sincerely do we condole with your Royal Highness, on the late awful visitation of Almighty God, in removing from us, by an unexpected and premature death, the late excellent Princess Charlotte, your only child; at the very moment when every British heart was exulting in the prospect of the race of Brunswick being prolonged in Her Royal Highness's offspring; and after she had given the fullest proofs of possessing in an eminent degree those virtues, talents and dispositions, which would have rendered her the best of Sovereigns, as they had already made her the most beloved of daughters, and the most affectionate of wives.

May the God of all comfort support your Royal Highness under your present overwhelming distress, and render you resigned to this trying dispensation of His Providence! May He, by whom Kings reign, grant, that the succession to the Crown shall devolve for ages on descendants of the House of Brunswick; and that they may render themselves as worthy of their high destiny, as the late amiable and lamented Princess, by setting the same noble example in public and in private life, and by evincing the same attachment to the genuine principles of the Constitution, which have consecrated her memory to the people of Great Britain, as much as her domestic virtues had endeared her to those, to whom she was most nearly allied.

*John Wing, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Hon. Wm. Walpolegrave, M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]