

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, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Town of Banff, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, most respectfully to express our undissembled condolence on a recent melancholy event, deeply afflicting to your Royal Highness and your august House, and appalling to the whole United Kingdom.

If the premature loss of an admired and beloved Princess, whose endearing virtues and highly cultivated endowments combined to qualify her for enjoying and enhancing the blessings of domestic retirement, and for adorning at some future period the most exalted station in the kingdom, has excited such a general sensation of grief, how poignant must be the sorrows of your Royal Highness, her revered and affectionate Parent, and the frequent witness of her inestimable accomplishments.

Although, to us, the footsteps of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe may appear as in the dark and deep waters, we know that He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men, and we bow with profound submission to His Divine Will.

To Him we present our fervent prayer, that in this time of acute suffering, He will be graciously pleased to arm with fortitude the minds of your Royal Highness, and of your Illustrious Son-in-law His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold, whose amiable and exemplary conduct has won the affections, and whose unspeakable anguish, under the most afflicting bereavement, has called forth the sympathy of a great nation.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, at Banff, the 12th day of December 1817, by,
Geo. G. Robinson, Provost.

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

Unto 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Forfar, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of heartfelt sorrow, and to present our unanimous expressions of condolence upon the late melancholy event and great national calamity sustained by the premature death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, daughter of your Royal Highness, and Consort of His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

We deplore this severe blow which Providence in its infinite and unerring wisdom has inflicted on your Royal Highness, and on the people of these realms, by consigning at once to the grave the Child and his Royal Mother, the presumptive heirress to the Crown, the brightest ornament and future hope of the United Kingdom; endeared to us not only by her private virtues in the discharge of her conjugal and domestic duties, but by her

known attachment to those principles which placed the Illustrious House of Brunswick on the Throne, for the preservation of that Constitution from which this nation derived so much glory and happiness and became the envy and admiration of the World.

We sincerely hope that your Royal Highness will derive consolation from the reflection that your grief is universally shared, by a loyal and generous nation, whose feelings are equally awake to the prosperity or misfortune of your Royal Highness's Illustrious Family.

Signed, in name and by appointment of a general Meeting of the County of Forfar, at Forfar, the 23d day of December 1817.

William Maule, Preses.

[*Transmitted by the Hon. W. R. Maule, 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, the Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bridport, in the County of Dorset, in Common Council assembled, with hearts filled with the deepest sorrow, humbly beg leave to express to your Royal Highness our unfeigned condolence on the late most awful and sudden visitation of Divine Providence, which has at once deprived your Royal Highness of your most illustrious and beloved daughter, and the whole nation of a proud and fond hope of a successor to the Throne, possessed of every virtue and endowment to reign over a free people.

Humbly assuring your Royal Highness of our attachment to your illustrious House, we implore that you may long continue to wield the Sceptre of this great Empire, in peace and happiness,

Given under our common seal, this 22d day of December 1817.

[*Transmitted by the Town Clerk, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Grand Office-Bearers, and Representatives of all the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Scotland, composing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and loving subjects, the Grand Office Bearers and Members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, in Grand Chapter assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with sorrowful hearts, to mingle our united griefs with those of the nation at large, and to offer our humble but sincere condolence, on the melancholy calamity, with which, for reasons inscrutable to man, it has been the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, to visit your Royal House, that has overwhelmed the whole British Empire with the deepest distress.

Accept this tribute of the acuteness of our feelings, on this melancholy occasion, and be assured