

whelmed the whole kingdom in lamentation, and in which we participate with feelings of the deepest and most poignant regret.

If the sympathy of Britons, as truly loyal as any within the limits of your Royal Highness's regency, can afford consolation on a calamity so heart-rending as the present, we, assuming to ourselves that character of attachment to your Royal House, venture to offer our sentiments of condolence on the loss which you, Sir, and the united dominions have sustained in the death of the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales.

We do not think it our duty to expatiate on the virtues of this departed excellence, because we are unwilling to harass your mind by an ill-timed repetition, and to increase a distress which must find its surest alleviation by humbly submitting to a decree which has removed for ever one in whom the nation had placed the fairest of its future hopes.

Uniting in a general and an earnest wish, that you may find support under this heavy weight of affliction from that Power who alone is able to bestow it, we implore that the life of your Royal Highness may long be preserved, for a blessing to the people, and, attended with health, happiness, and peace, may long continue to be a comfort to yourself.

*B. Hutchinson, Mayor.*

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

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of his Majesty's Island of Jersey.

WE, the States of His Majesty's Island of Jersey, humbly entreat that your Royal Highness will permit us to intrude, for a few moments, on the sorrows which rend your paternal bosom, with assurances of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the recent melancholy event, which has deprived your Royal Highness of a beloved and ever-to-be-lamented daughter.

Whilst impressed with that loyal attachment to the person of our Sovereigns, which has always distinguished this small portion of His Majesty's dominions, whether in times of prosperity or adversity, we mourn over this afflictive loss, as affecting your domestic happiness—we deplore it with feelings of no less regret, contemplated in the light of a most heavy public calamity. Severe, indeed, is the stroke that removes from us a pattern of every virtue, so conspicuously displayed in the short but instructive life of Her Royal Highness, on which the eyes of an admiring nation dwelt with complacency, which was the theme of universal praise, the object of universal reverence and affection.

In this awful visitation, we turn to the Almighty ruler of the world for his divine assistance, fervently beseeching him that the same irresistible hand which inflicted the wound, may enable your Royal Highness to support it with resignation, and, pouring the balm of consolation into your royal breast, long, very long preserve a life so necessary to the welfare of this wide-extended empire.

By order of the States,

*Francis Godfray, Greff.*

Jersey, 10th December 1817.

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Chatham, Governor of the Island, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

Unto His Royal Highness the PRINCE 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 Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Cupar, beg leave to approach the throne with sentiments of profound respect and deep condolence. We feel, with sad and painful emotions, that unexpected and distressful stroke, with which Divine Providence hath seen meet to wound the heart of your Royal Highness, to disappoint the fond hopes and to call forth the lively sorrow of the millions throughout these lands interested in the welfare of your august house, and anxiously concerned for the general tranquillity and prosperity of the British empire.

We join in fervent prayers to the great Sovereign of the Universe, who alone can "comfort the comfortless, and bind up the broken in heart," that he may be pleased to support and strengthen your Royal Highness under this afflicting dispensation; that in the course of his superintending providence he may continue to bless these lands, which have been long happy under the paternal government of the Family of Brunswick; and that there may never be wanting a Prince of that Illustrious House to sway the sceptre over these wide-extended realms, to guard our liberties, sacred and civil, and "to know how to go out and in before this great people."

Signed, in name, presence, and by appointment of the Presbytery of Cupar, at Cupar, this 16th day of December 1817, by

*Andrew Thomson, Moderator.*

[*Transmitted by the Rev. L. Adamson, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

WE, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Kilkenny, beg leave to address your Royal Highness, with feelings of sincere grief, for the great calamity which the Almighty has been pleased to inflict on your august House.

Accustomed as we have been to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of congratulation only, it is with heartfelt sorrow that we now offer our tribute of condolence for the melancholy event, which, as subjects of the United Kingdom, we cannot too deeply deplore.

At a time when all expressions of grief must fall short of what we feel, we should not presume to obtrude on your Royal Highness's sorrows, were it not that the omission might possibly bear the construction of a want of affection to your Royal Highness's person, although we are sensible that any intrusion ought to have been avoided which could tend to renew those feelings of grief which