

pride and hope of her country, and His Majesty's subjects of a beloved Princess, whose happy marriage we hailed with transport, as the probable means of perpetuating on the throne of these kingdoms a line of Princes descended from the illustrious House of Brunswick.

The disappointment of these lofty hopes has overwhelmed His Majesty's loyal subjects with a sorrow unparalleled in any period of our history, and must convince your Royal Highness how deeply the feelings of His Majesty's subjects are engaged in the preservation of a dynasty, to which they owe their public security and private happiness.

We also farther request permission to assure your Royal Highness, that our attachment to your Royal Family and person will remain firm in any circumstances of danger, difficulty, or misfortune. We trust, that under the heavy affliction with which it has pleased God to visit this land, some alleviation of grief will be derived to your Royal Highness from the strongly expressed and heartfelt sympathy of the whole British nation.

Signed on behalf of the County, this 31st day of December 1817, by me,

*Thos. John Clavering, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Northumberland, 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, loyal and affectionate subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgesses, Clergy, and Inhabitants, of the Borough of Pontefract, and the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy of the Vicinity, under the pressure of an event, so awful and so deeply afflicting to every member of the Royal Family, and to the nation at large, but more particularly, to your Royal Highness, as the recent death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that in no part of His Majesty's dominions, is the irreparable loss more sincerely deplored, than by ourselves.

In contemplating the awful dispensations of Providence, and bowing the knee to the Almighty's Will, we are persuaded, that the feelings of your Royal Highness will find the truest comfort, in your just sense of religion, and while we offer our condolence to your Royal Highness, we trust we shall be joined by every good and loyal subject in His Majesty's realms, in tendering our prayers to Almighty God, to shower down upon your illustrious Family every comfort and consolation, under so trying and sorrowful an event.

That your Royal Highness may long live to enjoy the blessing of uninterrupted health and happiness, is the sincere and ardent prayer, of His Majesty's faithful subjects, and your Royal Highness's most dutiful and affectionate servants.

*Thomas Oxley, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by Viscount Pollington, 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 most faithful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Burgh of Inveraray, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to express our sentiments of tender sympathy and deep sorrow, for the heart-rending loss which your Royal Highness, and the whole British people have sustained, in the unexpected and untimely death of your illustrious daughter, the Princess Charlotte of Wales. Participating as we do in the general feeling of grief, which this calamitous event has occasioned, we humbly offer our most sincere condolence, together with our prayers that the Supreme Ruler of the universe may sooth the sorrows of your Royal Highness, and comfort and support you under this severe affliction.

That your Royal Highness may long live, and that your illustrious family may continue to rule over a free and a loyal people, to the latest posterity, is the fervent prayer of, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Burgh of Inveraray.

*Colin Campbell, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by the Provost, 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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dalkeith, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, and to express our deep sorrow and heartfelt condolence, on account of the late most afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence, in your Royal Highness's family.

We cannot think of the death of Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, and of her infant son, without feelings of regret too big for words to utter. Such conspicuous worth and amiableness, so untimely cut off, is calculated to fill the heart with no ordinary measure of grief.

We sympathize in the strongest manner with your Royal Highness's parental feelings on this most lamentable event, and know that in so doing we coincide in sentiment with the whole British people. High indeed were the nation's hopes from the eminent virtues of this most accomplished Princess, and joyfully did it anticipate the era, when a long line of her illustrious descendants should successively fill the Throne, and be the means of continuing to future generations that prosperity and happiness, which we of the present age have so signally enjoyed, under the paternal sway of our beloved Sovereign, and of your Royal Highness. But the ways of Providence are inscrutable by mortals. These hopes have been destroyed, and we are left to weep our irreparable loss. We weep not however for the illustrious dead: we weep for ourselves; we know that the righteous, when their earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, have