

entertain such sentiments towards you, and who will never cease to feel the most lively interest in the temporal and eternal happiness of your Serene Highness.

*Will. Aug. Le Hunte*, High Sheriff County of Wexford, Ireland.

[*Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince of Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Queen's County, beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness the sincere tribute of our grief and condolence on the unspeakable loss which your Serene Highness and the nation at large have sustained, in the premature death of your Illustrious Consort, the late Princess Charlotte Augusta.

The pattern of conjugal affection and domestic happiness, which appeared in the conduct of your Serene Highness and of your late Royal Consort, while it held forth a bright example of private worth, afforded at the same time a strong indication of those virtues, which at some future period (had it so pleased the great Disposer of Events) she would have been called upon to exercise.

May the affliction, which you cannot cease to feel for your unparalleled loss, be mitigated by the reflection, that while your conduct has commanded the esteem, your misfortune has ensured the sympathy, of every individual of the British nation.

*Walter Dixon Borrowes*, High Sheriff, Queen's County.

[*Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

THE Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Cork, beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness their most sincere and heartfelt condolence on the great and irreparable loss you have sustained in the death of your beloved and most amiable Consort. In her your Serene Highness has lost your choicest blessing—the British Empire its brightest ornament—its fondest hope.

We hailed the auspicious day which saw our beloved Princess united to a Prince whose personal worth and estimable qualities made him the object of her choice, a choice sanctioned and approved by her Royal Parent, and confirmed by the unanimous suffrage of the British nation.

In proportion as our feelings were animated by the brilliant prospects presented to our hopes, have they been depressed by their unexpected and melancholy termination. To recount the blessings which were expected to flow from that happy union, to dwell on the recital of those distinguished virtues, those endearing qualities, now lost to your Serene Highness and to the empire, could but tend to aggravate those deep-laid sorrows which we should in vain attempt to assuage, and in which we so sincerely participate—we shall long continue to deplore them in silence. The remembrance of them is indelibly impressed on our hearts; and we shall ever retain for your Serene Highness that pro-

found respect and affection which your public and private character have so deservedly obtained from the British empire.

Signed on behalf of the County,

*J. Townsend*, Sheriff.

King's Old Castle, County of Cork,

20th Dec. 1817.

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To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe-Cobourg.

The Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Limerick.

ON the melancholy event which has plunged these kingdoms in the deepest distress, we beg leave to approach your Serene Highness with the expression of our earnest sympathy and regret.

To manly fortitude, patience, and submission to the will of Heaven, qualities which you have shewn yourself eminently to possess, we must refer you for consolation, and ability to sustain the heavy calamity that now bows you to the earth.

The nature of your sorrow is such as forbids us to dilate upon it; but the time will arrive, when the recollection of the high place you hold in the public estimation, and which we but feebly describe, cannot fail to alleviate that grief, in which the whole empire takes the liveliest concern; and it will also be most grateful to you to feel, that you are now by your virtues as closely linked to us in affection, as you were heretofore united to us by political adoption.

*John Low*, High Sheriff.

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Unto His Serene Highness Leopold Prince of Saxe Cobourg, &c.

The affectionate and respectful Address of the County of Ross.

WE, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Justices of the Peace, and other Heritors of the County of Ross, beg leave to approach your Serene Highness with the assurances of our sincerest sympathy and condolence on the severe affliction with which it has pleased Providence to visit the family of your Serene Highness, in the death of your amiable and ever to be lamented Consort.

Overwhelmed as we ourselves are, in common with our fellow countrymen, by the suddenness, and severity of the blow which has fallen upon us, we are ill-qualified to administer consolation to the lacerated heart of your Serene Highness.

We would not intrude on the melancholy indulgence of your Serene Highness's grief, but we wish to assure your Serene Highness that those amiable qualities by which your Serene Highness is so eminently distinguished, are known and appreciated by, and have acquired the genuine respect and esteem of the inhabitants of even the remotest parts of the British empire. And it is our most earnest prayer, that your Serene Highness may be supported under the pressure of your present heavy affliction, and