

reverse, which the hopes of the nation have experienced.

They will not intrude on the griefs of your Serene Highness farther than to say, that your behaviour on this occasion has confirmed the respect and esteem felt towards your Serene Highness by all ranks, and that they unite with every individual of these kingdoms in most ardent wishes for your consolation and your future welfare.

*Thomas Charles Hope*, President of the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh.  
Edinburgh, 24th Dec. 1817.

[*Transmitted by the President, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Bridport, in the County of Dorset, in Common Council assembled, deeply sympathizing in the severe and bitter affliction in which your Serene Highness has been plunged, by the unexpected death of your Serene Highness's illustrious and universally beloved and lamented Consort, the late Princess Charlotte Augusta, respectfully beg leave to offer to your Serene Highness our sincere and heartfelt condolence on so mournful and affecting an event; and we entreat permission to express to your Serene Highness our ardent prayers and hopes that you may be sustained and comforted under this most distressing privation, and that the same over-ruling Providence which has inflicted the wound, may restore to your Serene Highness that tranquillity and peace which may enable you long to enjoy the respect, attachment, and esteem of an approving nation.

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

[*Transmitted by W. Tomlyns, Esq. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Prince of Cobourg, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Edinburgh, beg leave to present to your Serene Highness the respectful assurance of our deep and heartfelt condolence, on the recent most afflictive loss which you have so prematurely and distressfully sustained, by the lamented death of your august Consort.

With the most poignant sympathy and sorrow, we deplore your irreparable bereavement of the accomplishments, the worth, and the affection which had so tenderly endeared her society to you, and sweetened all your enjoyments and hopes.

Permit us, Sir, to add, that we are conscious, even while we offer this humble and mournful tribute of our respect, that no expression of condolence and sympathy from any quarter, can fully avail to console your Serene Highness, at this season of justly founded and unutterable grief. But we request you to forgive us for this intrusion of our feelings, in a case which has affected us so sin-

cerely and so strongly, and which affords us the opportunity we now presume most zealously to embrace, of conveying to your Serene Highness, our unqualified conviction, that, from your manners, principles and taste, having gained the perfect esteem and regard of that illustrious and amiable Princess, and having contributed so highly to her happiness, your Serene Highness has attracted and secured, in the utmost degree, the united admiration and gratitude of the whole British Empire.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, and the seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 10th day of December 1817.

*Kincaid Mackenzie*, Lord Provost.

[*Transmitted by the Right Hon. William Dundas, M. P. and presented by Sir R. Gardiner.*]

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

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Linlithgow, in public meeting assembled.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

We are sensible, Sir, that no expressions of ours can convey to your Serene Highness, on the present occasion, that consolation which we earnestly desire to see you enjoy. But assembled as we are, for the purpose of laying before his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, our sentiments of condolence and sympathy on the late melancholy events, we cannot refrain from testifying to your Serene Highness, the admiration which we feel for your character and virtues, and the warm interest we take in your future welfare.

A stranger to this nation, your Serene Highness, has, nevertheless, obtained the unqualified respect and affection of all ranks among us, and in the most trying hour of domestic sorrow, we have seen fresh cause of esteem, and additional motives for lamenting the dissolution of those ties which had united the fortunes of your Serene Highness with the welfare of this empire.

Whatever may be the future course of your life, our respect and esteem will not fail to follow your Serene Highness, and, in the affectionate attachment of the British people, we are assured that your Serene Highness will not only find relief under present affliction, but the brightest reward of your virtues, and the most certain support under all the events of life.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, by the Right Hon. John Earl of Hopetoun, our Preses, at Linlithgow, the 4th day of December 1817. *Hopetoun.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Hopetoun, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

TO His Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Duke of Saxe, Margrave of Meissen, Landgrave of Thuringen, Prince of Cobourg Saalfeld, &c. &c. &c.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council-