

To His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, Chancellor, Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Diocese of Salisbury, beg leave to tender to your Royal Highness, the homage of our sincere and respectful condolence, on the sudden and lamented decease of Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte Augusta of Saxe Cobourg, an event not less afflicting to your Royal Highness's parental heart, than to the feelings of the whole British nation.

Our grief, on this mournful occasion, cannot but be augmented by the recollection, that Her Royal Highness was eminently distinguished by those qualities which gave additional dignity to her exalted rank, and held out to us the fairest promise of a long continuance of those blessings which this country has uniformly enjoyed under the mild and constitutional rule of your Royal Highness's Illustrious House.

Taught by the religion, of which we are Ministers, to bow with resignation to the inscrutable decrees of a mysterious but merciful Providence, and not forgetting that, under its gracious superintendence, this kingdom has experienced many and most signal deliverances, we know that our sorrow, however poignant, ought not to assume the character of despair. Impressed with this conviction we anxiously hope and earnestly pray that your Royal Highness's sufferings may be assuaged, and your fortitude sustained, by the consolation and support which a due sense of humble dependence on the will and power of Heaven can alone supply; that the Supreme Disposer of all events, may vouchsafe his protection to your Royal Highness's person and Government; that your life may be long preserved to us, and that when your Royal Highness shall be called to fulfill your higher destinies, your Crown may derive its brightest lustre and main security from the attachment and fidelity of an enlightened and united people.

[*Transmitted by the Bishop of Salisbury, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Wick, in Common Council assembled, beg leave most humbly to approach your Royal Highness, to express our unfeigned and heartfelt sorrow for the death of her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte, the beloved daughter and only child of your Royal Highness, and consort of his Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

Experiencing the blessings of your Royal Highness's Government, we rejoiced in the great talents and exemplary virtues of your illustrious daughter, and fondly hoped she was destined to ascend and adorn the throne of her ancestors, to perpetuate the blessings of their government, and, under Providence, to maintain and extend the glory and prosperity of the British Empire.

It has pleased the Sovereign Disposer of all events to blast these our hopes, so fondly and ardently cherished; to wound deeply the feeling and affectionate heart of your Royal Highness, and to involve the whole Empire, from its highest to its lowest members, in one scene of lamentation and woe.

We desire to bow with profound reverence and submission to the will of Him who wounds and who heals; who killeth and who maketh alive: and though late, owing to our remote situation, in expressing our condolence with your Royal Highness, we beg leave to say, that we yield to none of his Majesty's subjects, in sympathy and sorrow, on the present affecting and lamentable occasion.

That your Royal Highness, and his Serene Highness the Prince Leopold, may receive that consolation which God alone can impart, that your Royal Highness may be long preserved to maintain and defend the liberties of a free, a loyal, and a happy people, and that there may never fail a Prince of the illustrious House of Brunswick, to sit on the throne of Great Britain and Ireland, are the earnest prayers of,

May it please your Royal Highness, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council, of the Royal Burgh of Wick.

Signed in our presence and by our appointment at Wick, this 20th day of December 1817, by

*William Mac Leay, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by George Sinclair, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg; which Addresses His Serene Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, the Mayor, Masters, and Counsellors, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Totnes, beg leave to address your Serene Highness with the language of sincere condolence on the recent affliction which has fallen on your Highness and on the nation.

We fully appreciate the agonizing feelings which must rend the heart of your Serene Highness on so severe a dispensation of Divine Providence. Yet your Highness mourns not alone; the whole people of the United Kingdom participate in your sufferings; and having built our fondest hopes on the numerous virtues your late lamented and illustrious consort so constantly exhibited, the more acutely do we feel our disappointment; yet it is our duty to submit, without repining, to the inscrutable decrees of the Almighty.

As an amiable man, as an affectionate husband, and as manifesting a constant regard for the purity of our invaluable Constitution, your Highness has commanded our respect, and ensured our esteem. That time may mitigate the poignancy of your regrets, and that a long series of health and happiness may yet be in store for your Serene Highness,