

**T**HE 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.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Northumberland, beg leave to present to your Serene Highness our sincere condolence on the late unfortunate event, which has deprived your Serene Highness of the choicest blessings of life, and England of a Princess, who possessed the hearts of the nation, and whose auspicious union with your Serene Highness had encouraged the most flattering anticipations of its future prosperity.

We can with truth assure your Serene Highness that we make no formal professions of sympathy on this occasion, but that the high respect with which the character of your Serene Highness at first inspired us, having been augmented by every circumstance under which that noble character has developed itself, embitters our regret for a loss which has been deeply felt by all, but has fallen upon your Serene Highness with peculiar severity.

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 Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and Yeomanry of the County of Devon, venture to offer to your Serene Highness the assurance of our heartfelt condolence on an event which has overwhelmed us all in one common calamity.

We should be cautious of intruding on the sacred recess of sorrow which belongs to your Serene Highness's present situation; but if the sympathies of a nation could effect any alleviation—if grief, by being participated, could admit of any diminution, at least the tears of a whole people may afford that consolation.

But our further motive for addressing your Serene Highness, is to testify the sense which we have of those qualities which, during the short time they have been known to us, have so endeared you to this country, that we shall never cease to pour forth our most ardent vows for your Serene Highness's future welfare and prosperity.

On behalf of the County,

*Walter Roberts, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by Sir Walter Roberts, Exeter, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects and servants, the Bailiff, Recorder, Justices,

Burgesses, and Commonalty of the very ancient and loyal town of Wenlock, in the County of Salop, with the profoundest feelings of sorrow, respectfully approach your Serene Highness with our condolence at an event which has so recently spread mourning and consternation over this whole land.

Under a visitation so awful and so afflicting, and upon a subject so delicate and so distressing, we really want words to express our grief, and find it difficult to convey our sentiments in terms suitable to the occasion; and yet, whilst we so largely partake of that affliction and distress, which, doubtless, at this moment rend your Serene Highness's breast, we cannot altogether stifle their expressions; and although it cannot be imagined that our grief, deep and general as it is, can in any degree equal the anguish of a husband's pangs, yet as we have ever known sorrow to be soothed by sympathy, and affliction to be alleviated by participation, we confidently hope that your Serene Highness may find some consolation in the assurance that you do not grieve alone, but that the feelings of the whole population of this vast empire, wheresoever scattered over the four quarters of the globe, are in perfect unison with your own.

But another motive for addressing your Serene Highness arises out of the anxiety we feel to testify the high sense we entertain of those rare and amiable qualities which, during the short time we have had the happiness of being known to you, have so endeared you to this country, that we shall never cease to pour forth our most ardent vows to Heaven for your Serene Highness's future welfare and prosperity, and that the gracious, wise, and adorable Author of our Being may always have you in his more especial keeping.

*Townsend Forester, Bailiff.*

[*Transmitted by Cecil Weld Forester, Esq. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene 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, sharing with your Serene Highness in the affliction arising from that calamity which the whole nation deplores, most respectfully present this our address of condolence on the premature dissolution of the dearest of your earthly connexions; a connexion by which you became allied to the whole British people, and by the memory of which, that alliance will be perpetuated to the end of your life. And we assume the privilege of assuring your Serene Highness, of our fervent sympathy in your sorrow on the present occasion, and our affectionate esteem of your exalted character.

*Thos. Oxley, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by Viscount Pollington, M.P. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg.

*May it please your Serene Highness,*

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Common