

the fame and fortunes of this great nation upon a pinnacle of unequalled glory. That Providence, by those happy recollections, may console your Royal Highness under this great affliction, will be the unceasing prayer of His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects of this county.

[Transmitted by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The Address of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Kerry.

WE beg permission to offer to your Royal Highness the unfeigned assurance of our zealous attachment to your Royal Highness's illustrious House and Person, and of our deep sorrow for the calamity which has deprived your Royal Highness and the empire of the brilliant prospect which lately dawned upon it.

The expected transmission of the Royal Line through high-minded and virtuous parents had raised the national hopes to the highest enthusiasm: the disappointment of such hopes has been proportionably bitter. And whilst your Royal Highness's feelings must derive much consolation from the sympathy of an entire people, such unparalleled tribute of affliction awakens the mind to a more adequate sense of the magnitude of the common loss.

We do not presume to enlarge on the consideration arising from an event the regret for which no language can exaggerate, but pray humbly to assure your Royal Highness, that in our remote situation we bear our full share of universal affliction, as well as of the allegiance which rallies every heart about the Throne in dutiful condolence for this overwhelming calamity.

M. Townsend, High Sheriff County Kerry.

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To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses, and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda, in General Assembly convened.

SIR,

AMIDST the glories with which it has pleased the Almighty to distinguish your Administration, He has yet doomed you to endure the deepest wound of private affliction. You have seen a pattern of every princely virtue, an example of every female excellence, endued with all the graces of youth and beauty, adorned with the brightest embellishments of cultivation and improvement, a Princess on whom nations had reposed their dearest hopes, and an illustrious dynasty contemplated as its channel of transmission to remotest ages. Such you have seen (in the person of an only and beloved child) descending to an early grave. We address you not in the language of vain and idle condolence; we appreciate your loss as beyond the reach of human consolation, but we come to mingle

our tears with those of our friend and protector. Whilst we lament the national calamity, we sympathise with the anguish of the parent, beseeching the Disposer of Events, who "chasteneth those whom he loveth," to extend to your agonized feelings the balm of His mercy, and to relieve, by His continued favour and protection, the apprehensions which this untimely visitation has raised in the public mind. We know how little of comfort this our humble effort can convey to your Royal Highness's lacerated bosom, but we comply with the ceremonial of duty and affliction, conscious that while we give vent to our own, we cannot assuage your sorrows.

In testimony whereof we have caused our common seal to be hereunto affixed, the 22d day of January 1818,

William O. Fairclough, Town Clerk.

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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 the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg Saalfeld.

May it please your Serene Highness,

WE, the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats, Common Councilmen, and Inhabitants of the King's Town and Parish of Maidstone, deeply affected by the calamitous event which has plunged these kingdoms into such great affliction, beg leave to condole with your Serene Highness, and to assure you of our heartfelt participation in your Serene Highness's sorrows.

We feel too sensibly the full extent of the afflicting loss which we have all suffered, a loss alike irreparable to yourself and the British people, to be able to offer to your Serene Highness any source of consolation, excepting that which the religious virtues of your Serene Highness's mind can best suggest to itself, in the pure principles of the Christian Faith, and in the firm reliance on those promises, upon the strength of which we piously and humbly hope that your beloved and lamented Princess is received into realms of everlasting happiness.

As loyal and dutiful subjects, we deeply deplore the loss of a Princess so richly endowed with every qualification that could have endeared her to those over whom it was to be expected that she would one day reign.

Permit us to assure your Serene Highness, that we no less poignantly feel as men the sad distress which your Serene Highness suffers in the loss of your illustrious partner; in those scenes of domestic happiness in which your Serene Highnesses lived, the object of the respectful love and admiration of a whole people.

Allow us to hope, when time shall in some measure have assuaged the bitterness of your affliction, that your Serene Highness may derive some consolation from the genuine expressions of heart-