

and soothed by your anxious care her protracted sufferings.

The sentiments of respect with which we approach your Royal Highness on the present occasion, are increased when we reflect on the dignified firmness and undeviating regards to the best interests of mankind, which guided the conduct of our most Gracious Sovereign and his venerable Consort, through a reign, unexampled in its continuance and unequalled in the importance of the events which have marked its progress from its commencement to the present hour,—during a period, the most eventful in our history, in which we beheld in foreign countries the sacred interests of morality and religion assailed by a false philosophy, whose avowed object was the extirpation of all moral principles from the human breast, and an infidelity which would deprive us of our religion,—the source of the best hopes and desires of man,—it was the pride of Englishmen that they could look up to the best example in the highest place; and we reflect with gratitude on the firm stand which was made by their Majesties against every attempt on the morality and religion of our country,—on the noble example of public spirit which they displayed in times the most awful,—and, amidst the ridicule which abandoned men endeavoured to cast around the most sacred obligations of private life, on the illustrious pattern which they gave in their own lives of every social and private virtue.

That the consolations of that religion which shone with so bright a lustre in their lives, may be afforded to your Royal Highness and your august Family under your present affliction, that it may extend its blessed influence through all ranks of His Majesty's subjects, as being the only sure support of national greatness, and that your Royal Highness may be long preserved to an affectionate people, is the prayer of your Royal Highness's loyal subjects the inhabitants of Chester.

At the request and on the behalf of a respectable meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of Chester, held in the Town-Hall there on the 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1818. *Thomas Bradford, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Mayor, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, The Lord Mayor, Clergy, Gentry, and Inhabitants of the City of York, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our sincere condolence on the death of our late excellent and gracious Queen.

When we reflect on the manner in which her late Majesty, placed in the most conspicuous station, fulfilled, not only every conjugal and parental, but every religious and moral duty, we cannot but deeply feel the loss the nation has sustained in being deprived of so bright an example.

It is however highly consolatory to us that Her Majesty experienced, in the course of a long reign, the enjoyment of great happiness in the bosom of her family, and in the reverence and affection of His Majesty's subjects; and that at the close of a life, protracted to a more than ordinary length, the sufferings of her last moments were alleviated by

the filial and unremitted attentions of your Royal Highness.

That it may please the Almighty to support your Royal Highness under your present affliction, and to grant to this country a long enjoyment of the benign sway of your illustrious house, is the sincere prayer of His Majesty's faithful subjects.

*James Saunders, Mayor and Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by the Lord Mayor, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop, Dean, Chancellor, Archdeacon, Prebendaries, and Clergy of the Cathedral Church and Diocese of Peterborough, most humbly approach the Throne with this expression of our condolence, on an event which, while it has involved your Royal Highness and your august Family in the deepest affliction, has awakened also the feelings of unfeigned sorrow in every British heart.

In our endeavours to maintain the high and holy interests specially intrusted to our care, we have ever experienced the inestimable advantage of that bright pattern of public and private virtue, which having been displayed with unsullied lustre through the long course of Her Majesty's life, is now withdrawn from the world. And whilst with mournful attention we contemplate the closing scenes of that life, never, surely, can we forget the illustrious examples they present to us, both of Christian fortitude and of filial piety.

It is our earnest hope and prayer, that the influence of these examples may be practically felt by every class of our fellow subjects; and that, rich in the enjoyment of temporal and spiritual blessings, your Royal Highness may long continue to command the affectionate obedience of a free and happy people.

*J. Peterborough.*

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

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, and the Clergy within the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, beg leave to express our most sincere condolence with your Royal Highness upon the much lamented death of your Royal Highness's august Mother, our late Most Gracious Queen. The anxious solicitude manifested by your Royal Highness during the long suffering which it pleased the Almighty Ruler of all things to extend to Her late Majesty, too clearly ascertains to us how deeply your Royal Highness must be afflicted at this period of general sorrow, but we are well aware that your Royal Highness has it in your power to resort to various consolatory reflections upon this painful deprivation.

Your Royal Highness has not at present to lament the thread of life immaturely cut, or the decrease of a Parent uninfluenced by the only safe and true directions of human conduct—firm and im-