

The more we reflect on the signal virtues which adorned the long and useful life of the departed Consort of our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and more particularly her distinguished conjugal attachment, zeal for the purity of the British Court, and continued attention to the interests of the destitute and afflicted; attention not less active, than unostentatious, we are the more deeply convinced, that the event which has conveyed so much sorrow to the affectionate bosom of your Royal Highness, and other Members of the Royal Family, has been a great national calamity.

Firmly attached as we are both by duty and feeling to the best interest of our country, and of those who are placed in authority over us, it is our united and fervent prayer, that your Royal Highness's person, family, and administration may be eminently blessed, and that of the House of Brunswick, to which the Presbyterian establishment owes so much, there never may be wanting Kings and Queens who may prove nursing fathers and nursing mothers to the Church of Christ, and under whom, we, and those who shall succeed us, may in the full enjoyment of all our rights and privileges, be distinguished to the end of time, as the happiest and most respectable of nations.

May it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dunfermline.

Signed in our name, and at our appointment,

*Allan M'Lean, Moderator.*

Dunfermline, December 9th 1818.

[*Transmitted by the Moderator, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Haddington, approach your Royal Highness, with the expression of our sincere condolence, upon the melancholy occasion of the demise of Her Majesty the Queen.

We bow with submission to that stroke, which has bereft our venerable and afflicted Sovereign of her, who, after sharing with him, during so many years, the splendours, the duties, and the cares of royalty, has been destined, in his evil days of age and infirmity, to sooth his sorrows;—and which has deprived your Royal Highness, and the other members of Her illustrious family, of the affections and the counsels of a parent.

Yet, even amid the darker dispensations of Providence, we find occasion of thanksgiving. We remember, with affectionate gratitude, that example of purity of manners, which, for much more than half a century, has been permitted to dignify and adorn the Throne of Britain; and which, shedding its influence on every class of His Majesty's subjects, has had the most important effects, in instructing, in improving, and in saving our country.

We rejoice in the belief, that this bright example will long compel the imitation, as it has so long commanded the admiration of a loyal and affectionate people; and that the memory of our Queen will be cherished as long as religion, and virtue, and loyalty are dear to our native land.

That the consolations of that religion, which soothed the last moments of our Queen, may likewise speedily restore the tranquillity of her afflicted family, and that your Royal Highness, after a long life of happiness and glory, may be re-united in a better state, with all the objects of your dearest affections is our earnest prayer.

Signed in presence and by the appointment of a meeting of the Magistrates and Town Council of the aforesaid Burgh, held at Haddington, this 11th day of December 1818.

*Thomas Pringle, Provost.*

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

Unto His Royal Highness George PRINCE REGENT.

WITH feelings of profound grief, we, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Haddington, humbly approach your Royal Highness to express our sincere condolence on the mournful and irreparable loss sustained by your Royal Highness and the whole nation, in the death of our venerable and much lamented Queen. After having uniformly, during a long series of years, discharged the duties of her exalted station in a manner that has endeared her to all the subjects of this Realm, and after displaying in private life all the virtues of religion and morality, Her Majesty has been withdrawn from us to receive the rewards of her worth in a perpetual and better world. But she will still live in the hearts of all His Majesty's loyal subjects; and the memory of her virtues, which diffused their influence through all ranks of society, and produced a happy effect on the minds and manners of the present age, will be transmitted through the records of history as an illustrious and conspicuous example to all posterity.

The filial piety at all times exhibited by your Royal Highness has excited the highest admiration, and if on this melancholy occasion the affliction of your Royal Highness can admit of alleviation from any means, in addition to the consolations afforded by religion, we are persuaded it will be derived from the emotions of sympathy universally manifested by all classes of His Majesty's loyal subjects, and which have been felt by none more sincerely than by the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Haddington.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the meeting, held this 14th day of December 1818.

*Haddington, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl of Haddington, Lord Lieutenant of the Shire, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]