

improving influence will reach from the palace to the cottage.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of the continuance of our loyalty to His Majesty; of our warmest wishes for the welfare and prosperity of these kingdoms; and that your Royal Highness may long enjoy health and happiness is the fervent prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of the Royal Burgh of Ayr.

Signed, at the Council Table, by the Provost, in our name and by our appointment, and sealed with the town's seal, this 23d day of December 1818.

*William Cowan, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by T. F. Kennedy, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, humbly offer to your Royal Highness the homage of our most sincere and respectful condolence, on the late afflicting event with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit your Royal Highness, your august Family, and the British nation.

While, in common with your Royal Highness and the nation, we deeply lament the death of Her Majesty, we shall ever retain in remembrance those religious and moral excellencies which adorned her character, and that dignified decorum which graced her Court.

The continued afflictions of our venerable Sovereign excite our warmest sympathy and most sincere regret; and we beg that your Royal Highness will accept of the assurance of our loyalty and attachment to your illustrious House and the Constitution of the realm.

Signed, by order of the College,  
*A. Gillespie, President.*

Edinburgh, December 22, 1818.

[*Transmitted by the President and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

Unto 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 Magistrates and Counsellors of the Royal Borough of New Galloway, in Council assembled, respectfully offer to your Royal Highness our most sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Charlotte of blessed memory, your illustrious Mother, who, for the long period of fifty-seven years that she adorned the British Throne, supported in the most exalted station of life the cause of Religion, by her conspicuous regard for it; advanced the interests of virtue, by her distinguished example; and by a happy union of the amiable with the estimable qualities, gained and commanded the esteem and respect of the civilized world.

We cannot sufficiently express our admiration of the unremitting attention paid by your Royal Highness to your illustrious Mother, during her severe and protracted afflictions; and we have no doubt that the filial affection so eminently displayed by your Royal Highness on that mournful occasion, must be grateful to the national feelings, and will be handed down in the annals of our country to the latest posterity.

We lament the continued indisposition of our venerable Sovereign, but we are fully sensible how much this great public calamity has been alleviated by the very able and proper manner in which your Royal Highness has discharged the functions of Royalty; and we pray that the Almighty may continue to bless and prosper your Person and Government.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, in our presence, at New Galloway, the 22d day of December, in the year 1818;

*John Gordon, Provost of New Galloway.*

[*Transmitted by the Provost, 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 Members of the Royal Botanic Institution of Glasgow, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with unaffected sorrow, to express our condolence for the heavy loss sustained in the demise of Her late Most Excellent Majesty the Queen.

We truly sympathize in the filial distress of your Royal Highness on this melancholy dispensation which is not felt within the Palace alone, but by every rank of His Majesty's subjects. Yet while we mourn the calamity with which we have been visited, our grief is soothed by the remembrance that our gracious Queen was given to us during a period of very unusual length, combining with our revered and much loved Sovereign, by the brilliancy of their example, to diffuse from the elevated station in which they were placed, that steadiness of moral and religious principle, and that rectitude in public and domestic life which alone constitute the true foundation of national prosperity and individual happiness.

May such considerations carry balm to the spirits of your Royal Highness, and of all the Members of your illustrious House: May such recollections perpetuate the memory and continue the effects of Her late Majesty's virtues among us, and may we while we lament her loss duly estimate and wisely profit by the blessing which we have so long possessed.

Given at a General Meeting of the Royal Botanic Institution of Glasgow, held in the Lyceum-Rooms, this 14th December 1818:

*William Smith, Chairman; Lawrence Hill, Secretary.*

[*Transmitted by Archibald Campbell, Esq. President of the Institution, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]