

bation of his public conduct ; while the strength and efficiency which they imparted to the instrument of national defence entrusted to his charge, inspired us with confidence in the continuance of that security and tranquillity which are essential to the success of our professional pursuits.

We sympathize especially in the personal feelings of your Majesty under this mournful dispensation of Providence, and offer our fervent supplications to the merciful Disposer of Events, that your Majesty and all the Royal Family may be supported by His heavenly consolations.

That Almighty God may preserve and prolong your Majesty's life, that He may establish your Throne, and bless your Government with prosperity and peace, and that, after having long rendered a free and loyal people happy under your paternal sway, He may at last exalt your Majesty to an incorruptible crown, are our humble and earnest prayers.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, having the seal of the University affixed, at Glasgow College, the 33d of January 1827.

*Duncan Macfarlan, Vice-Chancellor.*

[*Transmitted by the Duke of Montrose.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Killala and Achonry, entreat your Majesty graciously to accept our humble and sincere condolence on the heavy calamity which has recently befallen your Majesty, in common with all the subjects of your Empire.

His Royal Highness the late Duke of York had a claim upon the affections of your people beyond that commonly enjoyed by Princes of the royal blood. The soldier loved him enthusiastically as the unwearied promoter of his comforts and his happiness, at the same time that he ascribed to the judicious care and superintendence of His Royal Highness that high state of discipline and moral energy which has obtained for your Majesty's army imperishable fame. The widow and the orphan bless his memory, when they recollect the patient attention and kind consideration with which he invariably received their petitions, and the many, many instances in which he gladdened their hearts by the patronage of unprotected merit. Every loyal subject in the realm cheered himself with the consolatory assurance, that should any misfortune (which may God avert) prematurely deprive the nation of its best hope and reliance, in the continuance of your Majesty's mild and paternal reign, the sceptre would pass into the hands of a worthy successor of George the Third and George the Fourth, a true son of the noble House of Brunswick, who had on more than one occasion fearlessly and candidly declared in Parliament his firm adherence to the principles which seated his family on the Throne of Great Britain.

But if such are the causes of grief and regret which now rend the hearts of your faithful people, how shall we estimate the far deeper and more poignant affliction which, as we are too well aware, agitates the breast of your Majesty upon the loss of this illustrious and universally lamented personage, your Majesty's beloved Brother. Severe, doubtless,

is the blow, but the same Power which dealt it can render it salutary. May our Universal Father pour the balm of consolation into your Majesty's afflicted bosom ; long may He preserve that life so essential to the happiness of your numerous subjects ; and when the King of kings shall call you to himself, may you, through the merits of our blessed Redeemer, exchange an earthly for a heavenly, a perishable for an immortal crown !

So pray your Majesty's most dutiful and ever loyal and devoted subjects and servants.

The Castle, Killala, January 16, 1827.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[*Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Sire,*

WE, the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of the City of Dublin, with sentiments of the deepest affliction, take leave most humbly to condole with your Majesty upon the loss which your Majesty and the Empire have sustained in the death of your Majesty's Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

At a moment like the present, and to a heart overpowered with anguish, it is impossible to administer adequate consolation, nor do we presume to offer it, but we feel that we should ill deserve the character, which we have ever been solicitous to acquire, of the most devoted attachment to your Majesty's Person, to the august Family from which your Majesty is descended, and to the great Constitutional Principles which placed that Family upon the Throne, if we did not sympathize with your Majesty upon the death of a personage in whose manly and uncompromising spirit those principles found so powerful an advocate, and whose virtues, both in public and private life, must be endeared to your Majesty by so many tender and affecting recollections. To attempt a merited eulogium upon such a character as that of the Duke of York would be at once impracticable and superfluous : a nation's sorrow speaks a language impossible to be misunderstood, for it is the language of the heart ; the army's reformer and protector, the inflexibly impartial distributor of patronage, the affectionate relative, the anxiously devoted friend, the honest, firm and decided champion of his country's rights and privileges, cannot require to render him justice, the embellishments of language, or the labours of the panegyrest.

If any consideration, most gracious Sire, upon this signal calamity can assuage our grief, it is, that the benefit of his great example cannot be lost to posterity, and that though the Duke of York has, through the dispensations of an all-disposing Power, been withdrawn from this earthly scene, yet he will still live in the recollection of the great services which he has conferred upon his country, and in the purity of those principles which guided and characterised his life.

Permit us, Sire, to avail ourselves of this melancholy occasion to renew our dutiful expression of those feelings of sincere and fervent loyalty, which we have ever entertained for your Majesty's Person and Government, and to express our anxious prayer that Providence may in its mercy grant to your Majesty's people a long continuance of that life so