

civilized world, of whose liberty and happiness your Majesty is ever found the firm and enlightened friend:

Gusmond Philipps, Mayor.

[Transmitted by *J. Jones, Esq.*]

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Burgh of Haddington, desire to express our sincere and heart felt condolence on the late lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Attached as we are to your Majesty, by every tie of duty and affection, we largely participate in the universal sentiment of regret which has been excited by this dispensation. When we contemplate the merits of His Royal Highness, and the zeal with which he devoted himself to the best interests of his country, his death must be viewed as a great national loss. But while we would not forget the distinguished services of His Royal Highness, we desire, on the present occasion, more especially to condole with your Majesty, and to pray that the Father of Mercies may speedily restore your Majesty to the blessings of comfort and tranquillity, and that you may long be spared to reign over a free, a loyal, and an united people.

Signed in presence and by authority of the Magistrates and Council of the Burgh of Haddington, in Council assembled, this 25th day of January 1827, by

Archibald Dunlop, Provost.

[Transmitted by *the Provost.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Sire,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, other Heritors and Justices of the Peace of the County of Inverness, in a General Meeting assembled at Inverness the 23d day of January 1827, venture to approach your Majesty with the offer of our sincere condolence on the loss that your Majesty and the Nation have experienced by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Sympathizing as we do in the grief that your Majesty must feel for the loss of so near a relation, we cannot but be aware how much that grief must be aggravated on the present occasion, by the recollection of the peculiar value of the life that it has pleased Divine Providence to recall.

The public station filled by the illustrious deceased presented him constantly before the eyes of all ranks of your Majesty's subjects, and we may confidently affirm, that the efficient manner in which he fulfilled his high and important duties has impressed us with sentiments of the greatest gratitude and respect, and that we shall long cherish in our hearts the memory of a Prince whose whole life has been devoted to the service of his Sovereign and his country.

We humbly hope your Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept of our heart felt sympathy, and our most earnest wishes for your Majesty's welfare, and that this expression of our feelings will be received by your Majesty with the indulgence that we have

on all occasions experienced from your Majesty's kindness and condescension.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, by
J. N. Macleod, President.

[Transmitted by *J. N. Macleod, Esq.*]

To His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fourth, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. Grand Patron of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Free and Accepted Masons of the United Kingdom.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Union Masonic Lodge, No. 13, on the Registry of Ireland, beg leave to approach your Majesty with feelings of deep and heartfelt sorrow, to sympathize with your Majesty, and offer our condolence upon the great calamity and national misfortune which has befallen unto your Majesty and the United Empire, by the decease of our dear illustrious brother, His late Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York and Albany, Master of the Royal Domestic Masonic Lodge of Brighton, &c. &c.

When we contemplate the dispensations of the all-wise Providence which rules over us, and are convinced by every day's experience, that the most virtuous and amiable men, and those most favoured by that Providence, are invariably the most heavily afflicted in this state of trial and sorrow, from which no rank, no station is exempt; we feel the present heavy calamity which has befallen your Majesty to be a further proof of this divine truth, and we cannot but derive a melancholy consolation from this conviction, while we deeply deplore, and keenly feel, the irreparable loss which your Majesty and the Nation have suffered.

That your Majesty may long live to enjoy the deserved esteem and affection of your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects of the United Kingdom, is the ardent wish of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Loyal Union Masonic Lodge, No. 13.

Samuel Dickson, Master, for self and Brethren.
Limerick, January 22, 1827.

[Transmitted by *Samuel Dickson, Esq.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Tain, in North Britain.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Tain, humbly beg leave to approach the Throne to offer to your Majesty the tribute of our sincere condolence on the loss which your Majesty has sustained by the death of your illustrious Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Albany.

While we bow with reverence to the decree of an Almighty and unerring Providence, which has deprived your Majesty of a loving and affectionate brother, in whom were united all the social and amiable virtues which add lustre to greatness, and the Nation of so bright an ornament, we cannot but deeply deplore so heavy an affliction to your Royal Person and Family, an affliction which has so justly