

cast a gloom over every class of persons in your Majesty's extensive dominions.

That the Supreme Disposer of all Events, whose prerogative it is to bring good out of evil, may afford to your Majesty those consolations which pure religion alone imparts, and may long preserve your valuable life to be a blessing to these realms, is the earnest prayer of us, your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, by our late Provost, who has ordered the seal of the Burgh to be hereto appended.

*William Murray, late Provost.*

[Transmitted by the Lord Clerk Register of Scotland.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of your ancient Burgh of Montrose, in Scotland, beg leave most humbly to approach your royal presence with the sincere expressions of our heart felt grief for the severe loss which your Majesty and the Nation at large have sustained in the death of your Royal Brother, Frederick Duke of York and Albany, a Prince whose inviolable attachment to the Constitution of his Country, whose unceasing attention to the discipline of the army, and to the comforts of the soldier, whose endeavours to promote the cause of benevolence, and whose urbanity and condescension to all classes have endeared him to his contemporaries, and will embalm his memory in the recollection of posterity.

While we deeply sympathize with your Majesty upon this afflicting occasion, we fervently pray that the Almighty Disposer of all Events will vouchsafe a continuance of every earthly blessing upon your Majesty's sacred Person and Government.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, by William Jameson, Esq., our Chief Magistrate, and the seal of our Burgh herunto affixed, at Montrose, the 25th day of January 1827.

*William Jameson, Provost and Chief Magistrate of Montrose.*

[Transmitted by the Provost.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Stockport, in the County Palatine of Chester, cannot refrain from expressing to your Majesty our true and unfeigned sympathy upon the melancholy occasion of the demise of your Royal Brother, the Duke of York and Albany.

When we reflect upon all he did, through many eventful years, for the honour and safety of his native land, we feel, in common with all your Majesty's people, that we have indeed sustained an irreparable loss; he was not more endeared to us by his birth and station as a Prince of the House of Brunswick, and as being next to your Majesty in place and blood, than by the many excellent qualities which graced his character and conferred lustre even on his exalted rank; his consistency and firmness as a legislator of the realm, his steady attach-

ment to our matchless Constitution, the intrepidity, the noble simplicity with which he declared it in the face of all men, the real, the practical wisdom he displayed as Commander-in-Chief of the armies of Britain, command, and ever most command, the gratitude of all true British hearts.

In these sad and severe moments we presume not to estimate the strength of your Majesty's feelings, but we hope and trust that to be assured of the sympathy of your faithful people may in some degree alleviate them.

We fervently pray, that He who gave and now hath taken away, may, of His great mercy, assuage their bitterness; and that, in the multitude of the thoughts within you, your spirits may be refreshed by the hopes and comforts of His everlasting Gospel.

On behalf of the Inhabitants before mentioned,

*Henry Hodgkinson, Mayor of Stockport.*

January 25, 1827.

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Inhabitants of the Borough of Newark-upon-Trent, beg most humbly to offer to your Majesty our sincere and heartfelt condolence on the recent, melancholy demise of your Majesty's august Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Albany, and to express to your Majesty the extreme regret we feel for the loss of so illustrious and excellent a Prince, whose amiable and benevolent qualities had endeared him to all ranks and stations of your Majesty's subjects, and when we call to mind the services he has rendered his country by the very attentive, judicious and zealous discharge of the duty of the important office intrusted to him by your Majesty, and his wise and excellent regulations which have tended so much to the glory and success of your Majesty's arms, we cannot but deeply sympathize with your Majesty, and deplore the severe affliction and irreparable loss. We also sincerely lament, in common with the rest of your Majesty's loyal subjects, that in the death of His Royal Highness the Nation has lost one of the firmest supporters of our happy and enviable Constitution in Church and State. To this tribute of condolence, permit us to add the assurances of our most devoted and faithful attachment to your Majesty's Person and Family, and to declare our sincere and ardent wishes that your Majesty may, by the blessing of Providence, long continue to reign over an affectionate and loyal people.

We subscribe ourselves your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects.

Newark-upon-Trent, January 25, 1827.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]

*Duchy of Lancaster, February 5, 1827.*

The King has this day been pleased to appoint Charles Gibson, of Quernmore-Park, Esq. to be Sheriff of the county palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.