

We regret, in common with all your Majesty's faithful subjects, that we are deprived of those eminent talents and indefatigable exertions whereby the British army has been brought to its present unrivalled state of discipline and excellence; and we feel assured that it is to the wise and discreet regulations adopted by the late Commander-in-Chief, that we are greatly indebted for the glorious victories which have elevated this kingdom to its present exalted state among nations.

It is also in the character of a Christian soldier that we have to deplore the loss of this illustrious Prince, and we reflect with sentiments of the deepest veneration and respect on his unwearied efforts for the support of our civil liberties, and the maintenance of the Protestant Religion, as established by the wise policy of our ancestors. But, although the grief of the country is so universally manifested on this melancholy event, we ought not to forget the unparalleled blessings with which we are surrounded, and the continued enjoyment of which is secured to us under your Majesty's wise and paternal Government. We feel the deepest gratitude to the Almighty for having preserved your Majesty's invaluable health, and extended that support which alone could have sustained your Majesty under the late dispensation of His providence.

Permit us, gracious Sire, humbly to express our most anxious solicitude that your Majesty may long continue to govern your faithful and attached people in the enjoyment of health and every earthly happiness, and to assure your Majesty that there is no part of your extended dominions in which sentiments of gratitude, and attachment to your Majesty's Person and illustrious House are more warmly felt and cherished than in this ancient and loyal City of Bristol.

[Transmitted by R. Hart Davis, Esq. M. P., and Henry Bright, Esq. M. P. for the City.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Admiral and Resident Magistrates of your Town and Port of Leith, beg with the most profound respect to approach your Majesty's Throne, to tender our deep and sincere condolence in the afflicting dispensation with which it has lately pleased Almighty God in His unerring wisdom to visit your Majesty, and your Royal House.

The uniform and uninterrupted attachment, which subsisted between your Majesty and your late illustrious Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, must render the feelings of separation more intense, and in which we beg leave to express our deep and sincere sympathy.

By the death of His Royal Highness, your Majesty has not only lost an affectionate brother, a dutiful subject, and a warm and much attached friend, but the nation at large has lost one of its greatest and best benefactors.

The condescension and kindness with which he received all who had occasion to approach him, and the unshaken fidelity and uncompromising steadiness with which he discharged every duty of public life, endeared him to the whole of your Majesty's subjects; but more particularly in his character of Com-

mander-in-Chief, a situation which he held for so many years, his name will stand recorded in the brightest page of this nation's history; to his unwearied attention to the varied duties of that important situation; to the wisdom with which he planned, and to the firmness with which he executed the various improvements in our army; to the minute attention which he paid to the comforts of the soldiers, from the private to the highest officer; to the obliging condescension with which he listened, and the impartiality with which he judged of all applications, from whatever rank of the army they came; and to the liberal and benevolent institutions which His Royal Highness founded for the education of youth, the relief of the veteran and wounded, and the protection of the widows and orphans of soldiers: to these, under the Government of your Majesty, this nation is principally indebted for the high state of military glory in which it at present stands: these called forth the admiration and the affection of every individual in the country, and while they made the character of His Royal Highness beloved when in life, they will be handed down to posterity as the most honourable monument to His Royal Highness' memory.

If, in the midst of such an afflicting dispensation, your Majesty can derive any consolation from reflecting on the talents, the virtues, and the exalted character of your late illustrious brother, it may add to that consolation to be assured, that his memory is embalmed in the hearts and the affections of your people.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty; that He may comfort and support you under this afflicting bereavement; and that He may prosper and prolong your reign, over a free, loyal and happy people, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Admiral and Resident Magistrates of Leith.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, and the seal of the Town affixed, at Leith, the 13th day of January, 1827 years.

*John Bonar, jun. Admiral.*

[Transmitted by Viscount Melville.]

*Whitehall, February 14, 1827.*

The King has been pleased to order a *congédire* to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Oxford, empowering them to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of the Honourable Doctor Edward Legge, late Bishop thereof; and His Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter, Doctor Charles Lloyd, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See.

*Whitehall, February 15, 1827.*

The King has been pleased to order a *congédire* to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, empowering them to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of the Honourable Doctor George Pelham, late Bishop thereof; and His Majesty has also been