

We cannot but reflect on this lamentable event as a great interruption to your Majesty's domestic happiness, and as a calamity which has deprived the Nation of a most loyal subject, and valuable public officer.

We therefore most humbly beg to sympathise with your Majesty on the serious loss we have sustained, and to assure your Majesty of our firm attachment to your Royal Person and Family, and that your Majesty may long be spared to rule over a loyal and free people, is the sincere prayer of, Sir, your most faithful and devoted subjects.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

*John Mares, Mayor.*

[Transmitted by *W. Bolland, Esq. the Recorder.*]

To His Majesty KING George the Fourth, &c. &c.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren, of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, of the County of Armagh, assembled at the Market-Hill, in the said County, on the 20th day of February 1827, beg leave most humbly to approach your Majesty, with the sincerest sentiments of loyalty and attachment to your Royal Person.

While the general voice of the Nation is raised to lament over the grave of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, we, who during his life, were united to him by the firmest bonds of faithful attachment, cannot but sympathise with your Majesty, in the sorrow which we in common must feel for the loss of an affectionate brother, and our tried, truest, and best friend.

The more we look into the retrospect of the life of the lamented Prince, who is now no more, distinguished as it was by so many eminent services to his country; the greater cause do we find deeply to regret the departure from this world of that illustrious personage; possessing, as he did, those great and valuable qualities, so well adapted to render him the glory of a great people.

As the first military personage in the Nation, every true lover of his country must long regret his irreparable loss; for to his distinguished talents, and to his love of justice, is owing, in a great measure, the pitch of unrivalled excellence which the British Army has attained. His conduct was, throughout his military career, marked by those principles and virtues, calculated to adorn the most exalted station in the Kingdom.

The death of His Royal Highness is, in those respects, a great national affliction; but your Majesty must feel besides a private and personal sorrow, for in him you have to mourn the loss of a warm friend, and a beloved brother; and herein do we most heartily condole with your Majesty; for, from one who was early attached to your Royal Person by the dearest ties and most sincere affection, your Majesty could not separate without the recollection of past endearments, increasing the sorrow under which your Majesty naturally suffers; yet, if it can be any alleviation of that grief, which we deeply lament, your Royal mind must experience, that the memory of one so dear shall long live in the hearts of your faithful subjects. We beg to assure your Majesty, that the recollection of your illustrious brother shall

draw us more closely, in faithful adherence, round the Throne which your Majesty so gloriously fills; and that you may long continue to reign over this Nation, and in the hearts of an attached people, is the humble, but sincere, wish of your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren, of the Ancient and Honourable Society of the Free and Accepted Masons of the County of Armagh, Ireland.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

*William Nesbitt, Master, No. 52., Chairman.*

*Parker Sheppard, No. 315., Secretary.*

[Transmitted by *Parker Sheppard, Esq., Secretary to the Meeting.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the Borough of Ripon, in the County of York, in Common Hall assembled, deeply participating in the sympathy of a sorrowing Nation, offer to your Majesty the homage of our sincere condolence on the loss sustained by your Majesty, and the people of these Realms, in the lamented decease of the illustrious Prince, Frederick Duke of York and Albany.

In describing this national calamity as an event which has at once deprived your Majesty of an affectionate brother and upright councillor—our established religion of an undaunted and zealous supporter—the army of a firm indefatigable friend, and most able Commander—and the British Nation of a bright example of public and private excellence—we feel assured that we speak the sentiments of all your Majesty's loyal subjects.

We embrace this opportunity of renewing to your Majesty the assurance of our unalterable and devoted attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and of our most ardent wish and hope that your Majesty may, by the blessing of Divine Providence, long live and reign over a loyal and united people.

Given under our common seal, the 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1827, and in the eighth year of your Majesty's reign.

*Richard Nicholson, Common Clerk.*

[Transmitted by *Chas. Harrison Batley, Esq., M.P., Recorder of the Borough.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Inhabitants of the Town and Vicinity of Stourbridge and Parish of Oldswinford, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, most humbly approach your Throne, to express our cordial sympathy in the heavy affliction with which, by a severe dispensation of Providence, your Majesty has been recently visited, in the decease of your lamented and illustrious brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Private sorrow for the loss of a relative so affectionate and deservedly beloved, must necessarily be experienced in your benevolent and Royal breast, in the most pungent and distressing degree; but we hope your Majesty's feelings upon this melancholy and trying occasion, will be greatly soothed by the universal regret which the Nation manifests for the