

our first meeting, since the demise of our late most gracious and beloved Sovereign, to offer to your Majesty the tribute of our heartfelt condolence on this mournful event, and to convey to the Throne our cordial congratulations on your Majesty's auspicious accession to the Crown of your Royal Ancestors, together with the warmest expressions of our devoted and loyal attachment to your Majesty's sacred Person, and to your illustrious House.

We participate deeply in the universal sorrow excited by the death of a Monarch, who was eminently gifted with all those princely and splendid endowments which shed a bright lustre on the diadem, and those amiable and benignant dispositions which so justly endeared him to the hearts of his people. Called to administer the affairs of this great empire, on the part of his revered Father, at an awful and portentous period, when almost every Throne in Europe was shaken under its possessor, he displayed a wisdom, and firmness, and magnanimity, which, by the blessing of Heaven, enabled him to conduct the State in safety and triumph, through that tremendous storm which had desolated the fairest portions of the earth, to crush that gigantic power, before which the nations trembled, and to raise the British name to a height of glory unrivalled in the records of fame. With the liveliest emotions of gratitude we reflect on the manifold blessings which we enjoyed under his mild and beneficent sway, on his anxious and paternal concern to alleviate the burdens of his people, to encourage all the elegant and useful arts of life, to secure the stability and tranquillity of the whole empire, and to extend and perpetuate the blessings of that glorious peace, which, under Providence, he had achieved by the vigour of his counsels, and by the invincible prowess of his arms.

We desire to bow with reverential submission to the will of that God who has seen fit to deprive us of a Sovereign, the recollection of whose great and princely qualities can never be obliterated from our hearts; and our fervent prayer is, that, under this melancholy deprivation, your Majesty, your illustrious Consort, and all the Members of your Royal House, may be cheered by the consolations of Heaven, and sustained by the hope of being finally admitted into those blessed mansions, where no painful sympathies ever wound the affections, and where the anguish of separation is for ever unknown.

Deeply, however, as we are afflicted, on this mournful occasion, our sorrows are mitigated, and our hearts are cheered, by the consoling prospect opened up to us, in contemplating the virtues which adorn the character of your Majesty, and that of the amiable and illustrious Partner of your Throne, satisfied as we are, that the best interests of that country which you have zealously served from your earliest years, will ever be nearest to your heart. Convinced that you will follow the pattern exhibited before you by your lamented Brother and venerated Father, we cherish the hope that your reign will, like theirs, be a reign fraught with honour to yourself, with glory to the empire, and with happiness and prosperity to your people.

As members of that church which has so long experienced the paternal care and protection of the Princes of your august House, we humbly entreat that we may be permitted to convey to the foot of the Throne the assurance that we shall assiduously

labour to discharge our sacred functions with fidelity and zeal; to inspire the people committed to our charge with the love of that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation, to inculcate upon them dutiful obedience to the laws of their country; to cherish in their minds loyal attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and veneration for that glorious and happy Constitution, which stands unrivalled in the history of nations.

May Almighty God, by whom Kings reign, pour down his choicest blessings upon your Majesty and your Royal Consort, the Queen; may the Crown long adorn your brow; may your Sceptre be a Sceptre of righteousness, the emblem of national prosperity and glory; may you enjoy to the latest hour of life the sweet satisfaction imparted by the unshaken attachment of a united and an affectionate people; and after a glorious and happy reign on earth, may you obtain an immortal and unfading Crown in Heaven; these are the united and fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of St. Andrews.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment by,

*William Nicolson*, Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Andrews.

Ferry-Port-on-Craig, 4th August 1830.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Rosslyn.]

No. 5.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dunfermline, this day regularly convened, deeply partaking of the national sorrow at the recent death of our late venerated Sovereign, your Majesty's august Brother, George the Fourth, deem it to be our duty respectfully to address your Majesty, and humbly to offer to your Majesty our most sincere and affectionate sympathy; and while we desire to bow with entire submission to the will of the Almighty Disposer of Events, we feel grateful to Heaven that the Sceptre of this United Kingdom has passed into the hand of your Majesty, whose benignant virtues are to us the guarantee that it will ever continue to be wielded by your Majesty for the maintenance of the rights and privileges of the people, as well as for the honour and the dignity of the Crown; and our fervent prayer to God is, that he may be graciously pleased to make the reign of your Majesty, and of your Majesty's Royal Consort, our beloved Queen Adelaide, long and prosperous.

Signed by authority from, and in the name of, the Reverend the Presbytery of Dunfermline, the 4th day of August 1830, by

*Alexander Watt*, Moderator.

[Transmitted by the Rev. Alex. Watt, Moderator.]

No. 6.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Sovereign, Burgesses, and Inhabitants, of the Town and Neighbourhood of Belfast, humbly approach your Royal Person, to offer our most sim-