

Burgh of Kilmarnock, for ourselves, and in name of the Community thereof, beg most respectfully to approach your Majesty with the expression of our condolence on the severe loss which your Majesty and the nation have sustained, by the death of our late most gracious Sovereign King William the Fourth.

Whilst we deplore this heavy calamity, we rejoice to think that it has pleased Almighty God to call to the Throne of these realms a Sovereign whose education, under the enlightened superintendence of an affectionate Mother, is a surety that your Majesty will be the guardian of the rights and liberties of your subjects, and we beg leave to tender our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations on that auspicious event.

We entreat permission to offer to your Majesty the firm assurance of our fidelity and attachment, and we most fervently pray, that your Majesty may be long preserved to reign over a loyal, free, and happy people.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Council, by *James Reed*, Provost.

[Transmitted by the Provost.]

## No. 14.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Fortrose.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Fortrose, most humbly take leave to approach the Throne, and to lay at your Majesty's feet the expressions of our sincere condolence on the demise of our late most gracious and dearly beloved Monarch. We, in common with all your Majesty's faithful subjects, feel deeply impressed with a recollection of the many virtues of our departed Sovereign, who so deservedly lived in the affections of his people, and who so graciously returned their attachment towards him by a continued attention to the welfare of every class of his subjects, so much so, as to have caused him to be looked up to as the friend of mankind and the father of his people.

It having been the will of the Almighty to deprive us of our late Sovereign, we hail with gratitude the accession of a Princess descended from a line of Monarchs under whose protection this empire has been raised to a station unequalled in the history of nations, and who, with the blessing of Providence, have upheld the Protestant faith and maintained the liberties of their subjects.

We sincerely pray that your Majesty's reign may be long and happy, amid the love and blessings of a grateful people, and that the honours of your august House may be transmitted unimpaired to the most distant times.

Scaled with the burgh seal, and signed in name and at desire of the Magistrates and Council, in Meeting assembled, this 18th day of August 1837, by *Geo. Tulloch*, Provost.

[Transmitted by Lord Glenelg.]

## No. 15.

Address of Condolence and Congratulation of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Saint Andrews, Fifeshire.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and affectionate subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Saint Andrews, in Presbytery assembled, eagerly embrace the opportunity of our first meeting since the demise of our late most gracious and beloved Sovereign, to offer the tribute of our heartfelt condolence on this mournful event, and to convey to the foot of the Throne our most cordial congratulations on your Majesty's Accession to the Crown of your Royal Ancestors.

We deeply participate in the universal sorrow for the loss of a Sovereign whose kindness of heart, and whose tender and paternal regard for the interests of all classes of his subjects, secured to him, while living, and will attach to his memory during ages to come, the respect, the gratitude, and the affections of a great nation.

We desire to bow with reverential submission to the will of Almighty God, who has seen fit to deprive us of a Monarch who was truly the endeared Father of his people, and we offer up our fervent prayers to the Supreme Disposer of all Events, that, under this afflictive dispensation, He may cheer and sustain your Majesty, and all the Members of the Royal Family, with those consolations which He alone can bestow.

Deeply, however, as we are afflicted with this national calamity, we feel an alleviation of our sorrow in being enabled to look up to your Majesty as the Successor of your illustrious and venerated Relative, with one heart and one voice we beg leave to offer our warmest congratulations on your Majesty's auspicious Accession to the Throne of Britain, together with the dutiful assurance of our loyal and affectionate attachment to your sacred Person, and to the illustrious House of Brunswick.

Called as your Majesty has been, at a very early age, to administer the affairs of this mighty empire, we trust that, according to your own pious wish, the Divine Wisdom may bless you and guide you in the exercise of your high and arduous functions.

When we consider that your Majesty has been gifted by nature with great talents, which have been cultivated with unceasing care under the eye of your illustrious and affectionate Parent, and that your character is conspicuously adorned by the noble and generous qualities which have ever characterised your august House, we are encouraged to hail the commencement of your Majesty's reign with every happy anticipation, and to entertain the best founded conviction that it will be the first and dearest object of your heart, to prove yourself the Benefactress of your people, the watchful Guardian of all their rights and privileges, and especially of the Protestant faith, the surest guarantee of civil and religious liberty; and that, treading in the footsteps of your Royal Ancestors of the House of Brunswick, you will be enabled, by the blessing of God, to maintain the prosperity and glory of the British empire in undiminished splendour.