

[Jan. 30 1820]

I have directed that
You should be assembled
here in order that I may
discharge the painful Duty
of announcing to You the
Death of The King, My
beloved Father.

It is impossible for
Me, adequately, to express
the State of My Feelings
upon this melancholy
Occasion, but I have the
Consolation of knowing
that the severe Calamity
with

with which His Majesty
has been afflicted for so
many Years, has never
effaced from the Minds
of His Subjects, the
Impressions created by
His many Virtues: and
His Example will, I am
persuaded, live for ever
in the grateful Remembrance
of His Country.

Called upon, in consequence
of His Majesty's lamented
Indisposition, to exercise
the Prerogatives of the
Crown on His Behalf,
it was the first Wish
of

of My Heart to be allowed
to restore into His Hands
the Powers with which I
was entrusted.

It has pleased
Almighty God to determine
otherwise; and I have
not been insensible to the
Advantages which I have
derived from Administering
the Government in His
Name.

The Support which
I have received from
Parliament, and the
Country, in Times the
most Eventful, and
under the most arduous
Circumstances

Circumstances, could alone
inspire Me with that
Confidence which My
present Station demands

The Experience of
the Past, will I trust
satisfy all Classes of
My People that it will
ever be My most
anxious Endeavour to
promote Their Prosperity
and Happiness, and
to maintain unimpaired,
the Religion, Laws,
and Liberties, of the
Kingdom.