

and companions that we discover the secret workings of his heart. To know people intimately, we must not rest satisfied with viewing them in public where they may be on their guard to save appearances, but we must follow them to their secret recesses, watch their minutest actions, and from these, divine their inmost thoughts. Upon this strict ground of examination, an examination which few characters would bear, I claim your warmest approbation of our beloved sovereign.

If we do not find him presenting, to his people, a pattern of the purest morals, elevating their minds by his active piety, and cherishing that spirit of liberty which renders the British nation the envy and the admiration of the world, we shall not require you to join us in pouring forth our thanksgivings to God for preserving him so long among us.

Our king supports and encourages the purest morals by his deportment as an affectionate husband, and tender parent ; in these endearing relations, he presents an illustrious example worthy of the strictest imitation. Convinced that marriage is a divine institution, that it is a union of hearts, affections and interests, and therefore to be most religiously observed, he displayed the greatest wisdom in forming so important a connexion, a connexion on which his future happiness so much depended. The famous letter which the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenbourg Strelitz wrote to the King of Prussia had made a lasting impression upon his heart. He thought, and he thought justly,