

Princess Elizabeth
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We regret to announce the death of the Landgravine of Hesse-Hombourg, (formerly Princess Elizabeth of England) on the 10th instant, at Frankfort. Of this excellent Princess the *Journal de Francfort* says—Left a widow in 1829, her Royal Highness never ceased to be dear to the family of the Prince, and to the inhabitants of Hesse-Hombourg, whose veneration and attachment she possessed in the highest degree. She continued to reside at Hombourg during the fine season, and passed the winter at Hanover, where her brother, King William IV., had given her a palace. It was only during the last three years that she passed the winter at Frankfort. Two precious qualities enhanced the splendour of her birth. If her mild and amiable disposition rendered her the idol of the companies which she honoured with her presence, her beneficence and charity made her a second Providence to the distressed. Independently of a gift of £5,000 sterling which she made annually to the municipality of the town of Hombourg, a great number of families, both of that place and of Frankfort, subsisted in part by her beneficence; and strict orders were given to all the domestics of her household never to send away unrelieved any poor person who should apply at the door of her palace. To her may be truly applied the divine precept—"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth;" and the greater part of her numerous charities would have remained in unmerited oblivion, but for the affectionate indiscretion of her servants and her protégés. It may be imagined how painful her loss will be to her august relations, and how many benedictions will follow her to the tomb. She passed through the world doing good. Her Royal Highness retained her faculties to the last moment, and at eight o'clock in the evening was able to write some lines; only two hours before she breathed her last.

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