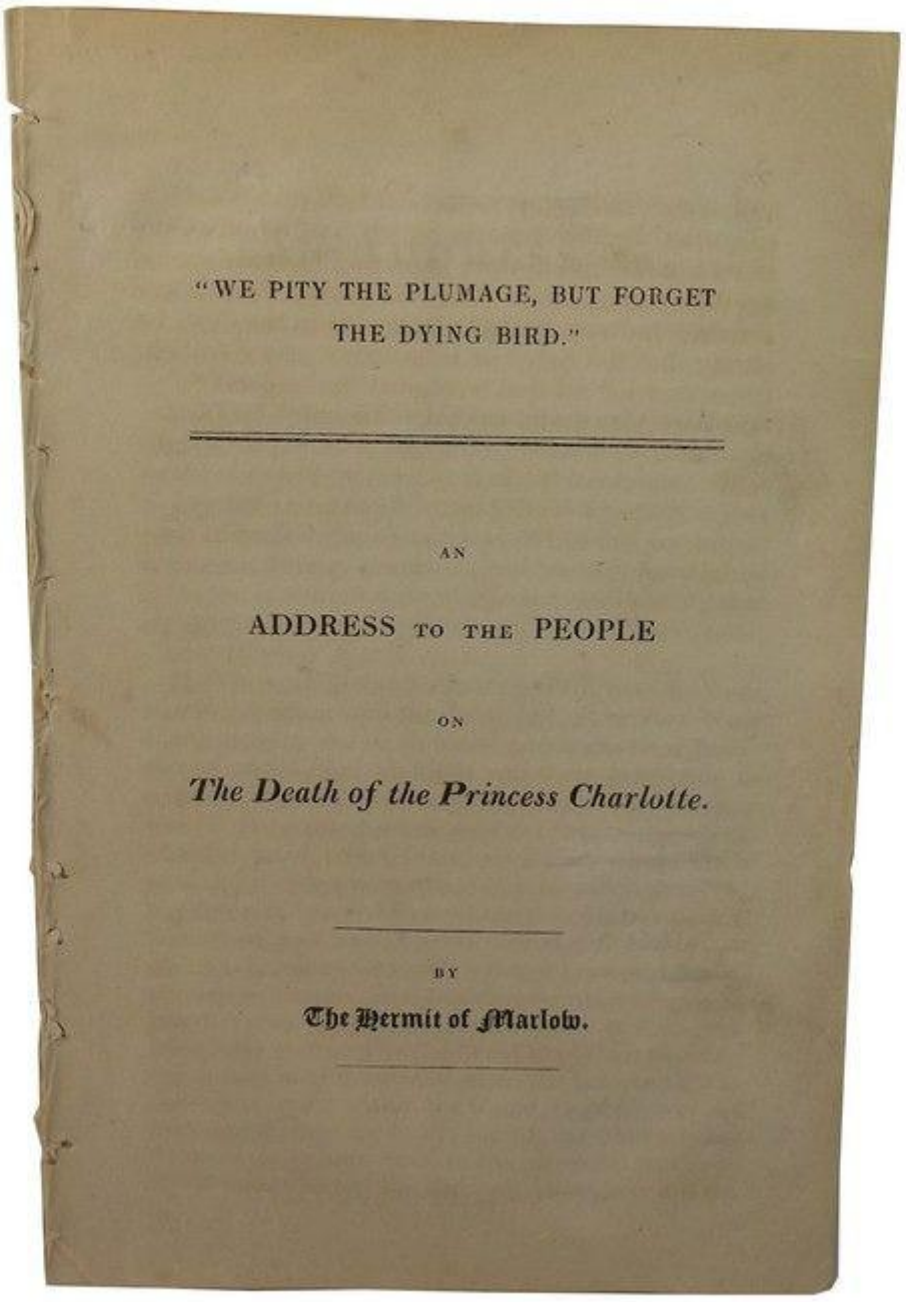
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'We Pity the Plumage, But Forget the Dying Bird' - An Address to the People on the Death of the Princess Charlotte

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[Thomas Rodd]



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AN

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ON

The Death of the Princess Charlotte.

BY

The Hermit of Marlow.

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Wise notes that "In 1843, when advertising the present pamphlet for sale, Rodd asserted that it was a facsimile reprint of an alleged original edition of which the author was said to have printed twenty copies in 1816. No example of this mysterious original has ever been unearthed ... My own opinion is that no original ever existed ... The motto 'We pity the plumage but forget the dying bird' was taken by Shelley from Paine's 'Rights of Man', 1817, Pt.I, p. 24, 'He [Burke] pities the plumage but forgets the dying bird'. This clearly denies any impression of the address dated 1816".

The pamphlet decries the difference between the public concern for the death of the Princess and their indifference to the plight of the poorest in society (plus ca change) and also examines the execution of the leaders of the Pentrich Rising.

Wise, 'A Shelley Library', page 46

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