



# TRIAL BY MEDIA

## THE QUEEN CAROLINE AFFAIR, PART 3 – SYMPATHY FOR THE QUEEN

*Cynthia Roman & Mike Widener*

In the Spring and Summer issues of the *Green Bag*, we printed the first two installments (of four) of a catalog of “Trial by Media: The Queen Caroline Affair,” a thought-provoking and beautiful exhibition that appeared last year at Yale Law School’s Lillian Goldman Law Library (and is still available online). What we have here in the third installment are a short introduction to the “Sympathy for the Queen” part of the exhibition by co-curators Cynthia Roman and Mike Widener (their full introduction to the whole exhibition is in the Spring *Green Bag*), followed by images associated with this part of the exhibition (in, unfortunately, black-and-white, though they can be seen in their natural colors online), and associated essays by Jocelyn Harris and Richard Kopley.

— *The Editors*

AS THE TRIAL CAPTIVATED the nation, public opinion encompassed diverse perspectives. While vilifying, lampooning images supported the ouster of the Queen, Caroline’s plight alternatively served both radical causes and the defense of women’s rights. These causes demanded more sympathetic media portrayals, which artists

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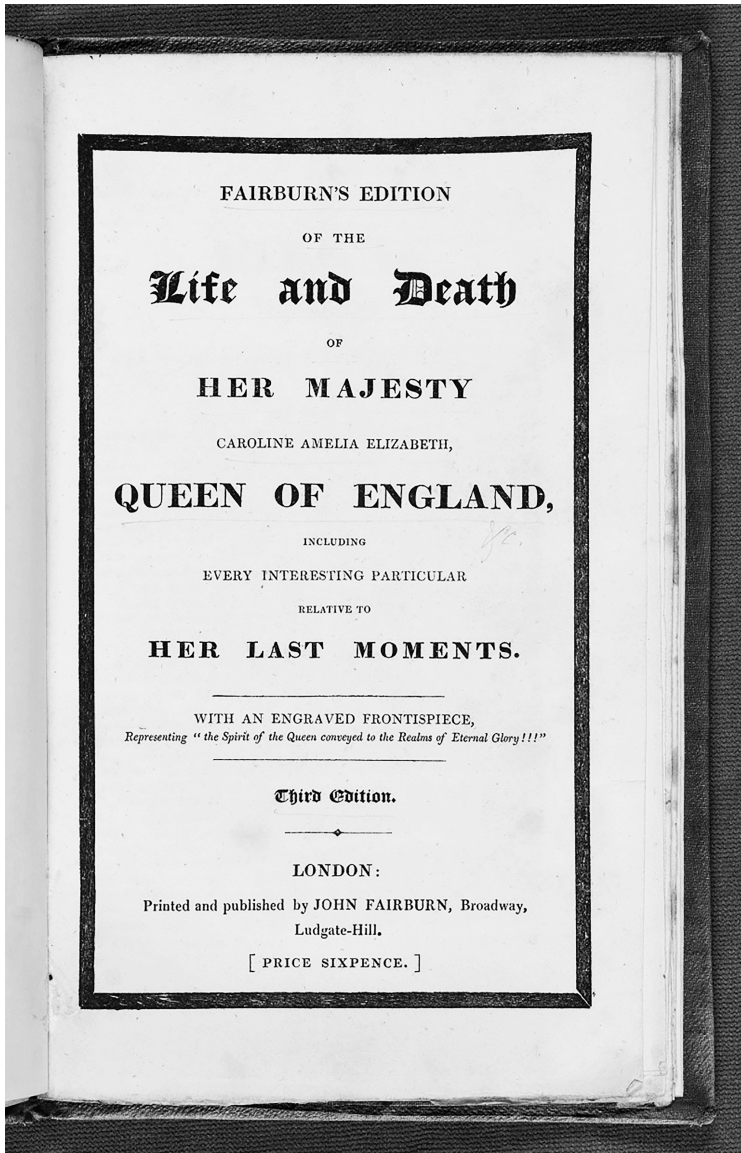


and publishers likewise produced for public consumption, especially following her premature death within a year of the divorce proceedings. Flattering images of a dignified and beloved queen embellished keepsakes such as collectible boxes and modest printed portraits for domestic display. Her passing was lamented with respectful images of the funeral procession and laudatory accounts of her life and death.





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## Trial by Media, Part 3 – Sympathy for the Queen

“ THEY HAVE DESTROYED ME.”



A Monody on her late Majesty  
**QUEEN CAROLINE,**  
*Who departed this life, August 7, 1821,*  
 AGED FIFTY-THREE.

HARK !—whence proceeds that awful sound,  
 Re-echo'd by each solemn bell?  
 Alas ! it spreads dismay around,  
 For death's proclaim'd in every knell!—  
**She's gone;—**  
 Gone for ever!—May thy hallowed shade  
 Repose in peace!—may'st thou, at Mercy's throne,  
 With angels, in celestial charms array'd,  
 Enjoy that peace, to thee, on earth unknown!  
 For here affliction mark'd thee for her own.  
 But may eternal happiness be thine:—  
 Truth shall record, on thy sepulchral stone  
 This simple fact:—*The victim of Design,*  
**Here Lies**  
**GREAT BRITAIN'S QUEEN,**  
 THE  
**INJUR'D CAROLINE.**  
 Here, to her native clime in death restored,  
 By all,—save those who most should weep!—deplored.  
 Far from that race who know not how to prize—  
 The Queen, the “*Injured Queen of England*” lies.  
 \* He who can view the tomb, or read the tale of Caroline of Brunswick  
 without sympathy, “is not of woman born.”

the ordinary course of Nature, all honest men

will be disgraced by sharing even a common death with you.

Minister! go hang thyself in justice to mankind, for if after this, you die by

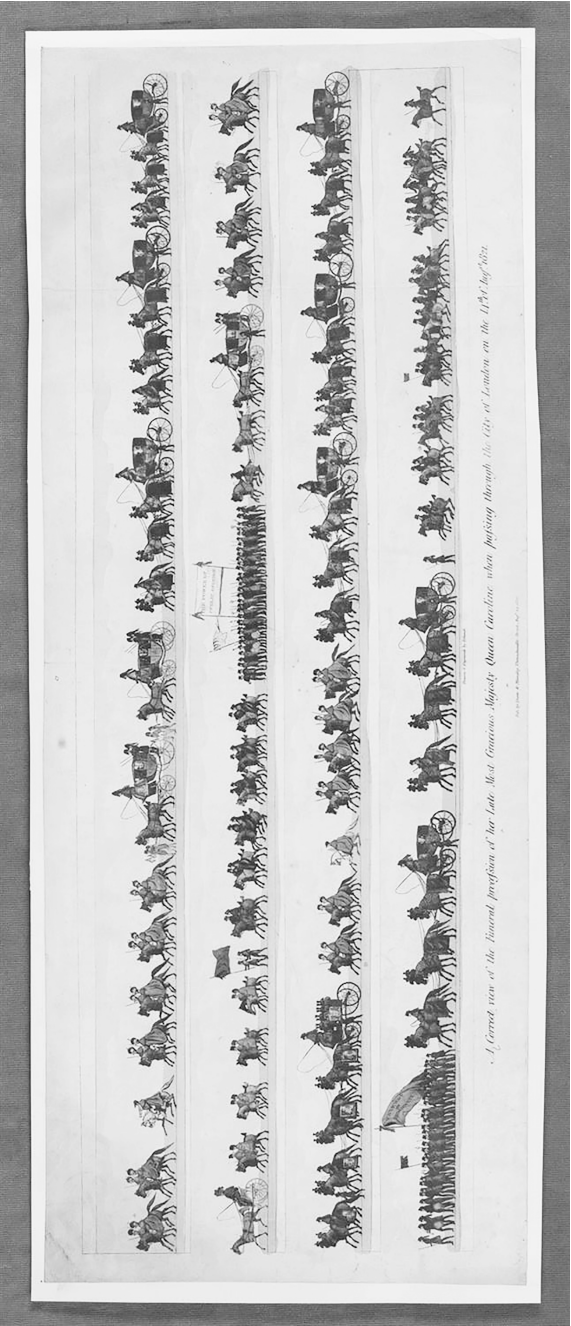
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