

reigns, the interchange of mutual courtesies, and the progress of unrestricted commerce.

We see in your Majesty the representative of a long line of illustrious Sovereigns, and rejoice to find their throne filled by one who, in the present momentous epoch, has joined his arms to those of France, Turkey, and England, and who has not only avowed his desire to participate in the triumph of the high principles for which the Allied Powers are now resolutely contending, but, animated by the generous sentiments of the Subalpine people, his subjects, and the traditions of the House of Savoy, has heroically thrown himself into the cause of justice and civilization, and with the resolution to persevere until a durable peace, guaranteeing to every nation its legitimate rights, shall be obtained.

It is with solemn gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of events, that we reflect upon the unbroken success which has proved the superior power and bravery of the allied armies and fleets, supported as they have been under almost incredible labours and privations by a lofty sense of the righteous cause in which they are engaged, in which the arms of Sardinia have borne so glorious a part.

Our Most Gracious Sovereign and Her illustrious Allies, undazzled by the splendour of repeated triumphs and the continued progress of victory, seek no more than to vindicate the rights of nations, and secure a lasting and honourable peace.

In the contest for this high purpose, our beloved Queen, acting in concert with Her Allies, may firmly rely on the strongest and most cheerful efforts of the loyal citizens of London, and of all Her people, united as they are in duty and affection to Her Majesty's person and government, and in determination to defend the cause of national independence and of civil and religious liberty.

With feelings of deep respect, it is our earnest prayer that life and health may, by the blessing of Divine Providence, be vouchsafed to your Majesty for many succeeding years in the government of a free, brave, and enlightened people.

Signed by order of the Court,

H. A. Merwether.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer :

My Lord Mayor,

I OFFER my heartfelt thanks to you, to the Aldermen, and to the Commons of the city of London, for the cordial congratulations which you present to me, on the occasion of my visit to Her Majesty the Queen, and to the British Nation.

The reception that I meet with in this ancient land of constitutional liberty, of which your Address is a confirmation, is to me a proof of the sympathy inspired by the policy I have hitherto pursued, a policy in which it is my intention constantly to persevere.

The close alliance existing between the two most powerful nations of the earth is honourable alike to the wisdom of the Sovereigns who govern them and to the character of their people. They have understood how preferable is a mutually advantageous friendship to ancient and ill-defined rivalry.

This alliance is a new fact in history, and is the triumph of civilization. Notwithstanding the misfortunes which have weighed upon my kingdom, I have entered into this alliance, because the House of Savoy ever deemed it to be its duty to draw the sword when the combat was for justice and for independence.

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If the forces which I bring to the Allies are those of a state not vast, I bring with them, nevertheless, the influence of a loyalty never doubted, and supported by the valour of an army always faithful to the banners of its kings.

We cannot lay down our arms until an honourable, and therefore durable, peace has been secured. This we shall accomplish by seeking unanimously the triumph of true right and the just desires of each nation.

I thank you for the good wishes you this day express for my future happiness, and for that of my kingdom.

While you thus express yourselves with respect to the future, it gives me pleasure to speak of the present, and to congratulate you on the high position attained by Great Britain. This is to be attributed to the free and noble character of the nation, and also to the virtues of your Queen.

*At the Court at Windsor Castle,
December 7, 1855.*

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Matthew Talbot Baines, the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

St. James's-Palace, December, 8, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mrs. Alexander Gordon to be one of the Bedchamber Women in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of the Honourable Amelia Murray, resigned.

Foreign Office, November 22, 1855.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Thomas Joseph Hutchinson, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul in the Territories on the Western Coast of Africa, comprised within the Bight of Biafra, and lying between Cape Formosa and Cape St. John, to be also Her Majesty's Consul at Fernando Po.

Whitehall, December 7, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto John Alexander Blackett, of Whitfield, in the county of Northumberland, Clerk, Bachelor of Arts, Rector of Wolsingham, in the county of Durham, Her royal licence and authority that he may, in compliance with a request contained in the last Will and Testament of William Ord, late of Whitfield aforesaid, and of Berkeley-square, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, sometime representative in Parliament for Morpeth, and afterwards for Newcastle-on-Tyne, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Ord in addition to and after that of Blackett, and that he may bear the arms of Ord quarterly with those of Blackett, and that such surnames and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue by Anne Jane Blackett his wife; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect :

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.