

*Whitehall, June 23, 1856.*

THE following Addresses having been presented to the Queen, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, in General Assembly convened, gladly avail ourselves of the occasion presented by our present meeting, to renew the expression of our loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and government, and to congratulate your Majesty on the removal from us of the miseries of War, and the restoration to your dominions of the inestimable blessings of Peace.

When we were last met as a General Assembly of our National Church, we had reason to apprehend that the just and necessary War in which we were engaged would prove protracted, and so continue for a lengthened period to shed calamity in various forms over our land and the other portions of your Majesty's dominions; but our trust was still in God, while we humbled ourselves before Him, and recognising His gracious hand in all things, as your Majesty, we know will also do, we now give thanks to Him with our whole hearts, because He has again been our Shield and Protector, and through His blessing on your Majesty's counsels and those of your Allies, has delivered us from the evil, the continuance of which, as Ministers of the Prince of Peace, we should have deplored, and given us the good, for the early bestowal of which we hardly ventured to hope.

That the Peace which has now been established may be permanent, and while it conduces to the welfare of your Majesty's subjects, may likewise eventually promote the extension of the Messiah's kingdom,—that the remainder of your Majesty's reign may be both prosperous and peaceful,—that Almighty God, the Father of Mercies, may endow your Majesty in rich abundance with every Christian grace, may crown you with blessings temporal and spiritual, and in testimony of His favour for our native land, preserve you long to rule over a free, religious, contented, loyal, and heart-united people is, may it please your Majesty, the earnest prayer of your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

*John Crombie, D.D., Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 30, 1856.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Scarborough, in the county of York, in Council assembled, humbly desire to offer to your Majesty our sincere congratulations upon the re-establishment of Peace.

We humbly beg to assure your Majesty that while, in common with the great majority of your people, the inhabitants of this ancient borough were prepared, if needful, cheerfully to support your Majesty and your Allies in the prosecution of what we believe to have been a just and necessary War, nevertheless we hail with satisfaction the ratification of a Treaty by which the chief

objects of that War have been attained, and the liberties of Europe placed, it is hoped, upon a firm and desirable basis.

In the recognition of the principle of friendly mediation in the adjustment of international differences, and in the amicable relations established with other states, and cemented by common sacrifices, we humbly trust we may derive some assurance that any future attempt to disturb the repose of Europe will be effectually repressed, and that the Peace now confirmed will be permanent and universal.

Given under our Common Seal this 12th day of June, in the 19th year of your Majesty's reign.

*William Holden, Mayor.*

*Buckingham Palace, June 22, 1856.*

This day had audience of Her Majesty ;

His Royal Highness The Prince Oscar, second surviving Son of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, attended by the Baron de Hochschild, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Swedish and Norwegian Majesty.

To which audience His Royal Highness was introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

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The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B., by the name, style, and title of Baron Lyons of Christchurch, in the county of Southampton, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Sir Baldwin Wake Walker, of Oakley House, in the county of Suffolk, K.C.B., Captain in and Surveyor of Her Majesty's Navy, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

*St. James's Palace, June 21, 1856.*

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable Lord Foley, to appoint Benjamin Remington Williams, Esq., late of the Bengal Horse Artillery, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Grange, retired.

*Admiralty, June 24, 1856.*

In reference to the announcement contained in the London Gazette of 22nd January, 1856, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty would proceed within three months from that date to adjudicate upon the claim preferred by Dr. James Rae, under the third paragraph of their Proclamation of the 7th of March, 1850, by which the sum of £10,000 was offered to any party or parties, who, in the judgment of the Board of