

Whitehall, February 15, 1858.

THE following Address of congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation, has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Margate, in the county of Kent.

WE, your Majesty's faithful and loving subjects, humbly approach your Majesty to offer our sincere and heartfelt congratulations upon the Marriage of your Majesty's daughter, the Princess Royal of England, to His Royal Highness Prince Frederic William of Prussia; and while we ardently hope that this auspicious event will, under Providence, cement more closely the friendship, and promote the prosperity of both countries, and at the same time tend to the advancement of civil and religious liberty, we also devoutly pray that your Majesty may long live to witness the continued and increasing happiness of the Royal Bride and Bridegroom, and that Almighty God will, in His infinite goodness and mercy, pour down upon them His choicest earthly blessings, and enrich them with His heavenly grace.

Given under our Common Seal, this eighth day of February, 1858.

George Yeates Hunter, Mayor.

And the following on the same subject :

- From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient town of Basingstoke.
- From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Cambridge.
- From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Devizes.
- From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Honiton.
- From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Tynemouth.
- From the Commissioners of Queenstown.
- From the Commissioners of the town of Kingstown, under the "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854."
- From the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, called the royal burgh of Dumfries.
- From the Aberdeen Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland.
- From the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the ancient royal burgh of Dundee.
- From the Reverend the Presbytery of Greenock

*War-Office, Pall-Mall, S. W.,
15th February, 1858.*

THE Secretary of State for War has this day received a Despatch, of which the following is a copy, addressed to his Lordship by Major-General C. T. Van Sraubenzee, C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Land Forces in China :

My LORD, *Canton, December 29, 1857.*

I HAVE great satisfaction in reporting that Canton City was escalated and captured this day at nine o'clock, with a more trifling loss than could have been expected. Great emulation was

displayed by the whole Allied Force, amongst whom the greatest cordiality and good feeling exists.

We have to deplore the loss of Captain Bates, of the Royal Navy, also of Lieutenant Hackett, of the 59th Regiment. Lieutenant Bowen, of the same regiment, has been seriously wounded.

All is still in confusion, and the mail leaving ; I must therefore defer further details till the next opportunity.

I have, &c.,
C. T. VAN STRAUBENZEE,
Major-General,
Commanding Troops in China.

Fort Gough is now being occupied.

*The Right Honourable the Secretary
of State for War, &c., &c., &c.*

Admiralty, February 15, 1858.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty from Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Seymour.

OPERATIONS AT CANTON.

No. 357.

*Her Majesty's Ship Coromandel, at Canton,
Sir, December 28, 1857.*

MY Letter, No. 343, of the 15th instant, conveyed the intelligence of the peaceable occupation of Honan Point by the forces of the Allied Powers, and that a letter had been sent in to Yeh, the Imperial High Commissioner, by the Ambassadors of the Allied Powers, stating the demands of the two Governments, and granting ten days for a consideration of the same, failing compliance with which, coercive measures would be commenced against the city of Canton.

2. The brigade of Royal Marines and Royal Marine Artillery were immediately afterwards brought up to the large storehouses on Honan, and comfortably quartered, as well as a portion of the Naval Brigade. The troops were left on board the transports "Lancashire Witch" and "Mooresfoot," at Whampoa, and the French Contingent remained on board their own ships, except a small party in conjoint occupation at Honan.

3. On the 18th, I received a communication from the Earl of Elgin and Baron Gros, stating that the reply of the High Commissioner had been received—that it was most unsatisfactory, and inviting the naval and military commanders-in-chief to a conference on board the "Audacieuse," to consider what further steps should be taken, in consequence of Yeh's determination to resist the very moderate demands of the two Governments.

4. The conference was held on the 21st instant, when it was determined that the Plenipotentiaries should address a letter to the Imperial High Commissioner, informing his Excellency that, in consequence of his non-compliance with the demands submitted for his consideration, the further settlement of the question had been transferred to the naval and military authorities, and that we should also address a letter to his Excellency stating the above fact, and that if, at the end of a further term of forty-eight hours, the city should be peacefully surrendered into our hands, life and property would be respected, but that, if the terms were not accepted, the city would be attacked.