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Whitehall, September 3, 1897.

THE following Address of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty having attained the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
May it please Your Majesty,

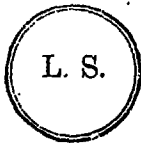
WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ramsgate, venture to approach Your Majesty with hearts full of joy and thankfulness, and dutifully and loyally tender our congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

The period that Your Majesty has ruled over these Realms has been an epoch marked by an advance in human knowledge unparalleled in recorded history, and the application of such knowledge to the development of Science and Art has added in an extraordinary degree to the comfort and happiness of the people of all nations; and we ponder with pleasure on the thought that our beloved Sovereign, by her encouragement, gilded by love and affection, led her Royal Consort, so far-seeing and noble in his desires, but now long since gone to his rest, to redouble his labours to increase the means of imparting information so valuable in ameliorating the lot of humanity.

We cherish the remembrance that Your Majesty on frequent occasions in early life sojourned at Ramsgate; and Your Majesty's gentle heart and gracious and kindly disposition, known personally in those times by many still living, to others here an ever-green tradition, gives us cause to watch with reverence and affection, and to take deepest interest in, Your Majesty's constant care for the welfare of Your subjects.

We earnestly pray to Almighty God that He may long preserve Your Majesty to reign over the great Empire which by Divine Providence has been placed in Your charge.

Given under our Corporate Seal this 22nd day of June, 1897.



Lazarus Hunt,
Mayor.
W. A. Hubbard,
Town Clerk.

And the following on the same subject:
From—

St John Hampstead Vestry.
Clontarf Township Commissioners.
St. Mary Islington Vestry.
The National Rifle Association.
The Church Lads' Brigade.
Armagh United Protestant Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society.
St. Olave and St. Thomas Southwark Vestry.
Kesteven (Lincolnshire) County Council.
Manchester Geographical Society.
Royal Isle of Wight Agricultural Society.
Ventnor "Undercliff" Lodge of the Order of Buffaloes.
Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation.
Wellington Dames Habitation of the Primrose League.
The Grand Lodge of Brethren of the Covenant.

Foreign Office, July 15, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—
Alfred Sharpe, Esq., C.B., to be Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General for the Territories under British influence to the North of the Zambesi; and
Lieutenant William Henry Manning to be Her Majesty's Deputy Commissioner and Consul for the Territories under British influence to the North of the Zambesi.

Downing Street, September 1, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of the Honourable Henry John Bacon Woods, James Patrick Fox, Esq., and George Knowling, Esq., to be Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Newfoundland.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, August 30, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by War and under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, granting the rank and dignity of Counsel to