

that, in the future as in the past, our beloved Country, while ever ready for War on a just and necessary occasion, will maintain its position amongst the foremost in the ranks of civilization and social improvement.

Given in Leeds aforesaid, under our Corporate Common Seal, this 14th day of May 1856.

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Rochester, in the county of Kent, crave leave to approach your Majesty with our warmest congratulations on the cessation of the horrors and calamities of War and the return of the blessings of Peace to this Empire.

We hail this return to Peace the more heartily as it will enable your Majesty to direct your attention to measures affecting the comfort, happiness, and prosperity of your subjects, and a speedy reduction of the heavy taxation inevitable upon a state of War.

To these expressions of our congratulation we beg to add the strongest assurance of our loyalty and devotion to your Majesty's person, house, and government, and trust that your Majesty will long continue to reign over a peaceful and prosperous Empire.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the said city of Rochester aforesaid, this 24th day of May 1856.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councillors of the borough of South Shields, in the county of Durham.

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, beg leave to approach you with our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the termination of the War, and the restoration of amicable relations between your Majesty and the Emperor of All the Russias.

We beg at the sametime to convey to your Majesty, with pride and satisfaction, our admiration of the bravery and gallant achievements of your Majesty's Army and Navy during the late eventful struggle, under circumstances frequently most disheartening and trying to the fortitude of the former.

In addition to which we feel it to be a matter for National exultation and rejoicings in connection with the late War, and further congratulation to your Majesty, that amongst all the gallant crews by which your Majesty's magnificent Fleets were so effectually manned, an impressed man was not to be found; the naval honour, and the safety and protection of your Majesty and your Dominions having been voluntarily supported, watched over, and undertaken, by British seamen.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the borough of South Shields, this 21st day of May 1856.

THOS. STAINTON, Mayor.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, May 27, 1856.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—

The Count Apponyi, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of Austria, to deliver his credentials:

To which he 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.

WHITEHALL, May 28, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Francis Alexander, Earl of Kintore, to be Lieutenant and Sheriff-Principal of the shire of Kincardine, in the room of James Earl of Southesk, resigned.

DOWNING-STREET, May 30, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Thomas Chisholm Anstey, Esq. Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Hong-Kong, to be a Member of the Legislative Council of that Colony.

WHITEHALL, May 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto William Towers, of Esthwaite Lodge, in the parish of Hawkshead, in the county palatine of Lancaster, an Under Graduate of Trinity College, in the University of Cambridge, eldest son of William Towers, of Sawrey, in the said county palatine, Gentleman, Her royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a proviso contained in the last will and testament of Thomas Alcock Beck, late of Esthwaite Lodge, in the parish of Hawkshead, in the county palatine of Lancaster aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, take the surname of Alcock Beck only, in lieu of his family surname, and that he and they may use and bear the arms of Beck, the arms used and borne by the testator; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said royal 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.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 28, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Venice, reporting the cessation of the prohibition to export horses from the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom, and from the Duchies of Modena and Parma.

Board of Trade, Whitehall  
May 28, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Venice, reporting the following increase of excise duties on the importation in that place of the undermentioned articles:—

	Aust. livs. c.	Aust. livs.	
Spirits, from...	2 82	to 6	per imp. gal.
Beer, additional	1 80	per	imp. gal.
Firewood „	0 10	per	metrical quintal.
Charcoal „	0 60	„	„

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 28, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Malaga, stating that the Board of Health of that place have removed the quaran-