

WHITEHALL, February 3, 1862.

The following Addresses of Condolence, on the occasion of the Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, which have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and have been received very graciously by Her Majesty :—

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, humbly approach your Majesty with the assurance of our devoted attachment to your Throne and person, and desire to express our heartfelt sympathy in the grievous and sudden affliction which has befallen your Majesty, in the untimely death of His Royal Highness, your Majesty's Consort.

In common with all classes of your Majesty's subjects, we lament the irreparable loss which the Nation has sustained in the decease of a Prince whose wisdom and energy have been for the last twenty years directed to the promotion of every object conducive to the best interests of your people.

But, associated as we are for the purpose of cultivating literature and science in Ireland, we have a special reason to deplore the death of one whose rare talent, extensive information, and mature judgment were constantly employed in furthering the pursuits which learned societies are designed to foster.

The Royal Irish Academy cannot forget that His Royal Highness was once pleased to honour it with a visit, and to express the satisfaction with which he regarded the growth of its collections, and the enlargement of its means of usefulness.

We earnestly pray that your Majesty may be sustained by Divine comfort in this season of bitter trial, and that you may be spared through many years to behold the abundant fruits of your late Consort's beneficent labours, and to see the instructive example of his virtues redounding to the honour and prosperity of your great Empire.

For the Council and Members of the Royal Irish Academy.

CHARLES GRAVES, Pres. R.I.A.
Academy House, January 18, 1862.

And the following on the same subject : from

- The Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society.
- The President, Treasurer, Trustees, and Committee of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution.
- The Governor and Company of the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland.
- The County of Hertford.
- The General Associated Body of Church Schoolmasters in England and Wales.
- The Parishioners of Chiswick.
- The North-east Agricultural Association of Ireland.
- The Inhabitants of the Parish of Mortlake.
- The Churchwarden, Overseers, and Vestrymen of the Hamlet of Ratcliff.
- The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Manchester Unity) Friendly Society.
- The London and Middlesex Archæological Society.
- The Officers of the Museum of Irish Industry, Dublin.
- The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Melrose.
- The Free Church Presbytery of Dunblane.

- The Presbytery of Turriff.
- The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Elgin and Inverness.
- The Widows' Hope Lodge of Odd Fellows of Stevenage, Herts, Manchester Unity.
- The Commissioners of the borough of Trim, county of Meath.
- The Inhabitants of the town of Stornoway and Island of Lewis.
- The North Britons' Friendly Benefit Society, Liverpool.
- The Committee of the Wesleyan Conference in Ireland.
- The County of Orkney.
- The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock.
- The Free Church Presbytery of Kirkcubright.
- The Board of Guardians of the Fulham Union.
- The Trustees of the parish of St Mary, Whitechapel.
- The Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

WHITEHALL, February 3, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Patrick Fraser, Esq., Advocate, to be Sheriff of the Shire or Sheriffdom of Renfrew, in the room of Robert Macfarlane, Esq., appointed a Lord of Session in Scotland.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 25, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edward St John Neale, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation in China, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation in Japan.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Thomas Francis Wade, Esq., C.B., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation in China.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, February 1, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Henry B. Hammond as Consul at Dublin, and of Mr James W. Marshall as Consul at Leeds, for the United States of America.

WHITEHALL, February 4, 1862.

The Queen, taking into Her royal consideration that upon the decease of William, third Baron Ponsonby, of Imokilly, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the month of October last, the dignity of Baron Ponsonby devolved upon William Brabazon, now Baron Ponsonby, as only son and heir of the Honourable and Right Reverend Richard, Lord Bishop of the United Bishoprics of Derry and Raphoe, deceased, who was the third son of William Brabazon Ponsonby, first Baron Ponsonby, of Imokilly, and who died in the lifetime of his nephew William, the third and late Baron Ponsonby: That, by the ordinary rules of honour, the sisters of the said William Baron Ponsonby cannot enjoy that place and precedence which would have been due to them had their father, the said Richard, Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, survived his nephew, the said William, late Baron Ponsonby, and had thereby succeeded to the dignity. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to