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**T**HE following Address of Condolence, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and has been received very graciously by Her Majesty:—

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

AMIDST the sounds of mourning which are coming up from every quarter of the land, we, the Vice-Presidents, Committee, and Subscribers of the Windsor Royal Association, humbly pray to be allowed to approach your Majesty with the expressions of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence under the irreparable loss which your Majesty has so recently sustained.

Our words which can be no common words, even as our grief can be no common grief. We cannot forget that while others have known our much-loved Royal President chiefly as the enlightened Prince,—as the thoughtful observer of the wants of all classes in his adopted country,—as the wise originator of plans for their social advancement, by a rare combination of intellectual and moral excellencies, proving himself the fitting coadjutor to your Majesty in promoting the happiness of your people;—to us has been conceded the privilege of a nearer and more intimate knowledge. It is in this and its kindred Associations that he has come among us here in Windsor, giving life to the pictures of the interdependence of classes which, in his spoken addresses, he has so often drawn; stimulating the higher ranks by his presence, encouraging the working-man by his words of kindly sympathy, and causing us for the moment to forget his noble qualities of mind in the gentler and more endearing ones of heart.

It is because he has thus won on our own best affections that we think we can form some truer conception of the severity of the blow which has fallen upon your Majesty.

We have looked—and not in vain—for topics of consolation. With the one great consolation of Christian hope, indeed, opening so abundantly to your Majesty, with the assurance that his early removal from duties so well discharged in this world is but an early admission to a higher

service, and that such a separation can be but for a time, all other consolations may seem poor and beside the mark; yet, if others can at all find a place, we see them already in that appreciation of his great services to England which, with a unanimity as touching as it is unparalleled, the combined voice of England and the civilized world is now recording; we believe that they are destined to attain to yet larger proportions, when the several efforts which have received their impulse from him shall be found to be spreading through ever-widening circles, and shall come back to your Majesty in the ever-deepening acknowledgements of the grateful hearts of your Subjects.

For ourselves we can but begin to give effect to our words to-day. Deprived of our great patron and head, we enter upon a new era of our associated existence; but we think we can promise your Majesty that in this and its sister Associations if the name is wanting the spirit of our late President will be found among us, and that the works which we have received from him will be cherished by us as a sacred trust, to be carried out now, to be handed down to our children, as at once the bequest and the memorial of the great and good life from which they sprung.

That He who "comforteth those that are cast down" may be with your Majesty in this and "in all time of your tribulation;" that He may give you strength and wisdom for the arduous duties which will now devolve upon you, and may at last re-unite husband and wife, parents and children, in His own everlasting kingdom, will be the prayer of your Majesty's humble and devoted servants.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

And the following on the same subject: from  
The Worshipful Company of Musicians of London.  
The Polish Exiles resident in England.  
The High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the North Riding of Tipperary.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 8, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr J. W. Ploos van Amstel as Consul at Melbourne for His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.