

for your Royal Highness throughout the kingdom, as well as the great interest felt for your Royal Highness's welfare.

With heartfelt joy we hail this visit, and are persuaded that your Royal Highness will receive, with kind condescension, the humble salutations of this body corporate, who earnestly pray, that your Royal Highness may receive every blessing which Providence can bestow, and may long continue a benefit and ornament to these realms.

Thos. Clarke, Mayor.

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE ALBERT,
&c. &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,

AVAILING ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the visit of your Royal Highness to our immediate neighbourhood, we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Sheffield, desire to testify the respect which we feel for your Royal Highness, to offer you our sincere congratulations, and to invite your Royal Highness to honour our borough with your presence, and inspect the numerous articles of our staple trades, and the various processes carried on in their manufacture, assuring your Royal Highness that, in so doing, every possible attention shall be paid to your Royal Highness's comfort and convenience.

In preferring this invitation, which we earnestly hope your Royal Highness may be enabled to accept, either now or on some future occasion, we trust it will not be deemed improper, if we allude to your Royal Highness's character and virtues. The encouragement which your Royal Highness has given to British industry and art, the patronage which you have extended to every scheme having for its object the amelioration of the social, moral, or intellectual condition of the people, and the attachment and devotion which your Royal Highness has constantly displayed towards your Illustrious Consort, have not failed to command the admiration and esteem of all classes and parties in this country.

That your Royal Highness may long enjoy the blessings of health and strength, and a continuance of that domestic felicity and happiness which have crowned your happy union with our gracious and beloved Sovereign, is our sincere hope and prayer.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation,
William Jeffcock, Mayor.

To His Royal Highness PRINCE ALBERT.

WE, the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Corporation of Cutlers, in Sheffield, in the county of York, at our Common Hall, in Sheffield, assembled, are unwilling to let the opportunity afforded by your Royal Highness's visit, and that of your illustrious Consort, our beloved Queen, at Chatsworth, to pass, without renewing the assurance of our attachment and sincere regard to your Royal Highness, whose high character has most deservedly endeared you to that people, over whom, in future times, your Royal Highness's Descendants are, we trust, destined by Divine Providence to reign.

That your Royal Highness may long live to promote the happiness of our beloved Queen, and the best interests of the British empire, we sincerely pray.

Thomas Wilkinson, Master Cutler.

Whitehall, December 8, 1843.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for presenting the Reverend John Sinclair, M. A. to the archdeaconry of Middlesex, void by the promotion of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor John Lonsdale to the see of Lichfield.

Crown-Office, December 8, 1843.

MEMBER returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

County of Kilkenny.

Pierce Somerset Butler, of Lodge-park, in the county of Kilkenny, Esq. in the room of George Bryan, Esq. deceased.

Whitehall, December 6, 1843.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Rowell, of Newbury, in the county of Berks, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; from time to time, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant; and, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof; and, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage:

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Post-office of Holland, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between that country and the United Kingdom: