

The following Addresses were presented to His Royal Highness Prince Albert, on his recent visit to Liverpool :

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE ALBERT.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Liverpool.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Liverpool, desire to greet your Royal Highness with a cordial welcome, and to express the satisfaction and joy which the arrival of a Prince, so exalted in station and so justly entitled to every tribute of respect and esteem, has diffused throughout this loyal borough.

This visit to a seat of mercantile industry, your consent to sanction and grace by your presence the opening of new accommodations to trade and shipping, and your purpose to take part in founding an institution for the advantage and welfare of sailors at this port, are manifestations to us most gratifying of your princely regard for the commerce of that wide empire with the destiny and history of which your Royal Highness, in sacred union with our Most Gracious Sovereign, is so auspiciously and, as we fervently hope, so lastingly connected.

Our town boasts not of monuments of ancient art and magnificence; but the flags which from every quarter of the globe, countless in number, now wave in sign of welcome on the waters and along the shores of the Mersey, attest the successful energy by which, under the blessing of Providence, the port of Liverpool has been rendered conducive and subservient to the progress of manufactures, the intercourse of nations, and the happiness of mankind; and we trust that a view of various public works and buildings, now advancing to completion here, will satisfy your Royal Highness that a spirit of useful enterprise still lives amongst us, to derive fresh vigour and encouragement from the proceedings of this day.

Filled with sentiments of the most respectful attachment and regard, we pray that your Royal Highness may long share the happiness of a Queen who reigns in the hearts of Her subjects; and, with Her, continue to adorn the loftiest sphere, with a brilliant example of public and private virtue.

Given under the common seal of the said borough, this 30th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1846.

To which Address His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious Reply:

" I experience the greatest satisfaction from the cordial welcome which the Address you have just presented to me gives me upon my arrival in this town. I am glad to perceive that my coming amongst you, in order to take part in two cere-

monies connected with your mercantile industry and enterprise, should have been gratifying to you, and, on my own part, I have only followed the bent of my own inclination, in at once responding to your kind invitation. Your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Queen cannot fail to be satisfactory to me, and I am sure will be felt as such by Her Majesty."

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE ALBERT.

The humble Address of the Commissioners under the several Acts of Parliament for the general improvement of the town of Birkenhead, in the county of Chester, and for the construction there of docks and other public works.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE most gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity which the visit of your Royal Highness to the great port of the Mersey affords for tendering to you this most sincere expression of our esteem and attachment.

The claim of your Royal Highness, as the illustrious Consort of the most beloved of Sovereigns, to the affectionate regards of the people of this great empire, is enhanced by the lively interest which your Royal Highness has always evinced in whatever tends to promote the happiness of the nation, with whose destinies your Royal Highness is so auspiciously united.

That we participate to the utmost in the national feeling of admiration for the virtues which adorn your character, we entreat your Royal Highness to believe.

In your patronage of an institution calculated to increase the comfort and improve the moral character of a portion of our fellow subjects, on whose steady performance of their laborious and hazardous duties mainly depends the extension and defence of that commerce which forms a chief element of our national greatness, we recognise a further proof of your Royal Highness's solicitude for the well being of the country.

That your Royal Highness should also be pleased to grace with your presence the inauguration of a great work intended to give increased accommodation to the commerce which flows into the Mersey from all quarters of the world, cannot but be peculiarly gratifying and encouraging to us on whom has devolved the duty of rendering the opposite shore of that great estuary subservient to the same important ends.

We entreat your Royal Highness to accept the assurance of our devoted loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and we fervently pray Almighty God long to preserve Her Majesty and your Royal Highness in uninterrupted happiness, and thus to continue to the nation that bright example of every domestic virtue which it is now its privilege to possess.

[Here follow the signatures.]