

We humbly supplicate Almighty God, to whom the devout prayers of the nation constantly ascend on behalf of your Majesty, and your royal consort and family, that he, whose authority you have, may vouchsafe to your Majesty a long continuance of that favour and protection with which he has hitherto so evidently blessed your Majesty, and in you your happy people, long preserving to your Majesty and your Royal Consort and family the unruffled serenity of your private life, and so lightening the heavy pressure of your public cares by the unwavering love of your royal family and devotion of your loyal people; and we shall never cease to pray that after you have done his will upon earth, you may receive from the King of Kings a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Given under the common seal of our Corporation, the sixth day of October, in the eighteenth year of the reign of your Majesty, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Henry Cooper, Mayor.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Corporation of the Guild or Brotherhood of Masters and Pilots Seamen of the Trinity House, in Kingston-upon-Hull, desire, with profound respect, to approach your Majesty, and to express the high gratification we derive from your Majesty's condescension in visiting this borough.

As an ancient Guild, which has existed for upwards of five centuries, we have been entrusted by your Majesty's royal predecessors with the management of important maritime affairs at this port, and on the Humber and its tributary rivers.

Your Majesty's royal predecessor, King Charles the Second, was pleased to declare that the labours of our Guild had in his reign tended to the furtherance of navigation, the increase of shipping, and the well-breeding of seamen.

Our desire ever has been, and still is, to extend our sphere of usefulness. We receive the sons of poor seamen into our nautical schools, and train and educate them to serve as expert sailors; and when in old age we find the poor mariner worn out in the service of his country, and suffering from those misfortunes to which a seaman's life is incident, we provide him with everything necessary to comfort his declining years in our almshouses, where, after a long and toilsome life, he enjoys leisure and repose, and receives religious consolation and instruction to prepare him for that world where the weary at length find rest.

In the wars of your Majesty's predecessors, many of our brethren have distinguished themselves as able pilots, and some have lost their lives in the service.

Since the present war commenced, we have made twenty-five appointments of pilots to the Allied Fleet. Eighteen of our brethren are now serving in the Baltic, and it is to their honour that four of them have been selected for service in the ships of your Majesty's Admiral and that of the Admiral of the French.

We congratulate ourselves, that the mighty war which is now raging with a powerful foe does not disturb the perfect security with which the trade and commerce of this country is carried on. We acknowledge with gratitude your Majesty's mild and benignant sway in time of war and in that of peace; and earnestly pray that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, your Majesty's life may be

long preserved, and that future generations may long enjoy, under your royal line, such blessings as we now most gratefully acknowledge.

Given under our common seal, this thirteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Thomas Whitaker, } Wardens.
John Broadrick, }

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Corporation of the Dock Company at Kingston-upon-Hull, venture humbly to approach your Throne, and to join with the general voice of gratitude and thanks to your Majesty for your condescension in visiting this ancient borough.

We present ourselves to your Majesty, as a private community deeply interested in the trade and welfare of the town, and entrusted with the important duty of providing the necessary accommodation for carrying on the shipping and commercial business of this great port.

Previously to our being called into existence as a body, by an Act of the Legislature, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, the business of this port was conducted in the River Hull, from which the town, built upon its banks, derives its name; and the opportunities thereby afforded for evading the payment of the duties of Customs and Excise were such as to call imperiously for the establishment of a dock, with legal quays, for the landing of goods, as the only means of preventing the gross and extensive frauds which were at that time practised upon the revenues of the country.

The ancient walls and ditches then surrounding the town, which had long ceased to be required for its defence, were, by the liberality of the Crown, granted to the Company in aid of their undertaking, and their site now forms part of the extensive range of Docks which, with the Rivers Humber and Hull, have converted the old town into an island. To those Docks we have, within the last seven years, added one in the vicinity of the citadel of the town, of greater capacity than any of its predecessors, and which, at this moment especially, may be proud of the august and auspicious name which it bears, of "Victoria." We come before your Majesty with the full conviction that we have done our town much service in providing such accommodation and facilities for carrying on its commerce as have mainly contributed to enable it to take its rank as the third port in the kingdom.

We feel deeply impressed with gratitude to your Majesty for honouring the town with your royal presence, accompanied by your royal Consort and five of the family with which it has pleased the Divine Being to bless your happy union. We feel that the august presence in our town of your Majesty and of His Royal Highness the Prince, will give an impetus to the exertions of the inhabitants of the borough to profit by the elevation of its character as a town, which must be the necessary consequence of the present royal visit, by contributing its share to the general prosperity of the country at large, whether in relation to its commerce, its good government, or its deeds in arms, which, under the beneficent guidance of the Ruler of all Nations, have hitherto been rewarded by the most happy results.

Given under our common seal, this thirteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Thos. Firbank, Chairman.