

To Her Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*May it please your Majesty,*

The proprietors in the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, the Owners of these Docks, and whom as Directors we represent, humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty, with every feeling of loyalty and respect, to express their sense of the encouragement afforded to them by your Majesty's notice of our undertaking, which they humbly conceive may be worthy to be ranked amongst the most useful, natural, and commercial works in your Majesty's dominions.

They feel justified in so regarding this new dock, from the fact that His Royal Highness Prince Albert assisted in the commencement of that work by laying the first stone, on the 18th of April, 1849, and from the circumstance that the Lords of the Admiralty deemed it necessary here to require the construction of the large lock through which your Majesty has just entered, and which is formed to admit the largest vessel in your Majesty's navy.

They conceive that the Proprietors of this new dock have contributed materially in rendering to the eastern coast of Great Britain protection from attacks of hostile fleets, by affording facilities for harbouring and coaling the largest class of your Majesty's war steamers, whilst they have also given to the mercantile marine of this and other nations a much needed security; for, until this work was constructed, both the ships and the lives of those navigating them were exposed to frequent dangers, owing to the nature of the coast from Leith to the Thames.

The proprietors of this undertaking, and of the railways connected with it, have greatly contributed to give facilities to those engaged in the pursuits of commerce for which this nation is so distinguished.

They trust that your Majesty will graciously permit them to commemorate this auspicious and most-gracious visit to our new dock by granting to us permission to designate it in future as the Royal Dock.

That it may please Almighty God long to preserve to your Majesty's subjects the advantage and happiness of your Majesty's reign, and to bestow on your Majesty, your Majesty's Royal Consort, and the Royal Family, every blessing, is the humble but earnest prayer of your humble and devoted servants, the Directors of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Grimsby.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Grimsby, by the Council of the said borough, beg to approach your Majesty, and on behalf of ourselves and the inhabitants of Great Grimsby, to express our loyalty and attachment to your Most Gracious Majesty, and our acknowledgment of your Majesty and your Royal Consort's great condescension in visiting this port, which we view not only as a mark of your and your Royal Consort's desire to encourage all works of public utility, but as evincing your approval of the great public benefit the undertakers of the New Dock have effected by constructing a work, approaching, by its extent and utility, to a public undertaking.

We also beg to congratulate your Majesty on the success that has attended your Majesty's arms in the just and necessary war which your Majesty has been under the necessity of undertaking for the preservation of the liberties of the world.

We earnestly pray that your Majesty may long live to reign over a prosperous and united people.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Boston, in the county of Lincoln, in Common Council assembled.

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WE, your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Boston, beg most humbly and respectfully on behalf of ourselves and our fellow townsmen, upon the joyful occasion of the second visit of your Majesty and of your Majesty's Royal Consort the Prince Albert to this ancient port and borough, to renew the expression of our devotion to your Majesty's person and Crown.

At a time when the national mind is deeply affected by the disastrous calamity of war under which, by the decrees of an inscrutable providence the country now labours, we feel it to be a high privilege to be permitted to lay this utterance of our warmest sympathies at the feet of your Majesty.

Of your people we form an insignificant portion, yet would we not be the last to invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon your Majesty's arms in the momentous struggle, which, side by side with our gallant allies, we are now waging, and to offer a thankful remembrance of the many and signal mercies, especially the late abundant harvest, which we are now enjoying.

Given under our common seal, at the Guild Hall, in the said borough, this thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

*Frederick Cooke, Mayor.*

*Foreign-Office, September 19, 1854.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edward Thornton, Esq., now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of New Granada, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Philip Griffith, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Washington, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of New Granada.

*Foreign-Office, October 10, 1854.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Dougal Christie, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Berne, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Argentine Confederation.

*Foreign-Office, October 26, 1854.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don José Maria Albuérne as Consul at Southampton for the Queen of Spain.