

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN
VICTORIA.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen
and Common Councillors of the Borough of
South Shields, in the county of Durham.

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, beg leave to
approach you with our sincere and heartfelt con-
gratulations on the termination of the War, and
the restoration of amicable relations between your
Majesty and the Emperor of All the Russias.

We beg at the same time to convey to your
Majesty, with pride and satisfaction, our admira-
tion of the bravery and gallant achievements of
your Majesty's Army and Navy, during the late
eventful struggle, under circumstances frequently
most disheartening and trying to the fortitude of
the former.

In addition to which we feel it to be a matter
for national exultation and rejoicings in connection
with the late War, and of further congratulation
to your Majesty, that amongst all the gallant crews
by which your Majesty's magnificent Fleets were
so effectually manned, an impressed man was not
to be found; the naval honour, and the safety and
protection of your Majesty and your dominions,
having been voluntarily supported, watched over,
and undertaken by British seamen.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the
Borough of South Shields, this 21st day
of May, 1856.

Thos. Stainton, Mayor.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects,
the Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland,
beg humbly to approach your Majesty, and to offer
our sincere congratulations on the termination of
the just War in which your Majesty and your
august Allies had been forced to engage for the
repression of that spirit of aggrandisement by
which the councils of your enemy seemed alone
to be actuated, and to express our gratitude for
the restoration of the inestimable blessing of Peace
at the earliest possible period which was com-
patible with the great and unselfish objects for
which the War was undertaken.

While we embrace this opportunity of expressing
our sincere hope that these realms may enjoy the
blessings of Peace under your benignant sway, we
beg, at the same time, to express our willingness,
should that ever be necessary, to bear our share of
the burdens of War in any case where Peace cannot
be preserved except at a sacrifice of the honour of
our country.

Signed in name and by appointment of the
Convention of the Royal Burghs of
Scotland, and the Seal of the Convention
affixed hereto.

*John Melville, Lord Provost, Pres. of
Convention.*

Buckingham Palace, May 27, 1856.

This day had audience of Her Majesty;

The Count Apponyi, Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of
Austria, to deliver his credentials:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of
Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-
General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H.,
Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

Downing-Street, May 30, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Thomas
Chisholm Anstey, Esq., Her Majesty's Attorney-
General for Hong Kong, to be a Member of the
Legislative Council of that Colony.

Whitehall, May 28, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Francis
Alexander, Earl of Kintore, to be Lieutenant and
Sheriff Principal of the shire of Kincardine, in the
room of James Earl of Southesk, resigned.

Whitehall, May 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto
William Towers, of Esthwaite Lodge, in the
parish of Hawkshead, in the county palatine of
Lancaster, an Undergraduate of Trinity College,
in the University of Cambridge, eldest son of
William Towers, of Sawrey, in the said county
palatine, Gentleman, Her royal licence and
authority, that he and his issue may, in compliance
with a proviso contained in the last will and
testament of Thomas Alcock Beck, late of Esth-
waite Lodge, in the parish of Hawkshead, in the
county palatine of Lancaster aforesaid, Esquire, de-
ceased, take the surname of Alcock Beck only, in
lieu of his family surname, and that he and they
may use and bear the arms of Beck, the arms used
and borne by the testator; such arms being first
duly exemplified according to the laws of arms,
and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the
said royal licence and permission to be void and of
none effect:

And also to command that the said royal con-
cession and declaration be recorded in Her
Majesty's College of Arms.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 28, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Com-
mittee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations
have received, through the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her
Majesty's Consul-General at Venice, reporting the
cessation of the prohibition to export horses from
the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom, and from the
Duchies of Modena and Parma.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 28, 1856.*

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mittee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations
have received, through the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her
Majesty's Consul-General at Venice, reporting the
following increase of excise duties on the importa-
tion into that place of the undermentioned articles:

	Aust. livs. c.	Aust. livs.	
Spirits, from ...	2 82	to 6	per imp. gal.
Beer, additional	1 80	per imp. gal.	
Firewood "	0 10	per metrical quintal.	
Charcoal "	0 60	" "	" "