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*Whitehall, March 24, 1858.*

**T**HE following Address of congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation, has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient borough of Pontefract, beg to approach your Majesty and your Illustrious Consort with our congratulations on the auspicious event in your Royal Family, to which we are looking with sincere interest. We have every confidence that under the Divine blessing, the Christian principles which your Majesty has so carefully instilled into your children will continue to influence the Princess Royal in the high sphere of duty on which she is about to enter, and prove a source of happiness to herself and her illustrious partner, and will also conduce to the benefit of the people among whom she is called to occupy so exalted a position. The character which His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia bears in this country tends to justify these pleasing anticipations.

We earnestly hope that they may be realized, and that your Majesty and your Royal Consort may long live to see your illustrious daughter maintaining the same beneficent and happy character in Prussia which your Majesty has so long borne among us, your faithful subjects in England.

*John Wright, Mayor.*

CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

ELECTION and INVESTITURE of the DUKES OF WELLINGTON and DEVONSHIRE.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, March 25, 1858.*

A CHAPTER of this Most Noble Order was held this day at three o'clock.

The Knights Companions following in their mantles and collars; viz. :—The Marquess of

Exeter, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, Earl de Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, the Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Palmerston, Earl Granville, and the Marquess of Westminster, attended by the Officers of the Order, viz., the Prelate, the Chancellor, the Registrar, Garter, and Black Rod, in their respective mantles and chains, assembled in the Green Drawing-Room, where they were called over by Garter.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort having passed into the Chapter-Room, the Knights Companions and Officers proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, and the Officers standing in their respective places, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that two of the vacant stalls in St. George's Chapel should be filled, whereupon His Grace the Duke of Wellington was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and being conducted to Her Majesty, received the Honour of Knighthood, and having had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand withdrew. The Duke of Devonshire was then in the same manner introduced and knighted, and having had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand withdrew.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who commanded him to declare and he accordingly declared, that the Most Noble Arthur Richard, Duke of Wellington, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, his Grace was received at the door of the Chapter-room by Earl Granville and the Marquess of Westminster, the two junior Knights, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod. The Duke of Wellington, kneeling near the Sovereign, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort and the Marquess of Exeter, the two senior Knights Companions present, buck'ed it around his Grace's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the Ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted