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THE following Addresses to the Queen, on the occasion of the assumption of the direct Government of India, by Her Majesty, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the  
QUEEN, &c., &c., &c.

*May it please your Majesty,*

AS the descendant of one of the oldest reigning Princes in India, and a faithful ally of the British Government, I beg leave in my own name, and in the names of my nephews in succession, respectfully, and with every sentiment of sincerity, devotion and loyal attachment, to congratulate your Majesty upon your assumption of the royal prerogative over the territories of this vast Empire.

I feel assured that the future government of this country will be stamped with those high and refined principles of impartiality, liberality and justice, which have ever adorned the British crown; and it shall always be my pride and ruling passion not only to religiously conform to the articles of the treaty entered into with the Honourable East India Company, your Majesty's late trustees for the government of India, but to the utmost of my power to uphold the dignity and supremacy of the British throne, and faithfully to inculcate the same sentiments of regard and respect which I entertain for your Majesty's person and government, into the minds of all my native subjects, assuring them in return of your Majesty's gracious protection.

I beg leave humbly to convey to your Majesty the expression of my deep and lively appreciation of your Majesty's kind and benevolent sentiments in respect to the dignity and honour of the native princes of India, as well as your Majesty's gracious resolution to permit no aggression to be made upon them, but to secure them in the enjoyment of their ancient rights, usages and customs. Whilst acknowledging with heartfelt gratitude the justice and liberality of these intentions, I beg to express my firm confidence that my sovereign rights and privileges could not be in better keeping than in your royal hands, and that under your Majesty's wise and enlightened sway, they will be scrupulously recognised.

I beg, at the same time, to represent my deep conviction, that in your Majesty's rule over these territories will be found the surest guarantee for that prosperity and social advancement which your Majesty is so anxious to promote amongst all classes of your Majesty's Indian subjects.

It is my earnest hope that the benevolent and merciful call contained in your Majesty's Proclamation may have the immediate and happy effect of restoring peace and tranquillity in the disturbed provinces of the north-west, and of leading back those misguided chiefs and their followers to a dutiful submission to your Majesty's rule, which cannot fail to ensure their future contentment and happiness.

With earnest prayers for the health and prosperity of your Most Gracious Majesty, your Royal Consort, and all the members of the Royal Family, I beg respectfully to subscribe myself, with profound respect and submission, your Majesty's most humble, devoted, and faithful servant,

*Ravi Verma,* the Rajah of Cochin.

Cochin, January 3, 1859.

To Her Most Excellent and Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia.

*May it please your Majesty,*

I, YOUR Majesty's undersigned subject, inhabitant of Benares, in Cassee Muddom, by the grace of God, High Priest of the Hindoo Conganies, within the limits of Cape Comorin and Mount Hemilia, and Head of the Pagodas, beg to approach your Royal Throne with every mark of respectful submission, to express my most humble feeling.

I beg your Gracious Majesty's permission to state that, since I was ordained High Priest, I had always, in my offering to the great wise Being, recommended my prayers towards your Gracious Majesty's and the Prince's health, long life, and continual happiness; and with due submission I beg your Gracious Majesty's leave to say that, on the day your Gracious Majesty's Proclamation was circulated here, myself and my followers have consecrated that day in recommending our prayers to Heaven towards prolonging your Gracious Majesty's Reign and Government peacefully, and