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THE following Address of Condolence on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and has been received very graciously by Her Majesty :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Commissioners appointed by your Majesty for the promotion of the Fine Arts, in connection with the decoration of the Palace at Westminster, desire to approach your Majesty with the expression of our devoted loyalty and attachment, and to offer our heartfelt condolence on the irreparable loss which, under the dispensation of Almighty God, your Majesty has sustained by the death of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, your Majesty's august Consort.

The grief which this immeasurable calamity has caused has manifested itself throughout the nation in the deepest sympathy with your Majesty and the Royal Family; in the mingled feelings of admiration and sorrow with which the Prince Consort's public and private virtues are now remembered; and in the emphatic testimony of those who have had peculiar experience of his high endowments and qualities. There is no society, institution, or commission with which His Royal Highness was connected which has not especial reason to deplore the loss of an enlightened guide, adviser, and friend.

During more than twenty years while His Royal Highness was our revered President, we had constant proofs of his profound knowledge of the fine arts, of his zeal for their promotion, and of his indefatigable attention to the duties and labours prescribed to this Commission.

His Royal Highness's predilection for the fine arts was ennobled by a desire to elevate their aim, and to develop their improving and humanizing tendencies. Those objects—the wise interpretation of the ostensible purpose of this Commission—were ever prominent in the mind of our illustrious President; dictating the principles which he maintained and uniformly proposed for our guidance, as well as the means best calculated to insure their fulfilment.

In dwelling on the Prince Consort's enlightened influence and exemplary labours in connection

with this Commission, we cannot overlook the fact that the interest which His Royal Highness, from the first, evinced for the Fine Arts,—an interest graciously shared by your Majesty,—has been the chief cause of that wide-spread patronage of art which, stimulated by such auspicious examples, has become a remarkable characteristic of the present period.

Of the various useful objects to which His Royal Highness gave his attention, each may be said to have acquired importance from his comprehensive view of the largest and best results of which it was susceptible. If some undertakings were more generally conspicuous and more appreciable by the country at large than others, the same intelligence, perseverance, and greatness of purpose are to be recognized in all.

The knowledge of what the country has lost enables us, in some measure, to realize the extent of your Majesty's affliction. It is our earnest prayer that your Majesty may be supported by a merciful Providence in your bereavement; that you may be strengthened to sustain the burden of your increased duties and cares; and that, comforted by the affection of your Royal children, you may long continue to reign in wisdom over a devoted and affectionate people.

Palace of Westminster,
14th February, 1862.

<i>Newcastle.</i>	<i>Lyndhurst.</i>
<i>Lansdowne.</i>	<i>Stanhope.</i>
<i>Palmerston.</i>	<i>John Manners.</i>
<i>Willoughby d'Eresby.</i>	<i>Llanover.</i>
<i>Russell.</i>	<i>William Cowper.</i>
<i>John Evelyn Denison,</i>	<i>Carlisle.</i>
Speaker.	<i>Eversley.</i>
<i>B. Hawes.</i>	<i>Geo. Vivian.</i>

And the following on the same subject : from

The Half-Yearly Court of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum.
The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Guardians of the Asylum for Female Orphans, Lambeth.
Inhabitants of the county of Kildare.
The Inhabitants of the city and county of Londonderry.
The Board of Management of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution.