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*Whitehall, December 11, 1862.*

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the attainment of his Majority by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, have 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.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city and borough of Chester, and county of the same city, take the opportunity of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attaining his majority respectfully to tender to your Majesty our most loyal congratulations upon this auspicious event.

We beg to express our hope that the Prince ever mindful of those constitutional principles which bind this great Empire to your Majesty's person, crown, and dignity, may sincerely cherish those views of enlightened freedom which have so remarkably distinguished your Majesty's reign ; and also that he may be of material support and aid to your Majesty in the arduous duty of governing these realms.

If, by the decree of Divine Providence, he shall hereafter be called to reign over us, it is our fervent prayer that he may follow your Majesty's example as the most certain mode to assure himself of the loyalty and affection of the people.

Given under the Common Seal of the city and borough of Chester, this 29th day of November, 1862.

*J. Williams, Mayor.*

And the following on the same subject : from

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Governors of the Scottish Hospital of the Foundation of King Charles the Second.

The Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Norwich.

The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Common Council of the City of Glasgow.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Oldham.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Brighton.

*Foreign Office, December 12, 1862.*

IT is hereby notified that Earl Russell, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Consul at Vera Cruz, information that the Admiral in command of the Naval Forces of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, duly notified on the 8th September last to Captain Tatham, of Her Majesty's ship Phaeton, that the port of Tampico would forthwith be open to all neutral vessels, provided they had no contraband of war on board, or passengers endeavouring to land for hostile purposes.

The aforesaid letter of Admiral Jurien is as follows :

(Copy.)

*Rade de Sacrificios,  
8 Septembre, 1862.*

MONSIEUR, LE COMMANDANT,

EN reponse à la lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'adresser le 6 Septembre, relativement aux effets du blocus établi par la Marine Française devant le port de Tampico, j'ai l'honneur de vous informer, que je suis en effet autorisé, sous ma responsabilité, à temperer autant que possible les rigueurs de ce blocus, dont l'objet principal est d'empêcher l'introduction des objets de contrabande de guerre.

En consequence, dès que je pourrai communiquer avec Mons. le Commandant du Berthollet, je modifierai dans ce sens les instructions qui lui ont été données.

Il ne sera donc apporté jusqu'à nouvel ordre aucun obstacle à l'entrée des bâtimens neutres dans le port de Tampico, lorsqu'il aura été con-