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Whitehall, January 28, 1863.

THE following Address 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, 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.

May it please your Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient borough of Thetford, in Common Council assembled, humbly approach your Majesty with the expression of our sincere congratulations on the attainment of his majority by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We pray that your Majesty may long live to see developed in the character of His Royal Highness the happy results of the care and attention with which he has been educated, and that under the blessing of Divine Providence your Majesty's health may long be preserved to rule over your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects.

Given under our Common Seal this 5th day of January, 1863.

Henry A. C. Sallett,
Presiding Chairman.

Whitehall, January 30, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire, to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Bristol, empowering them to elect a Bishop of the See of Gloucester and Bristol, the same being void by the translation of the Most Reverend Father in God Doctor William Thomson, late Bishop thereof, to the Cathedral and Metropolitan See of York ; and Her Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter, the Reverend Charles John Ellicott, Doctor in Divinity, now Dean of the Cathedral Church of Exeter, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Gloucester and Bristol.

Whitehall, January 30, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Right Honourable Philip Henry, Earl Stanhope ; the Right Honourable Charles Stewart Viscount Hardinge ; Francis Charteris, Esq. (commonly called Lord Elcho) ; the Right Honourable Sir Edmund Walker Head, Bart., K.C.B. ; William Stirling, Esq. ; Henry Danby Seymour, Esq. ; and Henry Reeve, Esq. ; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the present position of the Royal Academy in relation to the Fine Arts and into the circumstances and conditions under which it occupies a portion of the National Gallery, and to suggest such measures as may be required to render it more useful in promoting Art and in improving and developing public taste.

Foreign Office, January 10, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Colley Grattan, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Teneriffe.

Foreign Office, January 23, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Ronald Ferguson Thomson, now Oriental Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at the Court of Persia, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at that Court.

Foreign Office, January 24, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William John Dickson, Esq., now a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service employed in Her Majesty's Legation at the Court of Persia, to be Oriental Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at that Court.

Foreign Office, January 28, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of M. Cesare Augusto Marani as Consul at Dublin for His Majesty the King of Italy.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of M. Timoteo O'Brien as Consul at Dublin for the Argentine Republic.