

grandson; and your assurances of loyal sympathy in all that affects the happiness of myself and my family.

"I earnestly join in your prayer that by God's blessing this auspicious event may conduce to the interests and welfare of my faithful people."

The Deputation was very graciously received, and the Rev. J. Martineau and the Rev. Dr. Sadler had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

Whitehall, February 22, 1864.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales having given birth to a Prince, have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, and have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Committee to whom the Conference of the People called Methodists in the Connexion established by the Rev. John Wesley, M.A., has confided the charge of its civil rights and duties, beg to approach the Throne with renewed assurances of loyal and devoted attachment to your Majesty's person and government, and on behalf of our United Societies throughout the empire, to offer to your Majesty our hearty congratulations on the birth of a son to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

We rejoice in the prospect thus opened of the direct succession to the Throne of these happy realms in your Majesty's Royal House, and of the perpetuation of those Protestant Institutions in which we believe that our national safety lies, and while we humbly hope that the life and health of the Royal Infant may be long preserved, we would devoutly pray that the King of Kings would grant to your Majesty increasing comfort, joy in your children's children, and peace throughout the kingdoms over which we trust that your Majesty will long continue to reign.

With the sincerest feelings of loyalty and affection, we afresh commend your Majesty to the perpetual blessing of Almighty God.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

George Osborn, D.D., President of the Conference, Chairman.

And the following on the same subject: from

The Mayor and Burgesses of the borough of Haverfordwest.

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

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

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

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chard.

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

The Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Society of Painters in Water Colours.

The Dean and Faculty of Advocates.

The Chamber of Commerce of Leith.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 1st day of *March*, 1864.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint Thomas Thorneycroft, of Tottenham Wood, Wolverhampton, Esquire, to be Sheriff of the County of Stafford, in the room of George Briscoe, of Elmhurst Hall, Lichfield, Esquire; and

Boscawen Trevor Griffith, of Trevalyn Hall, Wrexham, Esquire, to be Sheriff of the County of Denbigh, in the room of John Lloyd Wynne, of Coedcoch, Abergale, Esquire.

Foreign Office, February 29, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Edmond de Laya as Consul at Edinburgh for His Majesty the Emperor of the French.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. G. Harris as Consul at Brisbane for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. George Newenham Harvey as Vice-Consul at Cork for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin.

Crown Office, February 29, 1864.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Dorset.

John Floyer, of West Stafford, in the said county, Esq., in the room of Henry Ker Seymer, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Hempholme.

Whitehall, February 25, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Henry Cook, now residing at Falls Village, Connecticut, in the United States of North America, formerly of Clevedon, in the county of Somerset, Gentleman, eldest son of John Cook, of the parish of Clevedon aforesaid, Gentleman, by Sarah, his wife, sister of Henry Sheppard, late of the parish of Wick Saint Lawrence, in the said county of Somerset, Yeoman, all deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with an injunction contained in the last will and testament of his maternal uncle, the said Henry Sheppard, use, take, and assume the surname of Sheppard only, and in lieu and instead of that of Cook:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

WHEREAS it appears to me, the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that the use of Locomotives, unless restricted as here-