

themselves at the Drawing Room, excepting in attendance upon the Ladies of their families.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court until half-past one o'clock.

SYDNEY, Lord Chamberlain.

Whitehall, March 4, 1864.

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

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, beg leave to offer our respectful and cordial congratulations on the happy occasion of the birth of a Son to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The birth of an Heir in the second generation to the Throne of these Realms is a matter of deep and universal joy to the nation. Your Majesty's subjects can have no higher wish than that the blessings which they have enjoyed under your Majesty's reign may be perpetuated by descendants of your Majesty, the heirs of your virtues and of your Throne.

We rejoice to think of the increase of your Majesty's domestic happiness which must arise from such an addition to your Majesty's family ; and we pray that Almighty God may continue to make all the members of your family sources of joy and comfort, and may crown you with all private as well as public blessings.

L. S.

Windsor Castle, March 2, 1864.

THIS day the following Address from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of New Windsor, was handed by the Mayor to Her Majesty, who was 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 loyal and ancient borough of New Windsor, in council assembled, desire to approach your Majesty with our warmest and most dutiful congratulations on that providential event which has so recently given a pledge of affection to the Royal Prince, your son, and his illustrious Princess, and a new source of alleviation of those sorrows which have so long overwhelmed your Majesty.

We assure your Majesty, that it is a subject of especial gratification to us that the infant Prince should have been born within our highly favoured borough.

We humbly pray that the Royal Princess may soon be restored to health, and that the life of the young Prince may long be spared, and that he

may, through the influence and example of his Royal Parents, secure the affections of a great people and promote the happiness of your Majesty and your Royal Children.

That your Majesty may long be preserved to see your Royal Family live in the enjoyment of every earthly blessing is our most heartfelt prayer.

Given under the Common Seal of the said borough, this 15th day of January, 1864.

Thos. Cleave, Mayor.

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 Tottenhall 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.

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

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order, dated the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, Her Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that from and after the first day of September then next, it should be lawful for Horatio Nelson Lay, one of Her Majesty's subjects, and Sherard Osborne, a Captain in Her Majesty's Navy, to enter into the military and naval service of the Emperor of China, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for their services, and to fit out, equip, purchase, and acquire ships or vessels of war for the use of the said Emperor, and to engage and enlist British subjects to enter the military and naval service of the said Emperor: and it was thereby further ordered, that it should be lawful for every British subject to enlist and enter himself by engaging and enlisting himself with the said Horatio Nelson Lay and Sherard Osborne, and no other person or persons whatsoever, in the military and naval service of the said Emperor, and to serve the said Emperor in any military, warlike, or other operations, either by land or by sea, and for that purpose to go to any place or places beyond the seas, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment from or under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for his service: Provided always, that the license and permission thereby given should be in force only for the term of two years from the said first day of September then next, unless, by Order in Council made in manner aforesaid, such period should be further extended:

And whereas by another Order in Council, dated the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, Her Majesty was further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that from and after the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, it should be lawful for all military officers in Her Majesty's service to enter into the military service of the said Emperor, and