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Whitehall, July 23, 1868.

THE following Address of congratulation to the Queen, in reference to the atrocious attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, 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 Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN. —

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Graduates of the University of London, in convocation assembled, desire to express to your Majesty our regret that the rejoicings on the first visit of one of your Majesty's Family to the Australian Colonies should have been disturbed by a crime so atrocious as the attempt on the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and to congratulate your Majesty that his Royal Highness escaped the peril to which he was exposed, we rejoice that the result of this unhappy event has been that the feeling of loyalty to your Majesty's Person and your Majesty's Family, which is one of the principal links uniting the Colonies to the mother country, has been strengthened; and that your Majesty will feel that your own anxiety and His Royal Highness's sufferings are in some measure compensated by the good that has in this case sprung from evil.

This expression of our feelings, we are glad to know, will reach your Majesty, when it will be associated rather with His Royal Highness's safe return, than with dangers and anxieties that have happily passed away.

John Storrar, Chairman of Convocation.

Whitehall, July 23, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignities of Viscount and Earl of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto William Ernest, Baron Feversham, and to the

heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the names, styles, and titles of Viscount Helmsley, of Helmsley, in the North Riding of the county of York, and Earl of Feversham, of Ryedale, in the North Riding of the county of York.

Crown Office, July 24, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased by several writs under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to call—

William Campbell Sleigh, of the Middle Temple, London, Esq., and
Augustine Sargood, of Gray's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, Esq.,
to the state and degree of a Serjeant-at-Law.

Whitehall, July 20, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Joseph Wakefield, of Shipton Court, in the parish of Shipton Wychwood, in the county of Oxford, Gentleman, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a direction contained in the last will and testament of Sir John Chandos Reade, late of Shipton Court aforesaid, Baronet, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Reade only in lieu of that of Wakefield, and that he and they may bear the arms of Reade: such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

Treasury, July 22, 1868.

My Lords are pleased to appoint the Viscount Hardinge to be a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, in the room of Mr. Thomas Carlyle.