

that have resulted from the influence of his bright example and blameless life.

We regard it as a circumstance of fortunate omen that Your Majesty's present visit is coincident with the opening of the International Exhibition of Navigation, Travelling, Commerce, and Manufacture, and we are happy to know that Your Majesty is the Patron of an undertaking, not only intimately connected with this city and port, but tending as we believe to advance the interests of those various races and communities that in every quarter of the globe are subject to Your Majesty's beneficent rule.

We fervently pray that every blessing may attend Your Majesty, and that, surrounded by your children and your children's children, and secure in the affectionate loyalty of your people, Your Majesty may long be spared to direct the destinies of the wide Empire to the happiness and prosperity of which Your Majesty's life has been devoted.

Given under the Corporate Common Seal of the city of Liverpool, the 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1886.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

*"Mr. Mayor,*

"I ACCEPT with real pleasure your loyal Address, and I am glad to convey, through you, to the inhabitants of this city My most sincere and grateful thanks for the very cordial welcome which I have received from them on this occasion.

"I am deeply touched by your reference to my last visit to your city, when I was accompanied by The Prince, my beloved husband, who, in that year, had accomplished one of his noblest efforts in organizing the first International Exhibition.

"This has been followed by similar undertakings throughout the country, and nowhere, I think, with greater promise of success than in the International Exhibition of Navigation, Travelling, Commerce, and Manufactures, which I opened with so much pleasure yesterday."

*Privy Council Office, May 17, 1886.*

THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the existing Corporation of Christchurch, and for other purposes, as settled by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:—

"WHEREAS by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, it is enacted that where a petition for a charter of incorporation is referred to the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and it is proposed by the charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the charter, the said Committee of Council may settle a scheme for the purposes in the said Act named, and containing such provisions as are in the said Act particularised:

"And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the town of Christchurch, in the county of Southampton, have petitioned Her Majesty the Queen, praying for the grant of a charter of incorporation:

"And whereas the said petition for a charter has been referred to the Committee of Council, and it is proposed to create the said town and district within the limits to be set forth in the charter in that behalf a municipal borough and

to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, and by the charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the charter:

"And whereas Christchurch is a place named in the schedule to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, and the area of the said place is not co-extensive with the area of the municipal borough proposed to be created by the said charter:

"And whereas by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, it is enacted that nothing in that Act shall prevent the application to any place of any charter applying the Municipal Corporations Acts which Her Majesty may be pleased to grant, or affect anything done in pursuance of those Acts or any scheme thereunder, and shall not affect the operation of any such charter, thing, or scheme, save that nothing in the said Acts or scheme shall authorize the establishment or continuance of any court for the trial of civil actions, and that nothing in that Act shall affect the right to the benefit of any charity, or shall alter or confer any power of altering the defined charitable purposes (if any) to which any property was by law applicable at the passing of that Act:

"And whereas the Mayor and Burgesses of the borough of Christchurch are a Local Authority within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:

"And whereas the said Mayor and Burgesses are a body corporate by prescription:

"And whereas previous to the commencement of this scheme the area of the proposed borough formed part of the rural district of the Guardians of the Christchurch Poor Law Union as the Rural Sanitary Authority of the said rural district of the said Union; and whereas the said Guardians as such Rural Sanitary Authority are a Local Authority within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and it is expedient that all property and liabilities vested in or attaching to such Rural Sanitary Authority so far as the same relate to the area of the proposed borough should be transferred to the New Corporation in manner provided by this scheme:

"And whereas it is expedient, right, and just that a scheme should be settled pursuant to Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, containing the provisions hereinafter contained:

"Now, therefore, the said Committee of Council have settled a scheme containing the provisions herein, and do hereby order and declare as follows:—

"1. This Scheme may be cited for all purposes as the Borough of Christchurch Scheme, 1886.

"2. This Scheme shall come into operation on the day of the first meeting of the Council of the municipal borough created by the charter above referred to, or at the date of its confirmation by Parliament or Order in Council, whichever is later. This date is herein mentioned as 'the commencement of this Scheme.'

"3. The Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Christchurch are herein referred to as 'the Old Corporation.' The Corporation of the municipal borough created by the charter above mentioned is herein referred to as the 'New Corporation.'

"4. The municipal borough created by the charter above referred to shall be and is hereby placed immediately on from and after the day of the first meeting of the Council of the municipal borough aforesaid within the jurisdiction of the Council of the said municipal borough, as the Sanitary Authority, and shall no longer be under