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THIS day His Royal Highness Field Marshal The Prince of Wales, K.G., as Grand Master, and a deputation from the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address :—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne on the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty having completed the Fiftieth Year of Your Reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure Your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Royal Person.

Founded as our ancient Institution is on principles of unswerving loyalty to our Sovereign and fidelity to our country, we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of Your Majesty's Dominions is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established institutions of the land, which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared Your Majesty to reign over these Realms for so extended a period, and we do pray that He may continue to preserve Your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of Your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

May the Almighty vouchsafe to Your Majesty a long and happy continuance of Your Reign over a loyal and devoted people.

Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June, 1887.

Albert Edward,

Grand Master.

Shadwell H. Clerke,
Grand Registrar.

Fred. A. Philbrick,
Grand Secretary

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

"I receive with great pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address on the completion of the Fiftieth Year of My Reign.

"I observe that the Society of Freemasons increases in numbers and prosperity in proportion as the wealth and civilization of My Empire increases, and I heartily appreciate the charitable efforts which have distinguished your Society,

"I thank you sincerely for your affectionate Devotion to My Throne and Person"

Whitehall, August 5, 1887.

THE following further Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty having attained the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been laid before 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, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, together with the High Steward, Deputy High Steward, High Bailiff, Chief Burgesses, Burgesses, Burgesses' Assistants, and High Constable of Your ancient City of Westminster and Liberty of the same, incorporated by Act of the 27th year of Your illustrious predecessor Queen Elizabeth, for the good government of the City of Westminster the City in which Your Majesty was born, in which Your Majesty and Your predecessors have been crowned, the seat of the Legislature, and of the government of the whole of Your Dominions, respectfully approach Your Majesty with the deepest sentiments of loyalty and attachment. We venture to offer to Your Majesty our most humble congratulations on the completion now so near at hand of the Fiftieth Year of Your Reign. While we thankfully acknowledge the great national benefits which during that period have by the blessing of Divine Providence been vouchsafed to us under Your Majesty's guidance, we look forward with hope and confidence to the still further development under Your fostering care not only of every art and branch of knowledge, but of all that may forward the cause of peaceful progress, Christian civilization, and general prosperity.

And we pray that the Giver of all good may in the future grant to Your Majesty, to Your Royal Family, and to the peoples that own Your sway,