

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ryde, venture humbly to approach Your Majesty, and with feelings of profound respect to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the completion by Your Majesty of a Reign of Sixty Years over a loyal and prosperous people.

We fully share in the rejoicing and deep thankfulness with which all hearts are now filled, that Your Majesty's life has been prolonged for so many precious years of our national life.

We gratefully call to mind the advancement our beloved country has made during Your Most Gracious Majesty's unparalleled reign—the many wise and humane laws enacted, the development of commerce, the marvellous growth of Your great Empire, and the general prosperity enjoyed by all classes during Your Majesty's beneficent rule of the past sixty years. It is our earnest prayer that the Almighty, who has guided and sustained Your Majesty through Your long and eventful reign, so fruitful in blessing to our country, may still grant abundant blessings to Your Majesty and to each Member of the Royal Family, thus crowning Your Majesty's future days with peace and glory.

Given under our Corporate Seal at a Meeting of the Council specially convened this 21st day of June, 1897.

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*Ernest Groves, Mayor.*

*Chas. G. Vincent, Town Clerk.*

County of Carnarvon to wit.

At a Meeting of the Carnarvonshire County Council, held at Carnarvon on Thursday, the 6th day of May, 1897,

IT was unanimously resolved that this Council humbly offers to Her Majesty the Queen their loyal and hearty congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, and earnestly pray that the blessing of the Almighty may continue to rest upon Her Majesty, and that She may long be spared to rule over a peaceful, prosperous, and contented people.

*Edward Jones, Chairman.*

*J. H. Bodvel-Roberts, Clerk of the County Council.*

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA, Empress of India, Defender of the Faith.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed by the Glamorgan County Council at the Meeting held at the Glyn Hall, Neath, on the 17th day of June, 1897.

"THAT we, the Glamorgan County Council, desire to offer Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria our loyal and hearty congratulations upon the occasion of the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, and to express our devout hope that by Divine Providence Her Majesty may long be spared to rule in peace over the millions of her loving subjects in this great and prosperous Empire."

The Seal of the Glamorgan County Council was hereunto annexed on the twenty-first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, in the presence of

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*Frederick H. Jotham, a Member of the County Council.*

*W. E. H. Allen, Deputy Clerk of the County Council.*

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the President and Council of the London Chamber of Commerce (Incorporated), representing the Commercial and Mercantile Community of the Metropolis, most humbly approach Your Majesty and sincerely offer, with profound respect, our heartfelt congratulations on Your Majesty having completed a Reign of unparalleled duration in the history of our country.

Under Your Majesty's wise and beneficent rule, that Commerce with which we are identified has grown, developed, and is extending in an unprecedented measure. The widening of the bounds of Empire in the last sixty years, while increasing Your Majesty's dominions, has promoted fresh outlets for the energies of Your people and new markets for the trade of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and Dependencies: and with the world at large British commercial relations have been advanced and strengthened.

We fervently hope and pray that Providence may long spare Your Majesty to continue Your rule over a loyal, a prosperous, and a contented people.

Given under the Common Seal of the London Chamber of Commerce (Incorporated) this eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

*Albert K. Rollit,*

*President of the Chamber.*

*W. H. Willans,*

*Chairman of the Council.*

*Kenric B. Murray, Secretary.*

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty.*

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the President, Council, and Members of the Victoria Institute, gladly embrace the opportunity of once more approaching Your Majesty and tendering our heartfelt congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's beneficent Reign.

We acknowledge with thankfulness that in the growth of the Empire abroad, in large measures of benevolent legislation at home, in literature, and in the investigation of the truths of Philosophy and Science (with which it is this Institute's privilege to be specially connected), Your Majesty's Reign may confidently challenge comparison with those of our greatest and most illustrious Sovereigns. But we particularly rejoice to believe that the humblest and poorer classes in these Dominions may identify Your Majesty's Reign with a sensible diminution of ignorance, poverty, and suffering during the years which have elapsed since Your Majesty ascended the Throne, and that they may gratefully remember that every movement for the greater glory of God and the improvement of Your people has received the impulse of Your Majesty's gracious sympathy and support.

We desire to assure Your Majesty of our dutiful and affectionate attachment to Your Majesty's Person and our loyalty to the Throne, and we earnestly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to promote the happiness and receive the grateful homage of Your Majesty's subjects.

Signed on behalf of the Victoria Institute,

*G. G. Stokes, President,*

*Halsbury, Vice-President,*

*Francis W. H. Petrie, Hon. Sec. to Council.*

8, Adelphi-terrace, Charing Cross, London,

22nd June, 1897.