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THE following Letter from The Queen has been received by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Windsor Castle, July 15, 1897.

I HAVE frequently expressed my personal feelings to my people; and though on this memorable occasion, there have been many official expressions of my deep sense of the unbounded loyalty evinced I cannot rest satisfied without personally giving utterance to these sentiments.

It is difficult for me on this occasion to say how truly touched and grateful I am, for the spontaneous and universal outburst of loyal attachment and real affection which I have experienced on the completion of the Sixtieth year of my Reign.

During my progress through London on the 22nd of June, this great enthusiasm was shown in the most striking manner, and can never be effaced from my heart.

It is indeed deeply gratifying after so many years of labour & anxiety for the good of my beloved Country to find that my exertions have been appreciated, throughout my vast Empire.

In weal & woe I have ever had the true sympathy of all my people, which has been warmly reciprocated by myself.

It has given me unbounded pleasure to see so many of my Subjects from all parts of the World assembled here, and to find them joining in the acclamations of loyal devotion to myself, and I would wish to thank them all from the depth of my grateful heart.

I shall ever pray God to bless them & to enable me still to discharge my duties for their welfare as long as life lasts.

VICTORIA, R.I.

