

With the happy recollection of Your Majesty's visit to this Borough in 1887, the year of Your Jubilee, still fresh in our memories, we are deeply conscious of the great honour again conferred on this Borough by Your Majesty's gracious presence here to-day, and of the very high privilege thus accorded to us of again being permitted to present to Your Majesty our humble and loyal tribute of devotion.

On looking back at the grand and impressive scene lately witnessed at Spithead and in the Solent, the completion of the imposing Ceremonies enacted in connection with the celebration of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, we recognize in it all the acknowledgment of a period of progress in Literature, Art, Science, and Commerce, unequalled in the history of our country, and of the beneficent and far reaching measures which have extended to the Colonies and Dependencies of Your great Empire, as well as to our Home Islands, and we further see in it a tribute of the personal affection felt for Your Majesty by all Your subjects, without distinction of creed or race, and also of the admiration and respect of the civilized world.

We pray that Your Majesty, rich in the devotion of Your people, and in the love of Your family, may yet be spared for many years to guide and guard the destinies of Your great and ever increasing Empire.

Given under our Corporate Seal this 29th day of July, 1897.

Ernest Groves, Mayor.
Chas. G. Vincent, Town Clerk.

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

"IT gives me much gratification to receive afresh your expressions of attachment to My Throne and Person.

"I thank you very warmly for your loyal Address, and I heartily pray for the continuance of the blessings of peace and progress that have been vouchsafed to the people of My Islands at home, and to my subjects throughout the world."

Whitehall, July 29, 1897.

THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty completing the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., 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, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of York, approach Your Majesty as loyal and devoted subjects, and most humbly beg to offer our congratulations on the completion of Sixty Years of Your great and glorious Reign.

During that period we have, with profound admiration, watched the life of Your Majesty, and are deeply sensible that it has ever been Your earnest desire to promote the welfare and happiness of Your people in all parts of the Empire.

We earnestly pray that, with the blessing of Almighty God, Your Majesty may be spared to continue Your rule for the benefit and prosperity of our beloved country.

Given under our Common Seal this 19th day of June, 1897.

C. A. Milward, Lord Mayor.
W. H. Andrew, Town Clerk.



To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Preston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Council assembled, venture to offer our warmest congratulations on Your Majesty completing the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign by the Providence of God, the longest, most prosperous and beneficent in the Annals of this Realm, and conspicuous for diffusing throughout the homes of the people manifold comforts and blessings, and for an ever ready and abiding sympathy with their joys and sufferings.

So unique an occasion appeals all the more strongly, and were such possible, cements more firmly than ever that bond of union existing between Your Majesty's Person and Your subjects, and which too is extended to one and all of Your illustrious Family.

The history of Your Majesty's glorious Reign is incomparably distinguished by the spread and growth of peace and plenty, by the encouragement and unparalleled advancement of civilization, toleration, and freedom, of art, science, and literature, of genius, education, and refinement, and by vast extension of the borders of Your Empire and the commerce of the Realm.

It is the earnest prayer of this so favoured a Nation that long may there be permitted to reign over and abide among them the Sovereign Whose virtues and wisdom have set so great an example and so permeated and influenced for good the individual lives of Her subjects. May therefore "God Save the Queen" and continue happiness and prosperity to Her people.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Borough this 27th day of May, 1897.

Henry Davies, Mayor.
Henry Hamer, Town Clerk.



To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Rochester, in the county of Kent, beg most humbly to approach Your Majesty and to offer our sincere and joyful congratulations on the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's having completed a reign of sixty years over a loyal and prosperous people, an event without parallel in the history of our country.

Under Your wise and beneficent sway the Empire has been so widely extended, science, art, and commerce so largely developed and advanced, and legislation passed so greatly in the interests of public health, education, and the general benefit of all classes of the community, that Your Majesty's Reign will be handed down to posterity as an era of unrivalled enlightenment and progress.

That the Almighty, in His infinite goodness, may continue to grant to Your Majesty continued strength and wisdom long to reign over Your subjects, none can more heartily pray than do the