

and peoples of the world; but the burden of responsibility which Your Majesties have been called upon to bear will to some extent be lightened by the continued support and devoted attachment of the free and loyal people of Your Majesties' dominions.

We recall with pleasure the arrival of Your Majesty the Queen in England, on the 7th March, 1863, and the cordial enthusiasm with which Your Majesty was received when passing through South London, and we also remember the many occasions on which Your Majesties have graciously manifested an interest in the municipal and other institutions associated with this part of the Metropolis.

When Her late lamented Majesty ascended the Throne in 1837, the provincial municipalities, which under Her beneficent rule so powerfully influenced the progress and development of the arts and manufactures of the country and the well-being of the people, had recently been established, and we venture to hope that the constitution of the metropolitan boroughs may bring about equally beneficial results to the vast populations committed to their care.

In particular we humbly trust that, encouraged by the deep personal interest which Your Majesties have always shown in the provision of better housing and healthier surroundings for Your Majesties' subjects, these Councils may, during Your Majesties' reign, be instrumental in ameliorating the conditions under which large numbers of those subjects are compelled to live, and in developing, improving, and beautifying the Metropolis of Your Empire.

We would especially desire to tender to Your Majesties the assurance of the gratification which the recognition of the metropolitan municipalities on recent State occasions has caused to the inhabitants of the boroughs we represent, and such recognition will, we feel confident, help to create a new and lively interest in municipal work and duty.

We feel deeply thankful that the application of medical and surgical science has resulted in the complete recovery to health of Your Majesty the King, and we humbly pray that Your Majesty may be sustained, strengthened, and preserved for many years.

While assuring Your Majesties of our unabated loyalty and devotion to Your Majesties' Persons and Throne, we earnestly hope that the Divine Blessing may attend Your Majesties' reign and that You may long live to rule over a loyal, contented, and prosperous people.

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Bermondsey.

Samuel B. Bevington,
Mayor.

Fredk. Ryall,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Camberwell.

W. Scott-Scott,
Mayor.

C. William Tagg,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Deptford.

Benjamin J. Jacob,
Mayor.

Vivian Orchard,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Greenwich.

I. Hamilton Benn,
Mayor.

Francis Robinson,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Lambeth.

J. White,
Mayor.

Henry J. Smith,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Lewisham.

Theo. W. Williams,
Mayor.

Edw. Wright,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Southwark.

Fredk. Redman,
Mayor.

J. A. Johnson,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Wandsworth.

W. J. Lancaster,
Mayor.

Henry Geo. Hills,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

Given under the Common Seal of the Borough of Woolwich.

John J. Messent,
Mayor.

Arthur B. Bryceson,
Town Clerk.

(L.S.)

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

"I thank you on behalf of Myself and the Queen for the loyal and dutiful Address presented by you in the names of the Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Boroughs south of the Thames.

"We are deeply touched by the reference you have made to My recovery from a dangerous illness, to which, under God's mercy, medical science so much contributed, and by the loyalty and devotion which are to-day being displayed by all classes of Our subjects.

"It is to Us a source of much satisfaction to know that the many social problems which present themselves to those who are charged with the municipal government of the Metropolis are receiving that attention which their importance demands, and You have Our hearty sympathy in in all your efforts to ameliorate the conditions under which large numbers of Our people are compelled to live."

War Office,
31st October, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, viz.:—

To be Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—
Captain Frederick St. Leger Luscombe, R.N., in recognition of his services as Principal Transport Officer at Capetown, since October, 1900.