

we feel at Your honouring us with Your Royal Presence finds its echo in the hearts of all the loyal and dutiful inhabitants of this district.

We rejoice at the restoration to health of Your Majesty the King after Your recent indisposition, and that Your Majesty has not been prevented from visiting our Borough on this occasion.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we recall the many evidences of gracious care and solicitude for the welfare of the people of this Realm which Your Majesties have given, alike during Your Majesties' reign and in the past years prior to Your Majesties undertaking the responsibility of the rule of the mighty Empire which it has pleased Providence to commit to Your hands, and we gratefully recognize that the support which is accorded to hospitals and other institutions for the relief of human suffering is to be attributed in no small degree to the patronage and aid which have ever been shown by Your Majesties.

In conclusion, we humbly desire to express the earnest hope that Your Majesties may long live to reign over a people devoted by loyalty and affection to Your Majesties' Persons and Throne.

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

"I thank you in Queen Alexandra's name and My own for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I acknowledge your sympathetic allusion to My past illness and am thankful that, by God's blessing, I am able to visit you to-day.

"It affords Us much satisfaction to come into your famous Borough, and especially to express by Our presence Our appreciation of the excellent provision made in the Herbert Hospital for Our sick and wounded soldiers, an appreciation which was so deeply felt by My late beloved Mother.

"We cordially recognize your affectionate devotion to Our Throne and Persons, and pray that during Our Reign We may ever see the hospitals and other charitable institutions of Our country advancing in prosperity and beneficence."

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
February 26, 1903.*

Notice is hereby given that in the Gazette announcement dated the 23rd instant, the name of Lady Granville Gordon was incorrectly described as Mrs. Eric Gordon.

It should have been Mrs. Christian Frederick Gordon, and that her Presentation to the late Queen Victoria took place on the 5th March, 1895, and not on the 13th March, 1891, as stated.

*Downing Street,  
February 24, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Henry Charles Usher, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of British Honduras.

*Treasury Chambers,  
February 26, 1903.*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed the Lord Charles William de la Poer Beresford, O.B., to be Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.

*Crown Office,  
February 26, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to appoint:—  
Alexander Glen, Esq., of the Middle Temple,  
William Alfred Meek, Esq., of the Inner and Middle Temples,  
George Spencer Bower, Esq., of the Inner Temple.  
Francis Hamilton Mellor, Esq., of the Inner Temple,  
Montague Shearman, Esq., of the Inner Temple,  
Lancelot Sanderson, Esq., of the Inner Temple,  
John Roskill, Esq., of the Inner Temple, and  
Joseph Child Priestley, Esq., of the Inner Temple,  
to be of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law.

*Crown Office,  
February 27, 1903.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present  
PARLIAMENT.

*County of Perth—Eastern Division.*

Thomas Ryburu Buchanan, Esq., in the place of Sir John George Smyth Kinloch, Bart., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead, in the county of York.

*Foreign Office,  
February 9, 1903.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Arthur Montagu Brookfield, Esq., a Colonel in His Majesty's Army, to be His Majesty's Consul at Monte Video.

*Foreign Office,  
February 21, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of—  
Mr. W. R. Estes as Consul of the United States of America at Antigua, West Indies; and of  
Mr. Harold B. Gardiner-Austin as Consul of Sweden and Norway at Bridgetown for the Colony of Barbados.

*Foreign Office,  
February 26, 1903.*

It is hereby notified that the Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G., His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received, through Sir F. Lascelles, His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, the following German Official Notification announcing the raising of the Blockade of the Venezuelan Ports of Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo, established on the 20th of December, 1902, of which notice was given in the London Gazette of the 23rd of December, 1902:—

*German Notification.  
(Translation.)*

Notification respecting the raising of the Blockade of the Venezuelan Ports of Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo.

*February 16th, 1903.*

As the disputes which have arisen between Germany and the United States of Venezuela have been settled, the Blockade by the German vessels of war of the ports of Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo (see Official Gazette of December 20th, 1902) has been raised.

*The Imperial Chancellor,  
COUNT VON BÜLOW.*

*February 16th, 1903.*