

is an interesting fact that these venerable ruins embrace an area second only in this Kingdom to that of Your Royal Castle of Windsor.

We desire most humbly to express our deep sense of the great influence for good manifest throughout the extensive Dominions under Your Majesties' sway, the result of the bright example of high character and lofty endeavour which You have at all times set Your subjects.

We gratefully acknowledge the benefits arising from the cordial relations with other countries so largely attributable to Your wisdom and assure You of our unswerving loyalty and affection.

We earnestly pray Almighty God to vouchsafe to Your Majesties continued peace and happiness and an undisturbed reign over Your glorious Empire.

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

The Queen and I are pleased to receive the dutiful address of welcome which you have handed to us from the inhabitants of Caerphilly and the district.

The history of your famous castle, the ruins of which are so interesting a monument of antiquity, is not unfamiliar to Me, and it is gratifying to Me to learn that the energies which your ancestors expended in war are now devoted successfully to peaceful industry. I wish every prosperity to Caerphilly.

Westminster, August 2, 1907.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

Assay of Imported Watch-Cases (Existing Stocks Exemption) Act, 1907.

Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907.

Telegraph (Money) Act, 1907.

Australian States Constitution Act, 1907.

Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1907.

Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1907.

Board of Education Scheme (Hulme Trust Estates Educational) Confirmation Act, 1907.

Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1907.

Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London No. 1) Act, 1907.

Gas and Water Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1907.

Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1907.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1907.

Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1907.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Act, 1907.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Stalybridge, and Dukinfield (District) Waterworks Act, 1907.

Sheffield Corporation Act, 1907.

Kensington Borough Council (Superannuation) Act, 1907.

Tynemouth Corporation (Water) Act, 1907.

Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Act, 1907.

Humber Conservancy Act, 1907.

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Act, 1907.

Richmond (Surrey) Electricity Supply Act, 1907.

Sunderland Corporation Act, 1907.

Coventry Corporation Act, 1907.

Manchester Corporation Tramways Act, 1907.

North British Railway Act, 1907.

Tees Conservancy Act, 1907.

Annfield Plain and District Gas Act, 1907.

Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Act, 1907.

South Wales Mineral Railway Act, 1907.

Pasley Children Legitimation Act, 1907.

Crown Office,

July 31, 1907.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Kilkenny, South Kilkenny Division.

Nicholas Joseph Murphy, Esq., in the place of James O'Mara, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Bonenham in the county of Buckingham.

Crown Office,

August 1, 1907.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Stafford, North-Western Division.

Albert Stanley, Esq., in the place of Alfred Billson, Esq., deceased.

Crown Office,

August 2, 1907.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Wicklow, East Wicklow Division.

John Muldoon, Esq., in the place of Denis Joseph Cogan, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Bonenham, in the county of Buckingham.