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THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, 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 County Council of the County of Argyll, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our feelings of profound loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person, and humbly beg to offer to Your Majesty our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's eventful Reign.

We heartily rejoice, in common with all Your Majesty's subjects, in the happy celebration of the longest and most glorious reign in British history, and we pray that the continued blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Majesty and the nations over whom Your beneficent rule extends.

Signed and sealed by order and on behalf of the County Council,

MALCOLM OF POLTALLOCH,
Convener.

Unto the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Royal, Parliamentary, and Police Burghs of Scotland, assembled in Convention, in virtue of their Royal and Ancient privileges, humbly approach Your Majesty to express their heartfelt congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your most auspicious Reign over the United Kingdom, with its vast Dependencies and Colonial Possessions.

At no time in the history of this country has the progress of the nation, in respect to all that pertains to the welfare and happiness of the people, been so great or so manifest as during Your Majesty's Glorious Reign.

The Burghs of Scotland represent in a large degree the commercial interests of that country, and they rejoice in the prosperity which they and all classes of Your Majesty's subjects have enjoyed under Your Majesty's wise and beneficent Reign.

The Burghs of Scotland humbly assure Your Majesty of their unfeigned loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Throne, and they earnestly pray that the Almighty may long direct Your Royal hand in the ruling of this great Empire.

And it is the earnest prayer that the "Giver of all good" may prolong Your Reign, and may protect, uphold, and preserve Your Majesty for many years to come to be honoured by a loving, loyal, and prosperous people.

Signed and sealed at Edinburgh this fourteenth day of June eighteen hundred and ninety-