

duty to acknowledge the blessings which, under Divine Providence, have attended the public policy that, with your Majesty's willing sanction and approval, has been steadily pursued during the whole of your Majesty's beneficent reign.

The effect of that policy, based on the full and enlightened recognition of a wisely regulated freedom, is strikingly manifest in the generally flourishing condition of the realm, and in the increased content and happiness of your Majesty's people. We believe that our Country now enjoys more abundant elements of social welfare, and of National prosperity and strength, than at any former epoch of its history; demonstrating that the free institutions under which we live, and the free commercial policy which, under your Majesty's wise and benign auspices, have been recently consolidated in your Majesty's dominions, are the surest means of promoting, and the firmest foundations on which can rest, the progressive happiness, peace, and prosperity of Nations.

That your Majesty may long live to witness the continued moral improvement and well-being of your people, and actively to aid in accomplishing this great object of your Majesty's benevolent sympathy and care, and that your Majesty, and all most dear to you, may be rewarded by every blessing of life, is the fervent hope and prayer of those of your Majesty's grateful subjects who have now the honour to address you.

Given under the common seal of the Corporation, this 8th day of October 1851.

JOHN POTTER, Mayor.

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bolton, in the County of Lancaster, in Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with sentiments of the deepest respect.

We hail with sincere delight the honour which your Majesty has conferred on this county by your royal visit, and we heartily bid your Majesty the most affectionate welcome.

We are happy in belonging to a county and a town which have always evinced a steady attachment to the Throne, and where in by-gone days, many precious lives have been devoted to the defence of the royal cause; and we are not, in these peaceful times, less determined to uphold the rights of the Crown, worn, as it is, by a gracious Sovereign, who has long lived and reigned in the hearts of her faithful subjects, and has ever shown an anxious desire to promote the welfare and secure the constitutional liberties of her people; and we fervently pray that the Almighty may pour His abundant blessings upon your Majesty, your illustrious Consort, and the whole of your Royal Family.

We entreat your Majesty's favourable acceptance of this token of our dutiful regard.

WILLIAM GRAY, Mayor.

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the County of Lancaster, in Council assembled, beg to approach your Majesty to testify our deep sense of the high honour your Majesty has been pleased to confer upon this county, by your royal visit.

We most heartily and sincerely beg to tender your Majesty the most affectionate welcome;

and we take this occasion to assure your Majesty of our veneration for the Constitution of our Country, our attachment to the Throne, and our sincere and profound esteem for your Majesty, under whose reign we enjoy those great constitutional liberties which are the pride of our Country, and the admiration of the World.

We therefore hail your Majesty's visit to this great and important manufacturing county as an event which will long be remembered by your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects with feelings of the greatest pride and pleasure.

We fervently pray that your Majesty's reign may be long and happy; and that the Divine blessing may always attend your Majesty, your illustrious Consort, and your Royal Family.

We humbly beg your Majesty's acceptance of this token of our loyalty and regard.

Given under the corporate common seal of the Borough, this 8th day of October 1851.

WM. HEGINBOTTOM, Mayor.

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, your Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham, are prompted by your Majesty's visit to the County of Lancaster, to approach your Majesty with an expression of our loyal attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Person, and of our warmest congratulations on the occasion of your presence in this neighbourhood.

Whilst forming only a very inconsiderable part of the great scene of commercial activity which this Country exhibits, and being, in our corporate existence, the most recently created community within it, we yet are anxious to express the loyal sentiments of our town, considering that it presents a remarkable instance of rapid advancement in population, and useful employment, such as could have occurred only in a Country ruled by a succession of enlightened and benignant Princes.

We pray that your Majesty will graciously accept the humble and imperfect expression of our feelings of respectful admiration of your Majesty's public and private virtues, and our devoted wishes for the welfare of your Majesty, your Royal Consort and Family, and our earnest hope that you may long reign over us, enjoying the affection of all your subjects, and the gratification of being the chief promoter of their prosperity and happiness.

Given under the corporate common seal of the said Borough, the 8th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1851.

MANCHESTER, October 10, 1851.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon John Potter, Esq. of Buile Hill, in the county of Lancaster, Mayor of Manchester.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln.

Colonel Thomas Chaplin to be Deputy Lieutenant.  
Dated 27th September 1851.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

Royal East Middlesex Regiment of Militia.  
Lieutenant James Prince to be Captain, vice Carvick, deceased. Dated 7th October 1851.

