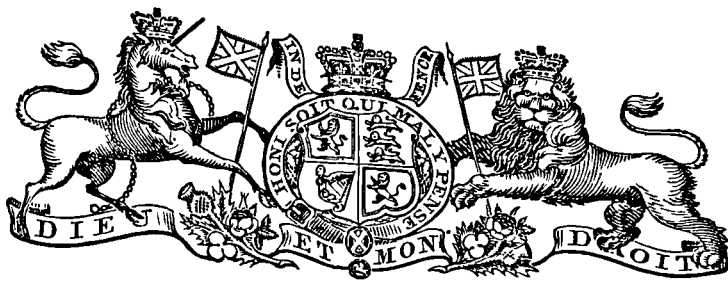


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TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1856.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 24th day of June 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Dorset, and the Right Honourable John Robert, Viscount Sydney, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Kent, their Lordships this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

WHITEHALL, June 25, 1856.

THE following ADDRESS having been presented to The QUEEN, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :—

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Sixtieth Annual Conference of the body of Protestant Dissenters, denominated The Methodist New Connexion, consisting of Ministers and Lay-Representatives, assembled at the City of Chester.

*May it please your Majesty,*

It seldom falls to our lot to address Royalty, because our community is strictly a religious one, and our annual assemblies are held to promote the spread of the Gospel, and the spiritual interests of our fellow-subjects. Not that we are insensible to the private virtues of your Majesty, to the Christian dignity with which you sway the sceptre, nor to the impartiality, justice, and benefits of your Majesty's reign, which, may it please God long to continue; but looking, as we do, at worldly politics and affairs of State as foreign to our institution and holy objects, the more do we feel it incumbent upon us to address your Majesty on the termination of the War in which this Country has recently been engaged.

If ever a War was justifiable, such is the one which your Majesty has just terminated, being undertaken not for the purposes of aggrandisement but to repress lawless ambition and to rescue the weak from the hands of the oppressor; your

Majesty did not take up arms till the best endeavours to avoid this alternative had proved unsuccessful; nor has your Majesty continued hostilities a moment longer than was necessary to secure an honourable and lasting Peace.

It is impossible to imagine, much less describe, the calamities of War. The Almighty appears to have made it the greatest of evils, that mankind might learn to cultivate the spirit of Peace. Your Majesty failed to accomplish your pacific desire by the avoidance of War, but you have caused the sorrows and calamities of War to be mitigated in a measure and to an extent hitherto unknown.

Your Majesty, moreover, in conjunction with your Majesty's illustrious Ally, the Emperor of the French, has been instrumental in giving to Turkey a Magna Charta, which tolerates all religions, gives to all classes equal rights, and, under its enlightened head, will raise its population in the scale of civilization and happiness. The same powerful alliance has also provided the means for making the seas and rivers of the East the high-ways of trade and commerce, for enabling the bordering Nations to live in peace and amity, and for making it the interest of the aggressor to improve the condition of his own subjects, rather than to turn his arms to the conquest of other Nations.

We congratulate your Majesty on the friendly alliance which has been formed between our Country and France, which, under Providence, has already been productive of such happy results. Our prayer is, that this alliance may long be maintained for the welfare of both Nations, and for the common benefit of mankind.

And now, after uniting with your Majesty in adoring the Almighty Power by whom Sovereigns reign and Nations are called, for the protection and deliverance vouchsafed to us in the fearful struggle, we desire to thank your Majesty for raising men to your councils, not only to secure the rights of Nations, but to cement our successes with Peace. Nor would we forget the brave men who, having so nobly fought their Country's battles, have now returned the sword to its scabbard to be drawn we trust no more.

In conclusion, we beg most respectfully to present to your Majesty the homage of our affection to your person, and our gratitude for the precious boon of Peace, and for all the blessings of your beneficent reign, and pray that Almighty God may

