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WHITEHALL, May 22, 1857.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Birth of another Princess, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation, were presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Macclesfield, in the county of Chester, in Council assembled, beg to tender to your Majesty the homage of our dutiful loyalty and regard, and to offer to you our sincere and hearty congratulations on the Birth of a Princess. We rejoice to learn that your Majesty's health has been restored, and we fervently pray that through the mercy of Divine Providence this great Nation may long enjoy that patriotic and maternal care which your Majesty has uniformly exhibited during your auspicious and eventful reign.

Given under the Common Seal of the said borough this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1857.

WILLIAM BULLOCK, Mayor.

And the following on the same subject :—

From the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church in England in Synod assembled.

At the Court at Osborne-House, Isle of Wight, the 16th day of May 1857.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend the law of copyright," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person, not being the proprietor of the copyright, or some person authorised by him, to import into any part of the United Kingdom, or into any other part of the British dominions, for sale or hire, any printed book, first composed, or written, or printed and published in any part of the United Kingdom, wherein there shall be copy-

right, and reprinted in any country or place whatsoever out of the British dominions.

And whereas by the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853," an Act of the eighth and ninth Victoria, chapter ninety-three, entitled "An Act to regulate the trade of the British possessions abroad," was repealed, and by the Act now in recital, books, wherein the copyright is subsisting, first composed, or written, or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country, are absolutely prohibited to be imported into the British possessions abroad; but it is thereby provided that nothing therein contained shall be taken to prevent Her Majesty from exercising the power to suspend, in certain cases, such prohibition vested in Her by the tenth and eleventh Victoria, chapter ninety-five, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the protection, in the colonies, of works entitled to copyright in the United Kingdom."

And whereas by the last-mentioned Act it is enacted that in case the legislature, or proper legislative authorities, in any British possession, shall be disposed to make due provision for securing or protecting the rights of British authors in such possession, and shall pass an Act or make an Ordinance for that purpose, and shall transmit the same in the proper manner to the Secretary of State, in order that it may be submitted to Her Majesty, and in case Her Majesty shall be of opinion that such Act or Ordinance is sufficient for the purpose of securing to British authors reasonable protection within such possession, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit so to do, to express Her royal approval of such Act or Ordinance, and therefore to issue an Order in Council, declaring, that so long as the provisions of such Act or Ordinance continue in force within such colony, the prohibition contained in the aforesaid Acts of the fifth and sixth Victoria, and eighth and ninth Victoria, or in any other Acts, against the importing, selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended, as regards such colony, and thereupon such Act or Ordinance shall come into operation, except as may be otherwise provided therein, or may be otherwise directed by such Order in Council.

