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THE following Address of Condolence, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and has been received very graciously by Her Majesty:—

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Ministers and Lay Representatives of the Primitive Methodist Churches now in annual Conference assembled, beg to lay before your Majesty an expression of our sincere condolence on your Majesty's painful bereavement, and that of your illustrious family, in the death of your Royal Consort the late lamented Prince Albert.

We further beg to express our high regard for the character of your late illustrious Consort, and our high sense of the National loss on his early and unexpected removal from the midst of us, and we most earnestly pray that the support of Divine Grace may be largely vouchsafed to your Majesty and all the Royal Family under this very heavy affliction.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We remain, on behalf and by order of the Primitive Methodist Conference, your Majesty's ever loyal and most devoted Subjects,

WILLIAM HARLAND, President.

WILLIAM LISTER, Secretary.

Bethel Chapel, Sheffield,

June 6, 1862.

At the Court at Windsor, the 7th day of June 1862,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the present year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to issue Commissions to the Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces and Royal Marines, and to Adjutants and Quartermasters of the Militia and Volunteer Forces, without affixing Her Royal Sign Manual thereto," after setting forth therein that every Officer appointed or promoted

by Her Majesty in Her Land Forces or Marines, and every Adjutant or Quartermaster in Her Militia or Volunteer Forces, receives a Commission from Her Majesty with Her Royal Sign Manual thereon, and that it was expedient to regulate from time to time the mode of authenticating the said Commissions granted by Her Majesty, it was enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time, as occasion might require, to direct that all or any Commissions for Officers prepared or to be prepared under the authority of Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual might be afterwards issued without Her Royal Sign Manual, but having thereon, in the case of Her Majesty's Land Forces, except as thereafter mentioned, the signatures of the Commander-in-Chief or the General Commanding-in-Chief, and of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in the case of the Royal Marines of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and in the case of Military Chaplains, Commissariat and Store Officers, and of Adjutants and Quartermasters in the Militia and Volunteer Forces, of one of Her Majesty's said Principal Secretaries; and that every such Commission issued and signed in pursuance of such Order in Council should be conclusive evidence that the Officer named in any such Commission had been appointed or promoted by Her Majesty to the rank or office named therein.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above recited Act, and in execution of the power thereby in Her Majesty in Council vested, Her Majesty is pleased, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and doth hereby order:—

1. That each Commission to be hereafter issued to any Officer entering Her Majesty's Army, from Her Majesty's Indian Forces, under the regulations heretofore sanctioned by Her Majesty, shall be signed by Her Majesty's General Commanding-in-Chief, and one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and such Commission shall give rank in Her Majesty's Army from the date on which the Officer held similar rank in the Indian Forces.

2. Her Majesty having been pleased to declare that the Commission given to every one upon first appointment to Her Majesty's Land Forces or Marines will be signed by Her Majesty, it is further ordered:—

That all other Commissions required for Officers in Her Majesty's Service, on promotion or ex-

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