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WHITEHALL, January 19, 1863.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the attainment of his Majority by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and devoted Servants, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Grantham, pray to be allowed to offer to your Majesty this fervent expression of our grateful joy for the blessing which has been granted to your Majesty and your Dominions by the arrival at the age of Manhood of your eldest Son, The Prince of Wales.

Born to the noblest destiny on earth, nurtured by the tenderest and best of Mothers, guided and governed by the wisest and most accomplished of Fathers, he has received an education equal to his birth, and thus, we earnestly trust, he has learned to appreciate the arduous but glorious duties of his station, and is prepared to undertake them with humble but firm reliance upon Him by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice.

Of this we are assured by the exemplary conduct of his youth, and by the most important act of his life, the making an early choice of a Consort whom your Majesty has been pleased to welcome as in every way worthy of his heart and throne.

That your Majesty may long live to rejoice in their happiness, and to continue to your Subjects the blessing of your benign sway, is our devoted and constant prayer.

THOMAS EKIN, Mayor.

And the following on the same subject: from

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Salford.

The Board of Trustees of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Dispensary, Lunatic Hospital or Asylum, and the Members of the Medical Profession acting in connection with those Institutions.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 12, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr M. B. Simpson as Consul-General in England; of Mr Juan Fairs as Consul in London; and of Mr Juan Smith, Junior, as Consul at Hull; for the Argentine Republic.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 17, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr James William Musson as Consul at Bermuda for His Majesty the King of Denmark.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Thomas Small as Vice-Consul at Lowestoft for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 9th day of January 1863.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the rules and practice observed for preventing collisions at sea, which were formerly adopted by Maritime Nations, have proved insufficient to satisfy the requirements of modern navigation; and whereas various alterations in such rules and practice have from time to time been made by different Nations, but the rules so altered have been found to be in some cases inconsistent with each other, and in other cases to have the force of municipal law only; and whereas, in consequence of communications from the Government of the Emperor of the French inviting Her Majesty's Government to consider the expediency of making the said rules uniform and international, Her Majesty's Government prepared a project of regulations for preventing collisions at sea, and submitted it to the Government of the Emperor of the French; and the project so prepared by Her Majesty's Government was approved by the Government of the Emperor of the French with certain modifications, which were assented to by Her Majesty's Government; and whereas the said regulations so modified have been sanctioned by the "Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and are contained in Table C in the Schedule to that Act: And whereas by the said Act, it is provided that Her Majesty may from time to time, on the joint recommendation

