

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent, the Duchess of Cambridge, the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, their Serene Highnesses the Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Prince Augustus of Saxe Coburg, and Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg, with several of the Great Officers of State, the Cabinet Ministers, Officers of the Royal Household, and many personages of distinction, who had previously witnessed the Baptism of His Royal Highness Albert-Edward the Prince of Wales in Saint George's Chapel, were present at this august ceremony.

*At the Court at Windsor-Castle, January 25, 1842,*

The Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, hath been graciously pleased, by letters patent under Her royal sign manual and the great seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the statutes and regulations usually observed in regard to installation, and to grant unto His Majesty Frederick-William the Fourth, King of Prussia, Knight of the said Most Noble Order, and duly invested with the ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter, in as full and ample a manner, as if His Majesty had been formally installed, any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Buckingham-Palace, January 27, 1842.*

This day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the city of London waited upon His Majesty the King of Prussia with the following Address, which was read by the Honourable Charles Ewan Law, the Recorder, and which His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously :

To His Majesty the KING of PRUSSIA.

The Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, approach your Majesty to offer our sincere congratulations to your Majesty on your Majesty's auspicious visit to our beloved and gracious Sovereign the Queen.

Deeply interested in every event which affects the domestic happiness of our beloved Queen and Her Royal Consort, we hail, with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction, your Majesty's presence as one of the Sponsors to a Prince, who, we trust, will, in the fulness of time, ascend the Throne of these realms, the protector of the religion and liberties of this nation.

Permit us, Sir, to express our earnest wishes that your Majesty's presence in this country may tend to increase and perpetuate a friendship and alliance so essential to the Protestant interest, and eminently calculated to promote the liberties, the happiness, and prosperity of the British and Prussian nations.

Signed by order of Court,  
*Henry Woodthorpe.*

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious answer :

*“ Lord Mayor and Gentlemen,*

“ I thank you most warmly for the interest you take in my arrival in this country.

“ I have seized, with particular pleasure, the opportunity which the kind invitation of the Queen has afforded me of showing the high regard and sincere friendship I feel for your justly beloved Sovereign, and of being one of the Sponsors to the Royal Infant, whom I pray God may bless.

“ It will be to me a source of high gratification to find that my visit to this country may contribute to increase and perpetuate the friendly relations so happily existing between the two countries, relations so important for the maintenance and development of all the blessings of peace, and for the furthering of that civilization which is founded upon Christian piety and virtue.

“ I am glad to have had this opportunity of expressing these my feelings to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London.”

*Whitehall, January 28, 1842.*

LIST of Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Birth of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Bart. Secretary of State for the Home Department:

From the Noblemen, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the county of Edinburgh. Transmitted by the Duke of Buccleuch.  
From the Inhabitants of the borough of Burton-upon-Trent. Transmitted by the Chairman.