

At the Court at Windsor-Castle, October 11, 1844.

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 Louis Philippe King of the French, 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.

Windsor-Castle, October 12, 1844.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and the Deputation of Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the city of London, waited upon His Majesty the King of the French with the following Address, which was read by the Honourable Charles Ewan Law, M.P. the Recorder, and which His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Majesty LOUIS PHILIPPE, King of the French.

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 on your Majesty's auspicious visit to our beloved and gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria.

Deeply interested in every event which is calculated to influence the welfare of Europe and of mankind, we hail with peculiar satisfaction your Majesty's presence in this country as a sure and certain indication of the mutual good-will and the reciprocal sentiments of respect and confidence that subsist between two mighty nations, capable, by their happy union and combined efforts, under Divine Providence, of preserving the blessings of peace to the nations of the earth.

We desire to convey to your Majesty these sentiments towards the free, gallant, and enlightened nation over whom you reign; and we fervently

trust that your Majesty's valuable life may long be spared to your people to continue to promote their best interests, and with them to advance the general happiness of mankind.

Sire, you visit a scene where the highest domestic enjoyment is found to be associated with the highest functions of Sovereignty, to return, after a brief space, into the bosom of an illustrious and united family, to dispense the blessings of paternal government, and to communicate and experience the inestimable endearments of social life.

Signed, by Order of Court,
Henry Abworth Merewether.

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

My Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London.

I RECEIVE with heartfelt satisfaction the address of congratulation which you have just presented to me by the gracious authorization of your beloved Sovereign. In coming to offer to the Queen of these realms a proof of the sincere and unalterable friendship I bear to Her Majesty, I am happy to find that the city of London, that illustrious city which holds so prominent a place in the world, and which represents interests of such magnitude, are coming to this royal residence to manifest to me sentiments so perfectly congenial to my own feelings, and to the sense I entertain of my duties towards my country, towards Europe, and towards mankind.