

devoted people, and that the Throne of these realms may be continued to the remotest posterity in the line of your Majesty's descendants.

Signed by order of Court,
Henry Alworth Merewether.

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

" I have received, with the greatest satisfaction, your loyal and dutiful Address, and I am very sensible of the affectionate interest which you have expressed in my domestic happiness.

" I rely, with the most entire confidence, on the loyalty and attachment of the city of London.

" I can receive no higher gratification than to be assured of the affection of my people, whose constitutional rights and liberties it is my constant desire to maintain, and with whose happiness my own is inseparably connected."

They were all very graciously received, and had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

Buckingham-Palace, May 12, 1848.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the city of London, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was read by the Honourable Charles Ewan Law, M.P. the Recorder, and which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, humbly approach your Royal Person to offer to your Majesty our warmest congratulations on the recent Birth of a Princess.

Anxious to embrace every opportunity to express to your Majesty our feelings of duty and affection, the deep interest we take in all that concerns the domestic happiness of your Majesty and your Royal Consort, and our attachment to the free constitution under which we live, we deem the present period one in which we are peculiarly called upon to exercise the privilege we enjoy.

As representatives of the citizens of this ancient city in the municipal councils of the Corporation, we declare to your Majesty the unshaken loyalty of our fellow citizens, their firm reliance on the free institutions of the country, and the just legal authority of the Crown, uniformly directed to promote the best interests of the nation, in strict accordance with the principles of the British Constitution.

We fervently pray that your Majesty may be long preserved to reign over a free, happy, and contented people, and that the Throne may be secured to your Majesty's descendants to the latest posterity.

Signed by order of Court,
Henry Alworth Merewether.

To which Address Her Majesty was graciously pleased to return the following Answer :

" I have received your dutiful and affectionate Address with feelings of the highest satisfaction.

" I warmly appreciate the many gratifying proofs of the loyalty of the citizens of your ancient city, and of their firm attachment to the principles of the British Constitution.

" It is my earnest desire to reign in the affections of my people, and to uphold and strengthen the free institutions which this country has long enjoyed, and which I feel to be the surest foundation of its happiness and prosperity."

They were all received very graciously, and had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

*At the Court at Buckingham-Palace,
12th May 1848.*

A Chapter of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Brethren, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Palace, viz.

The Earl of Aberdeen, the Marquess of Ailesbury, the Marquess of Huntly, the Earl Brooke and Earl of Warwick, the Marquess of Breadalbane, and the Earl of Rosebery, attended by the under-mentioned Officers of the Order, in their mantles and wearing their chains and badges, viz. Sir John-Stewart Richardson, Bart. Secretary of the Order, and Frederic-Peel Round, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

At one o'clock the Knights Brethren were called over by the Secretary, when (Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert having passed into the White Drawing-room) they proceeded, with the Officers of the Order, into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign being seated in the chair of state, and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert at the table on the right hand of the Queen, Her Majesty was pleased to command the other Knights Brethren to take their seats at the table, according to their seniority in the Order, the Officers of the Order standing in their places, at the bottom of the table.

The Sovereign was then pleased to signify Her royal pleasure touching the election of two Knights into the Order, whereupon the Knights Brethren proceeded to the election; and the suffrages, having been collected by the Secretary (commencing with the junior Knight), were by him, kneeling, presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to declare, that James-Andrew Earl