

porate Council, having learned with alarm that it is the intention of your Majesty's Ministers to submit to Parliament a measure for the abolition of the office of Lord Lieutenant, approach your Majesty to implore, at the foot of the Throne, that your Majesty will be pleased to avert from us a measure, destructive of the property of the inhabitants of your loyal city of Dublin, and prejudicial to the interests of the entire country.

We feel that the abolition of the office would lead to the rapid decay and ruin of property created under its influence, but there are other grounds on which we object to this measure.

The Vice-Regal office is coeval with and continuous from the introduction of the English Monarchy into Ireland, as evidenced for centuries by the appointments of successive Chief Governors of Ireland by your Royal predecessors, and to our days by your Most Gracious Majesty, so that the office of a resident Chief Governor of Ireland forms part of the constitution under which we live.

We prize the institution of the office of Lord Lieutenant because it has been the connecting link between the Crown and the people of Ireland. Under it have the arts and sciences been fostered, civilization has progressed, and social improvements been advanced; moreover, the representative of Majesty once removed, no guarantee would then remain as to the judicious exercise of the executive authority in Ireland. The advantage of a residence among and personal communion with our people would be lost, while that wholesome public opinion which has been found so useful in a free country would be weakened and destroyed. Reiterating our unabated loyal and devoted attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Government,

We implore of your Majesty not to permit an interference with your Majesty's prerogative in the constitutional appointment of a Viceroy, or allow that office to be abolished in the reign of a sovereign who has ever manifested a deep interest for the welfare of Ireland, and the existence of which has been respected and continued by your Majesty's Royal predecessors, but rather let us indulge the hope that at some future period you may be graciously pleased to appoint one of the Royal Princes as your representative in Ireland, and thus unite more closely with your Royal family a people devotedly attached to your Majesty's Throne.

*William Ford, Town Clerk.*

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

"I receive with much gratification your expressions of loyal and devoted attachment to my Throne and Government.

"I gladly assure you of my warm and unabated interest in all that concerns the happiness and prosperity of my people in Ireland, and you may rely upon my giving full consideration to their wishes and feelings on a subject deeply involving the welfare of that part of the United Kingdom."

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 7th day of *March* 1851,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the

"poll at county elections," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for his Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing, that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division is insufficient, and praying that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division; and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divisions of counties and the limits of cities and boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas the justices of the peace for the southern division of the county of Derby, in quarter sessions assembled, at Derby, in the said county, on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, have presented a petition to Her Majesty in Council, representing that the number of polling places within the southern division of the said county is insufficient, and praying that the town of Matlock may be a polling place for the said division:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, doth, pursuant to the said first-mentioned Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, that the said place named in the said petition, namely, the town of Matlock, shall be a polling place for the southern division of the county of Derby; and further, that the justices of the peace for the said county, assembled in quarter sessions or some special sessions, as in the said Act secondly above mentioned is mentioned, shall, conformably to that Act, divide the said southern division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

*C. C. Greville.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 7th day of *March* 1851,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches have, in pursuance of the ninth section of an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the further amendment of the Church Building Acts," or under and by virtue of any and every other power vested in the said Commissioners by the Church Building Acts, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in the words following, viz:

"Your Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches beg leave humbly to represent to