

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough and county of the town of Poole, in Common Council assembled, approach your Majesty's Throne with the warmest expressions of attachment to your Majesty's crown and dignity.

We humbly beg to offer to your Majesty our hearty congratulations on the termination of the War with the Emperor of all the Russias, and the restoration of Peace. And we trust that, under the divine blessing, this happy event will be so overruled that harmony will be cemented amongst all nations.

Given under our Common Seal the 5th day of May, 1856.

*John Adey, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county palatine of Lancaster, beg to offer to your Majesty our most sincere congratulations on the restoration of Peace.

We have witnessed with pride the glorious and gallant achievements of your Majesty's Forces both by sea and land, the brilliant courage which they have displayed, and the heroic fortitude with which they have endured the almost unexampled privations to which they have been subjected.

We congratulate your Majesty that by the vigorous exertions of your Majesty and your Majesty's faithful and illustrious Allies, the important objects of this just and necessary War have been fully attained, and that at the close of the struggle the resources of this nation are unimpaired and your Majesty's Naval and Military Forces are in the most flourishing and efficient condition.

We earnestly and confidently hope that the Peace which has just been re-established may prove a lasting one, that the trade and commerce of this nation may long be uninterrupted, and that we may be spared from again witnessing the horrors and sacrifices necessarily attendant upon international hostilities.

Given under our Common Seal this 8th day of May, 1856.

*Richd. Threlfull, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Romsey Infra, in the county of Southampton, beg permission to present our unfeigned homage, and to offer to your Majesty our sincere congratulations on the successful issue of the recent negotiations which have brought to your Majesty's Government and to the nation the invaluable blessing of an honourable and (we hope) a lasting Peace.

We believe that the readiness and co-operation with which the late War was maintained, and its necessary expences and sacrifices were borne by your Majesty's subjects, did not arise from any want of consideration respecting the sufferings and calamities entailed on our fellow men as a necessary consequence of War, but by a consciousness of the importance of those principles which were its actuating cause, and which we feel have been happily carried out and accomplished through His benign Providence by whom "Kings reign and princes decree justice."

While we thus regard with gratitude the success which has crowned the efforts of your Majesty's arms and those of your Allies, and while we also rejoice that by such means a largely extended influence has been given to those determinations which improve and ameliorate the general condition of humanity, we earnestly implore the divine blessing on your Majesty's person, family, and Government, and we also earnestly desire that a like mild and parental authority may be extended over all nations.

Given under our Common Seal, at a meeting held for the purpose, at the Town-hall, Romsey, the 7th day of May, 1856,

*Francis Taylor, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Wakefield, in the county of York, beg respectfully to offer to your Majesty our sincere congratulations upon the Peace which your Majesty has recently been enabled to re-establish upon conditions honourable to the Crown and people of Great Britain.

That although we should, if the late War had continued, a War which we consider to have been just and necessary on the part of this country, have felt it our duty and pleasure to have supported your Majesty in the prosecution of such War; yet, feeling deeply the manifold blessings of Peace, we rejoice that it has pleased Divine Providence to enable your Majesty to bring that War to such a satisfactory termination as to have accomplished the great objects for which it was commenced.

That the solid and satisfactory advantages of so honourable a Peace, and that the continuance of a reign, which has been so conspicuously marked by the general prosperity of your Majesty's subjects, may be long vouchsafed to us, is our humble and earnest prayer.

*John Gregory, Mayor.*

The Corporate Seal of the borough of Wakefield, in the county of York, was affixed hereto on the 7th day of May, 1856, in pursuance of a resolution of the Council of the said borough, unanimously passed on that day, in the presence of

*John Witham, Town Clerk.*

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*Crown Office, May 16, 1856.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*County of Longford.*

Henry George Hughes, of Cornadrun, in the county of Longford, Esq., Queen's Counsel, in the room of Richard Maxwell Fox, Esq., deceased.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 15, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for