

Majesty's valuable life, endeared to your subjects by your Majesty's constant solicitude for their welfare and happiness, and that He may watch over and preserve your Majesty's gracious Consort, the Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family, is the earnest prayer of us your Majesty's loyal, affectionate, and dutiful subjects.

Given under our Common Seal, the 7th day of May, 1856.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Congleton, in the county of Chester, beg leave to approach your Majesty's throne with this expression of our warmest congratulations on the happy restoration of Peace to your Majesty's dominions and to Europe.

We congratulate your Majesty with the highest satisfaction that the objects for which the late terrible War was of necessity undertaken by your Majesty have been attained, in the protection of the weak against the unjust and ambitious aggressions of the strong, and in the preservation of the balance of power in Europe. We congratulate your Majesty upon the unflinching endurance, heroism, and bravery of your Majesty's gallant soldiers and sailors, displayed by them under circumstances never more trying, and evincing a patience and devotion to their Queen and country unequalled in British History. We congratulate your Majesty upon the display of loyalty and firm attachment to your Majesty's person and Throne, which during the continuance of the War have so characterized all classes of your Majesty's subjects.

We rejoice that, amongst the beneficial results of the War now concluded, the Christian subjects of Turkey have received an accession of civil and religious liberty hitherto denied to them, and that many barriers to the spread of true religion and civilization, and to commercial enterprize have been removed.

We deeply sympathize with your Majesty, in common with all our fellow subjects, upon the loss of so many brave and valuable lives, and upon the afflictions and bereavements which have befallen so many families in our country; but there is great cause for thankfulness that the benevolence and charity of England, on behalf of the widows and orphans, have been equal to the emergency of the time.

We most especially desire to congratulate your Majesty on the friendship of our august Ally, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, which, commencing in a common danger, and continued through a momentous and hard fought struggle, is now most happily cemented in the unanimous restoration of Peace.

That your Majesty, together with your Majesty's illustrious and beloved Consort, may, by the blessing of Almighty God, long be spared to reign in the hearts of a loyal and united people, and that the blessings of Peace may ever continue to abound in our land is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's devoted subjects.

Given under the Common Seal of our borough of Congleton, the 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1856.

*James Pearson, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the city of Edinburgh, humbly approach your Majesty to offer the expression of our fervent

gratitude for the restoration of the inestimable blessing of Peace. We hail with extreme satisfaction the termination of the War engaged in by your Majesty and your august Allies for the maintenance of the integrity of the Ottoman Empire.

We are devoutly thankful to the Almighty for having inspired those wise counsels which have led to the conclusion of the conflict, at the earliest period compatible with the important and disinterested object for which it was undertaken.

We embrace this opportunity of tendering our renewed and devoted allegiance to your Majesty's person and government. It is our earnest prayer that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous over a loyal and attached people, who, under the sway of a benignant and beloved monarch, shall vie with the other nations of the civilised world in cultivating the arts of Peace.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, and the Seal of the city affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 7th day of May, 1856.

*John Melville, Lord Provost.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the borough of Oldham, in Council assembled, approach your Majesty to offer our sincere congratulations on the happy termination of the late War.

We have felt, in common with our fellow subjects, the utmost interest in the struggle in which the nation has been engaged, and have experienced the greatest pride in the bravery of our Naval and Military Forces.

The objects of the War being now attained, we hope that the efforts which have been made by your Majesty and your august Allies will be found to have led to such a settlement of the questions involved in it, as will be lasting in its nature and advantageous in its results.

Had it been necessary, your Majesty's subjects were willing to incur whatever further sacrifices might have been demanded of them; and we assure your Majesty, on our own parts, that we have fully shared the general disposition to support your Majesty in prosecuting the War with energy, but we are still sensible of the many advantages which attend the resumption of friendly intercourse with all nations, and hope that your Majesty may have a long and henceforth a peaceful reign.

Given under the Common Seal of the borough, the 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1856.

*Jno. Plott, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city and borough of Ripon, in Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the humble expression of our heartfelt congratulations on the re-establishment of Peace, now so happily effected by the ratification of the definitive treaty recently concluded at Paris, between your Majesty and your illustrious and powerful Allies, and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias.

If any thing can increase the gratification which must be felt by all classes of your Majesty's subjects, that the horrors and miseries, inseparably attendant upon even the most just and necessary War, have been terminated by a happy and an honourable Peace, we believe it will be the know-