

ledge that the unparalleled exertions and sacrifices rendered necessary by the late War, have, at its conclusion, not only left our national resources unimpaired, but have produced and placed at your Majesty's command so powerful and efficient a military force and such a stupendous naval armament as even this Empire may feel justly proud of, whilst rejoicing that the dire necessities of War have ceased to call for its employment.

And to this expression of our feelings of joy and gratitude that hostilities have now ceased, we would add our earnest hope that those alliances which have been so powerful in War, may prove still more effective in consolidating and perpetuating the blessings of Peace; and our humble and heartfelt prayer that the Almighty disposer of events, who alone can make wars to cease, may, in his infinite mercy and goodness, vouchsafe to us the inestimable blessing of a long, very long, continuance of your Majesty's beneficent, happy, prosperous, and peaceful reign.

Given under our Common Seal, at the Town Hall, in the said city and borough, this 9th day of May, in the 19th year of your Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord, 1856.

*John Richard Walham, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Sheffield, in Council assembled, desire to approach your Majesty with an assurance of our fidelity and respect, and to offer our congratulations to your Majesty on the restoration of Peace.

Regarding the late War as just and necessary, having for its objects the protection of our ancient Ally the Sultan from the aggression of a powerful and implacable foe, and the repression of the ambitious designs of Russia which were becoming dangerous to the cause of human freedom, to the liberties of Europe, and to the peace and happiness of the whole civilized world,—we should have cheerfully supported your Majesty in its continuance at any cost or sacrifice until those objects had been fully attained by force of Arms. Happily, however, the further prosecution of hostilities has been rendered unnecessary by Russia having been brought to accede to terms of Peace, which, although not stringent or comprehensive enough to command unqualified and universal approbation, will, we hope, afford a sufficient guarantee against future aggression on her part, and give to the nations of the earth a long continuance of tranquillity and repose.

For this happy result we are mainly indebted to the indomitable spirit and bravery of the British and Allied Forces by sea and land, whose valour, throughout a fearful and sanguinary contest, has never been excelled, and whose gallantry and endurance in the midst of so many hardships and difficulties will ever be remembered with the deepest and most intense feelings of gratitude and admiration.

The cessation of War will, we trust, give a new impetus to the industrial energies and commercial enterprize of this country, and tend to develop and increase its manufacturing and productive resources, and at the same time to elevate its moral, social, and intellectual condition, and we fervently pray that your Majesty may have the gratification of seeing the re-establishment of Peace followed by a state of general and permanent prosperity amongst all classes of your Majesty's subjects, and that, through Divine Pro-

vidence, your life may be preserved and your reign prolonged for many years to come.

Given under the Corporate Common Seal of the said borough, this 14th day of May, 1856.

*Wm. Fawcett, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Tiverton, in Council assembled, most humbly and earnestly congratulate your Majesty on the re-establishment of Peace, upon terms honourable to the nation and to our brave and illustrious Allies, thus fully realizing the object of a War, in which we embarked, from the purest motives and without an object to territorial aggrandisement, thereby opening a widely extended field among nations for friendly intercourse and the rapid progress of civilization and social improvement, the best and surest safeguards for the continuance of the blessings of Peace.

Under Divine Providence and your Majesty's gentle will, we confidently look forward to the further development of all the arts and of the resources of Peace, and we trust that, without presumption, under these happy influences, we may be enabled ever to hold a foremost place among nations.

The spirit and fortitude with which our soldiers and sailors, who volunteered in your Majesty's service, endured sufferings and hardships, of a nature and continuance hitherto unprecedented, show, that although unprepared for a War of such a magnitude, the English character for indomitable bravery remains untarnished.

We fully sympathise in your Majesty's grief for the loss of the brave men who have so nobly fallen, and feel assured that should a necessity again arise (which God avert) for this nation's having recourse to arms, your faithful subjects will ever be found ready to do their duty, and defend the honour and dignity of your Majesty's Crown.

Dated at the Guildhall, Tiverton, 14th May, 1856.

*Francis Dunsford, Town Clerk.*

*Foreign-Office, May 4, 1856.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Lord Wodehouse to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias.

*Foreign-Office, May 9, 1856.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Julian Fane, now First Paid Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation at Vienna, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at the Court of St. Petersburg.

*Foreign-Office, May 21, 1856.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Herbert Aylwin as Consul at Port Adelaide, in Australia, for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Robert Prowse as Consul at St. John's, Newfoundland, for the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburg.