

*Whitehall, June 16, 1856.*

THE following Addresses having been presented to the Queen, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Bradford, in the West Riding of the county of York, beg most humbly to present to your Majesty our hearty congratulations on the restoration of Peace.

While deploring the loss of the many gallant men who have fallen in battle, and the sufferings endured with such exemplary patience by others who have survived, our own and the national grief is assuaged by the reflection that the horrors and sacrifices of the War have only served to exhibit more conspicuously the feeling of attachment to their Sovereign and their country which has pervaded all ranks, and to prove to the world that the indomitable spirit of the British people has neither been lost nor enervated by the long previous interval of European peace, and that, though the country was unprepared in the outset of the struggle, its immense resources have not been strained or impaired by the vast requirements of modern warfare, but have been developed in increasing and unexampled strength.

We hopefully anticipate that, as the War was commenced and has been prosecuted with no desire for conquest or aggrandisement, and Peace has been concluded, after successes disinterestedly achieved, and on terms settled in concert with Allies who have, in a destructive warfare, worthily shared the dangers and the honours of the armies and fleets of your Majesty, our beloved country and the other states of Europe may long be preserved from internal commotion or international strife.

While we would ever resist to the utmost any attack on the national honour and dignity, we observe with peculiar satisfaction, that, in the Treaty just concluded, there is contained the germ of that wise and Christian principle, by which, when differences arise among nations, they shall be submitted to the consideration of some mediating power for adjustment before plunging into a state of hostility alike disastrous to the aggressor and the aggrieved.

The return of an honourable Peace will, we hope, conduce to the diffusion of religion, the extension of commerce, and the advancement of the arts and sciences (of which your Majesty and your Royal Consort have been, and are, the munificent patrons), and in the right enjoyment of these blessings, and possessing the aspirations of a free people, we trust that this country, under the benignant rule of your Majesty, will maintain, and advance its position amongst nations, and be instrumental in spreading freedom and happiness throughout the world, and that your Majesty may be long spared to wield the Sceptre of England over a free, enlightened, and prosperous people.

Given under the Coporate Common Seal of the said borough of Bradford, at a meeting of the Council of the said borough, holden on the 13th day of May, 1856.

*William Murgatroyd, Mayor.*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Swansea, respectively approach your Majesty with our fervent congratulations on the restoration of Peace.

Ardently desiring as we do that Wars should cease, we are nevertheless of opinion that on the late occasion your Majesty adopted the means best calculated to attain such an end, although compelled at the time to defend the sacred cause of justice and freedom, by having recourse to hostilities, and we hail with feelings of the deepest gratitude, the signal success which has attended your Majesty's efforts directed to the accomplishment of so righteous an object.

We are persuaded the time is approaching when civilized nations will abandon the employment of force, except in vindication, if it should unfortunately ever again become necessary, of the high and holy principles of right and truth, and we rejoice that it is our fortune to live under the auspicious rule of a Sovereign whose only appeal to arms has been for such a purpose, and whose reign the Almighty Disposer of all events has vouchsafed to mark with such unexampled lustre.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the inhabitants of the borough of Truro, in the county of Cornwall, in public meeting assembled, on the 19th day of May, 1856, respectfully tender to your Majesty our sincere congratulations on the restoration of Peace.

A just War has, under Divine Providence, been brought to a successful termination, by the gallantry and devotion of the Forces of your Majesty and your Majesty's Allies of France and Sardinia; and we earnestly trust that the triumph so nobly and dearly purchased has not only secured the integrity of the Turkish Empire, but permanently ensured the general Peace of Europe.

The deep interest evinced by your Majesty throughout this protracted and severe conflict, in behalf of your Majesty's brave soldiers and sailors, and your Majesty's constant endeavours to mitigate their sufferings, as well as to alleviate the affliction of their widows and orphans, will be recorded among the brightest incidents of English history.

That the concord now re-established among the nations may be perpetuated, and that your Majesty may long continue to reign over a loyal, prosperous, and contented people, and that every social and domestic blessing may attend your Majesty and your Royal Consort and Children, is our most earnest prayer.

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants,

*Henry Sewell Stokes, Mayor of Truro.*

*Whitehall, June 14, 1856.*

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Donald MacFadyen to the church and parish of Aucharacle, in the presbytery of Mull, and county of Argyll, vacant by the transportation of the Reverend Robert Stewart, late Minister thereof, to the parish of Kilfinichen, in the presbytery of Mull.