

the humble tribute of our hearty congratulation, on your Majesty's assumption of your Royal supremacy over this vast empire, firmly hoping, as we do, that the important change of administration which has thus been inaugurated, may tend to establish your Majesty's rule on a firm and lasting basis, and secure the happiness of your Majesty's Indian subjects.

With sincere and earnest prayers for the welfare of your Majesty, of the Prince your illustrious Consort, and your Royal Family, as well as for the speedy restoration of peace and tranquillity in the disturbed provinces of British India, and for a long continuance of peace and prosperity in your Majesty's dominions,

We, with the profoundest respect, subscribe ourselves, your Majesty's most humble and devoted subjects.

*Juggenath Sunkersett,  
Bomanjee Homeagie,  
and others.*

Bombay, November 8, 1858.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

THE Indian mail has brought to us from home the glad tidings proclaimed throughout India on the 1st of November. We certainly did look forward to a Royal Proclamation, worthy of the supreme ruler of the British nation,—a proclamation full of mercy for the past and hope for the future, but this far exceeds our utmost expectations. It is not only an amnesty, but is, and must ever be, regarded as the great charter of India's liberty. Hitherto we have been permitted to see you only as through a glass darkly; we now behold the sun in Her meridian glory, intercepted by no cloud. Her beams, no longer refracted, reach us at once, full of light and life. Every Indian subject, capable of reflection, must be impressed with the great truth, so beautifully expressed in the Royal Proclamation, that "in our prosperity will be your strength, in our contentment your security, and in our gratitude your best reward."

We deeply, deeply regret that we could not, by reason of our absence from Madras, mingle, on that eventful day, our congratulations and prayers with those of our fellow countrymen, but we are consoled when we reflect, that our presence here enables us to prostrate ourselves at the very foot of the British Throne, and there, in person, renew our fidelity and allegiance to your Majesty.

We should, indeed, be unworthy members of the illustrious House of Arcot and the Carnatic if we lost one moment in hesitation, if we did not (as we now do with our whole heart and strength) pledge ourselves to aid in fulfilling to the utmost measure of our humble abilities, the gracious will and pleasure of your Majesty as set forth in the Royal Proclamation; and lastly, permit us to join in the prayer that "the God of all power may grant to your Majesty and to those in authority under you, strength to carry out those your wishes for the good of your people."

We, with the profoundest respect, subscribe ourselves,

*Hydur Jung.  
Hofey Sudrool Islam Khan.*

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the undersigned, your Majesty's native Indian subjects residing in the town and island

of Bombay, duly considering the importance of the modification introduced into the Government of British India, whereby the direct sovereignty of these territories, has devolved upon your Majesty, desire on this auspicious occasion, to approach your Majesty's Throne with an expression of our sincere loyalty, attachment, and devotion.

Firmly assured as we are, that the great principles of moderation, impartiality and justice, characteristic of your Majesty's Government in all parts of the British Empire, will henceforth, as ever, be scrupulously recognized; we venture to offer to your Majesty our humble and hearty congratulations on the assumption of your Royal Supremacy over this vast country, and we beg leave at the same time to express our cordial hope, that the important change of administration which has thus been inaugurated, may have the effect of placing your Majesty's rule in India, on a basis still more secure than that upon which it has rested for so many years.

With earnest prayers for the welfare of your Majesty, of the Prince, your illustrious Consort, and of your Royal Family, as well as for the speedy restoration of tranquillity in the disturbed provinces of British India, and for a long continuance of peace and prosperity in your Majesty's dominions,

We, with the profoundest respect, subscribe ourselves, your Majesty's most dutiful, humble, and devoted servants,

*Jamsetje Jejeebhoy,  
and others.*

Bombay, 18th November, 1858.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the undersigned, your Majesty's native subjects, residents in the town and city of Poona, in the presidency of Bombay, rightly estimating the great change in respect to the government of British India, which has lately been made known to us by Royal Proclamation, venture, on an occasion like the present, to offer to your Majesty, this humble tribute expressive of our fidelity, regard, and respectful esteem.

We rejoice in the assurance given in your Majesty's gracious Proclamation to the princes, the chiefs, and the people of India, that your Majesty's rule in this country will be marked by those important principles of equity and justice which form the essential elements of every good government, and which have always more particularly distinguished your Majesty's sway in every dependency of the British dominions.

Reposing the fullest confidence in the strict maintenance of these most important features of your Majesty's Proclamation, we humbly lay before your Majesty this sincere expression of our hope that the assumption of your direct sovereignty over British India, may tend to strengthen and confirm British power in this vast empire, and that thus the social advancement of your Majesty's native Indian subjects may be secured.

With many heartfelt and devout wishes for the well being of your Majesty, of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and of your illustrious family; praying also that peace may be soon restored throughout the unsettled districts of this land, and that your Majesty may long continue to reign in Great Britain and its nume-