

rous dependencies, over a prosperous, contented, and happy people;

We remain, with respect, your Majesty's most humble and dutiful subjects.

Pestonjee Sorabjee,
and others.

Poona, 20th November, 1858.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia.

WE, your Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects, citizens of the capital of British India, humbly approach your Majesty, to express our heartfelt congratulations on your assuming the government of this Great Empire, and creating a Viceroy for its rule. Animated by affectionate and grateful attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, we rejoice at this extension of your authority over these fertile and populous regions.

We anticipate with confidence, under the benignant influence of your Majesty's Government, the progress of this country in material wealth, and in moral and intellectual enlightenment, and the fulfilment of your Majesty's gracious desire, for the restoration, under the blessing of Providence, of internal tranquillity, the growth of peaceful industry, the promotion of works of public utility and improvement, and an administration of Government for the benefit of all your Majesty's subjects in these realms. Most devoutly do we hope that the wish so benevolently proclaimed by your Majesty may be realized, that the prosperity of this people may be your strength, their contentment your security, and their gratitude your best reward.

J. W. Colville,
and others.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Madam,

WE, the Madras Chamber of Commerce, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, approach your Throne with the most respectful, yet sincere and hearty expression of our feelings of satisfaction, at your Majesty having been pleased to assume the direct Government of your East Indian dominions.

We hail this auspicious event as the promise to this great country of an era of enlightenment and prosperity.

We pray Almighty God, so to aid your Majesty with his Divine Counsels, that your Government of your Indian Empire may be distinguished by the blessings of peace, and by the advance of civilization.

On behalf of the Chamber,

John Danl. Agnew,
Chairman.

Madras, 14th October, 1858.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA, QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. &c.

Madam,

ON the 31st of August, the British Empire in the East passed under the direct authority of your Most Gracious Majesty. The benign rule of your Majesty now extends also to India, and its moral and physical effects will soon be felt throughout

the land, especially by rendering justice attainable to all, rich and poor, and by developing the boundless natural resources of this great empire. I hail the event as the commencement of a new era in the history of India, and as the forerunner of a mighty change, which opens a vision of a bright future. Wherever the banner of your Majesty is unfurled, industry, arts, and science follow in its wake, and carry with them prosperity, civilization, and education, those inestimable blessings which everywhere so largely contribute to the happiness of your Majesty's faithful subjects, and add fresh stability to the throne.

As the descendant of one of the oldest ruling families of Hindostan, and the acknowledged faithful ally of the British Government, I desire permission to be one of the first to lay this, my humble tribute of loyalty, respect, and affection, at the foot of the throne of your Most Gracious Majesty. May the God of mankind shower his choicest blessings upon your Majesty and Family; and that long life, health, and happiness may be the portion of the mighty Sovereign of Great Britain, is the fervent and sincere prayer of, Madam, your Majesty's most humble and faithful servant and subject.

Syad Alunsoor Ullee.

Palace, Moorshedabad,
November 1, 1858.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of January, 1859,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act passed in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the fourth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale of certain property formerly belonging to the prebend of Beaminster Secunda, in the cathedral church of Salisbury, and now vested in us.

"Whereas all the lands, tenements, hereditaments and endowments, formerly belonging to the said prebend of Beaminster Secunda (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage), became vested in us on the vacancy of the said prebend, which occurred on or about the tenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, by the decease of the Reverend William Stanley Goddard, Clerk, Doctor in Divinity, the then Prebendary, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof.

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments; and after due consideration it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered