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Whitehall, August 28, 1862.

THE following Address of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Alice, with His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Hesse, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department for Presentation, has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the Cinque Port and borough of Dover, desire humbly to offer to your Majesty our hearty congratulations on the marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice with His Royal Highness the Prince Louis of Hesse.

The deep interest which your Majesty has taken in this auspicious event has excited our liveliest sympathy, more especially as it was one which had already received the warm approval of His late Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

We feel confident that your Majesty, while losing during this season of affliction the support and companionship of a fond and affectionate daughter, who, in the hour of trial, was enabled by the suppression of her own grief to afford solace to your Majesty's wounded heart, must rejoice in the belief that the happiness of Her Royal Highness has been secured by an union of affection.

Her Royal Highness has borne with her the fervent prayers and fond wishes of all classes of your Majesty's subjects, and we indulge the hope that the alliance between the Royal Families of Great Britain and one of the Protestant States of Germany, may cement the friendly relations of this country, and conduce to the peace of Europe.

We invoke the blessing of Heaven upon your Majesty, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and we pray that your Majesty may long continue to reign in the hearts of a loyal, contented, and free people.

Given under our Corporate Seal, in our Council Chamber, at Dover, this 14th day of August, 1862.

J. Birmingham, Mayor.

And the following on the same subject: from The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Tewkesbury.
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Basingstoke.

Foreign Office, August 28, 1862.

LORD RUSSELL has received the following Despatch from Dr. Baikie, in command of the Niger Expedition :

*Bida, Nüsse, Central Africa,
February 26, 1862.*

MY LORD,

I FEEL it to be my duty again, respectfully, to request your Lordship to call the attention of those in England interested in the supply of cotton, to the peculiar eligibility of this portion of Central Africa as a future cotton field. Here there are no adverse interests, no speculative political parties to interfere with our wishes, no monopolists nor capitalists to raise prices. Three-fourths of the labouring population, whether free or slave, are at liberty to have their own farms, and to sell the bulk of their own crops. Thus, though the small farmer may himself be a slave, the larger his crops the larger his profits, and in working hard he is not labouring by mere task, or simply for the benefit of his master, but for his own immediate behoof; and thus, though a large part of the population of Bonú and of Nüsse are slaves, the labour on the small farms is not strictly "slave labour."

It is from these small farms that most of the cotton comes to the market, and it is these small farmers whom any demand would stimulate. In Yoruba, more is produced by large traders, and there it has caused an increased demand and price for slaves; but here it would have, if anything, an opposite result, as it would enable many of the present serf population to effect their freedom.

I have, in a former Despatch, shewn how superior Sudán is, as a field for cotton, to the regions explored by Dr. Livingstone, alike from the greater proximity and superior navigability of the Niger to the Zambési, as well as that here cotton is already in abundance, and cultivated by a people able and willing to work, and accustomed to its habits and rearing. Nothing further is required but increased demand, and means of purchase, cleaning, and shipping; the rest would speedily follow.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. BALFOUR BAIKIE.