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Whitehall, December 22, 1862.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the attainment of his Majesty by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, have 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.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loving subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, in Council assembled, respectfully offer to your Majesty our hearty congratulations upon the occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attaining his majority.

It is in our humble estimation a circumstance fraught with the highest importance that this auspicious event has occurred while your Majesty is in the prime and vigour of life and capable of continuing to His Royal Highness the invaluable advice and assistance which have hitherto so ably guided his counsels, and which his exalted position, as Heir Apparent to the Throne, will continue to require.

We rejoice at this happy opportunity of renewing to your Majesty our earnest expressions of affection and esteem, and we sincerely hope that this important event in your Majesty's reign may be the means of diverting your Majesty's thoughts from sorrow to joy, and so of restoring to your faithful subjects the full measure of happiness with which they have been blessed during many years of your Majesty's reign.

Given under our Corporate Common Seal, at Birmingham, this 10th day of November, 1862.

Thomas Standbridge, Town Clerk.

And the following on the same subject : from

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Dewsbury.

The Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the city and royal burgh of Dunfermline.

The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the burgh of Hawick.

Whitehall, December 22, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Right Honourable Henry, Earl Grey ; the Right Honourable Richard Southwell Bourke (commonly called Lord Naas) ; the Right Honourable Robert Monsey, Baron Cranworth ; the Right Honourable Frederic, Baron Chelmsford ; the Right Honourable Sir John Somerset Pakington, Bart., G.C.B. ; the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole ; the Right Honourable Joseph Warner Henley ; the Right Honourable Edward Playdell Bouverie ; the Right Honourable Sir Alexander James Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench ; Horatio Waddington, Esq. ; Russell Gurney, Esq., Recorder of the city of London ; Charles Owen O'Conor, Esq. (commonly called the O'Conor Don) ; and Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Esq. ; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the operation of the Acts relating to Transportation and Penal Servitude, and into the manner in which Sentences of Transportation and of Penal Servitude have been and are carried into effect, under the provisions of the said Acts, or any of them.

Crown Office, December 20, 1862.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Andover.

William Cubitt, of Penton Lodge, in the county of Southampton, Esq., in the room of Henry Beaumont Coles, Esq., deceased.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 22, 1862.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, enclosing a copy of a Spanish Royal Law, effecting a revision of the Spanish Customs' Tariff (based upon a new valuation of imports).

The tariff in question may be inspected on application at the Board of Trade, Whitehall.