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Whitehall, December 29, 1862.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the attainment of his Majority 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.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Town and County of the Town of Southampton.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town and county of the town of Southampton, beg most humbly to approach your Majesty with the strongest feelings of devotion and loyalty.

We beg most sincerely and heartily to offer our earnest congratulations, that your illustrious son His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has in perfect health, and with the happiest anticipations, attained the twenty-first anniversary of his birth, and thus reached, to the great joy of your Majesty's loyal and devoted people, that period towards which the hopes of many years have pointed, and by which the affectionate regards of this mighty nation have been realized.

We embrace this auspicious occasion to express to your Majesty our profound gratitude that, in conjunction with your late illustrious Consort, you have devoted so largely your life and energies to prepare the mind and character of His Royal Highness to govern well, and wisely, this great Empire, in the distant future. And we pray that he may emulate the exalted example of his distinguished parents, which, blending the highest virtues, with the tenderest domestic felicity, is the especial pride and admiration of the whole British people.

It is with heartfelt satisfaction that we have heard of the intended alliance of His Royal Highness with the amiable and illustrious Princess Alexandra, of the Protestant House of Denmark, and we earnestly hope that that gratifying event may result in the enjoyment of the same domestic happiness which has been so conspicuous during your Majesty's happy reign.

We pray that an allwise Providence will restore to your Majesty tranquillity of mind, and the enjoyment of health, that, enshrined in the hearts of your family, and, no less in the love and sympathies of your people, your Majesty's prosperous and beneficent reign, may be long and glorious.

Given under our Common Seal, at Southampton, the 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1862.

And the following on the same subject: from

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Chichester.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of King's Lynn.

The Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures in the city of Edinburgh.

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

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Hythe, in the county of Kent.

Foreign Office, December 14, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Howard Vyse, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Kanagawa, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Hakodadi.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Alexander Winchester, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Hakodadi, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kanagawa.

Foreign Office, December 29, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. James Bullock as Consul at Akyab for his Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. E. Oesterley as Consul at Calcutta for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburgh.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Graham Gilmour as Consul at Glasgow for the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Alexandre Duranty as Vice-Consul at Fleetwood for the Republic of Haiti.