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To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

"I thank you very heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for the kind expressions of your affectionate interest in all that concerns my domestic happiness and the health and prosperity of the members of my family.

"I trust that the marriage of my son with the daughter of the Emperor of Russia will tend to strengthen the bonds of friendship between two great Christian nations.

"The termination of the war on the Gold Coast, and the peace that reigns throughout my dominions, are matters in which I thankfully share your gladness; and, with you, I trust in God's goodness that through the measures which have been taken to relieve the famine now afflicting a large portion of my Indian subjects, the cloud may soon pass over.

"It is a source of the greatest happiness to me to witness the efforts now being made by the clergy of the Church of England, both at home and abroad, to spread the truth of Christ, to mitigate the sufferings of humanity, to reclaim the vicious, and to instruct the ignorant. In these efforts they will, I feel assured, be upheld and supported by the sympathy and co-operation of a faithful laity.

"They may rely upon my continued desire to suppress the slave trade, and to promote true Christianity and morality among all my people.

"With you, I am thankful to believe that the recent alterations in the Act of Uniformity will prove the means of better adapting some of the public services of the Church to the wants of the age, and of increasing its influence over the people."

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Procurator were severally presented to Her Majesty by Mr. Secretary Cross, and had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

*Whitehall, July 2, 1874.*

**T**HE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Marriage of His Royal Highness Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Kent, Earl of Ulster, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, with Her Imperial Highness Marie Alexandrovna, only daughter of His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, 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:—From

The Town Council of Hanley.  
The Chairman of Dorset Quarter Sessions.  
The Benevolent Society of St. Patrick.  
The Alexandra Orphanage for Infants.  
The Town Council of Newport (Pembroke).  
The Town Council of Leeds.  
The Town Council of Newport (Isle of Wight).  
The Provincial Synod of Aberdeen.  
The Convention of Burghs, Scotland.  
The Town Council of Manchester.  
The Ventnor Local Board.

The Lord Lieutenant and Magistrates of Cardigan.  
The Deputy Governor of the Trinity House, Newcastle.

The President, &c., of the Scottish Hospital.

The Town Council of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Town Council of Grantham.

The Town Council of Halifax.

Sion College.

The Town Council of Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Town Council of Wenlock.

The Royal Academy of Arts.

The Synod of Moray.

The Town Council of Lincoln.

The Commissioners of Supply of Aberdeenshire.

The General Meeting of county of Forfarshire.

The Commissioners of Supply of Elgin.

The Town Council of Hertford.

The Town Council of Stockport.

The Town Council of Sudbury.

The Lord High Commissioner of the National Church of Scotland.

*Windsor Castle, July 1, 1874.*

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty:—

His Excellency M. de la Rochefoucauld, Duc de Bisaccia, Ambassador from the French Republic, to deliver his Letter of Recall;

To which audience he was introduced by the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

*Foreign Office, July 1, 1874.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Senor Don Pedro B. Desnoes as Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, for the Republic of Costa Rica.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. D. F. Robertson as Consul at Dundee for the Republic of Liberia.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. John William Nichol as Vice-Consul at Blyth for the German Empire.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don F. Ignacio Rickard as Vice-Consul at Gravesend for the Argentine Republic.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Samuel R. Groom as Vice-Consul at Harwich for the Republic of Liberia.

*Whitehall, July 2, 1874.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Alexander Forbes Irvine, Esq., to be Sheriff of the Shire or Sherifdom of Argyll, in the room of Thomas Cleghorn, Esq., deceased.

*Crown Office, July 2, 1874.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*Borough of Galway.*

Michael Francis Ward, of the city of Dublin, in the room of Francis Hugh O'Donnell, Esq., whose election hath been determined to be void.