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Whitehall, August 16, 1887.

THE following Address was presented to Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Germany and Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, who, as representing Her Majesty the Queen, laid the stone of a new Church at Portsea, on the 9th instant:—

To Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Germany and Princess Royal of England.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth, desire most heartily to welcome Your Royal Highness to this borough, and to assure you of the gratification which is felt by its inhabitants at Your visit, for though Your Royal Highness has for some years been more closely identified with a foreign nation, yet as the Princess Royal of England and the Daughter of our Most Gracious Queen, we are sure that the people of England, and none more so than the inhabitants of this ancient borough, retain the deepest regard for Her Royal Highness, and this feeling is, we venture to hope, maintained, and to some extent intensified, by the friendly feeling which exists, and we trust will continue to exist, between the English and German nations.

The crection of a new church in the midst of a large population cannot well be otherwise than productive of good to that population, and on account of the great improvement in the condition of the people which may result from the extension of religious influence it is an object in which it is known Her Most Gracious Majesty and all the members of the Royal Family take the greatest interest.

That interest is shown by the presence of Your Royal Highness in our borough to-day, and the kindness of Your Royal Highness in laying the foundation stone of the new Church for the parish of Portsea is most sincerely appreciated; and while hoping that the work You begin to-day may be productive of the best results, we beg to assure Your Royal Highness of the pleasure with which Your presence on this occasion will be remembered.

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Given under our Common Seal this 9th day of August, in the fifty-first year of Her Majesty's reign. To which Her Imperial and Royal Highness, on behalf of Her Majesty, gave the following most gracious Answer:—

"I THANK you sincerely for the cordial welcome which you have accorded Me on this occasion, when, in the name and on behalf of My dear Mother, Her Majesty the Queen, I come to lay the foundation stone of a new Church in your borough.

"I am greatly touched by your kind allusions to Myself, though living in the midst of another and friendly Nation, I always remember with deep affection the land of my birth, and rejoice in the greatness and welfare of the British people.

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"I hope that the borough of Portsmouth may continue to flourish in the future, as it has done in the past, and to show the same active zeal in providing for the wants of all its inhabitants."

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THE following further Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty having attained the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty. The Humble Address of Your Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Southampton in Quarter Sessions assembled, the 27th day of June, 1887.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of Southampton in Quarter Sessions assembled, humbly offer to Your Majesty our respectful congratulations on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Accession of Your Majesty to Throne of the United Kingdom.

Although not claiming for ourselves a larger share of loyalty to Your Majesty's person than the rest of Your Majesty's subjects, yet not yeilding to any in this respect, we venture to think think that we possess a special title to be permitted to approach Your Majesty on this occasion, from the fact that Your Majesty has been pleased to reside within our county during a greater part of the last fifty years.

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We desire to express our grateful conscious ess of the numberless benefits which, during that