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DDRESSES of Congratulation A Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty having completed the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which have been transmitted to the Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, by :-

The General Council of the University of

Glasgow, and

The Representative Church Council of the Episcopal Church in Scotland,-

have been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

T the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of November, 1887.

## PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

W HEREAS by the four hundred and tenth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that, upon the completion of any new lighthouse, buoy, or beacon, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the master or owner of every ship which passes the same, or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may from time to time alter the amount thereof; and that such dues shall be paid and collected in the same manner, by the same means, and subject to the same conditions, in, by, and subject to which the light dues authorized to be levied by the said Act are paid and collected:

And whereas by the said Act "buoys and beacons" include all other marks and signs of the

And whereas by "The Merchant Shipping

(Miscellaneous) Act, 1887," it is enacted, that—
"In the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the "Acts amending the same, the expression "ighthouses' shall, in addition to the meaning assigned to it by the Merchant "Shipping Act, 1854, include sirens, and all "other descriptions of fog signals, and the expression new lighthouse shall include the addition to any existing lighthouse of " any improved light, or any siren, or any "description of fog signal." And whereas the Corporation of Trinity House

of Deptford Strond have greatly improved the light heretofore exhibited from the lighthouse on the Bishop Rock, Scilly Islands, and such improved light will shortly be exhibited:

And whereas the said Corporation are also about to establish in conjunction with the said light, a sign of the sea, that is to say, a fog

And whereas it is fit and proper that, in respect of the said improvements and conveniences, and by reason of the expenditure involved, dues should be levied as hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Acts, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that from and after the exhibition of the said improved light, or from and after the time of the receipt of notice of such exhibition by the officers authorized to collect light dues, the toll of four-sixteenths of a penny per ton over sea, and sixpence per vessel coasting, now leviable in respect of the existing light shall cease, and in lieu thereof, there shall be paid in respect of the said improved light and fog signal for every ship, whether British or foreign, the toll of eight-sixteenths of a penny per ton of the burden of every such ship for each time of passing or deriving benefit from the said lighthouse if on an over sea voyage, and one shilling per vessel if on a coasting voyage.

The said tolls shall be levied subject to the regulations and exemptions contained in the Consolidated Table of Light Duties, sanctioned by Orders in Council, dated respectively the twentyfourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and the sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and also in the special section of the Consolidated Tables prepared in pursuance of an Order in Council, dated the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, or to such other regulations and exemptions as may from time to time be duly sanctioned, and subject also to the gross abatement or discount of seventy per centum, mentioned in an Order in Council, dated the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, or to such other abatement or discount as may for the time being be in force. C. L. Peel.