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THE following further Messages and Addresses of Congratulation on the occasion of the Betrothal of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., to Her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, have been received by the Right Honourable the Marquess of Ripon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, and have been presented accordingly; and replies have been graciously returned by Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses :--

Through the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, from-

The Mayor and Town Council of Beaconsfield.

The Residents in the Division of Carnarvon. The Mayor, Town Council, and Burgesses of King William's Town.

The Town Council of Tarkastad.

Through the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, from---

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Through the High Commissioner for South Africa, from-

The Inhabitants of Taungs, British Bechuanaland.

Through the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, from—

The Mayor and Town Council of Port Elizabeth.

Through the Governor of Natal, from-

The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council of Natal.

The Officer administering the Government of British Honduras, on behalf of the Executive Council of that Colony.

Through the High Commissioner for South Africa, from-

The Village Management Board of Vryburg, on behalf of the Inhabitants of that town.

Through the Governor of Natal, from-

The Mayor, Town Councillors, and Burgesses of Newcastle.

Through the Governor of Western Australia, from-

The Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. Through the Governor of the Leeward Islands, from—

The Legislative Council of Antigua,

Through the Governor of Barbados, from – The Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Barbados.

The Stanley Lodge of the Order of the Sons of England, Ottawa, Canada.

- Through the Administrator of Natal, from— The Members of the Natal Missionary Conference.
- Through the Governor of Victoria, from— The Melbourne Leidertafel.
- The Royal Geographical Society of Australasia.
 - The Mayor, Councillors, and Inhabitants of Buninyong.

The City of Prahran.

The Officer Administering the Government and Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Trinidad.

Through the Officer Administering the Government of the Windward Islands, from-

The Legislative Council of St. Lucia on its own behalf and on that of the Colony.

Whitehall, September 16, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleused to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to the following effect :--

VICTORIA, R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to-

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, George John Shaw Lefevre, First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings, Chairman;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin, Charles George, Viscount Cobham;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, George William Henry, Baron Vernon ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Henry Chaplin ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, late Lieutenant-Colonel of Our Regiment of Scots Guards, a Commissioner of Our Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues;

Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Giffen, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Laws, one of the Assistant Secretaries to the Board of Trade;