

Corporation and citizens of this ancient and loyal city.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Rochester, in the County of Kent, at a Meeting of the Council of the said City, held on the 28th day of June, 1897.

*W. W. Hayward*, Mayor.  
*Apsley Kennette*, Town Clerk.

Surrey.—At the General Quarter Session of the Peace of our Sovereign Lady The QUEEN, holden at Kingston-upon-Thames, in and for the County of Surrey, on Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 1897.

It was moved by George Cave, Esq., the Chairman, seconded by the Right Honourable the Viscount Midleton, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and unanimously resolved:—

“THAT in view of the completion by Her Majesty Queen Victoria of the Sixtieth Year of her Reign, the Court desire to place upon record their high and grateful sense of the manner in which, throughout the longest reign in the history of our country, the Queen has made the welfare of Her people Her chief and constant care, and once more to assure Her Majesty of the devoted loyalty and attachment of the Magistrates of the County of Surrey.”

By the Court,  
*Geo. Cave*, Chairman.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN.  
*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Chairman and Members of the Essex County Council, are deeply sensible of the marvellous advance in the general prosperity and happiness of Your subjects since Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and we recognize with loyal gratitude and profound thankfulness that these blessings are largely due to the wise and beneficent manner in which Your Majesty has presided over the affairs of Your Empire, and to the splendid example in every relation of life set by Your Majesty. We earnestly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over Your loyal and devoted subjects, and that Almighty God may still vouchsafe a continuance of those heavenly blessings which have been so long and abundantly granted to Your Majesty.

Given under our Common Seal  
this 6th day of July, 1897.

L. S.

*Andrew Johnston*,  
Keeper of the Key of the Seal.  
*Herbert W. Gibson*,  
Deputy Clerk of the Council.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.  
*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Montgomeryshire County Council, desire to join with our fellow subjects throughout the world in offering to Your Majesty our loyal and affectionate congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign, a Reign conspicuous for the expansion of the Empire and the progress of the People committed to Your charge.

We especially commemorate with gratitude the fact that under Your Government the ancient and loyal Principality to which we are proud to belong has been endowed with a complete system of Education, commencing with the elementary school and culminating in the University of Wales,

which is honoured by having Your Majesty as its Visitor and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as its Chancellor.

And in addition we recall the countless occasions on which You have shown us that, acquainted as You are with the sorrows as well as the joys of our every day life, You retain an inexhaustible sympathy with the humblest of Your subjects, and prize that family life which is the best foundation of a Nation's greatness.

Lastly, we pray that You may still be spared to Rule, for many years to come, over a loyal and prosperous Empire.

In token whereof the Common Seal of the Council was hereto affixed, this 18th day of June, 1897.

*A. C. Humphreys-Owen*,  
Chairman.  
*Geo. D. Harrison*,  
Clerk.

L. S.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Chester, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with profound respect, and to offer our heartfelt congratulations upon Your completing the Sixtieth Year of a glorious and most beneficent Reign.

We render thanks to Almighty God, in Whom Your trust has ever been, that He has been pleased to answer the prayers of the Empire; and further, in the words of our daily supplication, that our Heavenly Father may with favour behold our Most Gracious Sovereign and give Your Majesty everlasting joy and felicity is, and ever will be the earnest prayer of your most dutiful and loyal subjects the Dean and Chapter of Chester.

*J. L. Darby*, D.D., Dean.

Chapter House, Chester Cathedral,  
St. John Baptist's Day, 1897.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Warden, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Durham, desire to approach Your Majesty with most hearty and loyal congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's auspicious Reign. We thank Our Heavenly Father who has so signally blessed Your incessant and fruitful efforts for the welfare of the many millions of souls who live in peace and comfort under the beneficent sway of Your Majesty's Sceptre.

The University of Durham has also especial reasons for gratitude, for we have to thank Your Majesty for lately granting to us a charter which empowers the University to educate women and to grant them degrees on equal terms with men. We believe that this power so graciously conceded will be of the utmost advantage to women seeking the benefits of higher education, and that they will ever remember with heartfelt thankfulness this great privilege, the gift of Your Majesty to Her female subjects.

Your loyal people of the North of England know well that their long continued prosperity is due to Your Majesty's wise and happy rule, which