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ADDRESSES presented to His Excellency and replies to the same:—

Presented at Fremantle, August 11th.

To His Excellency CAPTAIN CHARLES FITZGERALD Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Western Australia, &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency,—We, the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Fremantle, beg to approach your Excellency with our sincere congratulations upon your safe arrival at the chief sea-port of your Government, and to assure you of our continued loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria.

We sincerely trust that your arrival amongst us may be hailed by the colonists as the commencement of a new era, and that we may look forward with the hope that the advancement of the colony will be more distinguished than in the eventful years that have passed, by the progressive and rapid development of its internal resources, and that under your auspices the colony will attain to such a height of prosperity as to meet our most sanguine expectations, and the best wishes of your Excellency, which, we doubt not you already entertain towards it.

That a happy unanimity may ever be found to prevail in the sentiments of your Excellency and those over whom you are about to preside, and that a gracious Providence may be pleased to hallow and bless the efforts which you shall exert in their favor, is the united and earnest prayer of your Excellency's humble servants, &c.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,—I accept with much gratification your address—and coming from the inhabitants of the first sea-port of this colony at which I disembarked, I receive it as an earnest of the general feeling that pervades the community at large.

I pray you to be assured that the advancement of your Port will always claim my utmost consideration, and that the prosperity of the colony and the further development of its resources is the utmost aim of my ambition.

I cordially join with you in the wish that that unanimity so desirable will always prevail.

I have the honor, &c.

Presented at Government House, Perth, August 18th.

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of Perth, in the Colony of Western Australia, beg to approach your Excellency with our warmest congratulations on your arrival in this town as our Governor, and to assure your Excellency of our undiminished loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, as well as our kindest wishes to yourself as her worthy representative.

We cannot refrain from expressing a sincere desire, that the epoch of your Excellency's arrival, may be marked as the commencement of a more prosperous and successful career than the colony has hitherto attained, a desire which we are satisfied will be fully reciprocated by your Excellency.

It is not our province to dictate the alteration of any measures, or to proffer any suggestions to be effected by your Excellency on the moment of arrival; but we rest assured that your known experience as a Governor, will point out the best course to be pursued, to relieve the colony from the evils with which it has had to contend, and to promote its future prosperity and welfare.

Fully assured that your Excellency will devote yourself to the interests of the people, and make yourself acquainted with the position and desires of the colonists, we may be permitted to express a hope that your Excellency, will not be biassed, as a stranger, by any *ex parte*, statements; but that the voice of the people in this territory will receive that due attention it merits.

We sincerely trust, that during the period your Excellency maintains the reins of Government in

Western Australia, a cordial unanimity may prevail between yourself and the people you are appointed to govern, and that it may please a gracious Providence, to bless you with health to enable you satisfactorily to perform those arduous duties, which the Government of so large a territory must necessarily entail.

With our most earnest wishes that your Excellency's sojourn may be rendered agreeable to yourself and beneficial to the colony.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN.—I have received with no common satisfaction the assurance you give in your Address of undiminished feelings of loyalty to our gracious Sovereign. I beg to assure you at the same time how much I appreciate your kind wishes for myself and the hearty and cheering welcome you tendered on my disembarkation in this Settlement.

To make you any pledge as to my future line of policy, or the course I may see fit to pursue, would be on my part premature at the present moment; but I pray you to believe that I come among you determined to know no party, to consult no interest save that of my Sovereign, the general wants and wishes of the colonists at large both rich and poor, to whom the doors of Government-house will always be open, whenever they may wish to claim my attention and consideration to any matter affecting their interest; the advancement of which I must ever consider my duty to forward with the most lively and increasing efforts. Claiming on my part to aid me in this laudable undertaking, the honest support and cooperation of all right-thinking and dispassionate persons in this colony.

It is hardly necessary to say I respond most fully to the wish you express that a cordial unanimity may exist between me and the people of this colony, to ensure which I am of opinion too much should not be expected, on the one part from the Government; while on the other, ample allowance should be made for the hopes and fears of men struggling against disappointment and adversity in their worldly prospects.

Presented at Government House, Perth, August 18th.

May it please your Excellency,—We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Magistrates, Clergy, Landowners, and Inhabitants of Bunbury Australind, and the adjacent parts, in the district of Wellington, in the said Colony, beg leave to address your Excellency for the purpose of offering to you our sincere congratulations upon your safe arrival at the seat of your government; and the expression of our earnest hope, that your health may have entirely recovered from the effects of your service as Lieut.-Governor of the British settlements on the River Gambia.

In the selection of your Excellency by our most Gracious Sovereign for the important appointment of Governor of this colony, we have the best assurance of your talents, energy, and honorable character, and we therefore assure your Excellency of our entire confidence that you will administer the Government entrusted to you with wisdom and justice, to the honor of Her Majesty, and the advantage of us, her loyal and faithful subjects resident in this distant possession of her Imperial Crown.

We hail your Excellency's arrival at this critical juncture as a most auspicious event, because we trust it will be the means of allaying party spirit and that discontent with Executive Government which has unhappily prevailed, to the detriment of the best interests of the colony at large.

From the endeavors we feel confident your Excellency will use to unite all classes in energetic exertions for calling forth the natural resources of the colony, the improvement of its agriculture, and the extension of its commerce; and from those

measures which we equally rely on your adopting for the improvement of the religious, moral, and social condition of the colonists, we look for the happiest results, believing that with a vigorous but paternal government, and an united population, our adopted country may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, become prosperous and great.

That your Excellency may long continue in health, and govern this colony in the hearts of its inhabitants, is the ardent wish of us who have hereunto subscribed our names.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

Gentlemen.—I have received with the most unmixed pleasure, your congratulations on my arrival at the seat of Government; and be assured I feel sensibly your kindness for the favorable opinion you express as to the results likely to accrue from my appointment as Governor of this important settlement.

To speak of success in a Government involving so many complicated and important questions, would be presumptuous; but I pray you to believe that I come among you determined to devote such energy and humble talents as Providence has given me, to the honor of my God, the service of my Sovereign, and the welfare and advancement of the people resident in this settlement. To attain these desirable objects, I would crave your cordial support. Unite with me, therefore, all and each, for their attainment—by the suppression of vice—the encouragement of good morals—the diffusion of charity, peace, and good-will amongst one another; as without these blessings, our temporal success, however great, loses, in my opinion, one half its value.

I have the honor, &c.

Colonial Secretary's Office Perth
August 24, 1848.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday the 5th of September for performing the following work at Government House:—

Room over Dining Room. To take down the entire flooring, ceiling and partitions, and to relay the same with native materials. Tenders to be inscribed,
“TENDERS FOR REPAIRS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.”

For further particulars application to be made to the Superintendent of Public Works.

By His Excellency's command,
R. R. MADDEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth
August 24, 1848.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock of Tuesday the 5th of September for supplying by the Bag such quantities of Rice as may be required during the ensuing 6 months by the Goal Establishment at Perth. Tenders to be inscribed,

“TENDERS FOR RICE.”

For further particulars application to be made at this Office.

By His Excellency's command,
R. R. MADDEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
August 24, 1848.

DEPARTURING LICENSE CANCELED.

His Excellency the Governor has directed it to be notified for the information of all whom it may concern, that a Departuring License, dated 6th August 1848 for 4,000 acres Melbourne district, issued in favor of D. M'Pherson & Co., having been granted in error—such License has been and is hereby cancelled.

By His Excellency's command,
R. R. MADDEN,
Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Perth,
August 23, 1848.

List of unclaimed Letters.

- 1 Howett, John Henry
- 1 Hicks, Richard
- 1 Tesseond, G.
- 1 Leech, Alfred
- 1 Sheen, Thomas
- 1 Spencer, Charles
- 1 Simmons, Charles
- 1 Thompson, John

A. HELMICH,
Postmaster General.

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