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HIS Excellency desires it to be notified that he has this day received the following telegram from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales:—

In forwarding proceedings of opening ceremony of Colonial and Indian Exhibition by Her Majesty this day, should be glad if you would publish them in special issue of *Gazette*.

Address by His Royal Highness the Executive President to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the opening of the Exhibition.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

As Executive President of the Royal Commissioners appointed by your Majesty's royal warrant of the 8th November, 1884, for the promotion of an Exhibition of the British Colonial and Indian Empire, subsequently incorporated by Her Majesty's royal charter of the 10th September, 1885, I humbly beg leave to lay before you a brief statement of our proceedings up to the present time. The general interest manifested in the display made by your Majesty's Colonial and Indian Empire at the Paris Exhibition of 1878 led me, as President of the British Commission, to express a hope that an opportunity might soon occur by which your Majesty's subjects in England would be enabled to witness the marvellous development which under your beneficent rule their brethren and fellow-subjects had attained throughout so many portions of the globe. It was therefore with the highest gratification that I accepted your Majesty's gracious invitation to assume the executive presidency of this Commission, the appointment of which by your Majesty has been the means of making this hope a reality. The invitations which we were empowered by your Majesty to issue to the Colonial Govern-

ments and to the Government of India were forwarded towards the close of the year 1884, and from the answers received it at once became apparent that this undertaking had obtained warm and hearty sympathy throughout your Majesty's dominions, in your Majesty's Dominion of Canada, throughout your Australasian, African, West Indian, and Eastern Colonies, in your Mediterranean possessions, and elsewhere. Grants were voted, commissions formed, and Executive Commissioners appointed. That the work of preparation was undertaken with enthusiasm, and attended with success, is evident from the complete and varied collections which at present fill the building throughout which your Majesty has just passed. The response received from the Government of India was also of the most cordial character. His Excellency the Viceroy caused, through the Revenue and Agricultural Department, instructions to be issued to every district of your Majesty's Indian Empire for the collection of objects illustrative of the arts, manufactures, and resources of that great realm. These collections, which now adorn a large section of the Exhibition, have been supplemented by generous contributions from their Highnesses the Princes of India, by collections the formation of which we ourselves have authorized, and by the contributions of private native exhibitors. We are desirous of bringing under your Majesty's notice our deep appreciation of the hearty interest manifested by the respective Colonial Governments in the Exhibition, and of taking this opportunity of stating how greatly we are indebted to the Commissioners appointed by these Governments, and to the Executive Commissioners, on whom the superintendence of the entire work of installation has devolved. We further desire to record the valuable assistance which we have received from your Majesty's Viceroy, from the Supreme Government of India, and from the various officials who have so ably and thoroughly carried out their instructions. Our grateful

thanks are also due to the Colonial Governments, to the Government of India, to the Corporation of the City of London, to many city companies, and to the firms and individuals who have contributed to the guarantee funds. The fact that the list of subscribers not only includes those whose interests are likely to be specially affected by the Exhibition, but also comprehends every class of the community, supplies gratifying proof of the universal sympathy and interest which this undertaking has aroused. We venture to avail ourselves of this opportunity to convey to your Majesty our dutiful and loyal acknowledgement of the interest which your Majesty has been pleased to take in our labours, proved as it is by your Majesty's presence here to-day. Nor can I resist a reference to a similar ceremonial presided over by your Majesty a few paces from this, about thirty-five years ago. On that memorable occasion, the first of its kind, the Prince Consort, my beloved and revered father, filled the position which I, following in his footsteps, at however great a distance, now have the honour and gratification of occupying. Your Majesty alone can fully realize with what deep interest my beloved father would, had he been spared, have watched, as their originator, the development of the Exhibitions both in this country and abroad, and with what especial pleasure he would have rejoiced at the opening of such an Exhibition as the present, as having for its object the prosperity of your Majesty's Empire, the interests of which he had so much at heart. In the Great Exhibition of 1851 your Majesty's colonial and Indian possessions were indeed represented, but their importance was then but little realized, and their present greatness was at that time unforeseen. During the years that have elapsed since 1851 few greater changes have been wrought than the marvellous development of the outlying portions of your Majesty's Empire. It is our heartfelt prayer that an undertaking intended to illustrate and to record this development may give a stimulus to the commercial interests and intercourse of all parts of your Majesty's dominions; that it may be the means of augmenting that warm affection and brotherly sympathy which is reciprocated by all your Majesty's subjects; and that it may still further deepen that steadfast loyalty which we who dwell in the Mother-country share with our kindred who have elsewhere so nobly done honour to her name.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

I receive with the greatest satisfaction the address which you have presented to me on the opening of this Exhibition. I have observed with a warm and increasing interest the progress of your proceedings in the execution of the duties intrusted to you by the Royal Commission, and it affords me sincere gratification to witness the successful result of your judicious and unremitting exertions, the magnificent exhibition which has been gathered together here to-day. I am deeply moved by your reference to the circumstances in which the ceremony of 1851 took place, and I heartily concur in the belief you have expressed that the Prince Consort, my beloved husband, had he been spared, would have witnessed with intense interest the development of his ideas, and would, I may add, have seen with pleasure our son taking the lead in the movement of which he was the originator; and I cordially concur with you in the prayer that this undertaking may be the means of imparting a stimulus to the commercial interests and intercourse of all parts of my dominions by encouraging the arts of peace and industry, and by strengthening the bonds of union which now exist in every portion of my Empire.

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On the opening of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition by Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate:—

Welcome, welcome with one voice!
In your welfare we rejoice,
Sons and brothers that have sent,
From isle and cape and continent,
Produce of your field and flood,
Mount and mine and primal wood;
Works of subtle brain and hand,
Splendours of the morning land:
Gifts from every British zone.
Britons, hold your own!

May we find, as ages run,
The mother featured in the son;
And may yours for ever be
That old strength and constancy
Which has made your mother great
In our ancient island State;
And where'er her flag may fly,
Glorying between sea and sky,
Makes the might of Britain known.
Britons, hold your own!

Britain fought her sons of yore,
Britain failed, and never more,
Careless of our growing kin,
Shall we sin our fathers' sin.
Men that in a narrower day—
Unprophetic rulers they—
Drove from out the mother's nest
That young eagle of the West,
To forage for herself alone.
Britons, hold your own!

Sharers of our glorious past,
Brothers, must we part at last?
Shall not we, through cold and ill,
Cleave to one another still?
Britain's myriad voices call,
Sons, be welded each and all
Into one Imperial whole;
One with Britain heart and soul,
One life, one flag, one fleet, one throne.
Britons, hold your own,
And God guard all!

His Excellency has replied as follows:—

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, London,—

The Governor and Government of New Zealand, on behalf of the colony, acknowledge with respectful thanks receipt of telegram. They heartily congratulate your Royal Highness on opening Exhibition, success of which so greatly due to your gracious exertions.

His Excellency has forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen the following telegram:—

Her Majesty the Queen,—

The Governor and Government of New Zealand, on behalf of colony, most humbly tender to your Majesty their respectful thanks for great honour conferred on colonies by your Majesty opening Exhibition.

Telegram from Secretary Colonial and Indian Exhibition to Governor of New Zealand:—

4th May. The Prince of Wales this day officially inspected the New Zealand Section. He was received by Sir Francis Bell, Dr. Von Haast, and Dr. Buller, and examined with much interest and in detail the various sections of the Exhibition, and expressed his great satisfaction at the hearty co-operation of the Government of New Zealand and the completeness of the arrangements.

ROBERT STOUT,
Premier.

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