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COPY of a LETTER from the BISHOP of MELBOURNE to the
Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, M.P.

SIR,

Bishop's Court, December 29, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you the accompanying address from the clergy and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, sitting in Assembly in Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, under the authority of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 45, which address was unanimously agreed to by the members of such Assembly at its first session; and to request that you will have the goodness on my behalf and that of the Church in the Diocese of Melbourne, to present it to Her Majesty.

Her Majesty will I am sure be glad to learn that the Assembly constituted by the Act to which She was graciously pleased to give Her Royal Assent has exhibited throughout its first meeting such a patient attention to the subjects brought before it, and such moderation and calmness in their discussion, as fully to confirm the confidence which I previously felt in the beneficial result of their deliberation.

That Her Majesty may long continue to reign over us, and may always retain Her present place in the hearts of Her subjects in every part of Her widely extended empire, is the prayer of Her faithful servant.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. MELBOURNE.

Right Hon. H. Labouchere, M.P.

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To Her most Gracious Majesty Queen 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, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the clergy and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria, in constituted Assembly, desire to express to Your Majesty our affection and loyalty, and to offer our humble and heartfelt thanks for Your Majesty's gracious permission under which we have met to take counsel for the good of the church in this colony.

We beg to assure Your Majesty that our attachment to the time-honoured institutions of that great country from which most of us have emigrated is in no manner weakened by distance, and that we feel that in such instances as the one in which Your Majesty has graciously exercised the Royal prerogative, by enabling us to build up in this land a branch of the church of our forefathers, the ties which bind us to the whole empire are strengthened and rendered, as we trust, indissoluble.

We pray that, under the Divine blessing, Your Majesty may long be spared to receive the grateful tribute of your subjects' affections, and that the use which we may make of the privileges conferred upon us may give Your Majesty cause for permanent congratulation, and tend to the advancement of our holy religion in this land.

C. MELBOURNE, President.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE
to Governor Sir H. BARKLY.

(No. 31.)

SIR,

Downing Street, May 1, 1857.

I HAVE received from the Bishop of Melbourne a letter, dated Bishop's Court, the 29th of December 1856, enclosing an address to the Queen, signed by himself on behalf of the clergy and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland sitting in Assembly at Melbourne, under the authority of the Local