

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer :

“ MR. PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL
IRISH ACADEMY,

“ I thank you for your congratulations on my arrival in Ireland.

“ It is a source of pleasure to me to feel that a part of my public duty, as the Representative of her Majesty, will bring me into such immediate connexion with the body of scientific and learned gentlemen forming the Royal Irish Academy.

“ The duties of a visitor lose the austerity of official character, and merge into those of friendship and association, when the person who is invested with them has the honour of being received with the warmth which has distinguished your reception of myself.

“ You are pleased to estimate my fitness and talents beyond their value ; but I can assure you that you cannot attach more importance than I do to the welfare and prosperity of such institutions as yours. As you justly observe, the pursuit of the objects principally cultivated by the Royal Irish Academy enables you to foster within your body feelings of mutual good-will ; and when I see enrolled amongst your members those who conscientiously entertain a difference of opinion upon points of the very highest importance, I cannot withhold my conviction of the public utility of a society which affords them a point of union, and holds out to them an object upon which they can honestly coincide.”

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