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On the 3rd September, 1849,

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AT BALMORAL,

There attended HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT,

By Special Command,

HENRY COLE,  
FRANCIS FULLER,  
DIGBY WYATT.

Mr. Digby Wyatt was presented to His Royal Highness as having acted as Secretary to the Deputation.

The following Correspondence was reported as having been entered upon the Minutes, according to the direction of His Royal Highness:—

Osborne, July 31, 1849.

SIR,

The Society of Arts having during several years formed Exhibitions of Works of National Industry, which have been very successful, believe that they have thereby acquired sufficient experience, and have sufficiently prepared the public mind, to venture upon the execution of a plan they have long cherished—to invite a Quinquennial Exhibition in London of the Industry of all Nations.

They think that the only condition wanting to ensure the success of such an undertaking, would be the sanction of the Crown given in a conspicuous manner; and they are of opinion that no more efficacious mode could be adopted than the issue of a Royal Commission to enquire into, and report upon, the practicability of the scheme, and the best mode of executing it.

I have therefore been asked, as President of the Society, to bring this matter officially before you, and to beg that Her Majesty's Government will give this important subject their best consideration.

The Exhibition was proposed to be invited for 1851, and the magnitude of the necessary preliminary arrangements render it highly desirable that the decision which the Government may have come to should be ascertained within the space of a few months.

I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) ALBERT.

The Right Honorable

Sir George Grey, Bart., G.C.B.,

&c., &c.

Home Office.