BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

General Sir Dighton Probyn, Keeper of the Privy Purse, writes to acknowledge the receipt of Mr John Grant's letter of the 19th inst:, forwarding a Pibroch entitled "Lament for Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria".

Sir Dighton Probyn will not fail to take an opportunity of laying the Pibroch before The King as requested.

It is, however, contrary to The King's custom to accept Presents from anyone with whom His Majesty is not personally acquainted, and, as, on the last occasion when Mr Grant sent a similar piece of Music, His Majesty (though fully

appreciating Mr Grant's kind thought) seemed concerned at the time and expense which must have been entailed in the preparation of the Music, Sir Dighton Probyn thinks it would be better for Mr Grant not to send any further compositions for His Majesty's acceptance.

30th January 1907.