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Whitehall, August 9, 1955.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN on Saturday, the 6th instant, on the occasion of the opening by Her Majesty of the Usk Reservoir of the Corporation of Swansea:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SWANSEA.

May it please Your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea, humbly desire to offer to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, a warm and cordial welcome to the site of our new Reservoir. We wish to convey an expression of our deeply felt pride at the high honour conferred upon us by this gracious visit and to assure you that we are gratefully sensible of the interest which Your Majesty and His Royal Highness have shown in this project. The pleasure derived from its successful accomplishment is enhanced by Your Majesty's inspiring inauguration which is a happy culmination of an undertaking of supreme moment to Swansea.

It is our fervent Prayer that Your Majesty and His Royal Highness may ever enjoy health and happiness and that Your Majesty may long live to reign over your Realms in peace and prosperity.

Given under the Seal of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea this 6th day of August, 1955.

*Percy Morris, Mayor.
T. B. Bowen, Town Clerk.*

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the loyal address of the Corporation and for the cordial welcome which in the name of the people of Swansea you have given to Me and My Husband.

This Reservoir is an inspiring tribute to the foresight and co-operation of all those, in town and country alike, who have helped in its planning. It is also a monument to the ingenuity and technical skill of its designers and builders. A plentiful supply of pure water is indeed a river of life to a great town and Swansea will owe a debt for years to come to all who have taken a part, however small, in carrying this enterprise to completion.

I warmly congratulate them and have great pleasure in inaugurating the service which the Usk Reservoir provides.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN on Monday, the 8th instant, on the occasion of the opening by Her Majesty of Plas Gogerddan:—

May it please Your Majesty:

On behalf of all members of the University College of Wales, I have the honour to offer to

Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh our most loyal welcome and to express our deep and sincere appreciation of your gracious consent to open this vital addition to our College buildings.

From a time whence "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" the "uchelwyr" or squires occupying Gogerddan rendered their due services to the State and to the local community, as soldiers; Members of Parliament, local magistrates and patrons of bards and lawyers.

Recently the Gogerddan Estate was acquired by the College; and with a substantial sum of money generously provided by Your Majesty's Treasury through the University Grants Committee and the University Court, the mansion house (or as it is generally known throughout Wales "the Palace of Gogerddan") has now been adapted to house a new kind of service to the nation, indeed to mankind; the Welsh Plant Breeding Station, whose scientific research has already earned world-wide recognition.

Your Majesty, by Your gracious presence on this occasion, will not only set the seal on our past achievements and encourage those who work here today but will also stimulate all of us in our allotted tasks in the College and the University.

And now, I would ask Your Majesty to be graciously pleased to open "Plas Gogerddan" as the new home of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I thank you Mr. President and the members of the University College of Wales for your loyal address and for the kind welcome you have given to Me and My husband.

It is most fitting that this home of one of the ancient families of Wales should continue to welcome men and women whose privilege it also is to serve the community. The confidence and the generosity of those who made possible the foundation of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station have been well recompensed by the great services which it has rendered to agriculture at home and abroad and by the fame achieved by its Directors who, like the Psalmist, appreciate the importance of green pastures in the life of man.

I have great pleasure in declaring open Plas Gogerddan.

My husband joins me in wishing the Station and all who work here in its new home every success.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Aberystwyth on Monday the 8th instant to open the completed buildings of the National Library of Wales:—

May it please Your Majesty:

We, The Court of Governors and The Council of The National Library of Wales, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty our loyal thanks and greetings