

To Their Most Excellent-Majesties King Edward  
and Queen Alexandra.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of Westminster, desire respectfully to approach Your Majesties with our loyal and heartfelt congratulations upon Your Majesties' Coronation.

We take this opportunity of expressing to Your Majesties our thankfulness that Almighty God has been pleased to respond to the Empire's prayer and has restored Your Majesty the King from a dangerous illness throughout which Your Majesty displayed a patient courage which has won the admiration of Your Majesty's loving subjects and the civilized world.

We recall with pleasurable satisfaction the long and close association of the ancient city of Westminster with the doings and destinies of the Sovereigns of this realm, and feel an especial pride in the fact that Westminster enjoys the pre-eminent distinction of being the birth-place and home of Your Majesty the King and the scene of Your Majesties' Coronation.

The deep and active interest which Your Majesties have evinced in the social life of the nation, the support which our great charitable and other institutions have always received at the hands of Your Majesties, and the warm sympathy and assistance which Your Majesties have ever extended to the poor and distressed, encourage us to believe that Your Majesties' reign will be marked by an uninterrupted continuance of that national advancement and that unswerving loyalty to the Throne which were such conspicuous and happy features of the beneficent reign of Your Majesty the King's illustrious and lamented mother of revered memory.

We tender to Your Majesties our dutiful homage, and beg to assure Your Majesties of our sincere devotion to Your Majesties' Persons and Throne, and we pray that the King of Kings, the Protector of all mankind, may vouchsafe to Your Majesties a happy and glorious reign over a prosperous, contented, and loyal people.

Given under our Common Seal this  
twenty-fifth day of October, 1902.

*Clifford Probyn, Mayor.*

*John Hunt, Town Clerk.*



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

"Your loyal congratulations and the devotion which you express on behalf of the citizens of Westminster are most gratifying both to Myself and to the Queen, and We are deeply touched by your reference to the recovery which it has pleased God to grant Me from a dangerous illness.

"The warm good wishes of the inhabitants of the City which is the seat of My Government, and where I was born and reside, could not fail to be especially welcome to Us on this happy occasion.

"Be assured that the welfare of Our people and the promotion of every social and charitable movement which makes for the amelioration of their condition will ever be the objects closest to Our hearts."

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and Queen Alexandra.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayors, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Kensington, and of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Bethnal Green, Chelsea, Finsbury, Fulham, Hackney, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Holborn, Islington, Paddington, Poplar, Shoreditch, Stepney, Stoke Newington, St. Marylebone, and St. Pancras:—

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, Your Majesties' loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Kensington and of the other Metropolitan Boroughs North of the Thames, representing the inhabitants of these boroughs, avail ourselves of Your gracious permission to approach You and to offer, in connection with Your recent Coronation, our heartfelt congratulations upon His Majesty the King's complete restoration to health and strength.

We recognize all that Your Coronation symbolizes, and we trust that during the reign commenced under circumstances which have been so auspiciously changed, the ties which knit Sovereign and people together in the reign of our late beloved Queen may be if possible strengthened.

We are deeply sensible of the interest which Your Majesties have ever shown in the local government of Your people, and feel assured that the honour which Your Majesties this day confer upon the municipalities of London by receiving in person this and other expressions of their loyalty and devotion will tend to enhance the value of such government in the opinion of those we represent and of the country generally.

We highly appreciate Your Royal bounty to the poorer of our fellow-citizens, a further evidence, if such were needed, of the interest You take in the welfare of Your subjects as suffer from want or distress.

We especially rejoice with Your Majesties at the recently concluded peace in South Africa, and earnestly hope that the "blessing of peace" may long continue throughout this vast Empire.

We beg, in conclusion, to assure Your Majesties of the attachment of the inhabitants of London north of the Thames to Your Persons, and we earnestly pray that the guidance and favour of the Almighty may be vouchsafed to Your Majesties, and to the Members of Your Family, and that You may long reign over a united, prosperous, and contented people.

Given under our Common Seals this 25th  
day of October, 1902.

*H. S. King,*

Mayor of the Royal Borough of Ken-  
sington. (L.S.)

*Wm. Chamber's Leete,*  
Town Clerk.

*C. E. Fox,*

Mayor of Bethnal Green. (L.S.)

*Robert Voss, Junr.,*  
Town Clerk.

*W. Fountain Woods,*

Mayor of Chelsea. (L.S.)

*Thos. Holland,*  
Town Clerk.

*Enos Howes,*

Mayor of Finsbury. (L.S.)

*G. W. Preston,*  
Town Clerk.

*Timothy Davies,*

Mayor of Fulham. (L.S.)

*R. M. Prescott,*  
Town Clerk.