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The following Address was presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to the Incorporated Law Society's Hall in Chancery-lane, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, to inaugurate the new wing added to that building:—

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, Your most loyal subjects, the President, Vice-President, and Council of the Law Society, desire, on behalf of the members of our profession, to offer the assurance of our affection to Your Majesties, and of our loyalty and devotion to the Throne, and to tender our sincere thanks for Your having graciously consented to open the new wing of this Hall.

Our profession was, until the year 1831, unrepresented, save by a Society established in 1739, which was confined to London alone. That Society had no Hall of its own; but by Charter granted by Your Royal Predecessor, King William IV, the Law Society, as it practically now exists, including both London and the provinces, was formed for the purpose of promoting professional improvement and facilitating the acquisition of legal knowledge.

This Charter was surrendered in the year 1845 to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, who was graciously pleased to grant a new Charter, which greatly improved the position of the Society's original constitution.

This Charter has been on two occasions supplemented by other Charters conferring further powers.

The Legislature has been pleased to confer upon the Law Society important duties with reference to the improvement of the profession, the acquisition of legal knowledge, the examination of students, the admission to the profession, the keeping of the Roll of Solicitors, and aiding in maintaining honourable practice.

The Council has thus been enabled, amongst other things, to give earnest attention to the

question of legal education in London, in the great Provincial centres, and throughout the country, and the Council is now co-operating with the Inns of Court with the object of establishing a School of Law.

For the furtherance of these purposes it has recently become necessary for the Society to make large additions to their building, which will, it is trusted, enable the Society, comprising over 8,000 members, more effectually to carry out the important duties which have been entrusted to it.

As loyal servants of Your Majesties, and Solicitors of the Supreme Court, we shall be greatly encouraged by Your gracious visit to continue to discharge faithfully the important duties with which the Society has been entrusted, and to the utmost of our power to aid in maintaining and improving the administration of justice.

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

"I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"It gives Me much pleasure to inaugurate this fine wing which the Law Society have added to their Hall to provide better accommodation for their various requirements; and I look upon the improvement as an assurance that the Society are determined to meet fully the responsibilities laid upon them by statute and by Royal Charters. The furtherance of a sound legal education among Solicitors, not only in this city, but throughout the country, is one of the most important duties entrusted to the Society. The increased facilities which this new building offers with its spacious halls for examinations and lectures, and its library, must do much to assist in promoting the objects which the Society have in view. I have the greatest interest in the advancement of your profession, knowing how much you contribute to the proper administration of Our laws; and I am