

You have been graciously pleased to manifest such kindly interest.

We desire, on this auspicious occasion, humbly to thank Your Majesties for Your gracious presence, and we earnestly pray to Almighty God to vouchsafe to You, Sir, with Your Royal Consort, our Beloved Queen, long to reign in undisturbed peace and happiness over a loyal, united, and prosperous Empire.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the Borough of Swansea this 20th day of July, 1904.

Griffith Thomas, Mayor.
Jno. Thomas, Town Clerk.

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

"I heartily thank you, on behalf of the Queen and Myself, for your loyal address of welcome.

"It gives Me sincere pleasure to find Myself again in your midst, and to be present at the commencement of a new dock, which will, I feel sure, form an important and useful addition to the fine series of docks for which the port of Swansea is already celebrated; and I rejoice to learn that the Prince of Wales Dock, the opening of which I well remember, is doing its part, as I expected, to increase your prosperity.

"Both the Queen and I are always glad of the opportunity of forwarding any undertaking which tends to augment the maritime commerce of Our Empire and to promote International peace and good relations.

"We are grateful for your good wishes for Our welfare, and cannot refrain from an expression of Our heartfelt gratification at the signs of loyal enthusiasm and attachment to Our persons which we have observed during Our visit.

"We shall ever follow the progress of your town with sincere interest."

To their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Chairman and Members of the Swansea Harbour Trust, as Representatives of the Merchants, Shipowners, and Traders of the Port of Swansea, crave leave on the occasion of this Your Majesties' first visit since Your Coronation, to express our devoted loyalty and attachment to Your Throne and Persons, and our deep gratitude for the distinguished honour Your Majesties confer upon us by cutting the first sod of our new dock, which it is proposed, with Your Majesties' gracious permission, to call "The King's Dock."

In 1881, Your Majesties were pleased to open the "Prince of Wales Dock," and it has been a source of much gratification to the inhabitants of this ancient Borough that you have so closely associated Yourselves with its welfare, and by the gracious Act which Your Majesties this day perform, they confidently look forward to this new undertaking being as successful as that which was then so auspiciously inaugurated, and they trust that it will aid in developing the commerce and increasing the prosperity of the vast Empire over which Your Majesties so beneficently rule.

We humbly beg to offer thanks to Your Most Gracious Majesties for Your Royal Presence, and we most earnestly pray that the blessing of God may ever rest upon You, and the never failing love of all Your people attend You in a prosperous and glorious reign.

Given under the Common Seal of the Swansea Harbour Trustees at Swansea, this 20th day of July, 1904.



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

"I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal address which you have presented to Me, and for the good wishes for Our welfare which you express. It is a great pleasure to Me to visit again this ancient Borough for the purpose of cutting the first sod of the new Dock which will form so important an addition to the fine series of Docks for which Swansea is justly celebrated. I have much pleasure in acceding to your wish that the dock should be called "The King's Dock." I am well assured that this great undertaking will be successfully completed, and will prove a source of increased prosperity not only to the Port of Swansea, but to the whole country, and will materially assist the development of international commerce."

To Their Most Gracious Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Members of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated, as representative of the commercial community of this County Borough and Port of Swansea, beg respectfully to associate ourselves with the sentiments of loyal homage and welcome already expressed by the Governing Bodies of the Town and Harbour.

We recall with grateful memory the previous visit of Your Majesties as Prince and Princess of Wales, in 1881, for the purpose of opening the Prince of Wales Dock.

It is satisfactory to be able to record that that undertaking has been eminently successful, being mainly responsible for the gratifying increase in the trade of the Port, which has more than doubled itself in the interval, and we regard this renewed indication of Your Majesties' gracious interest as a happy augury of similar success for the new enterprise which Your Majesties are about to initiate.

We devoutly pray that God's blessing may abundantly rest upon Your Majesties, and that Your Reign may be prolonged and prosperous.

In the name of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated.

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

"I heartily thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal address of welcome, which you have presented to Us, and for the sentiments which you have expressed therein.

"I retain a pleasurable recollection of My earlier visit to the Borough of Swansea for the purpose of opening the Prince of Wales Dock."