

assembled, greatly appreciate the opportunity, afforded to us by the passage of Your Majesty, with Your August Consort, Her Majesty the Queen, through our Borough, of respectfully presenting to Your Majesties this expression of our loyalty, and of our sincere and hearty welcome.

The occasion of Your Majesties' presence in the Borough is the opening of a great highway connecting the northern and southern portions of the capital of Your Empire, an improvement which was suggested, so long ago as the year 1883, to the Metropolitan Board of Works by the Board of Works for the St. Giles' District, the predecessors of the Holborn Borough Council, which has since continued to assist in carrying this important scheme into effect.

May we hope that the title of the thoroughfare may be fully justified, and that Your Majesties may find frequent opportunities in the future of passing through this Borough.

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 expression of your loyalty, and for the welcome which We have received.

"I am glad to be present to-day to open these great highways, Kingsway and Aldwych, and to know of the assistance which the Holborn Borough Council have rendered in the matter of this fine improvement.

"I am sure that Kingsway will do much to embellish and adorn your Borough, which already possesses so many ancient and beautiful buildings of historic interest."

No. 3.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Poplar.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Poplar, desire to avail ourselves of Your gracious permission to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our loyalty and devotion, on the occasion of the opening of the Kingsway and Aldwych, a great public improvement in which Poplar shares equally with the heart of London, and which has afforded employment for many of its workmen.

The deep sympathy and interest which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Gracious and Royal Consort have at all times shown with the cares and welfare of the poorest of Your Majesty's subjects emboldens us to crave Your Majesty's notice of the grave position of many of the industrial population of this Borough, and other industrial centres by reason of the prolonged lack of employment.

Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to assent to the Unemployed (Workmen) Act, which, while setting up a useful organization, makes no provision for funds, other than by voluntary contribution, for affording employment; and this Borough having reached the utmost limits of its financial resources, both in respect of Poor Law Relief, and in the provision of employment by the

Council, views with dread and alarm the prospect of another winter before the revival of trade in London enables the unemployed to become absorbed in the industrial occupations of the neighbourhood.

We feel that the problem of the Unemployed is one worthy of the attention of Parliament in a Special Session, with a view to the grant of Public Funds to enable the Central Bodies and Distress Committees, appointed under the Unemployed (Workmen) Act, to provide or contribute towards the provision of employment, and we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause this expression to be considered by Your Majesty's responsible Ministers.

We humbly assure Your Majesty of our loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne, and our profound regard for Your Majesty's Gracious and Royal Consort Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

We humbly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over a united, prosperous, and contented people.

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 you have presented, and for the sentiments of devotion and regard to My Throne and Person which you have expressed.

"The welfare of the industrial classes has always been a matter of the gravest concern to Us, and We are deeply grieved to hear of the distress which prevails among many of the labouring population in your Borough and elsewhere, owing to lack of employment. The Queen specially desires Me to express Our heartfelt sympathy with the wives and children, who must, in these circumstances, endure such severe hardships.

"We hope and pray that the sufferings of those at present unemployed may speedily pass away with a revival of trade, and, in the meantime, be mitigated by the legislation enacted by My Parliament in its last Session.

"I will not fail to refer the suggestions in your Address to My Ministers, who will, I am confident, advise Me in such a way as may be consistent with wisdom and sound policy."

No. 4.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Administrative County of London.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Chairman and Members of the London County Council, the representative authority of the capital of Your Majesty's Empire, desire respectfully to express our heartfelt thanks to Your Majesty for so graciously opening, for the benefit of the people of London, the great improvement which we have carried out, and to Her Majesty the Queen, who on this occasion, as on others, where the good of the people is concerned, is pleased