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The following Address was presented to His Majesty when Their Majesties passed through East Retford, on Tuesday, the 12th December:—

To His Majesty King Edward VII.

May it please Your Gracious Majesty,

We, the Mayor and Corporation, as representatives of the ancient Borough of East Retford, beg Your Most Gracious Majesty to accept, on the occasion of this Your visit to our neighbourhood, not only the expression of our sense of the honour which You thus confer upon us, but also the assurance of the devotion and loyalty that we feel towards Yourself and Your Illustrious Consort.

We shall ever pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over Your mighty Empire with its millions of subjects devoted to Your Dynasty, and happy in the enjoyment of unequalled liberties and privileges.

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

“We thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address on the occasion of Our visit to your ancient Borough.

“We are well aware of the importance of East Retford as an Agricultural Centre, and it gives Us great pleasure to pay you a personal visit. You may be assured that We shall always take the warmest interest in the prosperity of your Town.”

On reaching Worksop the following Address was presented to His Majesty:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Members of the Urban District Council of Worksop.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Members of the Urban District Council of Worksop, desire most respectfully to offer to Your Majesties a cordial welcome to our Town.

We recognize the deep concern which Your Majesties have at all times taken in the welfare of Your subjects, and note with pleasure the interest evinced by Your Majesties in the increasingly important work of Local Government carried on by the numerous Local Authorities throughout the Country.

We approach Your Majesties with profound reverence, and with the assurance that Your Majesties have no more loyal and devoted subjects than the Inhabitants of Worksop.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesties may long be spared to live in health and strength, continuing to rule over a prosperous, loyal, and happy people.

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

“On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you for the loyal address of welcome which you have handed to Me.

“I have always taken great interest in the work of Local Authorities, which, owing to the numerous duties now entrusted to them, have become so important a feature in the national life.

“It give Us much pleasure to visit this beautiful District, and you may be assured of Our sincere good wishes for the welfare of your Town.”

Whitehall, December 23, 1905.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 19th instant, to confer the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Charles Robert Spencer, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Althorp, of Great Brington, in the county of Northampton.