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The following Address was presented to The King on the arrival of His Majesty at Chester on the evening of the 12th May:—

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's liegemen, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of the City of Chester, in Council assembled, crave leave to tender our most dutiful homage to Your Majesty on Your first visit to our Ancient and Loyal City after Your Accession to the Throne, which is rendered all the more gracious as it is the first occasion on which a King of England has favoured the City with His Presence since the visit of His Majesty William the Third in 1690.

Your trusty servants bear in grateful remembrance the several occasions when Your Majesty, as Earl of Chester, honoured them with Your Gracious Presence, and esteem themselves highly favoured by the close conjunction of this present visit of Your Majesty with that of Your Majesty's well beloved and most noble son, George, Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester.

We desire to render our devout thanks and gratitude to Your Majesty that Your efforts to secure peace among the Nations have, by the blessing of Almighty God, been so abundantly successful, and we earnestly pray that such benediction will continue to attend Your Majesty and Your Illustrious Consort, Queen Alexandra, and that Your Majesty may be spared long to reign as our Sovereign Lord, assured at all times of the most devoted allegiance and sincere affection of the Citizens of this City, and of the free, prosperous, and contented subjects of Your Empire.

Sealed by Order of the Council this 29th day of April, 1908.

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

I have great pleasure in receiving the loyal and dutiful Address from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Chester, which you have handed to Me.

I have not forgotten My connection with your City as Earl of Chester, and from My youth I have always considered Chester one of the most interesting of cities.

The traditions of loyalty and affection to the Sovereigns of this country, which have been handed down to you from the most ancient times, and have been cemented by the visits paid to you by My predecessors, are, I am firmly convinced, cherished by you with as much warmth as at any time in past history.

I regret that the time at My disposal does not permit Me to revisit the beautiful buildings which abound in your City, your splendid Cathedral, and the many interesting memorials of bygone days which attract visitors to you from all parts of the world.

I am grateful for your appreciation of My efforts in the cause of peace. I may assure you that these efforts shall not cease, nor will I spare any exertion which may tend to enhance the welfare of our dear country. I shall long remember the cordial welcome which I have met with to-day.

War Office,
15th May, 1908.

His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the units of the Imperial Yeomanry, which have been transferred to the Territorial Force, being in future designated "Yeomanry."