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FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1909.

Whitehall, July 5, 1909.

The following Addresses were presented to The King on the occasion of His Majesty's arrival at Gloucester on the 23rd June, 1909, on a visit to the Royal Agricultural Show:—

To His Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Gloucester, in Council assembled, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with an expression of most sincere welcome on this Your first visit to Gloucester, on the occasion of the 70th Annual Show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Gloucester is an ancient and most interesting City, occupying the site of Caer Glow—the fair or bright City—which was built by the Britons prior to the Roman invasion and became a Roman Colony about the year A.D. 50. Prior to and for many years after the Norman Conquest, Gloucester was "the scene of Courts and Councils." William the Conqueror "bare his Kingly helm" here each year at Midwinter, and here he "had great council and very deep speech with his Witan about this land," which resulted in the compilation of the Domesday Book.

King Henry II granted to the Burgesses the same customs and liberties as the Citizens of London and those of Winchester had in the time of King Henry his grandfather.

King Richard I granted the Borough to the Burgesses for ever at ferm, rendering the sum they were wont to render; and later Kings made the Royal Borough a City and County of itself and granted other special favours.

Always proud of these ancient privileges, Gloucester is now a fair and thriving City, hopeful that its excellent geographical position and other advantages may foster its recent steady growth as a manufacturing and commercial centre, especially as a Royal Commission is about to report on the Canals and inland navigations of the Country, of which the River Severn and the adjoining waterways are such noble examples.

We welcome Your Majesty's visit as a mark of Royal favour to the ancient City and also as a further evidence of Your Majesty's deep interest in and desire to encourage Agriculture, the oldest industry and one of the utmost importance to this City and the surrounding districts, which include the Cotswold Hills, the Forest of Dean and the beautiful and fertile valley of the Severn.

We rejoice that, by God's help, Your Majesty has been enabled to do so much to advance the welfare of this great Empire and to promote peace and goodwill among the Nations of the World.

We earnestly pray that God may bless Your Majesty and our beloved Queen Alexandra; and that Your Majesty may long be spared happily to reign over a truly loyal, united and contented people.

Given under our Common Seal this 23rd day of June, 1909.

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

"I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal and dutiful Address of welcome.

"It gives Me great pleasure to come among My subjects of the West country and to visit