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FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1909.

Whitehall, July 20, 1909.

The following Address was presented to The King on the arrival of Their Majesties at Liverpool on Wednesday, the 7th July, en route for Birmingham, for the opening of the new buildings of the University of Birmingham:—

Address of the Liverpool City Council.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesties' loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Liverpool humbly desire to offer to Your Majesties the assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's person and of our pleasure in welcoming Your Majesties to the City of Liverpool. We desire to express our gratitude for the presence of Your Majesty and of Her Majesty the Queen at the Review of the Territorial Forces of West Lancashire, and we rejoice to think that Your Majesty has thus honoured a Force which the Citizens of Liverpool have done all in their power to assist. We humbly pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to rule over us, and in company with Her Majesty the Queen, enjoy for many years the love and devotion of a loyal people.

Given under the Corporate Common Seal of the City of Liverpool, the seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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.

"I remember well My last visit to you, which was for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Cathedral, which witnesses to the care of your Citizens for the religious needs of the community. With religion patriotism goes hand in hand, and it is not unfitting that My second visit to Liverpool should be for the purpose of reviewing the Territorial Forces of West Lancashire.

"I trust that, under the Providence of God, there may never be occasion for the Forces which I have reviewed to-day to be called into action; but readiness for self-defence is the strongest of the safeguards of peace, and I rejoice to know that the Citizens of Liverpool have done their part in the work of providing for the defence of My country. I am sure that you will spare no efforts in the future for this object."

On the arrival of Their Majesties at Birmingham the following Addresses were presented:—

Address of the Birmingham City Council.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, Your Majesties' loyal and devoted subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Your City of Birmingham, in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Royal presence to offer a sincere and hearty welcome on the occasion of this—the first—visit of Your Majesties to our City since the coronation of Your Majesties as King and Queen of this Realm.