Since our return to England this spirit has vividly expressed itself in the spontaneous message of cordial goodwill and fellowship from the Princes and Peoples of India to the British Nation.

I am confident that you, the Representatives of the City of London, the heart of the Mother-Country, and all My people in these Islands, will welcome and reciprocate the assurance in that message of warm attachment to the Empire and the expression of belief that the link which unites India to My other Imperial Dominions cannot be broken.

We earnestly hope that Our visit to India and the important measures announced during its progress may result in the betterment of the Administration and further the general happiness and well-being of the People.

I feel sure that nowhere will such an advancement be more welcome than in the City of London, which has an historical connection with India from the earliest days of British influence and rule, and is bound to it to-day by ties of ever-increasing commerce.

We are touched by your sympathy with the sorrow which We feel at the loss of Our beloved Brother-in-law, the Duke of Fife, a sorrow which is shared by all who are acquainted with his life and character.

We are grateful for your prayers on our behalf. By God's help My efforts will constantly be directed towards the happiness and prosperity of all My subjects both here and in the most distant parts of My Empire.

ADDRESS FROM THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

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

May it please Your Majesties,—

We, the Council of the Administrative County of London, beg loyally to offer our congratulations to Your Majesties upon Your Majesties' return from the successful performance of the high and important functions which Your Majesties' Sovereign position has caused Your Majesties to undertake in the interest alike of the Kingdom and the Empire. We take leave to assure Your Majesties that the many evidences of personal affection and loyalty which all sections of the people of India exhibited throughout the entire series of events which culminated with the creation of the ancient and historical City of Delhi to be the capital City of India were considered with the greatest interest and satisfaction by all classes of the inhabitants of London, and we venture to affirm that Your Majesties' home coming to the capital of the Empire affords the opportunity, in no insignificant manner, of manifesting the fresh bonds of constitutional relationship which knit India with the British Dominions in entire devotion to their Sovereign Lord and Lady, King and Queen.

We cannot refrain from expressing our deep sorrow at the death of His Grace the Duke of Fife, husband of the Princess Royal, and Lord Lieutenant of our county, and beg respectfully to tender our sympathy with Your Majesties and the Royal Family in this severe bereavement.

We are heartfelt in our feelings of thankfulness that Your Majesties' health and strength have been preserved throughout the great events which have just passed, and we beg leave, on behalf of all London, to give expression to our continued devotion and loyalty.

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

The Queen and I thank you heartily, and through you the inhabitants of London, for the warmth of their welcome to Us on Our return from India.

We were touched by the assembly in the streets of the crowds who gave Us so hearty a reception, both on Our arrival and as We proceeded to and from St. Paul's Cathedral on the following day.

It has been a matter of gratification to Us to feel that the brilliant and momentous events of the past three months have been followed with such sympathetic interest here in London; and I trust that this interest will lead to a deeper realisation by all My people of their responsibilities towards My Indian Empire.

The enthusiastic and affectionate loyalty which have greeted the Queen and Myself throughout Our journey, will always be to Me a source of inspiration in My endeavours toward the general welfare of My subjects.

We appreciate deeply your sympathetic reference to the death of Our beloved Brother-in-law, the Duke of Fife, which has clouded the bright occasion of Our home coming.

I acknowledge with gratitude the assurances of the loyalty and devotion to My Throne and Person to which your Address gives expression.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *February*, 1912.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 31st day of January, 1912, in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 4th day of May, 1911, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to approve of an addition of £10 for each complete year's full pay service in the rank of Paymaster in Chief on the Active List being allowed in the assessment of Retired Pay of Officers of that