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TUESDAY, 22 APRIL, 1913.

Whitehall, April 17th, 1913.

The following Address was presented to The King on Wednesday, the 9th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Woolwich:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King
George and Queen Mary.

May it please Your Majesties.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich, representing the inhabitants of the said Borough, desire to convey to Your Majesties an expression of our appreciation of the high honour conferred upon the Borough by this the first visit of Your Majesties to Woolwich.

Woolwich was from the earliest records included in the Royal Manor of Eltham, and King Edward the First was declared to be Lord of Eltham and Woolwich. A substantial part of the area of the Borough is still the property of the Crown.

Your Majesties' Dockyard at Woolwich was established as far back as 1512, and as long

ago as the year 1695 it was recognised as the "Mother Dock of England," and contributed to the number of the Ships-Royal equally with any other two Docks, such historical Ships as the "Harry Gràce-a-Dieu" and the "Sovereign of the Seas" having been built there.

The Royal Arsenal, one of the objects of Your Majesties' visit, is of scarcely less ancient origin, and is known throughout Your Majesties' Empire as a national workshop, where many thousands of Your Majesties' loyal and skilled subjects are employed.

Woolwich is and has for many years also been a large Garrison Town and a centre for military education, several Royal and Imperial personages having passed through the Royal Military Academy.

We gratefully realise the interest shown by Your Majesties' visit in the work carried on in these establishments, and we humbly desire to express a hope that this great national industry may increase and prosper alike in the interests of Your Majesties, your Great Empire, and the men employed therein.

For these reasons we specially welcome Your Majesties to the Borough of Woolwich, and