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Whitehall, July 30, 1913.

The following Addresses were presented to the KING on the occasion of Their Majesties' recent visit to Lancashire:—

Address presented by the LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL on the 7th July, on Their Majesties' arrival at Knowsley:—

To His Most Excellent Majesty King George V.

*May it please Your Majesty.*

We, the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, desire on our own behalf as well as for the community we represent to avail ourselves of the privilege, so graciously granted, of giving Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort a sincerely loyal and hearty welcome on this occasion of Your visit to Your Duchy and the County Palatine of Lancaster.

We beg to assure Your Majesty that the people of the County Palatine deeply appreciate this further evidence of the great interest Your Majesty has always shown in all that concerns the welfare of Your subjects, and especially of the present purpose of Your Majesty to obtain a more intimate knowledge of the conditions under which the teeming populations in Your Duchy are employed, and of the methods adopted in carrying on the

extensive industrial and commercial undertakings of the County, upon the maintenance and development of which the happiness and well-being of so large a number of Your Majesty's subjects depend.

We humbly trust that Your Majesty and Queen Mary will find Your visit interesting and informing, and will ever retain a pleasing recollection of the welcome You will receive from Your faithful subjects in Lancashire.

We earnestly pray that every blessing may be vouchsafed to Your Majesty in the occupation of the Throne, and that health and happiness may attend Your Majesty and Queen Mary in a long and prosperous Reign.

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

On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you very heartily for your kind Address of welcome to My Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster.

Your County, so often the scene of momentous events in our history, has now become a hive of industry, and is connected by innumerable ties with all parts of My Empire. The Queen and I retain very pleasant and grateful memories of all that We saw and learned