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TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1924.

Whitehall,
19th July, 1924.

The following Address was presented to The KING on Thursday, the 10th instant, on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers at Richmond, Surrey:—

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND (SURREY).

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES
KING GEORGE V. AND QUEEN MARY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTIES:—

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond (Surrey), desire to express to Your Majesties our cordial thanks for being afforded this opportunity of welcoming Your Majesties to our Town on the auspicious occasion of your opening the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers.

We recall with sincere pleasure, the many years during which Queen Mary resided in Richmond Park, when she became endeared to the Inhabitants of the Borough by her many acts of kindness and goodwill, and by her zealous interest in the benevolent Institutions of the District.

We also remember with lively satisfaction the many occasions upon which Your Majesties have been graciously please to honour our Town by your presence, particularly when

Your Majesty the King opened our Town Hall in 1893, and Your Majesty the Queen opened the "Princess Mary" Ward of the Richmond Royal Hospital in 1896, and again when Your Majesties jointly inaugurated a new Wing at the same Hospital in 1903.

We also bear in mind, with sincere gratification, the many less formal occasions upon which Your Majesties have been pleased to visit our Town and patronise its Institutions.

We desire most humbly and respectfully to avail ourselves of this opportunity which is so graciously afforded to us of welcoming Your Majesties to our Borough, comprised in which is Your Royal Manor of Richmond, and to declare afresh our unswerving loyalty to Your Royal Selves and Your Throne, expressing as we do, the fervent hope that Your Majesties may in health and happiness long be spared to reign over a loyal, peaceful and prosperous people.

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

I thank you very sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address and for the cordiality of the reception which you have given to the Queen and myself.

We revisit Richmond with great pleasure. At White Lodge much of the Queen's girlhood was passed and it has many intimate associations for us both. We are touched and gratified to learn that the incidents of the Queen's home life and her efforts for the well-being of