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The following Address was presented to Their Majesties the King and Queen by the Corporation of Aberdeen on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the extensions to the City's Art Gallery, known as the Cowdray Hall, on the 29th September, 1925:—

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES THE  
KING AND QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesties:—

We, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen desire to offer Your Majesties a very cordial welcome to Aberdeen.

We remember with pleasure the former occasion on which Your Majesty, when Duke of York, visited our ancient City, and we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of renewing to Your Majesty the assurance of our loyalty and attachment.

The interest taken by Her Majesty, the Queen, in the Art Gallery, the University, and other public institutions in the City, has been a source of much gratification to the citizens.

We desire to thank Your Majesties for honouring us with Your presence on this occasion, for the purpose of opening the extensions of the Art Gallery.

The new buildings, which will form a very important addition to the Gallery, have been provided by the generosity of citizens and friends interested in the promotion of Art and Music in the City, and in the progress of our ancient royal Burgh.

We fervently hope that Your Majesties may long be spared to fulfil, under God's blessing, the duties of Your exalted position.

*The King's Gracious Reply was as follows:—*

The Queen and I have listened with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction to the loyal and warm-hearted Address from the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen: and we thank you for the cordiality of the welcome given to us on this occasion.

I preserve the happiest recollections of my former visit to Aberdeen: and the Queen is touched by your kindly references to her association with the various activities of your ancient City.

My family have many friendly links with Aberdeen. It is the County Town of the Shire where Queen Victoria made her dearly loved Highland Home, which she quitted for the last time only within a few months of her death. My Father greatly enjoyed his annual visit to Deeside: and the Queen and I look forward to the weeks we spend each year at Balmoral with its beautiful surroundings as a restful and most delightful holiday.