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FRIDAY, 15 APRIL, 1927.

Westminster, 12th April, 1927.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—*

- Royal and Parliamentary Titles Act, 1927.
- Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1927.
- Forestry Act, 1927.
- Army and Air Force (Annual) Act, 1927.
- Nar Valley Drainage Act, 1927.
- Yeadon Waterworks Act, 1927.
- Tyne Improvement Act, 1927.

The following Address was presented to His Majesty The KING at Buckingham Palace on the 4th instant:—

DELEGATES TO THE LISTER
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We who are here present by Your Majesty's gracious invitation, have assembled in the capital of Your Empire to celebrate the One

Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Joseph Lister who, in recognition of his great achievements for Science and for Humanity, was raised by Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the peerage of this Realm with the title of Baron Lister of Lyme Regis.

Lord Lister's brilliant powers as an investigator, and his single-minded devotion to science, enabled him, in applying to the problems of surgery the discoveries of his great contemporary, Louis Pasteur, to lay bare the hidden causes of septic inflammation, to discover the means of its prevention and thereby to inaugurate a new epoch in the science and practice of surgery. It may well be doubted whether the scientific activity of any other one man has achieved so much for the saving of human life and for the prevention and relief of the physical sufferings which afflict mankind.

Among those who are present, in addition to delegates from the Learned Societies, the Universities, and the Medical and Surgical Colleges of this Kingdom, and from the Dominions of Your Empire Overseas, are representatives of Medical and Surgical Science from many other lands, who have come to join with us in commemorating the birth of Lord Lister, one of the greatest benefactors of the human race in all parts of the World.

As President of the Royal Society of London, an office in which Lord Lister himself was one of my most distinguished predecessors, I have the honour to express to Your Majesty the dutiful thanks of all the members of this delegation for the honour of