

*Whitehall, July 16, 1937.*

The following Addresses were presented to The KING on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Cardiff on Wednesday, the 14th instant:—

#### CITY OF CARDIFF.

TO THEIR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTIES KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff, your most loyal and devoted subjects, desire to extend to Your Most Gracious Majesties a warm welcome to our City.

We are deeply conscious of the honour of receiving Your Majesties on the occasion of your first visit to the Principality of Wales following your Coronation.

We rejoice at the thought that Your Majesties' gracious presence in the City gives an opportunity to Your Majesties' dutiful subjects of offering most respectful congratulations upon your Coronation and of pledging loyalty and devotion to Your Majesties.

We are grateful for the occasion to demonstrate to Your Majesties the same steadfast allegiance which it was our delight to give to Your late Father, King George V, whose blessed memory will ever be a source of profound inspiration, and we recall with pride the occasion when he, with Your devoted and much-beloved Mother, Queen Mary, visited our City in the year 1927 to open the National Museum of Wales.

We have happy recollections of Your Majesty's visit to our City in the year 1926 when Your Majesty, as Duke of York, accepted the Honorary Freedom of our City, and remember that Your Majesties, as Duke and Duchess of York, were graciously pleased to visit our City in the year 1932 and to receive on behalf of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth a miniature house, a gift from the people of Wales.

We take this opportunity to renew the good wishes which then were offered to Her Royal Highness and humbly add thereto our greetings to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret Rose.

We fervently pray that God may bless Your Majesty with a long and happy reign and that the ideals of peace and amity amongst the Nations of the world, which are so cherished by Your Majesty, may be realised, and that the profound feeling of respect and devotion which exists between Your Royal House and Your peoples may ever continue.

Given under the Common Seal of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff this 14th day of July 1937.

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HERBERT HILES, Lord Mayor.  
D. KENVYN REES, Town Clerk.

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

The Queen and I thank you for this loyal Address of Welcome from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff.

It is a real pleasure to me, as a Freeman of

the City, that my Coronation visit to the Principality should start at Cardiff, and I am happy during the first year of my reign to continue the personal visits which have linked the City to the Royal House.

The Queen and I deeply appreciate your good wishes for ourselves and our children and we shall always look back with the most pleasant recollections upon the affectionate welcome which we have received to-day.

#### MONMOUTHSHIRE AND SOUTH WALES COAL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH.

May it please Your Most Gracious Majesties,

The occasion of Your Majesties' visit to Cardiff, one of the principal coal shipping ports of the world, affords the deepest satisfaction to the colliery owners who are members of this Association, and who desire to extend to Your Majesties a warm welcome.

It will interest Your Majesties to know that in the South Wales coalfield there are 237 associated mines now in operation, employing 121,378 workmen. On the memorable occasion of the visit to this city of our beloved King George V and Her Gracious Majesty Queen Mary, the Association in its humble Address could claim that there were over 600 mines operating and that employment was being provided for 220,000 colliery workers.

Your Majesties are doubtless aware of the several causes and circumstances to which this adverse change is attributable and will realise the significance to South Wales of the fact that whereas in 1923 more than 30 millions of tons of its coal were sent overseas, by 1936 the amount had fallen to a little over 13 million tons.

But, in this their humble address, the colliery owners do not wish to dwell on the adversity which so long beset their industry. Rather would they humbly express to Your Majesties their profound gratification that Your Majesties' accession to the throne has synchronised with a considerable recovery in the fortunes of mining undertakings. Latterly, at home and abroad sales of coal have considerably increased, and they pray that so auspicious an opening may be prophetic of a glorious reign that will witness a full restoration of those economic activities upon which the prosperity and happiness of the people of South Wales so largely depend.

Indeed, so confident are the members of the Association that the improvement in trade which has manifested itself with increased momentum in this Your Majesties' Coronation Year is well founded, that they have recently entered into a long term agreement with the workers which ensures for them substantially higher rates of pay.

Furthermore, they would assure Your Majesties, that there exists in the industry—no less on the workmen's side than on the colliery owners'—a most earnest desire that nothing should be done which might check the expansion of trade now proceeding, and for which the waiting has been so long and patient.

New machinery for conciliating differences and speedily removing grievances has been