

We are conscious that Your reign has seen great social and political change, not least in the reception of many immigrants into the United Kingdom as Your subjects. We are grateful for the role which Your Majesty plays in constituting a focal point of national unity and in embodying the concept of personal caring.

We are also aware that Your reign has witnessed the transition from Empire to Commonwealth, and we wish to record our appreciation of Your many and arduous journeys to the nation states which comprise it.

We have regard to the significance of Your role as Head of the Commonwealth ministering as we do in a Church where Services celebrating the Independence of member states have been held, together with the annual Commonwealth Observance which Your Majesty has attended.

With great respect may we say to Your Majesty that we value highly the link which Westminster Abbey, as a Royal Peculiar, has with You its Visitor. We recognise the independence which this confers upon us and it is our hope that we may use responsibly the opportunities which this constitutional position opens up before us.

We remember Your Majesty in the course of our daily worship and it is our constant prayer that God's blessing will rest upon You and Your family throughout the years ahead, and that You will ever be sustained in Your high office by the affectionate esteem of Your people.

The Corporate Seal of the Dean and Chapter was hereunto affixed by Chapter Order in the presence of
(L.S.)

Edward Carpenter, Dean.

W. R. J. Pullen, Chapter Clerk.

14th June 1977.

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

I am most happy, as your Visitor, to accept this Address from the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church with which I have such close ties. I appreciate particularly your reference to My role as Head of the Commonwealth and I am sustained by your interest and by your prayers for My family and Myself.

DEAN AND CHAPTER OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's desire humbly and dutifully to express to Your Majesty our deep thankfulness for the Twenty-Five years of Your reign. We remember with great pleasure Your Majesty's many visits to the Cathedral and particularly the Silver Jubilee Service. We look forward to all future occasions in the coming years when Your Majesty will honour the Cathedral with Your Royal favour and gracious presence, and we wish to assure You of our continued loyalty, affection and prayers.

Martin Sullivan, Dean.

L. John Collins, Treasurer.

Sam Woodhouse, Archdeacon.

Douglas Webster, Precentor.

Evan Pilkington, Chancellor.

David Floyd Ewin, Receiver and Registrar.

1st July 1977.

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

It is with particular pleasure that I receive this Address from the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul where, last month, the nation joined together in thanking God for His many blessings during the past 25 years. The Cathedral has been the setting of so many significant occasions for me; and I am most grateful for your good wishes and expressions of support.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Cardinal Archbishop and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales and representatives of the clergy and laity, express our loyal and respectful greetings to Your Majesty on this the Silver Jubilee of Your Accession to the Throne.

Your Roman Catholic subjects have been heartened and edified by Your Majesty's example of the highest Christian ideals in Your own family life and in the devoted service given to Your people at home and throughout the Commonwealth. Equally inspiring has been Your Majesty's conviction, expressed or implicit in Your Addresses on public occasions, that the task of establishing the brotherhood of all mankind can be accomplished only with the guidance of God, Our Father, in whose hands are the destinies of nations. For all this we are grateful to Your Majesty.

We pray that God's blessing may continue to be upon Your Majesty and Your family, and that we may be privileged for many years to come to enjoy the sovereign virtues of Your reign.

† *Basil, Cardinal Hume.*

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

I thank Your Eminence for this Loyal Address on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales.

During the twenty-five years since My Accession there have been many changes and of these none has been more welcome than the growth of understanding between Christians of all denominations. I am therefore particularly happy to be able to thank my Roman Catholic subjects for their prayers and continued loyalty and support.

The following Addresses were presented to Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Friday, 8th instant :

CITY OF LONDON

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, whose predecessors served London and the Crown from times immemorial, proclaim our true loyalty and deep affection for Your Majesty.

The 25 years of Your Majesty's reign we celebrate with grateful hearts, and we give thanks that Your Majesty's wisdom, serenity and steadfast faith lighten the way ahead for each of us as they have been our examples in the past.

It is our devoted wish that continued good health may be granted to Your Majesty so that Your peoples in Your realms may continue in peace and prosperity under Your wise and goodly rule for many years to come.

Signed by Order of the Court:

S. J. Clayton, Town Clerk.

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

I am indeed grateful for these assurances of loyalty and affection from the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Commons of the City of London. The City has a long tradition of devotion and service and I derive much encouragement from the knowledge that, like my predecessors, I can continue to rely on the goodwill and support of the citizens of London. I especially appreciated coming to the Guildhall last month during the London celebrations of my Silver Jubilee. I join you in your expression of hope for peace and prosperity for us all in the years to come.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

We Your loyal and dutiful subjects, the President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of London, humbly beg leave to offer to Your Majesty, the beloved Patron of our Society, our respectful congratulations upon the completion of the twenty-fifth year of Your Majesty's reign.

During Your Majesty's reign the advance of Science, which has always exerted a powerful influence on human affairs, has proceeded at an ever-increasing pace, and has been characterised by a number of discoveries of far-reaching importance which have opened wholly new vistas