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THE following Address was presented to The King by the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to the City on the 18th September 1905, to review the Scottish Volunteers:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh beg humbly to offer to Your Majesty the assurance of our continued devotion to Your Person, Throne, and Government.

We bid You welcome to Your ancient Scottish Capital, and with Your devoted subjects throughout Scotland we respectfully make our humble acknowledgments of Your renewed interest in the welfare of this part of Your Majesty's dominions by Your present visit to the Metropolis.

Your Majesty's announcement of Your gracious intention to review the Scottish Volunteers has been received with great enthusiasm, not only in this City, but throughout the whole of Scotland. This special Royal favour conferred upon Your Scottish people and upon Your Majesty's Army at this time, and Your deep interest in the Volunteer Forces, not only materially strengthen the bonds which unite loyal subjects to their Sovereign, but will give an impetus to all popular and patriotic movements designed to strengthen the defences of the country, and will foster the desire to maintain the highest state of efficiency in Your Majesty's Citizen Army. Your Majesty's presence will also

encourage among Your people that spirit and valour which, in days past, were a distinguishing feature of their ancestors in their defence of King and Country.

We beg humbly to express our sincere gratitude for the great benefits conferred upon Your loyal subjects during Your Majesty's illustrious reign, and we pray that Your Majesty, with Your Royal Consort Queen Alexandra, may be long spared to rule in peace over Your devoted people.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh this 18th day of September 1905 years.

ROBERT CRANSTON, Lord Provost.

THOMAS HUNTER, Town-Clerk.

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

"On behalf of Myself and the Queen, I thank you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for the expression of your good wishes.

"It is with great satisfaction that I find Myself once more in this ancient City, the Capital of My Northern Kingdom, and I recognise that the welcome which you offer Me is made in the name of the whole Scottish people, so worthily represented in the Citizen Army which has gathered here to-day.

"I am mindful of the fact that another generation has grown to manhood since My august Mother, Queen Victoria, held the last National Review of the Scottish Volunteer Forces, and I rejoice to find that the spirit which then animated the Scottish people has suffered no diminution or