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THE following Addresses were presented to Her Majesty on the occasion of Her Majesty's Visit to Kingston-upon-Hull, Great Grimsby, and Boston, and were received very graciously:—

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
May it please your Majesty,

WE, your dutiful and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, humbly approach your Majesty to express our ardent loyalty, and the pride and exultation with which, on this auspicious occasion, we hail the appearance amongst us of our beloved Queen, and Her Royal Consort and Children.

At any time would a visit from your Majesty to this borough be a source of very high gratification to all your loyal subjects within it, but more especially is it so at a time when your Majesty's arms, in conjunction with those of your Allies, have been blest with most signal success.

The existence of our town can be traced to a very remote period, and it has, with its inhabitants, from time to time been honoured with special manifestations of royal favour. The port with which it is connected having become as early as the reign of your Majesty's famous predecessor King Richard the First, the sixth in importance in the kingdom, subsequently attracted, from its peculiar advantage of position, the notice of your Majesty's great predecessor King Edward the First, who changed its original name, honoured it with its present royal appellation of King's Town-upon-Hull, shortly afterwards created it a free borough, with many important privileges, and also conferred upon it the distinction, more than once, of a Royal Visit, towards the close of his long and glorious reign.

Since that period this borough (which in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty was constituted a county of itself) has been several times similarly distinguished by your Majesty's royal predecessors; one of them, King Henry the Eighth, paid it two visits (each of several days' duration,) in the year one thousand five hundred and forty-one, presenting to the Mayor on one of those occasions the sword which he himself then wore; the Mayor being then already authorised by a charter of one of your royal predecessors

(King Henry the Sixth) to have a sword borne erect before him, in the name of the Sovereign, when out of the royal presence.

Upwards of two centuries have now elapsed since this borough received a royal visit; this of your Majesty, at the commencement of the eighteenth year of your prosperous and happy reign, being the first that has been paid it by a Queen of England; so signal an event will constitute henceforth the highest among those which our annals record. With whatever splendour your Majesty has been, or may be, received elsewhere in your dominions, suffer us to assure your Majesty that we will yield to none of our fellow-subjects in fervent love and loyalty to your Majesty, and in gratitude for the memorable distinction which you have been pleased this day to confer upon us.

We trust that your Majesty will be pleased with such indications as you may see of our persevering efforts to develop to the utmost those great local advantages which constitute the claim of this Port to rank high in mercantile and maritime importance, we venture to remind your Majesty that through the favour of your illustrious grandfather King George the Third, those extensive walls and moats which had been constructed for warlike purposes several centuries before, and which extended from the River Hull to the Humber, were removed, in order that on their site might be constructed (happily more in accordance with the spirit and requirements of the time) those convenient and capacious docks now constituting the distinctive character of this important eastern seaport, which now ranks the third in the United Kingdom, being next to London and Liverpool in the amount of Customs received.

Wherever your Majesty moves you are hailed, as here, by the enthusiastic acclamations of your subjects, who have always seen everything to love and revere in your Majesty's personal character, and behold in you Her whom God has set to rule over one of the greatest Empires upon earth; your sceptre a sceptre of mercy and love, and your throne fixed in the affections of your people: so immovably that it remained firm whilst many other thrones appeared insecure.

We believe that no Sovereign ever sat on the throne of these realms more distinguished than your Majesty by a personal and ever watchful interest in the welfare of every class of your subjects, and more anxious to secure to all, without