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Whitehall, August 2, 1887.

THE following Address was presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, who represented Her Majesty on the occasion of unveiling a Statue of the Queen, at Reading, on the 27th July, 1887 :—

To His Royal Highness George William Frederick Charles, Duke of CAMBRIDGE, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Reading, in the county of Berks, desire most respectfully to offer to Your Royal Highness a hearty welcome on Your visit to this ancient and loyal borough.

We gratefully acknowledge the distinguished honour which is conferred upon this, the principal town in the Royal county of Berks, by the presence with us this day of Your Royal Highness, acting in the name and behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, for the purpose of unveiling the Statue of Her Majesty, which has been erected in this borough, to commemorate the auspicious event of the completion of the Fiftieth Year of Her Majesty's glorious and beneficent Reign.

It would be impossible for us to refer in detail to the personal, domestic, and public virtues of Her Majesty the Queen, or to the unexampled progress, prosperity, and glorious achievements of the Nation, or the vast extension of the Empire during the last fifty years, but happily Your Royal Highness, having been spared throughout that entire period, is intimately cognizant with all the events and circumstances to which we allude ; moreover, during a period of more than thirty years, Your Royal Highness, in exercise of the important office of Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Army, has borne an active share in many of the events which concern our national history and greatness.

We rejoice that in the Statue which Your Royal Highness is about to unveil our borough will possess a lasting monument of so good and gracious a Queen, and of Her brilliant Reign, which will hereafter be known as the Victorian era, and we would beg Your Royal Highness to convey to Her Majesty the renewed assurance of our devoted loyalty and attachment towards Her Majesty, and Her Royal House.

We earnestly pray that Your Royal Highness may long be preserved in health and happiness, and continue to discharge the important functions

attached to that exalted office in the State which is now filled by Your Royal Highness.

Given under our Common Seal, the 27th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1887.

Arthur Hill, Mayor.
Henry Day, Town Clerk.



To which His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, on behalf of Her Majesty, gave the following most gracious Answer :—

"IN the name and in behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, I have to thank you for this interesting memorial of the completion of the Fiftieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"Her Majesty accepts the erection of this Statue of Herself in the town of Reading as evidence of your zealous devotion to Her Throne and Person, and it affords Her great satisfaction to acknowledge the loyal attachment of the inhabitants of this ancient borough.

"It gives Me great pleasure to be allowed to represent Her Majesty on this occasion, and I thank you for the cordial welcome with which you have received Me.

"The unanimous feelings of loyalty which have been evoked throughout the country on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee are very welcome to Her Majesty, and afford the best evidence that the country recognizes the great results of national prosperity and progress which have been achieved during Her illustrious Reign."

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THE following further Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty having attained the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Ancient Borough of Bedford, in Council assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty on