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THE following Address from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, was presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion when, as representing Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness opened the Tower Bridge, on Saturday, the 30th June, 1894:—

The Right Honourable H. H. Asquith, Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance on His Royal Highness.

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councillors of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, desire at the conclusion of the great work of constructing the new Tower Bridge, which was commenced as far back as June, 1886, to again welcome the presence of Your Royal Highness on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to inaugurate an example of Magnificent Engineering, of such vast importance to our fellow Citizens and the dwellers in the East end of London, both North and South of the Thames.

The Tower Bridge at its commencement was estimated to be completed in four years, and to cost £750,000. The works, however, have involved sufficient magnitude and difficulty to require the sanction of Parliament for double the time for completion of the Bridge and its approaches, the cost of which will reach the sum of £1,184,000, the whole of which large amount will be provided by our Bridge House Estates Committee out of the funds under their care and management, and without any cost whatever to the Ratepayers.

We anticipate that the work thus happily completed, to the infinite credit of all who have been engaged upon it will be not only an ornament to the Metropolis, but a lasting benefit to those for whose use it is specially intended.

We desire, in conclusion, to express our abiding devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, who we feel is in this great and important ceremony with us in heart, and our sincere and earnest acknowledgments for the attendance here of Your Royal Highness as Her Most Gracious Majesty's Representative, and the ever-welcome presence of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to whom, with Your Royal Highness, we pray that all blessings may be vouchsafed.

Signed by order of the Court,

J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk.

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

"IT is a great satisfaction to the Princess of Wales and Myself to be permitted on behalf of The Queen, My dear Mother, to open the Tower Bridge across the River Thames; and We thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address on the occasion.

"This Bridge will be an enduring Monument of the well directed Energy and public Spirit of the Corporation of London; it will also serve as an Example of the splendid engineering Skill bestowed on its Construction.

"Uniting two busy and populous Districts of the Metropolis the Bridge will afford immensely increased Facilities of Communication and be of the greatest Service to the industrious Inhabitants of these Districts; while from its ingenious and admirable Arrangements it will not interfere with the Navigation of the River.

"We heartily thank you for the Cordial Welcome we have received, and I shall not fail to communicate to the Queen your Assurances of Loyalty and Devotion to Her Majesty."

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of June, 1894.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.  
Earl Spencer.  
Lord Chamberlain.  
Lord Kensington.

WHEREAS by the first section of "The Colonial Probates Act, 1892," it is enacted as follows:—

"Her Majesty the Queen may, on being satisfied that the legislature of any British possession has made adequate provision for the recognition in that possession of probates and letters of administration granted by the Courts of the United Kingdom, direct by Order in Council that this Act shall, subject to any exceptions and modifications specified in the Order, apply to that possession, and thereupon, while the Order is in force, this Act shall apply accordingly."

And whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Legislature of the British Possession hereinafter mentioned has made adequate provision for the recognition in that Possession of probates and letters of administration granted by the Courts of the United Kingdom.