

*Whitehall, July 16, 1894.*

THE following Address was received by the Queen on Her Majesty's Visit to Richmond, in the county of Surrey, on the occasion of the Baptism, at White Lodge, Richmond Park, on the 16th instant, of His Royal Highness Prince Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Great Grandson of the Queen, and Son of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York :—

THE Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Richmond (Surrey), in Council assembled, desire to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty, and whilst assuring Your Majesty of their continued loyalty and sincere affection for Your Majesty and the other Members of the Royal House, desire most respectfully to testify to Your Majesty the deep satisfaction with which they have received the gratifying announcement of the birth of the Prince, the Son and

Heir of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, at White Lodge, Richmond Park, on the 23rd June, 1894, and they sincerely pray that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York may speedily be restored to convalescence, and that health and happiness may continue to attend Your Majesty, His Royal Highness, and his illustrious Consort and Child.

To which Her Majesty gave the following Most Gracious Answer :—

" I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for your Congratulations on the Birth of My Great Grandson, Son of My dear Grandson, The Duke of York, whose christening is now about to take place.

" It gives Me great pleasure to receive your assurances of devotion to My Throne and Family."