

and class of Your Majesty's subjects throughout the Empire, and we earnestly pray that Your Majesty, together with your Royal and much beloved Consort, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, may have vouchsafed to you a long, happy, and glorious reign.

By Order of a Special Court of the Fishmongers' Company held at Fishmongers' Hall, this twenty-first day of February, 1901.

*Fred. J. Underwood*, Prime Warden.

*J. Wrench Towse*, Clerk to the Fishmongers' Company.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

BY virtue of a Resolution unanimously passed by the Executive Council of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, we humbly approach Your Majesty on behalf of the 912,699 Members contained in our Society, for the purpose of uttering sentiments of devotion and loyalty on the occasion of Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

We recall with gratification the fact that the great progress made by the Friendly Society movement generally, and by the Ancient Order of Foresters in particular, occurred in the Reign of Her late beloved Majesty Queen Victoria, who graciously showed Her interest in our work of mutual help in times of affliction and distress, by consenting to be the Patroness of one of our branches for women.

We are sensible of the deep concern felt by Your Majesty in all matters affecting the true welfare of the people, and we feel assured that the Reign of Your Majesty, God sparing You, will be marked by indications of further progress in the well-being of the Nation.

Loyalty to the Throne has always been a conspicuous feature of the Brotherhood represented by us to-day, and we heartily assure Your Majesty of the continuance of that feeling, in addition to a sincere attachment to Your own Person.

We pray that Your Majesty may long continue to reign over a Mighty and United Empire, and that every blessing will attend Your Majesty, as well as Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

Dated at Gloucester this 18th day of March, 1901.

*Francis Charles Workman*, High Chief Ranger of the Order.

*James Lister Stead*, Permanent Secretary of the Order.

A dutiful Address of Congratulation to His Most Excellent Majesty KING EDWARD VII, adopted unanimously on the Coal Exchange, in Public Market assembled, on Monday, the 18th of March, 1901.

*Most Gracious Majesty,*

YOUR MAJESTY'S most loyal and faithful subjects, the members of the Coal Exchange, an institution of great antiquity, having already expressed their condolences with Your Majesty in the loss sustained by the Royal Family and the Nation at large by the death of Her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, of blessed memory, now venture to lay at Your Majesty's feet their heartfelt congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of Your Ancestors, and to assure You of their most loyal attachment to Your Royal Person.

The New Coal Exchange, as Your Majesty will remember, was opened by Your Royal Father, Prince Albert, on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He was, by the wish of Her Majesty, accompanied by Yourself, then Prince of Wales,

and by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, now Empress Frederick of Germany, this being the first appearance of Your Royal Highnesses in any public ceremony in the City of London. The Address which was then presented to His Royal Highness Prince Albert by the Lord Mayor contained these remarkable words:—

"The favour Her Majesty has conferred upon Her devoted subjects, the Citizens of London, in deputing Your Royal Highness to represent Her Majesty on this interesting occasion is greatly enhanced by the indulgence accorded to their wishes by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, in whom we joyfully behold the pledges and promise of a line of illustrious descendants to preserve to the United Houses of Her Majesty and Your Royal Highness, through future generations, the Hereditary Throne of these Realms."

The members of the Coal Exchange are thankful to Almighty God that these sentiments, so happily expressed, have been so abundantly realized. They beg to tender to Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort their most respectful homage, and they pray that every blessing may attend their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on their voyage, and that it may bear fruition in the still closer drawing together of Great Britain and her Colonies.

On behalf of the members of the Coal Exchange,

*Frederick W. Harris*, Chairman of the Coal Factors' Society.

*W. J. Franks*, Chairman of the Coal Merchants' Society.

*J. J. Smallwood*, Chairman of the Inland Colliery Owners' Association.

To His Most Excellent Majesty The KING.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of Leicester, convened by the Most Honourable the Marquess of Granby, Lord Lieutenant of the County, and held at the Drill Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of February, 1901, on the motion of the Lord Lieutenant, seconded by Mr. Hussey Packe, and supported by Mr. Charles Benjamin Bright McLaren, K.C., M.P., the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"THAT the people of the County of Leicester, in Public Meeting assembled, beg humbly to convey to His Majesty their deep sorrow at the death of their beloved Queen Victoria, whose care and love of Her people will remain for all time indelibly impressed on the memory of the English Nation.

"Further this Meeting ventures to congratulate His Majesty the King on His Accession to the Throne, and to respectfully assure Him of their loyal attachment to his Person."

*Granby*, Lord Lieutenant, Chairman of the Meeting.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty EDWARD VII.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Mayors, and Magistrates, together with the Bishop and Clergy of all Denominations, Members of the County Council, and others Your faithful subjects belonging to the County of Northampton, in Public Meeting assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty.

We deeply deplore the death of Your