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To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Your ancient and loyal City of Oxford, in Council assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with our humble and heartfelt congratulations on Your accession to a Throne rendered illustrious through so many years by the personal virtues and the wisdom in public life of our late beloved Sovereign. You, Sire, by Your going in and out among us, have given a happy augury that the Imperial Crown to which You have succeeded will be borne by You with undiminished—nay with increased—lustre, and that You will fulfil Your high and mighty destiny encompassed by the profound affection of a devoted people. Your ancestors lived in our midst, and were born in our midst, and we take pride in the reflection that our City and University were honoured by Your own Royal residence, and that, not so long since, You condescended to bestow Your gracious presence upon our Municipal festivities, associating Yourself then, as You have always, with the interests and well-being of Your subjects, even those most remote to whom at this moment You have consented to spare Your Son. May God prosper with His choicest blessings You and Him, and our gracious Queen, who, from the moment that You brought Her happy presence to our shores, has been enshrined in the inmost hearts of a loving people and a world wide Empire. May Your reign be long and prosperous, and may Your children's children perpetuate Your benign rule.

Given under our Corporate Seal this fifteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and one.

George Claridge Druce, Mayor.

R. Bacon, Town Clerk.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I HAVE received with deep gratification the sympathetic and loyal Address which has been presented to Me by the Corporation of the ancient and famous City of Oxford; whose representatives I am glad to welcome here to-day.

"I thank you heartily for your touching allusions to the severe loss which has fallen upon Me and My Family, and upon all the people of this Empire, and I cordially reciprocate the hope that in the discharge of the weighty duties which devolve upon Me, I may be enabled to follow in the footsteps of My Beloved Mother, and thus provide the best security for the continuance of the prosperity and glory which attended Her illustrious Reign. Queen Alexandra and Myself are alike grateful for your expressions of devotion, and for your good wishes to Us."

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the antient Cinque Port and Borough of Dover, desire most respectfully to tender to Your Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen, and to all the Members of the Royal Family, our heartfelt sympathy at the inexpressible loss by the ever-to-be-lamented death of Our beloved Sovereign Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

That loss is shared by the whole Empire, which deeply mourns with untold and universal regrets

a Sovereign who won and received during Her long and brilliant reign the loyalty and affection of all Her peoples throughout Her vast dominions, and also the respect and admiration of the world to a degree which has never been surpassed.

A comparison of the state of the Kingdom when Her late Majesty ascended to the Throne in 1837 with that of the Empire of the present time is the best tribute to the wisdom of Her late Majesty's rule as a strictly constitutional Sovereign and Her devotion to the best interests of Her Empire.

We, in common with all Your Majesty's subjects, render thanks to Almighty God for having given us for so many years such a wise, devoted, and incomparable Sovereign who will ever live in the hearts and memories of Your people.

Given under our Corporate Seal, in our Council Chamber at Dover, this 26th day of February, 1901.

W. J. Barnes, Mayor.

Wollaston Knocker, Town Clerk.

To His Most Excellent Majesty KING
EDWARD VII, Emperor of India.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the antient Cinque Port and Borough of Dover, approach Your Majesty to offer our most respectful homage on the Accession of Your Majesty to the Throne of Your Ancestors, and to assure Your Majesty of our most earnest attachment and devotion to Your Royal House and Person.

Called by Divine Providence to succeed our late beloved Queen, we pray that Your Majesty may be enabled thoroughly to fulfil Your Royal desire to follow in Her late Majesty's footsteps, and to reign both over and in the hearts of the many millions of subjects who owe allegiance to Your Majesty.

We desire also respectfully to offer the assurance of our warmest fealty to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, and to express the fervent hope that Your Majesties may long share a happy and glorious Reign over the Kingdom and Empire, and that the ties between the Colonies and the Mother Country may be further strengthened by the love and devotion of Your peoples in all parts of the globe.

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