

To His Most Gracious Majesty KING EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Town and County of the Town of Southampton, with all humble affection approach the Throne to offer to Your Majesty our deep and sincere condolence in the irreparable loss which Your Majesty and the Nation have sustained in the death of our late revered Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria of blessed and glorious memory, who lived in the love and who died amidst the unfeigned sorrow of Her August Family and of Her People.

The reverence with which Her late beloved Majesty's memory is treasured throughout these Realms is invested with a profound and touching pathos, and we humbly pray that Your Majesty and all the Members of the Royal Family may be sustained in this time of supreme trial and may be strengthened to bear Your great trial with fortitude and resignation.

We acknowledge with gratitude the manifold blessings granted by Divine Providence to this Nation during the Reign of our late Monarch, whose constant regard for the rights and liberties of Her subjects and her thoughtful and untiring efforts for the promotion of the happiness and prosperity of all classes of Her People have rendered Her Name the object of general attachment and veneration.

With emotions of unalterable loyalty we have the happiness to present to Your Majesty our hearty congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

Educated as Your Majesty has been in those sound principles which characterised the Councils of Your Majesty's August Predecessors under whose dominion the Kingdom has risen to a height of splendour and prosperity hitherto unattained, and with the noble example to follow in the life and career of Your beloved Mother, we feel the fullest confidence that Your Majesty's Throne is established upon the surest foundations, and that under Your Majesty's guidance our beloved country will continue to be adorned with every virtue that can exalt a nation.

And our fervent prayer is that Almighty God may grant continually unto Your Majesty every temporal and spiritual blessing, and that Your Majesty may long reign over this Empire to His honour and glory, and to the happiness and welfare of all Your Majesty's loving subjects.

Given under our Common Seal this 23rd day of January, one thousand nine hundred and one.

*G. A. E. Hussey, Mayor.*

*R. R. Linthorne, 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 Borough of Southampton, 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 His Most Excellent Majesty KING EDWARD THE 7TH.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the Ancient Stannary Town and loyal City of Truro, in Council assembled, humbly beg to offer to Your Majesty our most sincere and heartfelt condolence on the death of your illustrious and affectionate Mother and our well-beloved Queen, Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

We feel that Her death is a great loss not only to the Nation and Empire at large, but to every one of Her subjects, as by Her Majesty's strict and faithful attention to duty as head of the Constitution, by the pattern She showed to Her Court as well as in Her home, and by the sympathy and friendship displayed to all Her subjects, especially in all times of distress, She proved Herself to be an ideal Queen, mother, and friend; and we, in common with all Your Majesty's subjects, deeply grieve the loss sustained.

We desire to congratulate Your Majesty on the accession to the Throne of Your ancestors, and in doing so we desire with gratitude to remember Your devotion to Your Royal Mother, and the various duties of State and otherwise which have fallen to Your lot to fulfil as the Prince of Wales, and especially the many acts of kindness which we, in common with other residents within the Duchy of Cornwall, have for many years past received from Your hands as our Duke.

You have been called to rule over a great and powerful Empire, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is that Your life may be spared, and that You may be granted health for very many years to come, to carry out the arduous duties of Your exalted position.

We further desire to give expression of our loyalty and devotion to Your Illustrious Consort, who endeared Herself to the citizens on the occasion of Her visit to Truro, on the laying of the Foundation Stone of our Cathedral.

Given under our Common Seal, at the Municipal Buildings, in the city of Truro, the 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1901.

*Richd. Lean, Mayor.*

*Robert Dobell, Town Clerk.*

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