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Whitehall, August 27, 1902.

The following Address was presented to His Majesty at Portsmouth, on board the Royal Yacht "Victoria and Albert," on the 14th instant:—

To Their Most Gracious Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth, desire, on the Coronation of Your Majesties, to assure You of the loyalty and devotion of the inhabitants of this borough to Yourselves and Family, and to offer our sincere wish that Your Majesties may have a long and prosperous reign. The deep interest which has always been taken by Your Majesties and Family in all matters affecting Your people and the various public bodies and institutions is well known, and is responded to by the general loyalty and devotion of the inhabitants in all parts of the Empire, and, although the duties and responsibilities of Your Majesties, consequent on Your accession to the Throne of England, are, and will be heavy and onerous, Your Majesties may rest assured of the loyalty and support of Your people.

In common with Your Majesties' subjects, we have shared the deepest anxiety during His Majesty The King's recent illness, and rejoice in His restoration to health.

We also desire most heartily to congratulate Your Majesties on the restoration of peace in South Africa, and trust that the blessings of peace may soon be felt in that country, and the welfare and prosperity of its people be restored.

Given under our common seal this 12th day of August, 1902.

WILLIAM THOS. DUPREE,
Mayor.

ALEXR. HELLARD,
Town Clerk.

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

"On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you cordially for your loyal congratulations on

Our Coronation; on My recovery from a severe illness; and on the conclusion of peace in South Africa.

"We are unfeignedly thankful for the mercies which it has pleased Almighty God to vouchsafe to Us and to Our people; and We trust that, now that We are happily at peace again with all the world, the recent rejoicings in which the whole Empire has shared may send us forward, each in his own station, to work with renewed earnestness for the maintenance and improvement of Our noble Heritage, and for the accomplishment of ends that become a great people. For Myself, I shall ever be stimulated in My exertions for the welfare of the Empire by the ineffaceable recollections of a tribute of loyalty and affection which has touched Me deeply."

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.*

Downing Street, August 12, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—
To be an Honorary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

His Highness Ras Makunan, Special Envoy of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II of Ethiopia, on the occasion of the Coronation.

REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR ROMAN
CATHOLIC BOYS.

Kirkedge, near Sheffield.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has extended to the 2nd September, 1903, inclusive, the time during which the Certificate of the Reformatory School for Roman Catholic Boys, Kirkedge, near Sheffield, is to be in force.

Whitehall, August 26, 1902.