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The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on Monday, the 16th instant:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich.

May it please Your Majesties:—

On behalf of the inhabitants of this Borough, we desire to offer Your Majesties a most loyal and hearty welcome upon the occasion of Your Majesties' most gracious visit to the Herbert Hospital. We beg respectfully to remind Your Majesties, that Woolwich is the birthplace of the King's Royal Navy; that it fitted out Sir Francis Drake's ships, and prepared Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions, besides many other conquering and colonising enterprises, which helped to found Your Majesty's vast Empire; that it is also an important Garrison, and can claim to have been, from the establishment of the regiment until very recently, the home of Your Majesty's Royal Artillery, and has yet in its midst the chief school of military science—the Royal Military Academy—where His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught received his first military training.

The Royal Arsenal, where some 20,000 of Your Majesty's workmen are employed in manufacturing guns and munitions of war for the defence of Your Realms, has helped to make famous the name of Woolwich.

The Royal Manor of Eltham also forms part of the Borough, and was, for probably many centuries, the home of English Sovereigns. We therefore, having in mind these many Royal associations, humbly rejoice that Your Majesties have most graciously honoured us by passing through our Borough on the mission of mercy which forms the object of Your Majesties' visit—a mission in keeping with the noble purpose which has always characterised Your Majesties' lives.

We do not fail to remember that the last occasion upon which the Borough was honoured with the presence of Royalty was when Her late lamented Majesty Queen Victoria journeyed to the Herbert Hospital to cheer Her sick and wounded soldiers returned from South Africa.

Whilst assuring Your Majesties of our continued loyalty and devotion to Your Majesties' Persons and Throne, we earnestly pray that Your Majesties' lives may long be spared to fulfil the great and beneficent projects so dear to Your hearts, and which are fraught with so much blessing to the millions privileged to own Your sway.

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

"On behalf of Queen Alexandra and Myself, I thank you for Your loyal and dutiful Address.

"It is with great pleasure that We visit this Borough, which holds a unique position with regard to the Naval and Military defences of My Empire, and which has had for many generations a close association with the Royal House of Great Britain.

"I am deeply touched by your reference to the last time on which My revered Mother, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, came among you; and I rejoice that between that date and My first visit to you as King the War which was then being carried on in South Africa has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich.

May it please Your Majesties:—

We, Your Majesties' most loyal and dutiful subjects, humbly desire to tender our loyal welcome on the occasion of Your Majesties' visit to this Borough and the Herbert Hospital, with the assurance that the gratification which