

The provision of an ample and regular supply of the raw material for the staple trade of this district is a matter of vital importance to the well-being of Your Majesties' loyal subjects of all classes, affecting as it does—directly or indirectly—the livelihood of millions of the people of this country.

The great interest which Your Majesties have been pleased to express in the work of the Association in promoting the growth of Cotton in Your Majesties' Dominions beyond the Seas, and the Grant of the Royal Charter which was recently graciously accorded to our Association, places us, and all who are connected with the cotton trade throughout Your Majesties' Empire, under the deepest debt of gratitude.

For this gracious consideration and encouragement we humbly offer to You, upon behalf of the Members of our Association, our most reverent and heartfelt thanks.

Given under the Common Seal of the Association, this thirteenth day of July, 1905.

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

"I thank you heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I am well aware of the admirable work which is being performed by the British Cotton Growing Association for the purpose of ensuring a more ample supply of cotton by promoting its growth in My Dominions, and thus benefiting the great industry with which this City and its neighbourhood have for so long been associated.

"I was glad to be able to manifest My approval and to further the aims of the Association by granting it a Charter, and its continued success and prosperity will be the source of the highest gratification to Me. The welfare of all those who are employed in the cotton industry will always be the object of sincere interest to Myself and to the Queen."

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

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Directors of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, humbly desire to express our grateful thanks for the great privilege of Your Majesties' visit to the Manchester Ship Canal, and to offer Your Majesties a most cordial and enthusiastic welcome.

The continued development of the trade of the Port of Manchester by means of the Ship Canal having necessitated extended Dock Accommodation, one hundred and forty acres of additional land were acquired, and the new, No. 9, Dock, half a mile long, equipped with Transit-sheds, Railways, and other modern facilities, which Your Majesties have graciously consented to open, has been constructed at a cost of a million sterling.

The important Ship Canal Undertaking, which was opened by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in the year 1894, has greatly benefited the trade and commerce of this district by giving direct over-sea communication with all parts of the world, and will, we believe, continue to advance the welfare of the large population of Your Majesties' loyal and devoted subjects located in and around Manchester, and thus prove itself worthy of the great honour bestowed upon it by Your Majesties' gracious visit.

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

"I thank you, on behalf of the Queen and Myself, for the loyal address you have presented to Me.

"I take a warm interest in the great and important undertaking which was opened by My late Dearly Beloved Mother, and I have no doubt that the new Dock, which has been equipped with the most modern facilities, will bring increased prosperity, not only to the great City of Manchester and its neighbourhood, but also to the whole country, and will materially assist the development of international commerce."

*Whitehall, July 29, 1905.*

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Salford, on Thursday, July 13th:—

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

*May it please Your Majesties,*

It is with the most profound respect and admiration that we welcome Your Majesties to this Ancient and Royal Borough.

We are a loyal people sincerely devoted to Your Persons and to the Throne, and, whilst in common with all Your loyal subjects we rejoice to call You our beloved King and Queen, we are proud of the special distinction which we enjoy in having Your Majesty The King as Lord of the Manor of Salford.

May God bless You with good health, and may You have great joy in the discharge of those many high and honourable, delicate and difficult duties that pertain to Your exalted station.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Salford, this thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

"It has given the Queen and Myself much pleasure to visit this great Borough and to receive your Address.

"This visit has had a particular interest for Me on account of My personal relations with Salford as Lord of the Manor, and I shall always watch with pleasure the progress of the Borough.

"On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you for your good wishes and greatly value their loyal and hearty expression."

*May it please Your Majesty,*

The Executive Committee of the Manchester Auxiliary of the Peace Society desire to take the opportunity of Your Majesty's visit to Manchester respectfully to express their deep gratitude for the eminent and invaluable services rendered by Your Majesty to the cause of International Peace and Goodwill, since Your Majesty's accession to the Throne. They sincerely pray that Your Majesty may long be spared, together with Your gracious Consort, to rule over this Country, and to continue to exercise a beneficent influence for amity throughout the civilized world.

Manchester,

6th July, 1905.

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

"I thank you cordially for your Address, and for the good wishes which you have expressed towards the Queen and Myself.

"The cause of international peace and goodwill is one which I shall always, in the future as in the past, strive earnestly to promote; and I am sincerely gratified to learn that you have appreciated My efforts to do so."