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The following Address was presented to The King on His Majesty's arrival at Derby, on Thursday, the 28th June, on a visit to the Royal Agricultural Show:—

To His Most Excellent Majesty Edward VII,
King of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please Your Majesty,

We Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Derby, acting by the Council, humbly desire to offer to Your Majesty a respectful welcome to our town.

In the course of many centuries from time to time the privilege has been accorded to the Corporation of this ancient borough of testifying loyalty to the Sovereigns of this Realm, and we value this opportunity of renewing our sentiments of devotion to Your Majesty's person.

By Your Royal Presence here to-day Your Majesty has added one more to those incalculable services which Your Majesty has rendered to this land.

The many subjects of Your Majesty who are engaged in agriculture cannot but be stimulated and encouraged by Your Majesty's active and unvarying interest in that greatest and most important industry, and evidenced on this occasion by Your attendance at the Annual Show of the Royal Agricultural Society, which so happily possesses in Your Majesty its most distinguished Patron.

We recall with feelings of lively satisfaction the several occasions on which Your Majesty has previously honoured us by Your Royal Presence, and we desire to express our humble gratitude that the purpose of the first visit to this borough since Your Majesty's accession to the throne is the promotion of the public weal.

We ask permission to convey to Your Majesty the deep and grateful sense we feel in common

with the whole Empire of the supreme value of the influence exerted by Your Majesty in the direction of securing to the nations of the earth the inestimable blessings of peace and goodwill, and our satisfaction and thankfulness that those efforts have been rewarded with so great a measure of success.

That Your Majesty and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra may be richly endowed with health and prosperity is our earnest prayer.

Long may Your Majesty reign, happy in the domestic joys of Your Royal House, and in the affections of a grateful and united people.

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

"I thank you for the loyal and dutiful address which you have presented to Me; it gives Me great pleasure again to visit your ancient borough and to renew My pleasant recollections of previous visits.

"I am well acquainted with the industries which have been the means of the great growth in the population of your town, and you may be assured that their continued progress has My sincere good wishes.

"As you are aware, agriculture, on which so many of My subjects are dependent for a livelihood, has ever been a subject in which I have taken the warmest personal interest. I feel that exhibitions of stock and machinery, such as the Annual Show of the Royal Agricultural Society now being held in this borough, are of the greatest utility to the country, serving to stimulate agricultural progress and to impart information of the greatest service to those engaged in the industry.

"I fully appreciate your warm recognition of My efforts in the cause of peace, for I feel deeply that the prosperity and happiness of My subjects are largely dependent on freedom from dissension among the nations.