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The following Address was presented to The King on His Majesty's arrival at Lincoln, on the 26th June, for the purpose of visiting the Royal Agricultural Society's Show:—

To His Most Excellent Majesty Edward VII., King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas and Emperor of India.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Lincoln in Common Council assembled respectfully offer to Your Majesty a heartfelt and cordial welcome to this ancient City.

Our City has in the past been honoured from time to time by the presence of many of Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors, and we recall with feelings of especial pleasure and satisfaction the visits of Our Beloved Queen the late Queen Victoria and of Your Majesty when Prince of Wales.

Intimately connected as this City is with the great industry of Agriculture, both on account of its situation in the centre of an agricultural district, and also on account of the large Engineering Works which have been established in this City for the production of Agricultural and other machinery, we desire to express our gratitude to Your Majesty for the great and beneficent interest which Your Majesty has always shewn in one of the most important industries in this country, and particularly by Your Presence on the occasion of the present Show of the Royal Agricultural Society.

We earnestly pray Almighty God that Your Majesty, who is eudared to Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects by Your unceasing

and successful endeavours to advance the welfare of this country both at home and abroad and to promote the blessings of peace, may long be spared to reign over this Realm.

In humbly expressing our loyal and dutiful attachment to Your Majesty, we would also pray that long life, health and happiness may be vouchsafed to our Gracious and Beloved Queen Alexandra and to all the Royal Family.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Lincoln this twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

J. S. Ruston, Mayor.

J. T. Tweed, Town Clerk.



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

I thank you most heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address of Welcome, and can assure you that it gives Me the greatest pleasure to visit your ancient and historic City.

You are well aware of the interest I have always taken in Agriculture, and the splendid entries for the present Royal Agricultural Show prove to Me that the pre-eminence of this country in breeding stock of the highest class, although often threatened, is not seriously endangered. It is to England that the representatives of all countries journey, in order to renew their blood-stock, whether horses, cattle, or sheep. Strains of Lincoln blood are to be