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TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1910.

Whitehall, August 9, 1910.

The following Address was presented to The King on the 30th July, when Their Majesties landed at Torquay on the occasion of the Review of the Fleets assembled in Torbay:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Torquay, desire most humbly to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our love and devotion, and to present our sincere and respectful congratulations upon Your Accession to the Throne so nobly held by Your late and most illustrious Father.

We also desire to welcome Your Majesty and Your Gracious Consort, Queen Mary, to our Borough on the occasion of the Review of the Fleets, the first line of defence of our Country, now assembled in Torbay, and to express our gratification at the honour which Your Majesties' presence confers on the inhabitants of the Borough.

We recall with pride and pleasure the many visits paid to Torquay by the Members of the Royal Family, and hope that Your present one may be the forerunner of others.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesty may be spared many years to reign over a loyal and devoted people.

Given under our Common Seal, this 28th day of July, 1910.

(L. S.)

C. H. SPRAGGE, Colonel, Mayor.
FREDK. HEX, Town Clerk.

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

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I heartily thank you for the Address which you have presented to me, and for your loyal

congratulations upon my Accession to the Throne of my beloved Father.

The Queen joins with me in assuring you of our deep appreciation of the welcome which you offer us on the occasion of my coming to inspect the Fleets assembled in Torbay.

Your kind allusions to previous visits of Members of my Family to Torquay, remind me that I first saw your Town and its beautiful surroundings upwards of thirty years ago, and I am interested to notice the growth and development of this favoured and popular health resort during that period.

It is my fervent hope that Torquay will ever prosper, and that its inhabitants may be blessed with all that conduces to their welfare and happiness.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, August 9, 1910.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in and appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Member of the Fourth Class:

Arthur Isaac Durrant, Esq., M.V.O. (Fifth Class).

To be Member of the Fifth Class.

Percy Edgar Ridge, Esq.

*29, Southampton Street,
London, W.C., July 26, 1910.*

HIS MAJESTY The King, Sovereign of The Order of Mercy, has been graciously pleased to sanction the award of the Order to the following