

Sovereigns who have carried forward the traditions and inheritance of the British Monarchy from the earliest periods of Our Island's records to the broad light of modern times. The solemn ceremony of yesterday, in which you so earnestly shared, has added fresh lustre to the City's ancient renown, and has made more secure than ever the special place which you hold in Our affections.

We thank you most heartily for your good wishes on this memorable occasion, and for your prayers for Us and Our Royal House.

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Council of the Administrative County of London.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, the Council of the Administrative County of London, the representative authority of the inhabitants of the Capital of the Empire, venture to approach Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen with a humble and dutiful address on this memorable occasion. We desire to express the satisfaction which all London feels to the utmost that our gracious Sovereign and His Consort, now crowned King and Queen of the realm, should allow us to be the first publicly to testify to the bonds of loyalty and affection which exist between King and People, bonds strengthened alike by the historically known services to the nation rendered for so many generations by Your Majesty's Royal House, and by the recollection, especially dear to us, of the interest in social welfare of which Your Majesties have so frequently given proof.

Your Majesties' residence in London is a source of the greatest pride and pleasure to all its inhabitants, and we rejoice to think that the work which we endeavour to do for London is thus constantly before Your Majesties. We deem it a great privilege to be entrusted with the execution of measures for ensuring the health and happiness of the people of London, and it is ever our desire and endeavour to make London worthy of the place she occupies as the greatest community exercising powers of local self-government.

We humbly ask leave to assure Your Majesties of our entire devotion and loyalty which will go out to Your Majesties on all occasions, and especially during Your Majesties' forthcoming journey to the great dependency of India, and we pray that Your Majesty may long enjoy a prosperous reign over the peoples of the great Empire now rejoicing at the historic event London has been proud to witness.

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

The Queen and I thank you warmly for the good wishes expressed in your Address.

Amid the countless signs of loyalty and affection which have greeted Us on every side on

Our Coronation, this tribute from the London County Council claims special recognition. The prosperity and contentment of the vast population whose lot is cast within the boundaries of the Council's municipal rule is in many important respects dependent upon your zeal and foresight. You conduct the affairs of a population and administer revenues which would not be unworthy of an important Sovereign State. In the zealous and successful discharge of this solemn trust the Council and its Officers afford the largest and most striking example of the British system of local self-government.

We are very glad to have this opportunity of assuring you that We shall always lend you Our encouragement in your efforts to hold London in the forefront of every movement of social progress.

I join in your prayers for the prosperity and happiness of the Empire over which I have been called to reign, and of this great City which is its centre and capital.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGHS NORTH OF THE THAMES.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Kensington and of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Bethnal Green, Chelsea, Finsbury, Fulham, Hackney, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Holborn, Islington, Paddington, Poplar, St. Marylebone, St. Pancras, Shore-ditch, Stepney, and Stoke Newington.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Boroughs situate on the north side of the River Thames desire to approach Your Majesties with this expression of our loyalty and devotion.

We beg to assure You that our loyalty and devotion are fully shared by the two-and-three-quarter millions of people on whose behalf in our representative capacity we tender this Address.

We esteem most highly the privilege graciously accorded to us at this time of general rejoicing on the occasion of Your Coronation of giving expression to the heartfelt congratulations on the part of those of Your Majesties' loyal subjects from the highest to the humblest whom we represent.

We rejoice in the fact that Your Majesties' reign has commenced under most auspicious conditions, with peace reigning throughout Your wide dominions, and with the march of science and the advance of knowledge contributing in an ever-increasing degree to the progress and happiness of Your subjects.

We recognise how heavy are the responsibilities that devolve upon Your Majesties in Your exalted position, and desire to assure You that in the cares and burdens of State Your Majesties may ever rely upon the sympathy and