

present our humble Address of loyal submission and devotion to the Throne on the illustrious occasion of Your Majesties' Coronation, and we devoutly pray that Your Majesties may long be spared in health and happiness to reign over a loyal and contented people, and by Divine Providence to continue the inestimable blessings of peace and prosperity which the Nation has so long enjoyed under the exalted Rule of Your Majesties' Royal House.

We further tender to Your Majesties our humble gratitude for the distinguished favour of being permitted to present this Address at a place replete with historical interest in connection with the water supply of the Metropolis, for it was at this New River Head where Your Majesties are now so graciously pleased to receive us that the citizens received centuries ago at the hands of Sir Hugh Myddelton and have ever since enjoyed the bountiful supply of pure water which he was enabled to bring to them by means of the Royal sympathy and financial succour of King James the First.

Given under our Common Seal the day and year aforesaid.

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

The Queen and I thank you very sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address and for your prayers and good wishes.

I am well aware of the extreme importance of the duties entrusted to the Metropolitan Water Board and of the difficulties which have been successfully surmounted in ensuring to the population of London a continuance of that pure and abundant water supply upon which the health of the Metropolis largely depends.

Dwellers in London are perhaps too ready to accept this great boon as a matter of course, and it is well that we should have an opportunity of acknowledging the great debt we all owe to you and to your predecessors, and above all to Sir Hugh Myddelton for the enterprise and energy which have contributed to make the water supply of London the finest in the world.

GRAY'S INN.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

The humble Address of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, Your Majesties' loyal and dutiful subjects the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn avail ourselves of Your Majesties' gracious permission on the occasion of your passing the precincts of our Inn along the road which was at one time the private way of some of Your Majesty's illustrious predecessors, and known

as the King's Way, to testify on behalf of all members of this Society the heartfelt loyalty and devotion to Your Majesties' Throne which have ever been entertained by this ancient Inn of Court. This Society has for more than five centuries carried on in this place its work of educating and of qualifying its members to take part in the administration of justice, of which Your Majesty and your predecessors are the fountain head.

The Society has called to the Bar many generations of men who have become renowned either as advocates or as judges sitting to administer justice as the representatives of the Crown.

From the time when this Society first acquired prominence in the reign of King Henry VIII it has received the countenance of many of Your Majesty's predecessors. The tradition of this Society affirms that Queen Elizabeth was entertained in our ancient Hall, and that the Society enjoyed the especial favour of that great Queen and the intimacy of her Court and Ministers, and to this day her memory is venerated on every Grand night when members of the Society and their guests toast each in his turn "The pious, glorious, and immortal memory of Good Queen Bess."

Under the immediate successor of Queen Elizabeth this Society shared the fame of its illustrious Treasurer, Francis Bacon, and at various times, when difficulties or dangers menaced the Throne, the members of the Society manifested their loyalty and their devotion.

We are proud to feel that our Inn is still favoured by Your Royal House. Your Majesty's Royal Father was, before his accession, graciously pleased to be a guest of this Society. Your Majesty's relatives, Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Arthur of Connaught are Masters of our Bench. The members of the Society will never forget that Your Majesty as Prince of Wales graced our House by Your presence as a guest in our Hall and Pension Room in Easter Term, 1907.

We heartily rejoice that the opportunity of Your Royal Progress through this part of the Metropolis enables us to join our voices to those of all Your other loyal subjects in proclaiming, on the happy occasion of Your Majesties' Coronation, the loyal devotion and affection which we feel for Your Majesties' Throne and Persons, and we fervently pray that the Almighty may grant to Your Majesty and to Your Most Gracious Consort happiness and all the blessings of this life, and that you may be spared for many years to reign over a loyal, united, and prosperous Empire.

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

It has given great pleasure to the Queen and Myself to receive the loyal and dutiful Address of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn on the occasion of Our Coronation.

This ancient Society has for centuries occupied an honourable place among the Inns of