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FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1912.

Whitehall, November 27, 1912.

The following Address was presented to the King on Their Majesties' arrival at Worksop, on Monday, the 25th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to the Duke and Duchess of Portland:—

WORKSOP URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Urban District Council of Worksop.

May it please Your Majesties.

We, the Urban District Council of Worksop, most humbly desire, on behalf of the inhabitants, to offer Your Majesties a most cordial welcome to Worksop.

We are deeply conscious of Your Majesties' solicitude in the welfare of your subjects, and we highly appreciate Your Majesties' great interest in the work of Local Authorities, the duties intrusted to which, affect so closely the health and well-being of the people.

We approach Your Majesties with profound reverence, and with the assurance of our loyalty and devotion.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesties may long be spared to live in health and strength, continuing to rule over a loyal, happy and prosperous people.

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

The Queen and I thank you most heartily for the loyal and dutiful Address of Welcome which you have presented on behalf of the Urban District Council of Worksop.

It gives Us great pleasure to visit your beautiful neighbourhood, which attracts visitors from all parts of the world.

For a long time wide responsibilities have been entrusted to Local Authorities in the administration of the laws affecting the health and well-being of the people, and a vigorous corporate life has been fostered by unselfish devotion to the duties of local government. I do not doubt that you will worthily maintain this high ideal of civic virtue.

We thank you for your good wishes, and assure you of Our deep interest in your progress and prosperity.