

the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1914.

Whitehall, March 27, 1914.

The following Address was presented to The King, on Wednesday the 25th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Chester:—

To Their Most Gracious Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please Your Majesties,

In the name of this ancient City, so long connected with Your Royal House by ties of fealty and loyalty, we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of the City of Chester beg you to deign and accept our tribute of loyal devotion to Your Majesties and the Empire. We count ourselves proud to have this gladsome occasion of offering a right Royal welcome within our City's walls.

We recall with feelings of pleasure and gratitude the gracious visit paid by Your Majesties, as Earl and Countess of Chester, to this the capital City of Your Earldom, in the year 1908, immediately before Your illustrious progress through the Dominion of Canada, and hail with delight this mark of Royal favour in your condescending to visit our borders to-day.

We, in common with numerous other subjects throughout the length and breadth of the land, look with the utmost gratification upon the visits Your Majesties are so graciously pleased to pay to the various cities and towns as a means of affording to all sections of the community the pleasure of personally offering their loyal homage to our well beloved King and Queen.

The kindly consideration ever displayed by Your Majesties to those who are called upon to bear physical suffering has made more firm the affection borne to Your Majesties by every class of Your devoted subjects, and we desire to assure You how very deeply we appreciate the gracious act Your Majesty is about to perform in the opening of the extensions of the General Infirmary for the amelioration of the lot of those in this neighbourhood who suffer.

We earnestly pray that length of days and all possible happiness and peace may attend Your Majesties and Your Royal House, and that the ties uniting the citizens of the Homeland and of the Dominions beyond the Seas in unswerving loyalty to the Throne may be ever strengthened with the passing years.

Given under the Corporate Seal this 25th day of March, 1914.

JOHN M. FROST,
Mayor.
J. H. DICKSON,
Town Clerk.

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

The Queen and I are very glad to come to Chester once again, and We thank you warmly for the loyal and dutiful Address with which you have made Us welcome.

We well remember the visit which as Earl and Countess of Chester We paid to you six years ago and We are happy in the belief that Our presence to-day will add yet another to the many ties which from early times have bound your ancient and historic City to My House.

It gives Us much pleasure to be able to visit some of the centres of industry in Cheshire and observe the signs of the county's activity in manufacture and trade. We rejoice also that Our visit will afford Us a fresh opportunity of coming into close contact with the industrial workers and of seeing the conditions of their daily life and labour.

The generous provision you have made for the needs of the sick and suffering is a source of deep satisfaction to Me. My beloved Father ever took the warmest interest in the beneficent work accomplished by the Hospitals of Our land, and it was a graceful thought to commemorate His reign by renewing and extending your General Infirmary. I have consented with peculiar satisfaction to open the new buildings of the Infirmary which it is My desire should henceforth be known as the Chester Royal Infirmary. I wish God-speed to your work.

*Foreign Office,
March 5, 1914.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Gaston de Bernhardt, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Departments of Côtes-du-Nord, Ille-et-Vilaine, Morbihan and Loire Inférieure, to reside at Nantes.

Whitehall, March 27, 1914.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award an Edward Medal of the Second Class to Robert Dunbar under the following circumstances:—

On the 3rd of August, 1913, a fire occurred at the Cadder Colliery, Lanarkshire, and, on the alarm being raised, a panic ensued. Most of the men, not knowing where the fire had originated, turned into the main airway down which the smoke was being carried, and were overcome by the fumes. Robert Dunbar, a miner, however, by presence of mind and by utilising his knowledge of the workings, succeeded in bringing two of his fellow-workmen into fresh air by another route, after having courageously waited for and revived one of them who had collapsed. After returning to the surface, Dunbar again descended underground to assist in the work of rescue, and, in the course of the subsequent operations, succeeded in saving one of the rescue party who was overcome. The Commissioner, who conducted the public inquiry into the disaster, made special mention of Dunbar's sustained courage and coolness.