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TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1922.

Whitehall, 21st July, 1922.

The following address was presented to the KING on Monday, the 17th instant, on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the new London County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E. 1:—

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The loyal and dutiful address of the Council of the administrative County of London.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the Chairman, Aldermen and Councillors of the London County Council, representing the people of the capital of Your Majesty's Empire, desire respectfully to express our warmest thanks for the honour conferred on London by Your Majesty in graciously consenting to perform the opening ceremony at the new County Hall. It is now more than ten years since we were privileged to receive Your Majesty here on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone. The lapse of such a length of time since the commencement of the building is due to the Great War, during the major part of which work was sus-

pending on the site. For some time the building was taken possession of for State work and was indeed not handed back completely until October, 1919. The changed conditions since the War have had the effect of increasing largely the original estimated cost of the building, and the pressure of economic circumstances has necessitated the postponement for the present of the addition of a wing on the north side. The completed portion of the building, however, provides suitable accommodation for both members and staff, of whom no fewer than 2,400 will be under one roof.

Mr. Ralph Knott, F.R.I.B.A., whose design was unanimously placed first by the assessors of the competition, has designed and planned the building, in collaboration with the Council's official architect, Mr. W. E. Riley, F.R.I.B.A., M.I.C.E., R.B.A.

Your Majesty, in viewing some of the principal features of this building, will be shown where it is proposed to inscribe the names of two members of the Council and 1,065 members of the staff who gave their lives for their King and country in the Great War.

Your Majesty is aware of the width of the range of the powers and duties of the Council; for example—public health in its broadest aspect, including main drainage, housing, the care of the insane and provisions against cer-