

*Privy Council Office,*  
30th April, 1936.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Royal Veterinary College, praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter under the title of "The Royal Veterinary College and Hospital", and that His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 2nd day of June next.

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30th April, 1936.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Mercers' Company, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 2nd day of June next.

*Westminster, 30th April, 1936.*

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of 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:—

Army and Air Force (Annual) Act, 1936.

*Whitehall, May 1, 1936.*

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Windsor Castle, on Friday, the 1st May, 1936:—

DEAN AND CANONS OF ST. GEORGE'S  
CHAPEL, WINDSOR.

TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING  
EDWARD THE EIGHTH,

May it please Your Majesty,—

WE your Majesty's loyal and devoted Servants, the Dean and Canons of your Free Chapel of Saint George within your Castle of Windsor, present our humble duty. We beg to offer to Your Majesty our respectful and sincere condolences on the lamented death of Your Majesty's beloved Father, our late most gracious Sovereign King George the Fifth. In common with all other His subjects throughout His Empire we shall ever keep in grateful

remembrance His unfaltering devotion to duty and His unflinching care for all sorts and conditions of His people. But we of the Chapel of Saint George have also especial cause for inscribing His honoured Name on our Roll of Benefactors, inasmuch as the Restoration of our ancient House of God was powerfully aided alike by His personal munificence and by His interest and solicitude which encouraged the liberality of others.

We beg likewise to present our dutiful homage and respectful congratulations to Your Majesty on Your Accession to the Throne. The Name borne by Your Majesty has deep significance for us. It was by King Edward the Third that the Most Noble Order of the Garter was founded; it was by command of King Edward the Fourth that the building of St. George's Chapel was begun. Your Majesty's Presence in Your Garter Stall on an early day in Your Reign assured us anew of Your Own high regard for the Shrine in which Your Majesty's Predecessors have joined with our College in the worship of Almighty God. To Him our prayers will be made daily that Your Reign may be long and prosperous, bringing peace among the nations, happiness to Your own subjects throughout the Empire, and the continuance of His Divine Blessing to strengthen and support You in the discharge of Your manifold responsibilities.

(L.S.)

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

It gives Me much pleasure to meet you here to-day and to receive your Loyal Address.

I am especially touched by the warmth of your sympathy with Me and by your tribute to King George's noble character. My Father was always keenly interested in St. George's Chapel, and its successful restoration was, I know, a source of great happiness to Him.

I thank you for your congratulations on My Accession to the Throne and for the sincerity of your good wishes. For My part, I have a deep affection for the Chapel with its historical associations with My Family and with the Order of the Garter, the pre-eminent order of chivalry of which I am now the Sovereign Head and you may rely upon My abiding interest in all that concerns your ancient foundation.

WINDSOR CORPORATION.

TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING  
EDWARD VIII.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Royal and Ancient Borough of New Windsor, on behalf of the inhabitants, humbly beg to offer to Your Majesty our profound sympathy and express to you the deep grief which we feel at the loss the nation has sustained by the death of our late beloved sovereign King George V.

We mourn the loss, but with every confidence we feel that with Your Majesty's great experience of the vast Dominions over which you rule the future relationship with foreign powers and the prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies will be truly maintained.