

bring long and lasting happiness to Your Majesties and to themselves.

Wavell, F.M., Chancellor.  
W. Hamilton Fyfe, Vice-Chancellor.  
Eric Linklater, Rector.  
H. J. Butchart, Secretary.

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

The Queen and I are grateful to the University of Aberdeen, which serves an area that we know so well, for the cordiality of its congratulations on the engagement of Our dear daughter, and for the good wishes expressed for her future happiness.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, the 6th instant:—

#### CITY OF LONDON.

##### THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, Your Majesties' most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesties in order to offer our most cordial congratulations on the recent betrothal of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth, C.I., Your Majesties' elder daughter, to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

Bound to Your Majesties by feelings of devoted loyalty and grateful attachment, and cherishing a deep and affectionate interest in all that concerns the happiness of Your Majesties' Illustrious House, we, in common with all Your subjects, have received with heartfelt rejoicing, the announcement of this happy event.

That the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon the Marriage, and that it may bring added comfort and felicity to Your Majesties for many years to come, is the earnest prayer of all the Citizens of London.

Signed by Order of the Court.

Anthony Pickford,  
Town Clerk.

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

I am very glad indeed to receive this Address from the City of London on the occasion of the engagement of My dear Daughter. The Queen and I value more than words can express this further evidence of your loyal and affectionate interest in all that concerns my family, and We thank you sincerely for the warmth of your good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Princess Elizabeth in her married life.

#### THE ROYAL SOCIETY

##### TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, your loyal and dutiful subjects, the President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of London, humbly beg leave to offer Your Majesty, the Patron of our Society, our respectful and most sincere congratulations upon the approaching marriage of Your Majesty's Most Dearly Beloved Daughter Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

The Royal Society of London ever since we received its first Charter from His Majesty King Charles the Second has not only enjoyed the continued patronage of the Throne but has been specially favoured in that many members of the Royal House have become Fellows of the Society. It is with particular pride that, in offering our respectful and sincere congratulations on this most auspicious occasion, we recall that Her Royal Highness was elected a Fellow of the Society and, having graciously signified her desire to visit our Rooms at Burlington House she was duly admitted to the Fellowship on the third of July of this year.

And we shall ever pray that Your Majesty, with her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, may long

live to witness the married happiness and prosperity of your Most Dearly Beloved Daughter and to continue to reign over your devoted and loyal subjects.

On behalf of the Council and Fellows of the Royal Society.  
November, 1947.

Robert Robinson,  
President.

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

It is with special pleasure that I have received from the Royal Society, with which the Crown and my family have been so intimately associated for so many years, your Address of congratulation on the occasion of the engagement of My dear daughter, who was so recently elected into your Fellowship. On behalf of the Queen and Myself, I thank you sincerely for the warmth of your congratulations and for your good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten.

#### 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 and Members of the London County Council, representing the people of Your Majesty's Capital, humbly approach Your Majesty to submit our heartfelt loyal congratulations on the occasion of the Betrothal of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, Royal Navy.

The welfare and happiness of Her Royal Highness as the heir presumptive to the Throne are matters of interest and concern to all the populations of the British Commonwealth of Nations and assuredly not least to the people of London.

Through years of peace and war we have watched the growth of the new generation whose happiness and well-being are so much a part of our thoughts and endeavours. It is with affectionate pride that we venture to identify with this new generation, both the person of Her Royal Highness, whose dedication of Her life to the service of the people has given such inspiration to the youth of this realm, and the person of Lieutenant Mountbatten, whose gallant service in the Second World War was symbolic of the unconquerable resistance of those nations who from first to last were at our side in the struggle against the threat to the freedom and happiness of the people of the world.

We deeply appreciate the great interest which Your Majesty has ever shown in the well-being of the people of London, and we desire to express our great pleasure and profound gratification that Her Royal Highness is pleased to share Your Majesty's interest in the work of the Council.

On behalf of the people of London, we desire to express respectful congratulations to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty The Queen on the fulfilment of Your Majesties' hopes for the happiness of Her Royal Highness, who has won so warm a place in all our hearts.

We offer to the Bride and Bridegroom affectionate wishes for the future and we pray that God may grant every blessing on the marriage and that continued happiness may be vouchsafed to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty The Queen.

Eleanor Nathan,  
Chairman of the Council.  
Countersigned.

J. R. Howard Roberts,  
Clerk of the Council.

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

The Queen and I thank you sincerely for your warm congratulations on the engagement of our dear daughter.

We have been particularly touched by your generous tribute to the services which she and Lieutenant Mountbatten have already rendered to our country. I am sure that throughout their lives they will be inspired by the motive of service to all the peoples of the Commonwealth. The pleasure which the Queen and I feel on this happy occasion is increased by the knowledge that the people of my Capital also wish my daughter and her betrothed every happiness in their married life.