

and to offer our warm and loyal congratulations upon an event so important to Your Majesties and to all Your subjects.

In the years of stress through which we have passed and are now passing the bonds of affection uniting Your Majesty and Your family to Your people have grown ever stronger, while the whole Commonwealth and Empire has learned ever more confidently to look to Your Royal House for inspiration and encouragement in all things of good report. Everything therefore which concerns the happiness of Your Majesties and Your family concerns us also, and we rejoice in a marriage full of hope for the future of our country and of our fellow-subjects throughout the world. We rejoice too that Her Royal Highness and her consort will not only inherit a great tradition from a long past but will be supported in all their duties by Your Majesties' example. The Princess Elizabeth bears a name whose famous memory has won new lustre in these last years, and we hope that through Your Majesty we may be allowed to offer to her and to her future husband our sincerest good wishes.

It is our part, as ministers of Christ's Gospel, to do all that we may to strengthen those foundations of personal and family life upon which true happiness depends: it is our prayer that this happiness may ever dwell in Her Royal Highness's home to the glory of God and the well-being of His children.

We pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest always upon Your Majesty, upon Her Majesty the Queen and upon Your Royal Family and Realm.

Cyril Ebor, President.
H. L. Fosbrooke, Prolocutor.

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

It is with real pleasure that the Queen and I have received the congratulations of Your Grace, the Bishops and Clergy and the Province of York in Convocation assembled, upon the engagement of Our dear daughter to Lieutenant Mountbatten. We thank you sincerely for your good wishes and join with you in the prayer that their marriage may be blessed with true happiness. The Queen and I deeply appreciate your reference to the bonds of affection which unite my family with the people of the Commonwealth, and we trust that the marriage of Our dear daughter will serve to strengthen the ties which bind together our great family of nations.

CITY OF EDINBURGH.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, in our own name, and as representing the citizens of the ancient Capital of Scotland, respectfully offer to Your Majesty and to Your Royal Consort, Queen Elizabeth, our most sincere and cordial congratulations on the occasion of the Betrothal of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

We, in common with all our fellow subjects of the Commonwealth, hail with feelings of joy and thankfulness this auspicious occasion. We rejoice that in the great responsibilities and in the service to which in recent months she dedicated herself, Her Royal Highness will be sustained and strengthened by the ties of happy marriage. We are particularly gratified in the Scottish associations of Her Royal Highness and her Betrothed.

We earnestly pray that Her Royal Highness will have a long and happy, married life.

We take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our Loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, Throne and Government.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto at Edinburgh the fifteenth day of July Nineteen hundred and Forty-seven.

John I. Falconer, Lord Provost.
J. Storrar, Town Clerk.

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

It is with particular satisfaction that I have received the Address from the Corporation of Edinburgh.

The associations of My Family with your capital city are close and cordial: for that reason the Queen and I are especially grateful for the warmth of your congratulations, and for the good wishes which you have expressed for Princess Elizabeth's happiness.

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

TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SIXTH.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most loyal and devoted servants, the Dean and Canons of your Free Chapel of Saint George within your Castle of Windsor, present our humble duty and desire to give expression to the happiness we have felt since learning of the Betrothal of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth.

We are glad in the belief that Your Majesty and Her Majesty The Queen are satisfied that the Princess has made a choice which will not only bring joy to her but will also help her in the great and responsible task which she already so notably fulfils on behalf of this Nation and Empire; and we pray that the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which alone can explain the happiness and charm of the home she leaves behind, may rest equally on the new home that is to be.

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

To the Queen and Myself, Mr. Dean, it is a special pleasure to receive from you and the Canons of Windsor your Address of congratulation upon the engagement of our dear daughter. We are glad that you, who are our neighbours and have seen Princess Elizabeth grow up, share with us our happiness on this occasion. And with you we pray that God's blessing will rest upon her and her husband in their home and in all their work.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Ancient and Royal Borough of New Windsor, do humbly beg to offer our sincere congratulations upon the betrothal of Your beloved daughter, The Princess Elizabeth, to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

The announcement of this most auspicious event, which reached us so soon after Her Royal Highness had been pleased to accept the Honorary Freedom of our Borough, has caused us to rejoice again that the Princess whom we hold so dear in our hearts and whose public life we have watched with the highest admiration, has found such promise of happiness in her private life and support in the arduous duties which she is called upon to perform.

We pray to Almighty God to bless this Royal union, that it may prosper and contribute to the security and well-being of our Nation and Empire, and fitly uphold the exalted dignity of the Throne.

We gratefully express our thanks for the high privilege conferred on us by Your Majesty in personally accepting this our dutiful Address.

Sealed by Order of the }
Council this 13th day of } L.S.
November, 1947.

F. I. Fuzzens, Mayor.
R. Webster Storr, Town Clerk.

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

Mr. Mayor,

The Queen and I are very glad indeed to receive this loyal Address from the Royal Borough of Windsor on the occasion of the engagement of Our dear daughter, whom you so recently honoured with your Freedom. Windsor is our home, and we ourselves know how affectionate is the interest which the people of Windsor take in the well-being of my family. We thank you warmly for your congratulations on this happy occasion and we join with you in your prayers for the future happiness and prosperity of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten.