

and to-day, Your Majesty, you are standing within a stone's throw of where this Treaty was signed.

Through the Centuries, Wallingford has shown its close and devoted adherence to the Crown, and it is a matter of pride that Your Majesty has graciously consented to unveil a Plaque recording Your Majesty's visit, and commemorating the granting of our Charter.

We are constantly aware in our hearts, of Your Majesty's arduous and exacting duties, and we welcome the opportunity thus given us, of assuring Your Majesty of Wallingford's continued loyalty and heartfelt devotion, and we pray that Your Majesty's reign over us may be long and happy.

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

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your Loyal Address and for the warm and affectionate welcome with which the people of Wallingford have greeted me today.

I am very happy to be here so soon after you have celebrated such an important event in your history. In the Charter which was granted to you in 1155, King Henry II gave your ancestors very wide privileges in recognition "of the service and great labour they underwent on his behalf in obtaining his hereditary right of England". As his successor, I am very glad to unveil the plaque which commemorates my visit here some eight hundred years later.

The assurances which you have given to me, Mr. Mayor, bear witness to the constant allegiance of this Borough to the Sovereign throughout eight centuries. In congratulating you on your long record and wishing you peace and prosperity in the years to come, I am confident that the burgesses of Wallingford will never fail in loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

Whitehall, November 2, 1956.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN to-day on the occasion of the re-opening by Her Majesty of the County Hall in the Borough of Abingdon:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty.

We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Abingdon unite in offering a loyal and affectionate welcome to Your Majesty.

We are grateful for the honour conferred upon our ancient Borough by this Your Majesty's gracious visit in this the fourth centenary year of its incorporation.

In the wide realms over which Your Majesty is Sovereign are many ancient cities and towns. None looks backward more proudly on its share in English history, or forward more eagerly to rendering service in an age fraught with scientific progress than Abingdon. Our Abbey was founded over twelve hundred years ago, and around it grew a civil community which from time to time was granted licences and Charters among other purposes for building Abingdon Bridge, establishing Charities and maintaining the School which is one of the most ancient in England. Our Charter of Incorporation was granted in November, 1556, by Queen Mary I and King Philip, and since then we have been privileged by the grant of nine further Charters between 1665 and 1836.

As the centre of a prosperous farming area, Abingdon was for three centuries the County town of Berks and is still a Quarter Sessions Borough.

Our Guildhall is over 500 years old, and in 1677 the Corporation commenced to build the County Hall as the seat of the County Assizes which continued to be held here until 1868. This building has been restored by Your Majesty's Minister of Works and we are deeply honoured that Your Majesty has graciously consented to re-open it and to inspect the civic treasures contained therein.

Ancient industries such as malting, brewing and the preparation of leather contribute alike with the manufacture of motor cars and concrete products to the prosperity of a town whose merchandise is to be found the world over.

We shall ever pray most devoutly that by the Grace of God Your Majesty may reign long, peacefully and happily over us, your loyal subjects.

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

Mr. Mayor,

I thank you for the loyal and affectionate welcome I have been given to-day on my first visit here.

I heard with great interest of the history of Abingdon and of the influence of such different forces as religion and communications on your development over the centuries. Abingdon has long had pride in its origins. To-day, as it celebrates the four hundredth anniversary of the grant of its first Charter, it looks with confidence to its future. New industries have risen around you and these unite with your older industries to foster the prosperity of this ancient town.

In your County Hall you have an enviable memorial of your long and honourable story. I am very glad indeed that my Minister of Works should have restored it, and it will give me great pleasure to re-open it and see the civic treasures and records which it contains. Before I do so, let me wish you, Mr. Mayor, and all who live in this ancient Borough, peace and prosperity in the years to come.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

2nd November, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Richard Maurice Hilton Vickers, Royal Tank Regiment, to be an Equerry (temporary) to Her Majesty.

The appointment to date from the 1st November, 1956.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

2nd November, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to, and promotion in the Royal Victorian Order:—

(to be dated 1st November, 1956.)

To be a Knight Commander:—

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable Osbert Eustace VESEY, C.M.G., C.V.O., C.B.E.

To be a Member of the Fourth Class:—

Lieutenant-Commander David Anning LORAM, Royal Navy.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 9th November, 1956, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £80,000,000 for Bills due 63 days after date and to the amount of £200,000,000 for Bills due 91 days after date.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 12th November, 1956, to Saturday, the 17th November, 1956, inclusive.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different currencies and for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent by post on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part, and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday, 11.30 a.m.) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.