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THE following Addresses were presented to the Queen, on the occasion of Her Majesty opening the Empress Dock at Southampton, on Saturday, the 26th day of July, 1890:—

To Her Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Chairman and Directors of the Southampton Dock Company, on behalf of the Company which we represent, beg to offer our most grateful thanks for the high honour conferred upon us by Your Majesty's condescension in coming in person to the inauguration of the new Dock, which with Your Majesty's approval we propose to name "The Empress Dock," in token of the world-wide extent of Your Majesty's Dominions.

We trust that this enlargement of the Southampton Docks may be productive of great benefit, not only to the Port of Southampton, but also to the trade and commerce of the country generally, as this new Dock is capable of receiving at any time of tide the largest ships now constructed. We beg again to thank Your Majesty for adding lustre to this ceremony, and venture to offer our best hopes that the Almighty may continue to shower blessings on Yourself and Family, and prolong Your Majesty's beneficent reign for many years to come.

Signed on behalf of the Directors of the Southampton Dock Company,

Stewart Macnaghten, Chairman.

To which Her Majesty gave the following most gracious Answer:—

"I RECEIVE with pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address. It gives Me great satisfaction to inaugurate this important addition to the Docks of the Port of Southampton, and to see so striking an illustration of the energy and commercial enterprise in My kingdom. I trust that the Port of Southampton will feel the benefit of the great work you have completed, and will exhibit in the future increasing developments of trade and prosperity."

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Ancient Borough of Southampton, in council

assembled, gratefully embrace the opportunity afforded by Your Majesty's visit to our Port, to tender to Your Majesty, as the beloved Sovereign of these Realms, the assurance of our loyal and ardent attachment.

The presence of Your Majesty in our waters to inaugurate the important enterprise which will largely increase the facilities for carrying on the maritime commerce of this highly favoured Port, is a most auspicious event, and is hailed by us with the liveliest satisfaction and pleasure.

Among the many memorable features of Your Majesty's beneficent reign, the marvellous development of the British Mercantile Marine and the vast and varied resources connected with it in the seaports of Your Majesty's dominions holds a foremost and conspicuous place, and we rejoice to know that while Your Majesty manifests the deepest interest in everything that affects the well-being of Your Majesty's subjects, the encouragement of the spirit of nautical endeavour, so essentially characteristic of the British race, is always an object of Your Majesty's solicitous concern and regard.

As loyal subjects of Your Majesty we are proud of the progress which the Empire has made, under Your Majesty's gracious sway, in the peaceful pursuits of industry and commerce, to the increase of the people's happiness and the extension of the legitimate influence of Britain among the nations of the earth; and we are well assured that Your Majesty's visit to-day will be attended with the happiest results in relation to the great shipping industry of the Kingdom, with which the interests of the Port of Southampton are so prominently identified.

While gladly availing ourselves of the occasion to testify our loyal attachment to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty and the Royal House, we fervently pray that the blessings vouchsafed to Sovereign and people during Your Majesty's illustrious reign may be long continued to both; and that Your Majesty's valued life may be preserved for many years to adorn the exalted position which Your Majesty occupies, and to witness the ever-increasing happiness and prosperity of Your people.

Given under our common seal this 26th day of July, 1890.

James Bishop, Mayor.

To which Her Majesty gave the following most gracious Answer:—

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful