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The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' Progress in State through London, on Saturday, the 25th instant:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Council of the Administrative County of London:—

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the London County Council, entrusted with the central municipal government of the capital of the Empire, desire respectfully to express our thanks for the opportunity which has been graciously afforded us of approaching Your Majesties on this occasion.

We dutifully call to mind that Your Majesty succeeds to a Throne which rests on the free institutions of our country, and is strengthened by the affection of a loyal and contented people; and that the first act of Your Majesty was the expression of determination to reign as a constitutional Sovereign and to work for the good and amelioration of Your people.

The ceremony by which Your Majesty has in due form confirmed the promise thus freely and graciously given has always connected London in a special manner with the Throne of this Kingdom, and the London which we administer is sensible of this and the many privileges which it enjoys, among which we venture to include the frequent residence of Your Majesties therein, and the personal interest which Your Majesties have taken in its most pressing needs. We are assured by the marks of Royal favour which have been bestowed upon reforms and improvements which we have carried out, especially upon those which have for their object the welfare of the poorer inhabitants under our charge, that Your Majesties will continue to regard with approbation our efforts to make and keep London worthy of the important position it holds in the Government, the commerce, and the intellectual activity of this great Empire.

The occasion on which we address Your Majesties will be memorable to London in a special degree by reason of the illness which prostrated Your Majesty in its midst on the eve of the Coronation. At that critical moment the grief and anxiety of London were universally manifest, and now we express in its name the joy with which it receives its crowned King and Queen.

We pray that Your Majesties may live long and happily to reign over a people who have extended and confirmed the authority of their Sovereign in all parts of the world, and we trust that the cares of Government will be lightened by the affection and loyalty of the Empire and by the prosperity and peaceful progress of our beloved country.

John M'Dougall, Chairman of the Council.

Countersigned,

G. L. Gomme, Clerk of the Council.

25th October, 1902.

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

"It gives much pleasure both to Myself and to the Queen to receive in person the loyal and dutiful congratulations of the central municipal authority on the occasion of Our Progress through the Capital of Our Empire to receive the greetings of Our people on Our Coronation.

"Your confidence that My favour will be extended to every measure calculated to ameliorate the condition of My subjects is well founded; and of the numerous and important questions which come under your consideration none appeal more strongly to My interest and sympathy than those which regard directly the welfare of the poorer classes, especially in this and other great cities.

"I thank you for your good wishes for Myself and My House. I cordially share your aspiration that it may be granted to Me by the Divine Providence which has preserved My life from imminent danger to reign over a firmly-established and peaceful Empire and in the loyal hearts of a contented and prosperous people."