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#### REPORT . . .

By the Deacon-Convener, Collector, and Clerk, regarding Presentation of Address to His Majesty from the Trades House of Glasgow, in the Council Room, City Chambers, Glasgow. . .

7th July, 1914.

WHEN it was publicly intimated in the newspapers that their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary would make their first State Visit to Glasgow on Tuesday, 7th July, immediate application was made to the Secretary of State for Scotland for the House again exercising the privilege of being represented by deputation on the occasion, and of the deputation being presented to and addressing the Sovereign in person.

The Lord Provost was also communicated with, and another application made through him to Lord Stamfordham, private secretary of the King.

A Statement of the different occasions from 1609 to 1903, upon which the privilege of being represented by deputation had been enjoyed by the House, and of the deputation being presented to and addressing the Sovereign in person, was forwarded both to the Secretary for Scotland and to Lord Stamfordham. The Statement was as follows:—

Precedents 1609—1903 The privilege of being represented by deputation on public state occasions dates back to the beginning of the seventeenth century shortly after the institution of the House in 1605.

The Minutes of the years 1609, 1612, and 1621 show that the House was in the habit, along with the Merchants House, of accompanying by deputation the Lord Archbishop of Glasgow to Edinburgh at the Meetings of the Scots Parliament, and taking part with his Lordship in the Riding of Parliament. This took place periodically, as can be traced from the first Minute Book of the House.

The privilege of presenting an Address in person to the Sovereign was last granted to the House in 1903, following upon precedents of 1822 and 1842, on the occasion of the first State Visits to Scotland, after their respective Coronations, of King George IV. and Queen Victoria.

1822

In 1822 the House had the honour of presenting in person an Address to King George IV. and also of attending by deputation a level held by His Majesty in the Palace of Holyrood House.

The deputation posted through to Edinburgh along with deputations from the Magistrates and Council and the Merchants House.

The total cost on that occasion exceeded Fourteen Hundred Pounds, the share paid by the House for conveyances, residence, and servants' liveries amounting to Two Hundred Guineas.

1842

In 1842 the House had again the honour of attending by deputation a levee held by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in Dalkeith Palace.

On that occasion the deputation proceeded to Edinburgh alone. A carriage and horses were taken through from Glasgow along with liveried coachmen and footmen, as had been the case in 1822, and the cost of the presentation amounted to One Hundred Pounds.

1903

The House had once more the honour of addressing the Sovereign (King Edward) in person on his first State Visit to Glasgow on 14th May, 1903. On that occasion Deacon-Convener White, along with the Lord Provost and Magistrates, was presented to King Edward and Queen Alexandra on the arrival of their Majesties at Queen Street Station, and shook hands with the King.

A deputation from the House, consisting of the Deacon-Convener, the Collector, the Late Convener, the Late Collector, and the Clerk, attended in the Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers and presented an Address to their Majesties immediately after the Address by the Corporation of Glasgow had been presented. Amongst the guests in the Banqueting Hall were assembled the Deacons, the Visitor, and other Members of the Trades House. The deputation was preceded by the Officer of the House, Mr. John Farrell.

### THE CEREMONY

THE Deacon-Convener, along with the Lord Provost and Magistrates, were in attendance at the Central Station when their Majesties arrived, but the Deacon-Convener was not presented there, as he was to have that honour at a subsequent stage in the programme.

The Deacon-Convener, Collector, and Clerk were present in the Council Room when the Royal Party arrived there at a few minutes past one, and on being summoned by the Lord Provost and the Secretary of State for Scotland, the deputation entered the reserved enclosure in front of the dais, and were presented to the King.

The Deacon-Convener asked His Majesty to accept a loyal and dutiful Address from the Trades House of Glasgow, to which the King expressed his assent. The Clerk thereupon handed the Casket containing the Address to the Deacon-Convener, who presented it to His Majesty. His Majesty then handed the Deacon-Convener his reply, and the deputation withdrew to make way for a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce.

### THE ADDRESS



S GRADES: FOUSE: 9: GLASGOW instituted by Letter of Guildry of A.D. 1695, afterwards ratified confirmed and recognised by his Wajcoty King Charles II, Their Wajesties King William III and Queen Mary, and her Dajesty Queen Anne, beg leave to approach Your Majesty to assure you of our loyal Devotion towards Jam Waisty's TRADES HOUSE person, your Royal Consort, Queen Wary, and the members of the Royal Family. The zeal and love which has prompted Your Majesty and Queen Wary TAILORS intimate and personal touch with the life and interests of local -amid all the cares and duties of your high estate-to come unto communities of your people, has already endeared your throne and persons to the hearts and affections of your loyal subjects. his ancient Corporation is proud in the possession of many tokens of recognition from your Dajesty's Royal Predecessors, and as representatives of recognition from your suggestes of Glasgous, we rejoice in being of upwards of 8000 Burgesses of Glasgous, we rejoice in being graciously permitted to assure your Majesty how heartily our constituents join in the acclamation with which the citizens of this greats community welcome your visit. Through the benevolence of its wealthier brethern from time to

time, and the wise husbanding of its resources by those worthy erafferment who down through the generations have controlled its affairs, this Prouse has had for the last three centuries-together with the Trade Incorporations of which it is composed-the happy privilege of caring, with ever increasing opportunity for the less fortunate among the city's Burgesses. Not only has it ministered to the needs of those who, from age and circumstances have required relief, and equipped the young with suitable education and technical training, but it has, at the same time had the honour of promoting, advancing and assissting all public schemes and Institutions for the moral educational and social welfare of the city. We who, for the time being are charged with the trust of this Mouse feel ourselves constrained and inspired by your noble example of sympathy service and sacrifice, to carry on, even more assidously than before the beneficent work which lies to our hand.

he whole life of our country will we feel sure be quickened by Your Majesty's gracious visit and royal progress, and the evidence thereby alforded of how earnestly you desire the happiness and comfort of your people. We fervently pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to quide this great empire in the paths of peace progress and prosperity and that you and your beloved Consort Queen Mary will be blessed with strength to continue to lend your presence and patronage as opportunity shall offer, for the encouragement of all great public movements designed for the uplifting and amelioration of Your Wajesty's subjects.



MASONS

Signed in pursuance of the unanimous resolutions of Ghe Grades house of Glasgow and sealed with the Common Seal of that Corporation on the stack day of July Mineteen hundred and fourteen.

William Beattle Deccon Convener. High alleuter Collector. Harry armsden Clerk

#### THE KING'S REPLY



The Queen and I are glad on this Our first visit to the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow since my Accession to have an opportunity of receiving an Address from your ancient Corporation, and I thank you and your constituents heartily for your expressions of goodwill, loyalty, and affection towards Us.

I know that your House and its fourteen Incorporations mindful of their responsibilities have in time past devoted their resources to the help of the distressed and the education and technical training of the young. I rejoice that you carry out the trust laid upon you by your predecessors and continue their work, in relieving the aged and needy, and generally aiding and supporting those great schemes for the public welfare which confer honour upon this City.

I thank you for your prayers on Our behalf, and assure you of Our ready sympathy with all efforts for the promotion of the happiness and wellbeing of my Subjects.

#### THE CASKET

THE Casket containing the Address was of solid silver heavily gilded, and the design was unique, being a replica of the Deacon-Convener's Charter Chest made in 1761. The lid was plain, bearing in relief the Royal Arms Scottish with thistle decorations at each corner. On the front panel in the centre was the Trades House Coat of Arms, supported on the left by the Arms and Mottoes of the Hammermen, Tailors and Cordiners Incorporations, and on the right by those of the Maltmen, Weavers and Bakers Incorporations. On the reverse panel was the Royal Monogram, supported three on each side by the Arms and Mottoes of the Incorporations of Skinners, Wrights, Coopers, Fleshers, Masons, and Gardeners, and at each end of the Casket by the Arms and Mottoes of the remaining two Incorporations, the Barbers, and Bonnetmakers and Dyers. The chasing was very rich, standing out in bold relief against the burnished background.

The Casket was designed and made by Mr. Robert Scott, Manufacturing Goldsmith, 8 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, past Deacon of the Incorporation of Gardeners, and was enclosed in a case of Royal Purple Velvet.

## THE CASKET



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