

Trades' House  
of Glasgow.



**S**OUVENIR

OF

Address Presented to  
The King on  
His Visit to Glasgow.

14th May, 1903.



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The Ceremony

AND

The King's Reply.



# PRECEDENTS

A.D. 1609 to 1842,

SHOWING

WHEN THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING REPRESENTED BY DEPUTATION ON STATE  
OCCASIONS HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY THE HOUSE ;

AND ALSO,

WHEN THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING PRESENTED TO AND ADDRESSING THE  
SOVEREIGN IN PERSON HAS BEEN FORMERLY GRANTED.



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 the address in person to His Majesty was granted to the House, following upon the 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.

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

That 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.

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.



THE CEREMONY  
THE ADDRESS  
AND  
THE KING'S REPLY



ON the arrival of their Majesties at Queen Street Station, the Deacon Convener had the honour, along with the Lord Provost and the other Magistrates, of being presented to their Majesties, and of shaking hands with the King.

In the Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers a deputation from the House, consisting of Deacon Convener White, Collector Kirkwood, Late Convener Macfarlane, Late Collector Goldie and Mr. Harry Lumsden, the Clerk, were in attendance to present the Address to be received by 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.

On being summoned by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary of State for Scotland, the deputation entered the reserved enclosure in front of the dais, preceded by the Officer of the House, Mr. John Farrell, followed by the Clerk bearing the Casket containing the Address, the Deacon Convener, the Collector, the Late Convener and the Late Collector.

The deputation advanced towards the Royal party, bowing to the King and Queen, and the Deacon Convener asked His Majesty to accept a loyal and dutiful Address from the Ancient Guildry of the City of Glasgow. To this request the King replied that he would do so with great pleasure.

The Clerk thereupon handed the Casket and 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 the left of the Royal party, to make way for a deputation from the Burgh of Govan.





# To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY 17 PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

**W**e, the Body Corporate and Politic designated the Trades House of Glasgow, beg leave to approach Your Majesty to offer our sincere loyalty and devotion towards Your Majesty's person, your Royal Consort, Queen Alexandra, and the Members of the Royal Family, and to express our gratification on the occasion of the gracious visit of Your Majesty and Queen Alexandra to the City of Glasgow.

Instituted by the Letter of Guildry granted in 1605 which was ratified by your Ancestor King Charles, II, in 1672, we recall with gratitude the recognition of this our Charter by subsequent Sovereigns, notably by Their Majesties King William III and Queen Mary, and by Her Majesty Queen Anne, and the additional privileges conferred upon this Corporation by the last named Sovereign, and by Their Majesties King George I, King George II, and your deeply revered mother, Queen Victoria.

This ancient Corporation has thus had an important share in the institution, management and patronage of a large number of the greater and more important Public Educational and Charitable Institutions of the City, and has been enabled to do much both directly and indirectly for the furtherance of the Educational needs, elementary higher and technical, of this City, during almost every step of its progress.

The life thus given to the Trades House, and consequently to the Fourteen Trade Incorporations, of which it is composed, has been the means of drawing within its ranks, voluntarily, greater numbers of leading citizens as Free Burgesses and Guild Brethren and the result has been to greatly increase the wealth of the House and these Craft Guilds, so that they are now able to expend, in aids to deserving craftsmen, their widows and daughters, and in helping the families of decayed Guild Brethren to improve their higher and technical education, sums now amounting to upwards of £20,000 per annum.

For all these privileges which are exercised zealously for the best interests and higher welfare of the City and the Guild Brethren, and for the happiness and comfort of its poorer Burgess families, we desire humbly to take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt thanks, and our firm conviction that the ever sympathetic interest which Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort have displayed in all things tending to the alleviation of sorrow, sickness and poverty, to the assistance of the widow and the orphan, and to the promotion of Science, Art, Higher and Technical Education, will have an abiding influence for good upon the permanent advancement of the Voluntary Benevolent and Educational Institutions of the Nation.

As the Representatives of upwards of 6000 Craft Burgesses and Guild Brethren of the City of Glasgow, we desire also to express to Your Majesty our deep sense of the honour conferred upon the Crafts Guildry by being graciously permitted thus to approach Your Majesty and Queen Alexandra, a privilege previously bestowed upon the House by your illustrious ancestor King George IV and by Queen Victoria.

We humbly pray that Your Majesty, Queen Alexandra and the Members of the Royal Family may long be spared and that you may enjoy a prolonged and peaceful reign marked with continued progress and prosperity amongst all classes of Your Majesty's Subjects, who by the noble example of Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort, may constantly seek to work in unison for the good of the communities in which they live, for the maintenance and unity of the Empire, and the happiness of all your People.

**Signed** in pursuance of the unanimous Resolution of the Trades House of Glasgow, and sealed with the Common Seal of that Corporation on the Eighth day of May, 1903.



Matthew White  
James Kirkwood  
James Mayfarlane  
James Goldie  
Harry Dundas

Deacon Convener.

Collector.

Late Convener.

Late Collector.

Clerk.





I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYAL AND DUTIFUL  
ADDRESS BOTH ON MY OWN BEHALF AND ON THAT OF THE QUEEN

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW WHICH  
HAS RECEIVED PRIVILEGES FROM MANY FORMER SOVEREIGNS  
WHO HAVE RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS WORK AND  
ESPECIALLY FROM MY BELOVED AND ILLUSTRIOUS MOTHER

I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH DEEP INTEREST THE  
ACCOUNT GIVEN OF THE HISTORY, PURPOSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE TRADES HOUSE AND TRUST THAT IT MAY LONG FLOURISH  
AND CARRY ON ITS BENEFICENT WORK IN THE ALLEVIATION OF  
DISTRESS AND IN THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE ART AND EDUCATION

I THANK YOU HEARTILY FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS  
OF GOODWILL TOWARDS MYSELF AND THE QUEEN.





THE DEPUTATION.

Mr. HARRY LUMSDEN, LL.B.,  
*Clerk.*

JAMES GOLDIE, Esq.,  
*Late Collector.*

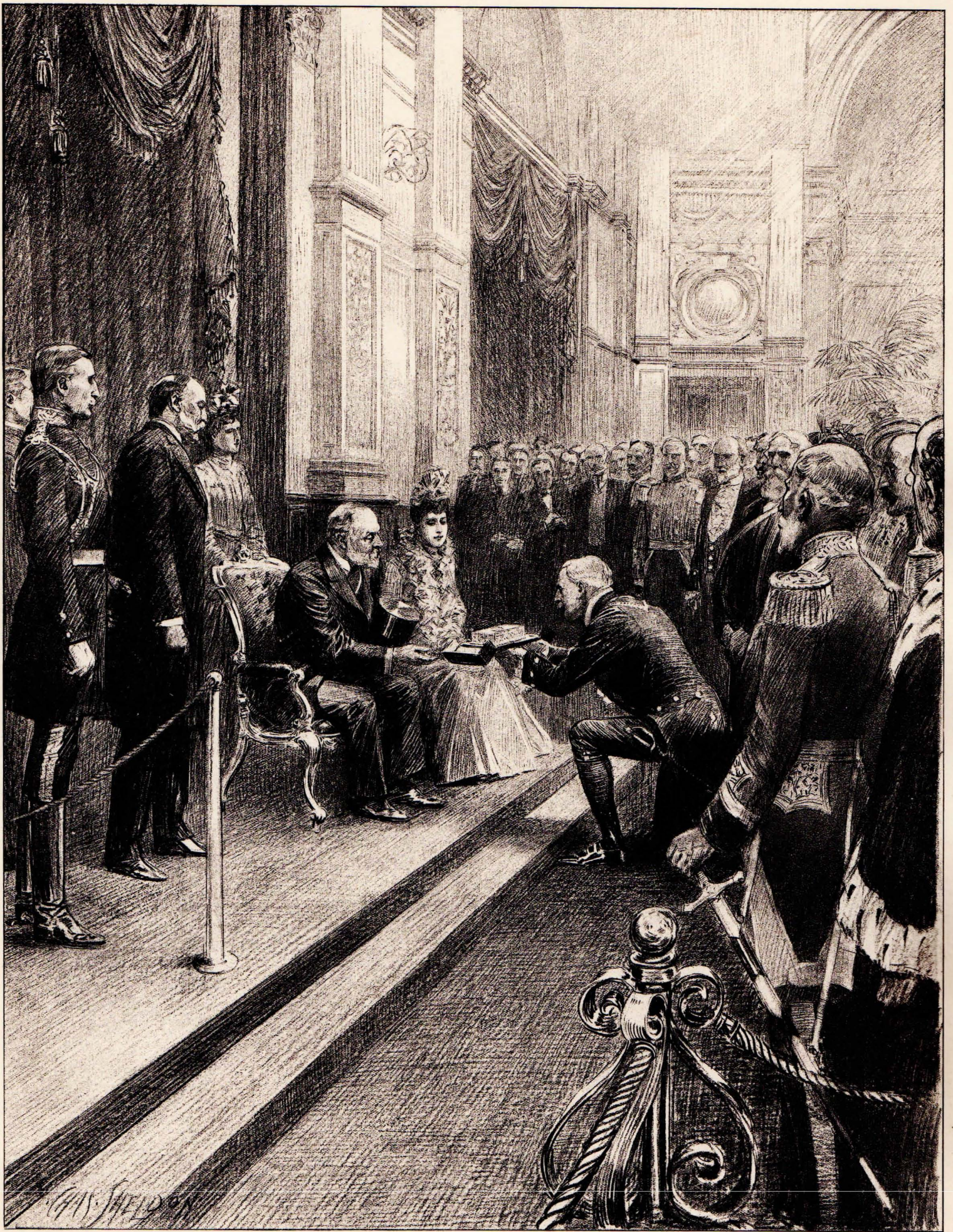
JAMES MACFARLANE, Esq.,  
*Late Convener.*

Mr. JOHN FARRELL,  
*Officer.*

JAMES KIRKWOOD, Esq.,  
*Collector.*

MATTHEW WHITE, Esq.,  
*Deacon-Convener.*





DEACON-CONVENER MATTHEW WHITE  
PRESENTING THE ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD.



## THE CASKET.

THE Casket containing the Address was of unpolished solid silver, the lid being plain, bearing the Royal Arms Scottish in bold relief. Round the body were fifteen panels with the Arms of the Fourteen Incorporations and their mottoes entwined with Scotch Thistle decoration. The front panel in the centre bore the Trades' House Arms, supported on the left side by the Hammermen, Tailors, and other five Incorporations, and on the right by the Wrights, Coopers, and the remaining Incorporations, all in order of precedence.

The Casket was designed and made by Messrs. R. & W. Sorley, Manufacturing Silversmiths, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and was enclosed in a Royal red morocco-covered case.



