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Presented by H. Esher to Queen Mary then Princess of Wales See his letter of May 17 1909 in covering letters of item material sent to Archives

On Saturday 2^d May 1701 The King & Q. York wth 3
 D^{ns} Princesses came thro' Worcester in their Way to visit our
 Br^{ty} at Hebbleburg Castle in w^{ch} Park were assembled some
 Thousands of People from ^{the Royal family} ^{Stoubridge} ^{other neighbouring}
 Places; of the King w^{as} pleased to walk backward & forward on a
 Terrace in y^e Garden w^{ch} was separated from y^e Park by an
 Haugh Haugh in order to gratify the People's Loyall Curio-
 sity wth favor they returned wth repeated Acclamations
 of Joy; in their ^{Marches} Return thro' Worcester in y^e Afternoon they were
 rec^d with ringing of Bells at y^e several Churches & Streamer
 hung out at some of y^e Towers, & y^e Acclamations of a Multitude
 collected at y^e ^{in y^e streets particularly} ^{Whose} ^{fresh} ^{horses} ^{were} ^{put} ^{to}
 y^e Carriages. On Sunday 5th May Their Majesties & y^e 3
 Princesses arrived at y^e Br^{ty} Palace in Worcester when y^e Bells
 rung at y^e several Churches & a general Illumination
 took Place, some exhibiting transparencies, Colours, Lamps,
 & Inscriptions [Over my Door, was a Blue Scroll wth y^e following
 Inscription in yellow Letters: *Dia felicitu vivant; Die prospere*
regnent; seu beate moriantur Georgius Charlotta; this
Scroll was illuminated by a Pyramid of 10 Lamps; under Georgius
was a smaller Scroll Virtute coronam ornans, & under Charlotta
an other Chara Regi Britannia amata. Over y^e Garden gate
were black & white Scrolls with Translations of y^e Latin ones
long & happily live, long & prosperous, reign, late & blessedly
Die George whose Virtue ornaments his Crown; Charlotta
dear to y^e King by Englishmen beloved] The streets were
crowded not only with y^e Populace, but wth large Groups

full of y^e highest satisfaction. On Wed: Morn the King had a
Levee in y^e Palace Hall at w^{ch} attended the B^p Dean & Chapter 10 of
whom were present y^e y^e court, about half past nine when
a short address was made by the ~~King~~ Bishop & graciously answered
y^e King. Mr. Shurbshaw Withers Esq^r formerly Mayor of Wor^{ter} & long
an active usefull County Magistrate ~~was~~ ^{acted} ^{y^e Mayor} of the County
Cooperation attended y^e Levee The Mayor & Recorder ^{of the County} y^e Justices
The Recorder ^(at Crosses Sept 26 1799) the Aldermen & Com: Council, all y^e had
papers & their in scarlet Gowns & y^e just in black silk. The Recorder
made a short but most loyal address w^{ch} was graciously read & answered by
his Majesty after w^{ch} we were seperately announced by y^e Recorder
y^e had y^e Honor of kissing the Kings Hand. The Mayor & then went in
Precept to y^e Cathedral - w^{ch} was handsomely fitted up on y^e extraordinary
occasion. The Throne or canopy under y^e great West Window was
crimson silk with gold fringe & y^e cushions y^e same on y^e right
was a seat for y^e B^p of y^e 3 Bishops of Wor^{ter} Glouc^{ster} & Heref^{ord}, behind y^e
a seat for y^e Stewards Hon^{or} & 4 of y^e King & Langford take a Prebend
here but now Canon of Windsor with some 2^d Ladies on the left of y^e
Throne was a seat for y^e Dean & Chapter & behind them some some 2^d
Ladies. Beneath the Throne w^{ch} was nobly elevated ^{with} large feet for
principal Persons two right benches were fitted up w^{ch} y^e 3 feet each
one above an other faced with crimson for y^e cooperation + 2 opposite benches
y^e same for their female friends & friends. The Orchestra was erected
under y^e Organ & brot forward into y^e nave of y^e Cathedral the whole made
a striking appearance of not a mean imitation of y^e Abbey
soon after Eleven some y^e Procession of y^e King & y^e Princeps attend
by y^e Dean & Chapter & Stewards when they were seated y^e y^e y^e
Personages had paid their usual gracious & engaging compl^{ts} to y^e Company
The Band began y^e noble symphony Anthem Ledock y^e P^rest^r ^{of the}
The Bishop read y^e noble prayer Anthem Ledock y^e P^rest^r ^{of the}
The Bishop were thanked by Mr Clarke a new elect^r minor Canon
depos^{ed} with whom I hear y^e King expressed his approbation; Dr Langford
the Steward preached an excellent Pathetick Sermon from y^e 4th 2^d Ps^{alm}
y^e Kings & y^e conclusion of y^e 7th Verse Live thou & thy children of y^e Earth
there were 2 more Anthems introduced into y^e service y^e last of w^{ch} was y^e

In the evening at y^e Col: Hall was a grand select^r from Handell
selected from Alexander's Feast Athalia Sept^u Solomon &c On Thursday
Morn 7 Aug the Mayor of York was in Procession to y^e Cathedral
when y^e Royal Family were seated the Performance began w^{ch} was a
Select^r of sacred Musick from Handell taken from Israel in Egypt
& Saul particularly y^e dead March & Funeral Anthem, this Select^r was
much of same as at y^e Office last year. In the evening at y^e Hall the Royal
Vivants were expected as y^e Fulcrions of State shew^d with white & gold
arm-frames were removed thither from y^e Cathedral for a seat prepared
for y^e in y^e center of y^e front of y^e Gallery & they honored y^e Deans
with y^e Presence of their, but y^e Company were only appointed.
Performance was a grand miscellaneous first Act of a 2^d from Sept^u
The Friday Morn (it being before signify^d y^e the King was to be
Mayor of York with a Visit to the Town Hall there was an
Arch erected w^{ch} was with Laurels gilt & y^e fence the receipt
Long live y^e King, there was a grand Procession attended by y^e
Band y^e flags of y^e different Trades & Companies to y^e Gates of
y^e Palace; when the King came out there was an unparallelled
magnificence of y^e Band & march up God save y^e King, they Mayor
took y^e sword of y^e 4 Judges & Maces they were followed by y^e King
& y^e Council in walking y^e Royal Domestick y^e Sheriff & Captain
of Ald^{ers} & Com: Council in black silk a Lane was made by additional
Counstable & y^e flags beavers of y^e with children extravagant
ornamented one or 2 of w^{ch} y^e paper took particular notice, y^e Sheriff
were crowded with happy counter-voices, as were y^e windows from
whence y^e waving white banners added to y^e scene. When y^e King
arrived at y^e Hall the Vicar of courts of judicature & the Officers of
above y^e lower Town, he went up stairs taking y^e grand survey
in his way & enquiring particularly as to y^e several accommodations for y^e
different Persons attending y^e Business of an Affair & explaining in
German to a Prussian stranger of consequence who joined y^e Procession
of such Procession in y^e Kingdom, when y^e King came into
y^e Council Chamber (the Ball Room) He walked up & down talked
to y^e Recorder. The Mayor & the Prussian Gent^l at y^e end of y^e Room
there was a table of different Wines & prepared Fruits, when y^e King

drank a glass of wine any more of his life He must then take on
to of Records Mayor Corporation of City of Worcester & on offer of a
Mark of his favor of a request being made of yr office picture he gra
nuly promised to adorn of Hall with having from yr widow
views with pleasure of signs scene of yr Hall below the King was re
duced & attended to yr Palace as before. The Corporation Procession
returned to yr Hall from thence proceeded to yr father wd where
when the King & Royal Family were seated to wonder of Pleasure
had viewed of numerous & well dress audience by effect of whole
produced; there began of Performance of a sacred Oratorio of yr
Mepiah. In the evening the foll: Hall was honor'd with yr presence
of their Majesties & yr Princesses when was performed a miscellaneous
advice of yr Duke of Devon & yr Princess's day; the concert being
ended, the dancing of yr Royal Family was seen
return'd to yr Chamber of yr heart of yr Royal Family was seen
of numerous happy assembly. On Saturday Morn & every other yr
King with only an attend: or 2 took a walk abt yr different parts of yr
of yr Sparrows, on his return he & yr Royal Family attended Prayers
of yr Chapel in the afternoon the Walk of yr Streets & visit
of yr flight new elegantly grand China & Plate Shop where they made
several purchases permitting Mr Flight to put over his windows of yr
Manufactures by yr Majesties; they also visited of Carpet Manufactory
of yr Saturday Morn went to yr China House where they saw of different
Branches of yr Work & having staid 2 hours they proceeded over yr Bridge
On their return thro London for Shaltesham. their Majesties gave 20
to yr charity, 100 to yr Poor of yr & 200 to yr relieving Debtors in yr City & Coun
Prisons. On yr Mepiah Morn there were more of an 2000 Persons at 10b ea
wh was yr price each Morn in yr evening it was only 5/6 of usual. I am
It is expected there will be from yr Collectr of surplus of tickets to yr
amount of 1100 come to yr charity. In yr Kings coming of Orchestra
strengthen'd by yr Royal Band & other Additional Performers. The Prime
singers were Madam Mara, Mr Ambrose Mr Norris & Mr Sale, yr four
Tenor & Treble singers were second good ones but not equal to yr place
The Nobles present were Duke Norfolk & D^{ty} of Exeter, Plymouth, &
count, D^{ty} of Devon D^{ty} of Cornwall D^{ty} of Devon, Peterham, of Mar
D^{ty} of Sandys D^{ty} of Westral ~~of~~ of Digby & Capt Barnaby
the D^{ty} of Malden & B^{ty} of Hereford