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PRESIDENT WILSON AND KING GEORGE.

On the occasion of the reception of President Wilson, on May 27th, of the new British Ambassador to the U. S. A., Sir Auckland Geddes, in addressing, the President said:

"His Majesty, my king, has instructed me to deliver to you this letter and to say that it is his desire that I should, at the first possible moment, renew to you, sir, his assurances of the lively interest which he takes in everything that promotes the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America.

"Immediately before I left his court of St. James I had the honour of being received in audience by him when he charged me particularly to express to you, Sir, the vivid sense of pleasurable recollection with which he remembers your Excellency's visit and that of Mrs. Wilson to him at Buckingham Palace.

He has heard with deep emotion and regret of the loss of health from which you, sir, have unhappily suffered. He prays that it may be wholly temporary and of short duration and that Almighty God may restore you to your accustomed vigor.

"He has asked me also to thank you with the utmost warmth and cordiality for the gratifying reception and boundless hospitality which have been extended to his eldest son, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on each separate occasion on which he has visited the shores and lands of this great nation.

May, I, Your Excellency, on behalf of those who were my colleagues, the members of the Administration of the United Kingdom and on my own behalf, associ-

ate not only them but also myself, with each and all of the royal messages of affection, good will and gratitude which it has been my great good fortune and high honour to be permitted to deliver to you? I am devoutly thankful that I am able to say that I believe it to be the unanimous wish and hope of the British peoples, wherever they may be, that the relation of friendship and cooperation between the people of the United States of America and themselves may be strengthened and developed, and that no cloud of misunderstanding may ever arise between them.

"It will be my unceasing effort ever to serve the peoples whom I have the honour to represent in the furtherance of their wish and hope.

THE PRESIDENT REPLIES.

The President in his reply said:—

"It is, I am confident, quite unnecessary to say that I accept with pleasure from your hands the letter whereby His Britannic Majesty accredits you as his Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, and that the gracious words of His Majesty which you interpret to me are warmly appreciated. May I ask you to be so good as to express to him my sincere thanks for his kindly interest and good wishes.

"I was glad as were the people of the United States, to welcome His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. We felt honored by his visit. I greatly regret that the state of my health at that time did not permit the amount of personal attention it was my wish to give, both on his own account and as, in some measure, a return for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality which His Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen extended to Mrs. Wilson and myself on the occasion of our visit to London. That visit is most agreeably remembered by us and, while we recognise that the reception accorded was not to us as individuals, we cannot dissociate ourselves altogether from its warmth and generosity and are personally grateful.

"I trust that your Government saw in the warmth of the greetings accorded His Royal Highness a manifestation of the friendly good will which the people of the United States hold for those of Great Britain. Believing in the reciprocal friendship of the British people it will be my aim in the future as it has been my endeavour in the past to further the cordial relations and close ties of friendship which unite the two nations.

"Thanking you and through you, those who were associated with you in the Government, for the kind and appreciative messages which you deliver on your own and their behalf, I am happy to accord you formal recognition in your exalted character and trust that you will find your sojourn among us most agreeable.—*Barbados Globe, July 14th.*

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Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, 27th July 1920.

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