

Barrister-at-law, a dignity which you have been graciously pleased to signify your willingness to accept.

"Since the foundation of this Society it has been our custom, before calling anyone to our Bar, to satisfy ourselves by careful examination, that such progress has been made in the acquisition of legal knowledge as will warrant admission to practice as a Counsel. But 'nice customs courtesy to great Kings,' and we know that Your Royal Highness has already been called to the Bar in England.

"In the name of Convocation I have the honour and pleasure of conferring upon you the degree of Barrister-at-Law.

"We shall ask the honour of the signature of Your Royal Highness to our Roll of Barristers, and it is with great satisfaction that we are able to lay before you for that purpose the parchment upon which, in this building, upon an occasion similar to the present Your Royal Grandfather, fifty-nine years ago, when he was Prince of Wales, graciously inscribed his name.

"Assuring you of the loyal remembrance in which his name is held among us, we beg to express the assurance that Your Royal Highness, like him, and like His Majesty your royal Father, may forever be enthroned in the hearts of his people.

"In addressing Your Royal Highness as Edward, Prince of Wales, we are reminded not only of Edward the first Prince of Wales, but as well of that other Prince—the second Prince of Wales—the great Plantagenet known to history as the Black Prince, of whose father, King, Edward III., Your Royal Highness is a lineal descendant. We recall that Edward the Black Prince, when still young in years, was made first Duke of Cornwall—the first Dukedom created in England—and that this ancient title is to-day borne by Your Royal Highness in right of inheritance under the terms of the original charter by which it was first vested in Edward the Black Prince nearly six hundred years ago. The name of Edward the Black Prince has endured through the centuries as that of one of the most heroic of Britain's princes of renown. It is our hope that British subjects the wide world over may cherish in deep affection and loyal allegiance the name of Edward Prince of Wales who, like his great predecessor, has returned a soldier and