

County Borough of Waterford

To John E. Redmond, esquire, M.P.

Address of Welcome

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Waterford, in council assembled, have very great pleasure in tendering you, our able revered and cherished representative, a hearty and loyal welcome on your first visit to our ever faithful and ancient city since the historic day when the Home Rule Bill was placed on the Statute Book of the Imperial Parliament.

We again earnestly and emphatically declare and express our full and absolute confidence and trust in you, and also in your gallant Irish Party. And we tender to you and them our sincere gratitude for the great self-sacrifices and genuine patriotism displayed under the most difficult and trying circumstances. And for the glorious triumph for Ireland of having succeeded in placing our great charter of liberties on the statute roll.

We also fully endorse and highly approve of your generous, broad-minded and statesmanlike conduct in all your truly noble and earnest and patriotic endeavours to unite by "Gentleness and Reason" for the good of our common country, all classes and creeds of Irishmen, Nationalists and Unionists, Catholics and Protestants, North and South, East and West. As we firmly believe, and are firmly convinced, that it is only by doing so our dear old land shall again become a prosperous, happy, contented and united nation.

We are proud of you as our true, tried and trusted representative for a quarter of a century, and we are also eminently proud of you as a statesman, who will, we believe, be ranked in history as one of the ablest of your contemporaries.

We sincerely pray and hope that you may be long spared to us, to guide the destinies of our old country in prudence, wisdom and toleration for now –

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"OUR FREEDOM'S WON"

Signed Richard Power, Mayor

Patrick Higgins, Assistant Town Clerk