

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WATERFORD TO JOHN E. REDMOND, ESQ., M.P.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Waterford, in council assembled, are pleased once again to be privileged to extend to you a warm, hearty and loyal welcome to our old city by the “Gentle Suire”, which you have so ably and faithfully represented for a quarter of a century. We again repeat and place on record, and desire to express to you our full absolute and entire confidence as esteemed representative, and as the skilful, able and wise leader of the Irish people.

Since last we had the honour of your presence amongst us the most diabolical, inhuman and barbarous war that the world has ever witnessed is being ruthlessly waged against the liberties of Europe and the civilisation of Christendom. In this terrible crisis you have spoken words of wisdom and acted with great courage, ability, deliberation and calmness. And we earnestly and emphatically endorse and approve all your words, acts and deeds, your valiant conduct, and the prudent course pursued by you in this the greatest emergency in the world’s history. And, in saying this, we believe that we represent the feelings and sentiments of all classes and creeds in the “Urbs Intacta”.

We are perfectly satisfied that the destinies of our old country are quite safe in your keeping and that when the proper time arrives you and our patriotic Irish Parliamentary Party will secure for us the full benefit of the great charter of our liberties, which is already inscribed on the statute book.

We, in conclusion, sincerely pray that you may be long spared to us in health and strength to guide and unite all classes and creeds of our fellow countrymen, to work together for the glory, happiness and prosperity of our native land – a contented and united Ireland.

Given at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Waterford this 18th day of August, 1915.

Richard Power, JP, Mayor

Patrick Higgins, JP, Assistant Town Clerk