

with gratitude the great interest His Majesty, the King, when Prince of Wales, was pleased to manifest in the Company's welfare at the time of the Company's Tercentenary Exhibition in 1904, are especially desirous of marking in some lasting manner their deep and grateful appreciation of His Majesty's - magnificent efforts in the terrible European War to bring about Peace, now happily achieved.

The Company fully recognise that it would not be in accordance with etiquette to ask His Majesty's gracious acceptance of the Honorary Freedom of the Company. The Court of Assistants venture, however, very respectfully to express the hope that His Majesty may not be unwilling to accept the Gold Medal of the Company; - more especially, as His late Majesty, King Edward the VII had been graciously pleased to accept the Company's Gold Medal, when Prince of Wales, and held it at the time of his lamented death.

Would you do me the personal favour of letting me know whether such a proposition would be likely to be favorably considered, if formally put forward through you officially?

Apologising for troubling you, and with every good wish for 1920

Believe me, dear Lord Stamfordham

Yours faithfully,

Homewood Crauford.

York Cottage

Sandringham, Norfolk

24th January 1920.

Sir

Your letter of the 19th instant, to Lord Stamfordham has been laid before the King, and I am commanded to inform you that His Majesty will