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Her Majesty The Queen
c/o Professor Paul Layzell
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Your Majesty,

As a reminder of Your visit to Royal Holloway, University of London last Friday, it is a great honour to offer to You an online electronic edition of an unpublished sixteenth-century text prepared by a team of scholars, postgraduate students and technical advisors at the Hellenic Institute, History Department of Royal Holloway, University of London in collaboration with the British Library to celebrate your Diamond Jubilee.

The text is an autograph Greek Encomium on King Henry VIII composed in verse by Dr George Etheridge, former Regius Professor of Greek at the University of Oxford, on the occasion of H.M. Queen Elizabeth I's visit to Oxford in 1566. Preserved in a unique manuscript of the Royal Collection in the British Library, this short rhetorical text sheds further light on the reception and development of Hellenic Studies in Tudor England. At the same time it reminds us of the long and strong relations between the two nations, fostered by Your Majesty, by H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and by other members of the Royal family and Your Government during Your long reign.

This online edition, which combines traditional scholarship with innovative technology, is open to the public and the international academic community free of charge on our website

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and we very much hope that Your Majesty will also be able to spare the time to visit our website and to read the Encomium addressed to Your forebears at first hand.

Please, Ma'am, accept this gift as a token of our deepest gratitude for your long and devoted services to the people of the United Kingdom and for your friendship and support to Greece, as well as a reminder of your visit to our College.

We wish Your Majesty many many more years of health and happiness.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charalambos Dendrinou', written over a white background.

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