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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1922.

*Whitehall, December 11, 1922.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 9th instant, to appoint His Grace the Duke of Abercorn to be Governor of Northern Ireland.

*Whitehall, 11th December, 1922.*

The following Address was presented to His Majesty on the 8th instant:—

**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.**

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, The Senators and Commons of Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, having learnt of the passing of the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922, being the Act of Parliament for the ratification of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, do, by this humble Address, pray Your Majesty that the powers of the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State shall no longer extend to Northern Ireland.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to give the following reply:—

I have received the Address presented to Me by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Article 12 of the Articles of Agreement set forth in the Schedule to the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922, and of Section 5 of the Irish Free State

Constitution Act, 1922: and I have caused my Ministers and the Irish Free State Government to be so informed.

### CEREMONIAL.

**OBSERVED AT THE RECEPTION AND SWEARING IN OF HIS GRACE, JAMES ALBERT EDWARD, DUKE OF ABERCORN, AS GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND.**

12th December, 1922.

His Grace, the Duke of Abercorn, was received on his arrival at the Courts of Justice, Belfast, by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and the Members of the Cabinet of Northern Ireland, and conducted to the Court House, where His Grace's Warrant of Appointment as Governor of Northern Ireland was presented to the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

After the Royal Warrant of Appointment had been read by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath were administered to His Grace by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

His Grace took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath and proceeded with the Prime Minister and the Members of the Cabinet of Northern Ireland to hold a meeting of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland.