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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OPENED THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH OF MAY, 1886.

THE Proclamation of the Opening of the Exhibition took place in the Albert Hall upon a Dais erected for the purpose, upon which was placed a Chair of State.

Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, the Members of the Finance and Lighting Committees, the Members of the Executive Commissions for the various Colonies and India, and others taking part in the Procession, assembled in the Colonial Hall at the Main Entrance at 11.15 o'clock.

At 11.30 o'clock His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G. (the Executive President), accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Princesses of Wales, The Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, and The Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., arrived at the Exhibition, accompanied by an escort of 2nd Life Guards under the command of Lieutenant Naylor Leyland.

Their Royal Highnesses were attended by Lady Suffield (Lady of the Bedchamber); Miss Knollys (Woman of the Bedchamber); Earl of Gosford, K.P. (Lord in Waiting); Lord Colville of Culross, K.T. (Chamberlain); Honourable Alexander Fitzmaurice (Groom of the Bedchamber); Honourable H. Tyrwhitt-Wilson, Colonel C. Teesdale, V.C., C.B., Colonel Stanley Clarke, C.M.G. (Equerries); and Mr. Francis Knollys, C.B., and Mr. Maurice Holzmann (Private Secretaries).

His Royal Highness The Prince Albert Victor of Wales was attended by.
Captain Honourable A. H. F. Greville.

The following Members of The Royal Family also arrived, and awaited Her Majesty's arrival:—

Her Royal and Imperial Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh, with His Royal Highness The Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, attended by Lady Emma Osborne, Colonel Honourable W. J. Colville, and Captain Honourable D. Monson.

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Strathearn, attended by Lady Adela Larking and Colonel Sir Howard Elphinstone, K.C.B., C.M.G., V.C.

Their Royal Highnesses The Princess and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, attended by Mrs. G. G. Gordon and Lieutenant-Colonel Honourable C. G. C. Eliot.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and The Marquis of Lorne, K.T., attended by Honourable Harriet Phipps and Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Collins.

Their Royal Highnesses The Hereditary Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Oldenburg, attended by Lady Elphinstone and Colonel Larking.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, K.G., attended by Major-General Bateson and Captain E. St. John Mildmay.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Teck and His Serene Highness The Duke of Teck, G.C.B., and Her Serene Highness The Princess Victoria of Teck, attended by Lady Caroline Cust and Captain Edgar Sebright.

Her Grand Ducal Highness The Princess Louis of Battenberg and His Serene Highness The Prince Louis of Battenberg, K.C.B.

The Queen left Windsor Castle at 11.10 o'clock, and travelled by the Great Western Railway to Paddington Station, where The Royal Carriages were in waiting at the arrival platform.

Her Majesty left Paddington Station at 11.50 o'clock, accompanied by Her Imperial and Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Germany and of Prussia (Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland), and Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by the Great Officers and the Household in Waiting, and escorted by a Captain's escort of the 2nd Life Guards under the command of Captain Smith Cunninghame, in the following order :—

First Carriage.

Major A. J. Bigge, C.B. ...	...	...	Equerry in Waiting.
General Sir Michael Biddulph, K.C.B. ...	...	...	Acting Equerry in Waiting.
Colonel Milne Home ...	...	...	Silver Stick in Waiting.
Colonel H. Trotter ...	...	...	Field Officer in Brigade Waiting.

Second Carriage.

Colonel Lord E. Pelham Clinton ...	...	...	{ Groom in Waiting to Her Majesty, in attendance on Her Imperial and Royal Highness, The Crown Princess of Germany and of Prussia.
Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr ...	...	...
Miss M. Cochrane ...	...	...	{ Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness The Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Batten- berg.
Dowager Marchioness of Ely ...	...	...

Third Carriage.

General Right Honourable Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B. ...	...	...	{ Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse.
Lord Kensington ...	...	...
Honourable Rosa Hood ...	...	...	{ Lord in Waiting.
Honourable Evelyn Paget ...	...	...
			{ Maids of Honour in Waiting.

Fourth Carriage.

Lady Waterpark ...	...	...	Lady of the Bedchamber in Waiting.
Baroness Von Dornberg ...	...	...	{ In attendance on Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Germany and of Prussia.
Count Seckendorff ...	...	...
Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.			Gold Stick in Waiting.

Fifth Carriage.

Earl of Kenmare, K.P. ...	...	...	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl Sydney, G.C.B. ...	...	...	Lord Steward.
Earl of Cork, K.P. ...	...	...	Master of the Horse.
Duchess of Bedford ...	...	...	Acting Mistress of the Robes.

Sixth Carriage.

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.
Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Germany and of Prussia (Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland).

THE QUEEN.

General H. Lynedoch Gardiner, Equerry in Waiting, attending Her Majesty on horseback.

The Route was by London Street, Oxford and Cambridge Terrace, Bayswater Road, Victoria Gate, Serpentine Bridge, and Alexandra Gate, to Exhibition Road.

On the arrival of Her Majesty at the Main Entrance in the Exhibition Road, which was announced by a Flourish of Trumpets by Her Majesty's State Trumpeters, Her Majesty was received by His Royal Highness The Executive President and the other Members of The Royal Family.

The following Chief Executive Commissioners for the various Colonies and India were presented to Her Majesty by His Royal Highness The Executive President at the base of His Royal Highness's Statue in the Colonial Hall.

Honourable Sir Charles Tupper, G.C.M.G., C.B., Executive Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada.

Honourable Hector Fabre, Member of Canadian Commission.

Sir Alexander Stuart, K.C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for New South Wales.

Mr. Joseph Bosisto, Commissioner in charge of Victorian Exhibits, and Mr. James Thomson, Sir Arthur Blyth, K.C.M.G., and Sir Samuel Davenport, Executive Commissioners for South Australia.

Honourable James F. Garrick, C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for Queensland.
Honourable Malcolm Fraser, C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for Western Australia.

Sir Francis Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for New Zealand.

Dr. Julius Von Haast, C.M.G., Commissioner in charge of New Zealand Exhibits.

Dr. Walter L. Buller, C.M.G., Member of the New Zealand Commission.

Honourable James E. Mason, Executive Commissioner for Fiji.

Sir Charles Mills, K.C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for the Cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Sydney Cowper, in charge of Cape of Good Hope Exhibits.
 Sir William Charles Sargeaunt, K.C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for Natal.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund Palmer, Executive Commissioner for St. Helena and Ascension.
 Mr. Arthur N. Birch, C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for Ceylon.
 Mr. Henry J. Jourdain, Executive Commissioner for Mauritius.
 Mr. F. A. Swettenham, Executive Commissioner for the Straits Settlements.
 Mr. Henry E. Wodehouse, in charge of Hong Kong Exhibits.
 Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., Executive Commissioner for British North Borneo.
 Mr. G. H. Hawtayne, Executive Commissioner for British Guiana.
 Mr. Augustus J. Adderley, C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for the West Indies.
 Sir James Marshall, Executive Commissioner for the West African Settlements.
 Sir Victor Houlton, G.C.M.G., Executive Commissioner for Malta.
 Mr. Hamilton Lang, Executive Commissioner for Cyprus.
 Mr. E. C. Buck, Commissioner for India.
 Dr. George Watt, Commissioner in charge of the Imperial Indian Economic Collections.
 Major Nevill, Commissioner for the Nizam of Hyderabad.
 Colonel Le Messurier, Commissioner for the Maharajah of Mysore.
 Mr. M. M. Bhowmuggree, Commissioner for the Thakur Sahib of Bhowmuggree.
 Dr. Tyler, Officer in charge of Native Artizans in the Indian Palace.

After their presentation the Executive Commissioners, whether Royal Commissioners or otherwise, joined the Procession in their several places.

A Procession was then formed in the following order :—

Pursuivants of Arms :

Porteuillis,
 W. A. Lindsay, Esq.

Bluemantle,
 C. H. Athill, Esq.

Rouge Croix,
 Henry F. Burke, Esq.

Surveyor,
 W. Bennison, Esq.

Chief Superintendent,
 G. Gordon Hake, Esq.

Assistant Secretary,
 Edward Cunliffe-Owen, Esq.

Official Agent,
 J. R. Somers Vine, Esq.

Assistant Secretary (for India),
 J. R. Royle, Esq.

Hon. Secretary, Reception
 Committee,
 H. T. Wood, Esq.

Hon. Architect, Indian
 Palace,
 C. Purdon Clarke, Esq., C.I.E.

Hon. Secretary,
 Reception Committee,
 Lieutenant-General Henry K. Burne.

Lighting Committee.
 Sir F. Abel, C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S. (Chairman).
 W. H. Preece, Esq.

Sir F. Bolton.
 J. H. Cundall, Esq. (Engineer).

Additional Members of Finance Committee.
 E. W. Hamilton, Esq., C.B. A. W. Gadesden, Esq. Hon. Sir Ashley Eden, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

Sergeants-at-Arms :

Richard Edgecumbe, Esq.

George T. Hertslet, Esq.

T. C. March, Esq.

Captain Sir Alfred Balliston, R.N.

Lieutenant-Colonel Forbes Macbean.

Heralds :

Surrey [*Extraordinary*],
 C. A. Buckler, Esq.

Lancaster,
 Edward Bellasis, Esq.

Somerset,
 Stephen J. Tucker, Esq.

Windsor,
 W. H. Weldon, Esq.

York,
 John de Havilland, Esq.

Chester,
 H. Murray Lane, Esq.

Colonial Executive Commissioners, &c. :

Hamilton Lang, Esq.

Sir V. Houlton, G.C.M.G.

Sir James Marshall.

A. J. Adderley, Esq., C.M.G.

B. H. Jones, Esq.

G. H. Hawtayne, Esq., F.R.G.S., C.M.Z.S.

Sir R. Alcock, K.C.B.

Henry E. Wodehouse, Esq.

F. A. Swettenham, Esq.

Henry J. Jourdain, Esq.

A. N. Birch, Esq., C.M.G.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund Palmer.

Sir W. C. Sargeaunt, K.C.M.G.

Sydney Cowper, Esq.

Sir C. Mills, K.C.M.G.

Honourable James E. Mason, M.L.C.

Dr. Von Haast, C.M.G.

Honourable Malcolm Fraser, C.M.G.

Sir F. Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G.

Sir Samuel Davenport.
Sir A. Blyth, K.C.M.G.
Joseph Bosisto, Esq.
Honourable Sir C. Tupper, G.C.M.G., C.B.

Honourable J. F. Garrick, C.M.G., Q.C.
James Thomson, Esq.
Sir Alexander Stuart, K.C.M.G.
Honourable Hector Fabre.

India :

Dr. Tyler.
George Watt, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.L.S.
Major Nevill.

M. M. Bhowuggree, Esq.
Colonel A. Le Messurier.
E. C. Buck, Esq., B.C.S.

Royal Commission :

John Pender, Esq.

William George Pedder, Esq.
Julius de Reuter, Esq.
Ernest Edward Blake, Esq.

Bertram Wodehouse Currie, Esq.
Henry Coppinger Beeton, Esq.
The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

The President of the Royal Academy of Arts.

Captain Montagu Frederick Ommanney, C.M.G.
Robert Anstruther Dalzell, Esq., C.S.I.
Major-General James Michael, C.S.I.
Horace George Walpole, Esq., C.B.
Lieutenant-General Charles John Foster, C.B.
Major-General John Watson, C.B., V.C.

Arthur Hodgson, Esq., C.M.G.
Colonel Arthur Edward Augustus Ellis, C.S.I.
Lieutenant-General Richard Strachey, C.S.I.
John Arthur Godley, Esq., C.B.
Colonel Henry Yule, C.B.
Sir George Christopher Molesworth Birdwood, C.S.I., M.D.
Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G.
General Sir Edward Selby Smyth, K.C.M.G.

Sir John Coode, Knt.
Sir Saul Samuel, K.C.M.G.
Major-General Sir Andrew Clarke, G.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E.
Colonel Sir Owen Tudor Burne, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.
Surgeon-General Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I., M.D.
Sir Barrow Helbert Ellis, K.C.S.I.

Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, K.C.S.I., C.B., M.D.
Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Macnaghten Probyn, K.C.S.I., C.B., V.C.
Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Burnett Lumsden, K.C.S.I., C.B.
Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, K.C.B.

Major-General Sir Frederick Richard Pollock, K.C.S.I.
Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.

Major-General Sir Peter Stark Lumsden, G.C.B., C.S.I.
Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Dominick Daly, K.C.B.
Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Henry Brownlow, K.C.B.

Lieutenant-General Sir Samuel James Browne, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C.
General Sir Edwin Beaumont Johnson, K.C.B.
Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S.

General Sir Frederick Paul Haines, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., C.I.E.
Sir Edward Birkbeck, Bart., M.P.
Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart., K.C.M.G.
Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Sir John Rose, Bart., G.C.M.G.
Sir Henry Thurstan Holland, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.P.

Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London.
Right Honourable Anthony John Mundella, M.P.
Right Honourable Sir Lyon Playfair, K.C.B., M.P., F.R.S.

Right Honourable Sir Louis Mallet, C.B.

Honourable Edward Stanhope, M.P.

Right Honourable Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.
Right Honourable Sir William Henry Gregory, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.
Right Honourable Sir James Fergusson, Bart., G.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E.
Honourable Anthony Evelyn Melbourne Ashley.

Lord Aberdare, G.C.B.

Field Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, G.C.B., G.C.S.I.

Viscount Bury, K.C.M.G.

Viscount Cranbrook, G.C.S.I.

Earl of Idlesleigh, G.C.B.

Earl of Northbrook, G.C.S.I.

Earl of Kimberley, K.G.

Earl Granville, K.G.

Earl Cadogan.

Earl of Carnarvon.

Earl of Rosebery.

Earl of Dalhousie, K.T.

Earl of Derby, K.G.

Marquess of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G.

Marquess of Hartington, M.P.

Marquess of Ripon, K.G., G.C.S.I.

Marquess of Normanby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

Marquess of Salisbury, K.G.

Duke of Abercorn, C.B.

Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, G.C.S.I.

Duke of Manchester, K.P.

Secretary to the Royal Commission,
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E.

Norroy King of Arms,
George E. Cockayne, Esq.

Clarenceux King of Arms,
Walter A. Blount, Esq.

Senior Gentleman Usher in Waiting,
Captain W. J. Stopford.

Comptroller in the Lord Chamberlain's Department,
Honourable Sir S. Ponsonby-Fane, K.C.B.

Comptroller of the Household, Vice-Chamberlain, Treasurer of the Household,
 Right Honourable Edwd. Marjoribanks, M.P. Viscount Kildoursie, M.P. Earl of Elgin.

Gentleman Usher in Waiting, Garter King of Arms, Gentleman Usher in Waiting,
 Honourable Aubrey FitzClarence. Sir Albert W. Woods. Captain N. G. Philips.

Lord Chamberlain,
 Earl of Kenmare, K.P.

Lord Steward,
 Earl Sydney, G.C.B.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE
 DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND
 STRATHFARNE, K.G.

THE QUEEN.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE
 PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

Her Royal Highness The
 Hereditary Grand Duchess of
 of Oldenburg.

Her Royal Highness The
 Princess of Wales.

Her Imperial and Royal
 Highness The Crown Princess
 of Germany and of Prussia.

The Princess Beatrice,
 Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Their Royal Highnesses
 The Princess Christian of
 Schleswig-Holstein.

The Princess Louise,
 Marchioness of Lorne.

Her Royal Highness The
 Duchess of Teck.

Her Royal and Imperial
 Highness The Duchess of
 Edinburgh with His Royal
 Highness The Prince Alfred
 of Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness The
 Duchess of Connaught and
 Strathearne.

Their Royal Highnesses.
 The Princess Victoria of Wales. The Princess Louise of Wales.

Her Serene Highness The
 Princess Victoria of Teck.

Her Royal Highness
 The Princess Maud of Wales.

Her Grand Ducal Highness
 The Princess Louis of
 Battenberg.

The Hereditary
 Grand Duke of
 Oldenburg.

Their Royal Highnesses
 The Duke of
 Cambridge, K.G. The Prince
 Albert Victor of
 Wales, K.G.

The Prince Christian
 of Schleswig-
 Holstein, K.G.

The Marquis of
 Lorne, K.T.

His Serene Highness
 The Duke of Teck,
 G.C.B. His Royal Highness
 The Prince Henry
 of Battenberg, K.G.

His Serene Highness
 The Prince Louis of
 Battenberg, K.C.B.

Acting Mistress of the Robes,
 Duchess of Bedford.

Lady of the Bedchamber,
 Lady Waterpark.

Maids of Honour,
 Honourable Evelyn Paget, Honourable Rosa Hood.

Woman of the Bedchamber,
 Honourable Emily Cathcart.

Ladies in Attendance on The Royal Family.

Gold Stick in Waiting,
 Field-Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

Master of the Horse,
 Earl of Cork, K.P.

Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard,
 Lord Monson.

Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms,
 Lord Sudeley.

Groom in Waiting,
 Admiral Lord F. H. Kerr.

Lord in Waiting,
 Lord Kensington.

Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse,
 General Right Honourable Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, K.C.B.

Equerries in Waiting,
 General Sir Michael Biddulph, K.C.B., General H. Lynedoch Gardiner,
 Major Arthur Bigge, C.B.

Silver Stick in Waiting,
 Colonel Milne Home.

Field Officer in Brigade Waiting
 Colonel H. Trotter.

Gentlemen in Waiting on The Royal Family.

The Procession, starting from the Colonial Hall (Principal Entrance), proceeded through the Indian Hall (Inner Vestibule), along India (Middle Court of the South Gallery), and between the Indian Bazaar and Ceylon (North Court of the South Galleries), between the Indian Palace and the Entrance to the "Old London" Street, between the Australian Colonies (Central Avenue), into Canada (Central Gallery), and, turning to the right, across the North Annexe, through the Gardens to the right of the Fountain Basin, and passing through the Conservatory, entered the Royal Albert Hall by a special entrance constructed for the occasion.

Various Bands were placed throughout the Building, and played as the Procession passed.

Upon the Procession entering the Albert Hall, the Royal and Executive Commissioners and Members of the Committees took the seats reserved for them in the Body of the Hall.

The QUEEN took Her place on the Chair of State, with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales at Her Majesty's right hand, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught on the left; the other members of the Royal Family ranged on either side, with the Great Officers and other Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household around them.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and The Bishop of London, who had previously arrived, stood on the left of the Dais, and The Secretary of State for the Home Department near Her Majesty.

The Heralds and Serjeants-at-Arms stood in the front of the Dais.

As the Procession entered the Albert Hall, the first verse of the National Anthem was sung in English by the Choir of the Royal Albert Hall, under the direction of Mr. Barnby.

As Her Majesty reached the Dais the second verse of The National Anthem was sung in Sanscrit, translated by Professor Max Müller, and the third verse was sung in English.

When Her Majesty and the Royal Family had taken their places, the following Ode, written for the occasion by the Poet Laureate, and specially set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and conducted by him, was then sung by the Choir:—

I.

Welcome, welcome, with one voice !
In your welfare we rejoice,
Sons and brothers, that have sent,
From isle and cape and continent,
Produce of your field and flood,
Mount and mine, and primal wood,
Works of subtle brain and hand,
And splendours of the Morning Land,
Gifts from every British zone !
Britons, hold your own !

II.

May we find, as ages run,
The mother featured in the son,
And may yours for ever be
That old strength and constancy,
Which has made your Fathers great
In our ancient island-state !
And,—where'er her flag may fly
Glorying between sea and sky—
Makes the might of Britain known !
Britons, hold your own !

III.

Britain fought her sons of yore,
Britain fail'd ; and never more,
Careless of our growing kin,
Shall we sin our fathers' sin,
Men that in a narrower day—
Unprophetic rulers they—
Drove from out the Mother's nest
That young eagle of the West,
To forage for herself alone !
Britons, hold your own !

IV.

Sharers of our glorious past,
Brothers, must we part at last ?
Shall not we thro' good and ill
Cleave to one another still ?
Britain's myriad voices call,
" Sons, be welded, each and all,
Into one Imperial whole,
One with Britain heart and soul !
One life, one flag, one fleet, one Throne !"
Britons, hold your own !
And God guard all !

His Royal Highness the Executive President read to Her Majesty a Report of the Proceedings of the Commission up to that time, as follows:—

May it Please Your Majesty,

" As Executive President of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Your Majesty's Royal Warrant of the 8th of November, 1884, for the promotion of an Exhibition of the British Colonial and Indian Empire, and subsequently incorporated by Your Majesty's Royal Charter of the 15th of September, 1885, I humbly beg leave to lay before you a brief statement of our proceedings up to the present time. The general interest manifested in the display made by Your Majesty's Colonial

and Indian Empire at the Paris Exhibition of 1878, led me, as President of the British Commission, to express a hope that an opportunity might soon occur by which Your Majesty's subjects in England would be enabled to witness the marvellous development which, under Your beneficent rule, their brethren and fellow subjects had attained throughout so many portions of the globe. It was, therefore, with the highest gratification that I accepted Your Majesty's gracious invitation to assume the Executive Presidency of this Commission, the appointment of which, by Your Majesty, has been the means of making this hope a reality. The invitations which we were empowered by Your Majesty to issue to the Colonial Governments and to the Government of India were forwarded towards the close of the year 1884, and from the answers received it at once became apparent that this undertaking had obtained warm and hearty sympathy throughout Your Majesty's Dominions. In Your Majesty's Dominion of Canada, throughout Your Australasian, African, West Indian, and Eastern Colonies, in Your Mediterranean possessions and elsewhere, grants were voted, Commissions formed, and Executive Commissioners appointed. That the work of preparation was undertaken with enthusiasm and attended with success is evident from the complete and varied collections which at present fill the buildings through which Your Majesty has just passed. The response received from the Government of India was also of the most cordial character. His Excellency the Viceroy caused, through the Revenue and Agricultural Department, instructions to be issued to every district of Your Majesty's Indian Empire for the collection of objects illustrative of the arts, manufactures, and resources of that great realm. These collections, which now adorn a large section of the Exhibition, have been supplemented by generous contributions from their Highnesses the Princes of India, by collections, the formation of which we ourselves have authorized, and by the contributions of private native exhibitors. We are desirous of bringing under Your Majesty's notice our deep appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the Colonial Governments in this Exhibition, and of taking this exceptional opportunity of stating how greatly we are indebted to the Commissions appointed by these Governments, and to the Executive Commissioners, on whom the superintendence of the entire work of installation has devolved. We further desire to record the valuable assistance which we have received from Your Majesty's Viceroy, from the Supreme Government of India, and from the various officials who have so ably and thoroughly carried out their instructions. Our grateful thanks are also due to the Colonial Governments, to the Government of India, to the Corporation of the City of London, to many City Companies, and to the firms and individuals who have contributed to the guarantee fund. The fact that the list of subscribers not only includes those whose interests are likely to be specially affected by the Exhibition, but also comprehends every class of the community, supplies a gratifying proof of the universal sympathy and interest which this undertaking has aroused. We venture to avail ourselves of this opportunity to convey to Your Majesty our dutiful and loyal acknowledgments of the interest which Your Majesty has been pleased to take in our labours, proved as it is by Your Majesty's presence here to-day; nor can I resist a reference to a similar ceremonial, presided over by Your Majesty but a few paces from this spot 35 years ago. On that memorable occasion, the first of its kind, the Prince Consort, my beloved and revered father, filled the position which I, following in his footsteps at however great a distance, now have the honour and gratification of occupying. Your Majesty alone can fully realize with what deep interest my beloved father would, had he been spared, have watched, as their originator, the development of Exhibitions both in this country and abroad; and with what especial pleasure he would have welcomed one having for its object the prosperity of Your Majesty's Empire, the interests of which he had so much at heart. In the Great Exhibition of 1851, Your Majesty's Colonial and Indian Possessions were indeed represented, but their importance was then but little realized, and their present greatness was at that time unforeseen. During the years that have elapsed since 1851 few greater changes have been wrought than the marvellous development of the outlying portions of Your Majesty's Empire. It is our heartfelt prayer that an undertaking intended to illustrate and to record this development may give a stimulus to the commercial interests and intercourse of all parts of Your Majesty's dominions; that it may be the means of augmenting that warm affection and brotherly sympathy which is reciprocated by all Your Majesty's subjects, and that it may still further deepen that steadfast loyalty which we, who dwell in the Mother Country, share with our kindred who have elsewhere so nobly done honour to her name."

His Royal Highness having delivered the Report to the Queen together with a Catalogue of the Articles exhibited and the Key of the Exhibition Building, Her Majesty read the following gracious Answer handed to Her by The Secretary of State for the Home Department (The Right Honourable Hugh Childers, M.P.) :—

"I receive with the greatest satisfaction the Address which you have presented to Me on the opening of this Exhibition.

"I have observed with a warm and increasing interest the progress of your proceedings in the execution of the duties entrusted to you by the Royal Commission, and it affords me sincere gratification to witness the successful result of your judicious and unremitting exertions in the magnificent Exhibition which has been gathered together here to-day.

"I am deeply moved by your reference to the circumstances in which the ceremony of 1851 took place, and I heartily concur in the belief you have expressed that the Prince Consort, My beloved husband, would have witnessed with intense interest the development of His ideas, and would, I may add, have seen with pleasure Our son taking the lead in the movement of which he was the originator.

"I cordially concur with you in the prayer that this undertaking may be the means of imparting a stimulus to the commercial interests and intercourse of all parts of My dominions, by encouraging the arts of peace and industry, and by strengthening the bonds of union which now exist in every portion of My Empire."

The Lord Chamberlain then, by The Queen's command, declared "THE EXHIBITION OPEN."

The declaration having been made was announced to the public by a Flourish of Trumpets by Her Majesty's State Trumpeters stationed in the Hall and by the firing of a Royal Salute in Hyde Park.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury proceeded to invoke God's blessing upon the undertaking in the following words:—

"Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to send down Thy gracious blessing upon the manifold treasures and precious works which from among our kindred peoples and our fellow nations, from sunrise round to sunrise, are gathered here for glory and for beauty, unto the increase of knowledge, use, and wisdom.

"Bless our Sovereign Lady The Queen, and enrich Her days with abundance of peace, that all the daughterlands of Her Realm and Empire may be knit together in perfect unity and prosperous strength. And grant that, as Her people inherit and fill peacefully all countries of Her dominion, so not material concerns only, but the enduring riches of mind and spirit and the righteousness of Thine eternal Kingdom may be sacred and dear to them; so that, in Thy bounteous gifts, and in man's wise labours' feint of Thee, Thy Name may evermore be greatly magnified; Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

His Grace concluded with the Lord's Prayer; after which the "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung by the Choir conducted by Mr. Barnby.

Madame Albani then sang "Home, Sweet Home."

"Rule Britannia" was sung by the Choir of the Royal Albert Hall as Her Majesty left the Building by the Royal Entrance of the Albert Hall, accompanied by The Royal Family and attended by the Household in Waiting.

On leaving the Albert Hall The QUEEN, accompanied and escorted as on arrival, proceeded, in the reversed Order of Procession, to Buckingham Palace by Knightsbridge Road, Alexandra Gate, Hyde Park, and Constitution Hill.

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales and the other Members of The Royal Family followed.

His Highness The Sultan of Johore, The Thakore of Gondal, the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers, Her Majesty's Ministers, Viscount Enfield, Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex, The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and other distinguished Persons were specially placed in the Body of the Albert Hall.

The Route of the Procession from the Railway Station at Paddington to the Exhibition, and from thence to Buckingham Palace, was kept by the 2nd Life Guards, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Curzon, and the Royal Horse Guards, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Honourable Oliver Mofitt.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Follett, was mounted at the Main Entrance in Exhibition Road, and a Guard of Honour of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, under the command of Captain Lord William Cecil, at The Queen's Entrance at the Albert Hall.

A Battery of Royal Horse Artillery was stationed in Hyde Park, under the command of Major E. S. B. Lockyer, and fired the Royal Salute.

The Honourable Corps at Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the Albert Hall, under the command of Lord Sudley, the Captain; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Gustavus Hume, the Lieutenant, and Major Tilbrook, Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, were present with the Corps.

The Yeomen of the Guard were on duty in the Colonial Hall and in front of the Entrance to the "Old London Street," under the command of Lord Monson, the Captain; Major Ellison, the Exon in Waiting, and Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Baring, Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, were present with the Corps.

Her Majesty's State Trumpeters were on duty.

Levée Dress was worn.

Ladies were in Morning Dress.