

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 learnt 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 Moffatt.

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 Sudeley, the Captain; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Gustavus Hume, the Lieutenant, and Major Tillbrook, 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.