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THE ROYAL VISIT TO JERSEY.

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Our last impression must have prepared our readers for the memorable event of Saturday, August 13, the second visit of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort to Jersey. The telegraph had conveyed the intelligence that the royal squadron had anchored for the night in Yarmouth Roads, immediately opposite the pretty little town Lymington. From this information the public naturally concluded that it would be an advanced hour of the morning on Saturday before the royal party would reach these shores. Saturday morning the weather was brilliant, and, indeed, a more magnificent day we never saw. Before breakfast-time the town presented a gay and animated appearance, the exhibition of innumerable flags, appropriate devices, flowers, evergreens, &c. Some of the public buildings were decorated, we cannot affirm with any great taste or splendour; but we must do the authorities the justice to say, that, by an effort unusual on their part, they were enabled to get half a dozen broken panes of glass in the Court-house windows repaired the previous evening. A telegraphic dispatch from Alderney announced that the royal squadron had passed that famous "Watch-tower" between the hours seven and eight. In accordance with the arrangements of the previous day, the States assembled at nine o'clock, and before that hour the gentlemen who had volunteered to act as special constables, together with the members of the honorary police, assembled—the former at the Victoria-rooms and the latter at the police-station. About quarter to nine signals at Fort Regent announced that several steamers were in sight, and as soon as it became evident that the approaching steamers constituted the royal squadron, the signal post was literally covered with flags of all colours. This induced the multitude in the streets to wend their way to the pier. At a quarter to ten the Victoria and Albert, with the royal standard at the main, rounded Noirmont point, followed closely by the Emerald screw frigate, the Fairy, tender to the royal yacht, and the remaining vessels of the squadron. The Victoria and Albert and her tender cast anchor immediately behind Elizabeth Castle, while the frigate bore away towards St. Clement's Bay, where she took her station. A royal salute of twenty-one guns was fired from the castle. At this moment a boat with the Jersey flag at the bows was observed to approach the royal vessel, having on board Colonel Renwick, R.E., the deputy-governor; J. Hammond, Esq., bailiff; J. Dupre, Esq., attorney-general; and Ph. Aubin, Esq., constable of the town of St. Helier's. The latter gentleman, we understand, handed the address voted by the town meeting to Sir G. Cornwall Lewis, the minister in attendance on her Majesty, who, after having taken the worthy constable's address, informed him that an acknowledgment would be sent in due course.

A guard of honour of the 15th Regiment, under the command of Major Grierson, with the fine band of the regiment at their head, took up their station on Albert Pier, and enlivened the scene by the performance of several beautiful compositions.

The royal party included besides her Majesty, the Prince Consort, Princes Alfred and Arthur, and Princesses Alice and Helena, Sir G. C. Lewis, her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department; together with ladies and gentlemen in attendance. Her Majesty wore a black silk dress with flounces, black lace mantle with *mauve* trimmings, white silk bonnet, and carried a green silk parasol. Her Majesty looked in extremely good health, as did also the Prince Consort and the other members of the family.

The landing-place was handsomely arranged, considering the very short notice given, the steps leading from the water to the pier, and forty yards on the pier, were covered with a

crimson carpet. The guard of honour was drawn up in line on each side of the carpeted way. The military officers mustered in strength. The presence of a number of ladies added grace to the scene.

Her Majesty ascended the steps, and on arriving at the pier head was presented with the address of the States by the bailiff, which she handed to the Secretary of State. Her Majesty then entered the handsome carriage drawn by four horses, which had been provided by Mr. Gregory, of La Motte.

The cortege now proceeded to Victoria College, along the Esplanade, Gloucester-street, Parade, Charing-cross, Broad-street, Vine-street, Royal-square, thence to Halkett-place, Beresford-street, Bath-street, Stopford-road, St. Saviour's-road, and Grosvenor-street.

Her Majesty was received at the college the bailiff and the members the states, the very rev. the dean, the clergy, by the principal of the college, Dr. Henderson, and the professors. Amongst the distinguished persons present we noticed the Bishop of Winchester. There were also a large number of the *elite* of the island, including great many ladies. We must not omit to mention that the pupils the college were in full force, and their young lungs in full play, as testified by their hearty and joyous cheering, which is one of the characteristics of boyhood. Her Majesty and the Prince Consort having recorded their names, and having expressed their great pleasure at learning the flourishing state of this noble educational institution, turned to depart. Her Majesty was overheard expressing her delight at the magnificent scene presented by the view from the College entrance.

As entering, so on coming out, her Majesty was greeted by the hearty cheers of the enthusiastic multitude. The cortege then took the way of the eastern gate. Besides the hearty hurrahs and waving handkerchiefs by which the Queen was publicly greeted her Majesty progressed through the streets of the town, enjoyed the opportunity of hearing countless expressions of affectionate loyalty and devotedness, more particularly from the female portion of the multitude; expressions which showed how closely her Majesty has knit to herself the hearts of her faithful subjects in Jersey. At length the cortege arrived at the pier; and there again the yards of the vessels were manned, and the crowd of spectators on the promenade of Albert Quay, though not quite dense, was not a whit less enthusiastic than before. As the royal party came in view, the masses congregated on the promenade, and again raised their hearty cheers, mingled with waving of handkerchiefs, and other demonstrations of loyalty. Indeed, the royal progress throughout was a continued ovation. Arrived the slip, his Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and his Royal Highness Prince Alfred alighted, her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses Princess Alice and Princess Helena remained in the carriage. During the stay of the royal party on the slip, while waiting for a favourable moment to reembark, his Royal Highness the Prince Consort stood talking familiarly with Philip Aubin, Esq., our worthy constable. Here an interesting incident occurred. Our respected townsman, Mr. John Le Gallais, silversmith, of Brook-street, requested permission to present each of the royal children with the silver medal which had been struck in commemoration of her Majesty's former visit, in 1846. This was granted; on which Mr. Le Gallais had the honour to present the medals, which were most graciously received. At length the preparations for re-embarkation being completed, her Majesty and the young princesses alighted, together with their distinguished attendants, and, walking to the royal barges through the guard of honour, which stood there in readiness, the illustrious party re-embarked, amid the enthusiastic cheers of the multitude and a salute fired the Emerald frigate, the splendid band of the 15th Regiment playing first, "God Save the Queen," and then the National Anthem, "Rule Britannia." Shortly afterwards the guard of honour returned, with the band at their head; and the multitude began to disperse. About five o'clock a royal salute from Elizabeth Castle announced the debarkation of the royal party at St. Aubin's.

We must now revert to the movements of the royal party from the moment of their landing at St. Aubin's. An intimation having been given to Mr. Gregory, he, in accordance therewith, dispatched the carriages to St. Aubin's. Immediately on landing, the royal visitors, preceded by Colonel Le Couteur, Q.A.D.C., in his own carriage, proceeded to St. Peter's Valley, and through that charming drive to St. Mary's, thence through the parishes of St. John and Trinity, taking just peep at Bouley Bay and St. Martin's, to St. Catherine's Pier. By this ruse her Majesty enjoyed a quiet drive, and escaped that "mobing" which one the penalties indicted upon popular royalty.

By this time the royal squadron arrived off Gorey; and in about half hour, during which time the Queen was observed conversing with Colonel Le Courteur, her Majesty and suite embarked on board the Fairy tender.