

St. Paul's Cathedral a short open-air Thanksgiving Service should take place; that Her Majesty should be welcomed by The Lord Mayor in passing the Mansion House; and that the Procession should afterwards pass over London Bridge, and return through Southwark and Westminster to Buckingham Palace, in order that the inhabitants of that District, who might never have had the opportunity of seeing The Queen, should on this occasion be gratified.

Accommodation was provided at St. Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Ministers, the Corps Diplomatique, the Indian Princes, the Colonial Premiers, the Members of Her Majesty's Household in Waiting, and those of the Foreign Suites who did not take part in the Procession.

By Her Majesty's Command Stands were erected in the Gardens and Forecourt of Buckingham Palace, commanding a View of the Royal Procession, admission to which was given by Tickets from The Lord Steward to the Suites of the Royal and other Representatives, who were not in the Procession or at St. Paul's Cathedral, and to the whole of The Queen's and other Royal Households and the Royal Servants.

Stands were also erected on the Route for the House of Lords, the House of Commons, the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, and many other Representative Bodies, under the direction of Her Majesty's Office of Works.

In order to find accommodation for the large number of Foreign Guests who were expected to avail themselves of Her Majesty's Invitation, and for whom it was impossible to provide in Buckingham Palace, the Buckingham Palace Hotel was engaged in the early part of the year, and it was later on found necessary to hire several private houses, and to engage rooms at other hotels.

In addition to these, Lord Burton, Lord Iveagh, and Captain Holford, C.I.E., placed their Mansions at The Queen's disposal, and Foreign Royal Guests were hospitably entertained there.

Her Majesty's Royal Guests, amongst whom it was decided that there should be no Crowned Heads, were invited to arrive on the 19th June and to remain till after the Garden Party of the 28th June, when they would take leave of Her Majesty.

The Queen was graciously pleased to arrange the precedence of The Royal Guests and Royal Family, and that of Representatives of Foreign States was arranged, with Her Majesty's sanction, by The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Officers of Her Majesty's Household were attached to each of Her Majesty's Royal or Representative Guests with instructions to meet them at their Port of disembarkation, to accompany them to their residences and to attend to all their wants and requirements during their stay. It was arranged that The Royal Guests should arrive privately, *i.e.*, without Guards of Honour or Escorts.

A spacious Vestibule was specially prepared on the Garden Terrace of Buckingham Palace in which to entertain the Suites of The Royal and other Guests, numbering over 200 Persons, at Luncheon and Dinner.

Royal carriages were provided for The Royal and Representative Guests during their stay, by The Master of the Horse.