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THE STATES assembled on Thursday,
25th May, 1989 at 10.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Vernon Amy Tomes, Esquire, in order
to receive Her Majesty The Queen and His
Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of
Edinburgh.

All Members were present with the exception
of -

Senator Peter Geoffrey Kevitt Manton -
absent.
Margaret Sylvia Rose Beadle, Deputy of
St. Brelade - ill.

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier

The Deputy Bailiff, the Attorney
General, the Solicitor General, the Deputy
Greffier of the States and the Assistant
Greffier stood in the well of the Chamber.

Her Majesty The Queen, escorted by the
Bailiff, and His Royal Highness The Prince
Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, escorted by His
Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and
preceded by the Seal and the Mace, entered
the Chamber. Her Majesty was conducted to
the Bailiff's chair and His Royal Highness
to the Lieutenant Governor's chair.

Sir William Heseltine, G.C.V.O., K.C.B.,
A.C., The Countess of Airlie, C.V.O., Lady
Pillar, Rear Admiral Sir Paul Greening
K.C.V.O., The Right Honourable Douglas
Hurd, M.P., Lady Crill, Mrs. Hurd, Mr. K.
Scott, C.M.G., Mr. R. Janvrin, L.V.O.,
Brigadier C. Robertson, Commander T.
Laurence, R.N., Surgeon Captain N.
Blacklock, L.V.O., O.B.E., R.N., Commander

D. Braybrooke, L.V.O., R.N., Miss C.J. Bannister and the Greffier of the States were in attendance.

The Bailiff, in the name of the States and the People of the Island, presented a Loyal Address of Welcome in the following terms -

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Assembly of the States of the Island of Jersey.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, Your Majesty's faithful subjects here assembled, beg leave, on behalf of the people of the Island, as well as our own behalf, to bid welcome to Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip.

This is the third occasion on which Your Majesty has set foot, as our Sovereign Lady The Queen, upon one of Your Majesty's oldest possessions, deriving its special position from the time when Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors were both Kings of England and Dukes of Normandy. We have happy recollections of the last occasion on which we were honoured by Your Royal Presence amongst us. Our welcome now is all the warmer and more deeply felt both on that account and because we recognise that Your Majesty has been gracious enough to visit once more Your Island peoples in the midst of a multitude of Royal duties and ceremonies.

For centuries, as an apanage of the Crown, this Island has enjoyed the Royal favour under which generations of its citizens have been free to earn their livelihoods and to maintain and, indeed, even to enlarge their ancient privileges and liberties, and for which Your Majesty's loyal subjects have ever been duly sensible. We are conscious,

nevertheless, that each generation, in its turn, should be made aware of those benefits conferred upon us by a long line of Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors. It is our hope and trust that we shall conduct ourselves in the years to come so as to merit that continual favour.

Since your Majesty's last visit, soon after the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, we have been reminded by events in the South Atlantic of the vulnerability of small Islands such as ours and the extent to which they depend for their security and well being on Your Majesty's Forces in which Jersey men and Jersey women have been proud to serve over the years. As a token of our determination to justify the trust placed in us by Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors, we have established a Field Squadron of the Royal Engineers, in whose title Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to permit the inclusion of the ancient name of the Royal Militia Island of Jersey which, for many centuries in the Island and more widely during two World Wars, played an honourable part in the defence of Your Majesty's realm.

Despite the many changes that have occurred since 1945, no less in Your Majesty's Island than throughout the world, we have remained secure in the enjoyment of our ancient privileges and liberties, tempered with the proper recognition of our duty to The Crown. Today we are afforded the opportunity to give a further demonstration, as we do most joyfully and with deep affection, of the loyalty and devotion of the States and people of Jersey to the Throne and to Your Majesty's Royal House.

Her Majesty was graciously pleased to reply

as follows -

The States of Jersey

I thank you, Mr. Bailiff, and the States of Jersey, for your warm welcome and for the expressions of loyalty and devotion to the Crown which you have given on behalf of the people of Jersey.

Prince Philip and I are glad to be here again not only because of the warmth of our reception but because it provides also the opportunity to renew those close ties between the Crown and the people of Jersey in one of its oldest possessions. Happily these ties seem to be as strong as ever, founded upon the loyalty of the Island and the confirmation by the Crown of the Islanders' ancient rights and privileges.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will attend all your deliberations for the benefit and prosperity of this Island.

Elizabeth R.

The States then adjourned.

The Bailiff, preceded by the Seal and the Mace, escorted Her Majesty out of the Chamber followed by His Royal Highness escorted by the Lieutenant Governor.

R.S. GRAY

Deputy Greffier of the States.