

Scotts

INVERNESS FREEDOM

It z in al ways a rl day in Invns. T
Cap o t High conferd its fredm upon Qu
El t Q/M and upon t QOCH.

Provost J.M. Grigor receivd H.M.

on 3 arivl at t T/Hal. T G/Hon

z mountd tr by the Camerons, 7 8 a sprinklg o

vetrans t smart parade z kposd o NAT Sermen,

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bearing q 8 sol-like smartns worthy o long-~~servic~~ ^{series} men.

At t Play Cin t Fredm ~~cermony~~ ^{o Inverness} z kferd.

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movg ceremny, 7 herd t quiet b imprsv

speechs. Provost Grigor put into words x evryon felt.

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T Qu Mother took t oath o freedm.

T Provost presntd t gold Burgess ring.... J t Fredm Scwol

z kveyd 2 H/M on a silvr salvr. It z al t mor

fittg, as one o t titles t Qu Mothr bears is Cts o Invrnes.

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It z now t turn o t QOCH, in Burght Park, 2 receiv t
Freedm.

T Offer kandg t parad invitd H/M

2 inspet t Regt. Tt plesant duty 3 perfd 8 t

grace 7 unafectd dignity (3 / ays brort 2

such ocasns; an underlyng informality w

~~softens m~~ softens m, while n at al detracting f tr

importnc. At Invrns H/M z thoroaly at home; t dorter o a

gt Scotch house, now in 3 widowhood able 2 spend more

time north o t border.

(Raise Colors) From t Provost Gen. Wimberley received t
Freedom Scroll, entitling t Reg 2 march thro t Rl Boro 8
pipes playg, drums beatg 7 bayonets fixd, in recognitn o
services most gallantly performd.

Handwritten initials and scribbles.

Returng 2 t T/Hal t Q/Moth took 3 place at
t salu base, while the famous regt availed q
o its nu privilg.

Invrns 6 g-by 2 a Qu, a Scotish noblewoman 7 a
V gracious lady.

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7th August, 1953.

QUEEN MA'S FREEDOM OF INVERNESS

Mayor?

"..... upon the Queen's Own.... the permit of entry into the Royal Boro of Inverness on all ceremonial occasions when the pipes play, drums beat -- in recognition of the traditions gloriously created and splendidly maintained by that most distinguished regiment since its formation, and by its devoted service towards our beloved Queen and her forebears -- "

"Hip-Hip hooray."

Queen Mother:

"I will not attempt to add to the striking tribute with which the Provost has in whose honour we are assembled in the the.... today.

[The fame of the Cameron Highlanders is known to all whose home is in Inverness-shire and, ^{to countless others} far beyond the regiment's native land. ^{And} There are only two things I would like to say, one is to convey the message of comradeship, congratulations and goodwill from all ranks of the Black Watch whose Colonel-in-Chief I am. (applause)] In peace and in war these two famed regiments have ever stayed together. The two 1st battalions fought side by side in the 1st Guards Brigade in '14 and in the last war both regiments had a place in the 51st Highland Div., which you..... commanded with so much ^{distinction} distinguished. (applause)

(cut) [~~I am proud to say that the honour which you have conferred upon me today is enhanced by the thought that I share this with the regiment for which I have long had a very high regard and for which I shall now feel a very special association and affection.~~] (applause)

Provost? "..... My Lords, Ladies, Ladies and Gentlemen: Today everyone of us of Scottish descent throughout the world will rejoice..... Royal and Ancient

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Boro is honoured to receive Your Majesty as youngest burgess. [Your Majesty, I am honoured to state that we receive you with pride of heart and soul. We are deeply conscious of the great honour done to us and to all Scotland in your acceptance of the freedom of the council of the Highlands. (applause) Your Majesty comes to Inverness today and honours us by accepting the freedom of her royal boro which for more than 10 centuries has been an example of that loyalty, gratitude and fidelity for which Scotland stands.] I am honoured to express to Your Majesty the joy, happiness and the affection of all her citizens, ^{of,} and I feel certain, all Scotsmen and Scotswomen everywhere. (applause) It is no idle statement to tell your Majesty that you have captured and always held the hearts of all Scots, and it is with the humble duty and devotion of Her Majesty's counsellors and other citizens.... Your Majesty's gracious acceptance of the freedom of the Royal and Ancient Boro' of Inverness." (applause)

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"At Inverness, the 6th day of August, 1953 (then various names listed) and the resident members of the Town council of the Royal Boro of Inverness being assembled at in pursuance... to a meeting of the Town council on the 26th day of January, 1953, admit and receive Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.... burgers of the Royal Boro of Inverness of all the rights and privileges belonging to a burgess of the said Royal Boro.... "

Then words put to Queen Mother which she repeats

"I Elisabeth (repeat) - Do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare (repeat) That I will faithfully, (repeat) &c. &c. &c." (applause)

as youngest Burgess

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Borough of Inverness

Then Queen Mother invested as Burgess of Bore, she takes scroll and signs. (applause)

Queen Mother:

"I am very grateful for your kind welcome today and for your thought ~~and understanding~~ in extending to me the freedom of this ancient bore. I am deeply touched by your wish that I should become a burgess of Inverness, and I am indeed proud of the honour you are doing me.]

.... and am truly glad that my name will be inscribed on the roll of burgesses with those of so many of my family. There is something about Inverness which stirs the imagination of all Scottish people.

In its proud position astride its river it is the key to the Highlands of Scotland, and the history of this country is closely woven into its fabric. Countless numbers of its sons have carried its name to the corners of the earth in honourable service. [I am glad to think that I am sharing the distinction which you have conferred upon me today with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, (applause) who have so long, who have ~~for~~ so long brought fame to the place from where so many of them have set forth. To all of them, and to all the citizens and people of ~~the~~ this Royal Bore I give my good wishes and my thanks. May good fortune attend them and may prosperity and fame ever dwell in Inverness."

(applause)