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KING GEORGE TOURS DUCHY OF CORNWALL.

King George arrived by special train at the station at Moretonhampstead when he made his two-day tour of the Duchy of Cornwall. And in the towns and villages of Devon and Cornwall and Somerset to which ~~he~~ His Majesty drove, there was a real West Country welcome waiting for him. One call made by the royal visitor was at Stoke Climsland. Here His Majesty visited the Home Farm, where he met the local worthies and inspected the local bulls.

Another call was at Curry Mallet, and here it was the same story of waving and cheering. It was a real day out especially for the kids, and the king seemed as happy as they. Tenants walked past their royal landlord to meet him and give him their greeting in their own unaffected manner. One of the tenants whom His Majesty called to see was Mrs Coates --- 107 years old.

AT Launceston the tour had its only touch of formality.

On arrival His Majesty was conducted to the ancient Castle where he was to receive feudal dues --- a ceremony unique in the history of the Duchy. But before that His Majesty walked and chatted with the people who had waited to welcome him --- a charming picture of a modern monarch. Of course, this was a day of great excitement here, but you will notice on the wall at the back that there is more excitement to come.

And then King George walked up to receive his traditional dues and to hand over the rods of service.

*The King then made his declaration.*