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In the spacious grounds of Buckingham Palace, Yeomen of the Guard paraded before the King. First, His Majesty inspected those sturdy and picturesque reminders of the luster years of history. Then came the real purpose of the ceremony. His Majesty presented to the Guard a new Xaiana Standard. It is 129 years since the Yeomen have borne a standard. Their previous Colours were burnt in a fire at St James's Palace in 1809.