

Nearing the end of their State Visit to Britain, King Gustav and Queen Louise of Sweden drove from Buckingham Palace to the Guildhall in the City of London, to receive an address of welcome.

x Waiting to greet their Majesties were the Lord Mayor, Sir Noel Bewater, and the Lady Mayeress.

And then, in procession, the royal visitors walked to the Guildhall Library, where a ~~small~~ Court of Common Council was ~~also~~ held.

The King, wearing the ribbon of the Order of the Garter, heard the Address read by the Common Serjeant, and received ~~him~~^{the} a silver casket from the hands of the Lord Mayor.

Then --- the King's reply.

~~The ceremony was followed by luncheon at the Mansion House.~~ In the evening there was a visit to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden --- the first State Visit to the Opera by a reigning monarch from overseas, for forty years. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was ~~XXXX~~ escorted by King Gustav. ^{She wore a gown of British lace and a sash of the Order of St. Philip} They were greeted in the foyer by the Marquess of Salisbury and Lord Waverley.

The Duke of Edinburgh escorted his aunt, Queen Louise, who wore a gown of silver and gold lace.

Also in the royal party was Princess Margaret, in silver brecade --- with the Duchess of Gloucester and the Princess Royal.

In the subdued light of the royal box, the party stood for a moment, before the curtain went up on this gala performance of Le Coq d'Or