

PRINCESS IN ANTIGUA.

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On a recreation ground near Government House, --- this was the welcome for Princess Margaret when her Caribbean Tour brought her to the island of Antigua.

On the following day, there was a Garden Party in the grounds of Government ^{House} attended by members of the Legislative Council, and distinguished citizens of the island's community.

In the evening, there was a dinner party; and, with the Governor, Sir Kenneth Blackburne, and Lady Blackburne, the Princess afterwards walked through the grounds for a sample of the island's special form of entertainment --- the music of steel bands, with clowns and dancing.

This island was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493. Here --- at English Harbour --- are relics dating from the early 18th Century, when it was an important base for Britain's Navy. It was a headquarters for Admiral Nelson in 1786.

During her tour of Antigua, the Princess stopped on the road to look at some ancient locomotives of the sugar-cane industry --- ~~the~~ which is the island's major source of livelihood.

And as she drove off --- the engine driver gave a cheery salute on the whistle for their first royal visitor since 1920