

In accordance with custom, the Lord Mayor of London was waiting at Temple Bar for the ceremonious offering of the sword when Her Majesty the Queen arrived at the City Boundary.

And the Lord Mayor, Alderman Ackyoyd, returned to the Guildhall, in time to greet the Queen on her arrival for the welcoming luncheon to mark the conclusion of the Royal Tour of Nigeria.

Seated at the Lord Mayor's right hand was the Queen Mother; Princess Margaret sat beside the Lady Mayoress; other distinguished guests included Sir Winston Churchill and Mr Butler.

It was the duty and privilege of the Lord Mayor after luncheon, to propose the toast of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh; In her reply, Her Majesty referred to some of the outstanding episodes of the tour in far-off Africa.