

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF TYNWALD COURT

Douglas, Tuesday, August 9, 1955.

Present: Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Ambrose Flux Dundas, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.). In the Council: The Lord Bishop (the Right Rev. B. Pollard, T.D., D.D., M.Sc.), Deemster Sir Percy Cowley, C.B.E., Deemster J. A. Cain, M.A., the Attorney-General (Mr S. J. Kneale, O.B.E.), Messrs J. R. Corrin, J. F. Crellin, M.C., O.B.E., G. Higgins, Alfred J. Teare, M.B.E., J. Callister and E. B. C. Farrant, M.B.E., with Mr E. R. St. A. Davies, M.B.E., Government Secretary and Clerk to the Council. In the Keys: The Speaker (Sir Joseph Qualtrough, C.B.E.), Messrs T. F. Corkhill, H. K. Corlett, L. Gerrard, F. H. Crowe, T. Q. Cannell, R. C. Cannell, A. Cecil Teare, H. H. Radcliffe, H. C. Keruish, Mrs A. Bridson, Messrs J. C. Nivison, J. H. Nicholls, T. E. Brownsdon, A. Moore, T. A. Coole, C. C. McFee, R. E. Cottier, A. S. Kelly, G. P. Quine, J. B. Bolton, E. C. Irving, W. C. Craine and G. Taggart, with Mr F. B. Johnson, M.A., Secretary and Clerk to Tynwald.

Her Majesty called upon the Lord Bishop to say prayers.

Prayers were said by the Lord Bishop.

ADDRESS TO H.M. THE QUEEN.

The Speaker: May it please Your Majesty—we, the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, Deemsters and Keys in Tynwald assembled, offer to Your Majesty

on behalf of the people of this Island, of our visitors and of people of Manx birth and origin overseas, a most hearty and sincere welcome on this, your first visit to the Isle of Man. We assure you of our deep affection and abiding loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. It is a source of great pleasure to us that among the many other calls on your time, Your Majesty has found it possible to visit the Isle of Man so early in your reign. We welcome also His Royal Highness, who has visited us once before on a less formal occasion. We wish Your Majesty and His Royal Highness all joy and happiness in your visit to our Island home, and hope that you will find much to delight you in its people, its history and its beauty, and much to carry away in your memory. In this Island our ancient Court has for centuries met on Tynwald Day, July 5th, in its traditional meeting place on the Mound, at St. John's, with its accustomed ceremony, and it is our fervent hope that one year it may be Your Majesty's pleasure to preside over this Parliament of ours as Your Majesty's beloved father, King George VI, was pleased to do when he visited us 10 years ago. In conclusion, may I convey to Your Majesty and His Royal Highness on behalf of us all, the Manx greeting "Slaynt as Shee as Eash dy vea as Maynrys son Dy Bragh" (Health and Peace and Long Life and Happiness for ever more).

Address to H.M. the Queen.

The vellum upon which this address had been inscribed, and the case for its keeping, were presented to Her Majesty.

H.M. THE QUEEN'S REPLY.

Her Majesty the Queen: It gives me real pleasure to receive from you, Mr Speaker, the loyal greetings of the Legislature and people of this Island, of your visitors and of Manx people overseas. My husband and I thank you all most sincerely for the warm and affectionate welcome which we have received to-day. I have long looked forward to visiting the Isle of Man because I have heard from my father, my mother and my husband what a delightful Island this is. I am glad that so early in my reign I have been able to come amongst you. I am especially proud to preside at this gathering of Tynwald which has had a continuous history of more than a thousand years and is the oldest Parliament in all the countries of which I am Queen. I hope that one day it will be possible for me to preside when you meet in St. John's Church and subsequently on the Mound, the ancient centre of the political life of this Island. I look forward to seeing

during this short visit as much of the varied life of your Island as I can. I wish you all every success and good fortune and I pray, Mr Speaker, that all your counsels will be blessed by Almighty God for the benefit of my faithful Manx people. "As nish, moghrey mie as aigh vie." (And now, good morning and good luck).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness signed the Tynwald visitors' book.

The Governor: There is no more business to place before Your Majesty.

Her Majesty then closed the sitting, with the accustomed words: "The Council will now retire. The House of Keys will remain to transact such business as may be laid before them."

During the proceedings the Sword of State was held behind Her Majesty, upright and with the point upward, by the Sword-Bearer, Lt.-Col. A. H. Kissack.

The Council retired, and the members of the Keys proceeded to the Legislative Council chamber, where the Speaker presented each of them to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness. The members of the Legislative Council had been presented before the sitting.