

QUEEN TRAVELS ROAD TO THE ISLES

By way of Lake Windermere the Queen and Duke came to Bowness during their brief tour of Westmorland on their way to the Hebrides. At Kendal the Lord Lieutenant escorted them to lunch in the County Hall. Then over the Lancashire border, at Barrow-in-Furness, the Queen heard that the royal yacht had buckled a plate or two when a half-gale bumped her into the quayside. After receiving a silver cigarette box the Queen and Duke prepared to continue their voyage to the Western Isles. Princess Margaret and the royal children were already on board.

The little island of Iona was the first of the Western Isles on which her Majesty set foot. As Lord Lieutenant of Argyl^{Charles} Sir/ Maclean of Duart received her. 1400 years ago Christianity was established in Iona by St. Columba.

Buried here are the remains of 48 Scottish kings who reigned nearly a thousand years ago. Some Irish, Danish and Norwegian monarchs also lie here, for both in religion and politics Iona passed through stormy times. 6-year-old Mary ~~Mannham~~^{Macleod} presented the Queen with a replica of St.

Martin's cross for Prince Charles. Her 4-year-old brother Maxwell presented a replica of St. John's cross for Princess Anne.... There could have been no better starting point for a tour of the romantic Hebrides than the sacred Isle of Iona.