

The tour moves on - to a proud Maori gathering at Waitangi. On this historic ground, 113 years ago, their forbears first swore allegiance to Queen Victoria. And now to commemorate that sacred Treaty, a proud people welcome ~~the~~ Queen *Elizabeth the Second*.

On arrival, the Queen and the Duke (accompanied by Mr Holland), ~~the Premier~~ are confronting by a fearsome warrior, asking whether they come in peace? And placing curved sticks, representing ancient Tribal Gods in front of them.

And then the ceremonial dances of welcome, ~~proclaiming~~ ^{proclaiming} that the Queen was meeting her Maori people for the first time.

During the welcome at Waitangi, the Queen heard a Maori plea, asking her to visit King Koroki, the head of the Waikato tribes, at his village, keeping with Maori custom. And this she did - during the drive to Hamilton. ~~xxxxxxx King~~

~~As~~ Before leaving, the Queen entered the King's marae, or private courtyard - an act that won the loyal affection of a tribe that never took part in the original Maori Oath of Allegiance.