

Durham was the picturesque setting for an Anglo-American occasion, when the Guest of Honour was Mr Winthrop Aldrich- the American Ambassador.

Before opening the restored ancestral home of George Washington- ~~First~~ (First President of the United States-) the Ambassador inspected the Guard of Honour of Washington Greys. ~~IN PERIOD UNIFORM~~ /s

The repairs to the ^{house -} ~~Home~~, known as "Washington Old Hall", have cost £10,000. Most of ^{THIS SUM} ~~which~~ was subscribed after appeals had ^{FROM} ~~been made~~ by the ~~American-British~~ America-British Commonwealth Association.

For the opening, Mr Aldrich used a silver key- specially ^{MADE} ~~made~~ for the ceremony. /s

A glance inside reveals the spacious banqueting hall and kitchen; both ~~of which~~ have been preserved in their original state. /

Another relic- the fan presented to ~~the President's wife~~ - the ~~Princess~~ /

THE President's wife- by General Lafayette in 1788. /s

Washington Old Hall will be used as a Community Centre- Another goodwill link between the Old World and the New. /