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Coming of Pederal Parliament.

The programme for the official opening by His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Llowellin, of the First Session of the First Federal Parliament on Wednesday, February 3rds

Accompanied by an Aide-de-Comp, His Excellency left Government House with a Mounted Execut provided by the British South Africa Police. A Guard of Honour, provided by the lat Battalion the Reyal Rhodesia Regiment, was drawn up outside the main entrance of the House of Payliament, and had with it the Band of the Rhodesian African Rifles.

After the Royal Salute, given on the arrival of the Government General, the General Officer Commanding the Central Africa Command and the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion the Royal Rhodesia Regiment, joined His Excellency for the inspection of the Guard of Honour. While His Excellency was conducted to the Member's Lounge by the Serjeant-At-Arms or his Deputy, a member of the Parliamentary Staff marshalled His Excellency's Procession in the entrance lebby. The Order of Procession was:-

Sarjeant-at-Arms (Major L.E. Greany, R.D.) followed, on the left side, by O.G.1 (Ny). Bn. K.A.R. (Lt. Gel. W.H. Hyde, M.G.), O.G. Troops, Matabele-land (Col. J.de L. Thompson, O.B.E., T.D.), Chief of Staff S.R.D.F. (Col. R.E.B. Long C.B.E.) and G.O.C. Central Africa Command (Major-Gen. S. Garlake, C.B.E., A.D.C.), and, on the right side, by O.C. 1 En. N.R.R. (Lt.Gel. G.H.W. Goode, O.B.E.), R.A.F. Liaison Officer (Wing Commander T.M. Buchanan), O.G. S.R.A.F. (Col. E.W.S. Jacklin, O.B.E., A.F.C.) and the Acting Commr. B.S.A. Police (Col. A.S. Hickman, M.B.E.).

The fellowing willeste the personal staff of His Excellency - the two Aides-de-Camp, Major P.W. Hodgens, M.C., R.A. and Septain F.W.W. Bernard, R.A., the Comptroller, Commander J.P.P. Michell, M.V.O., R.N. (Ret.), and the Official Secretary (Mr. E.C. Thomas). His Excellency joined the rear of the Procession as it moved off.

oded at a slow pace via the passage adjacent to the Chamber, the covered walk on the western side and the North verandah, and entered the Chamber by the North door. As His Excellency enters the Chamber, trumpeters of the B.S.A. Police sounded a funfare on ceremonial trumpets. On arrival at the Throne, members of the Procession took up their positions either side of the dais, and as His Excellency began to mount the dais the first of a salute of minteen guns was fired. His Excellency then faced the Assembly and the band played the first six bers of the National Anthem with the Guard of Honour presenting arms.

Bowing to Mr. Speaker and to Members on either side, His Excellency seated himself on the Throne and said "Gentlemen, pray be seated". After the Serjeant-at-Arms had taken charge of the Mace, the Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, carrying a signed copy of the Speech from the Throne, rose from his seat, advanced to the steps of the dais and handed the Speech to His Excellency.

Extracts from the speech by His Excellency
The Governor-General at the Opening of the First Session of
the First Parliament of the Pederation of Rhodesia and Mysseland
on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1954.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Federal Assembly.

This is an historic occasion.

We meet to inaugurate the First Session of the First Parliament of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

In bidding you welcome it is right that I should first give you a brief account of the events which have preceded today's meeting and in particular give an account of my own stewardship of the responsibilities entrusted to me under the Constitution during the interim period.

It is almost exactly six menths ago that Her Majesty approved the Order in Council authorizing the bringing into being of this Federation and it was exactly five months ago that it came into being, namely on September Jrd, the day upon which I arrived in this country.....

By first notion on assuming office was to appoint an interim Ministry to assist me in the exercise of those duties which it was necessary and incumbent on me to perform from the date of the introduction of the Constitution.

As you are aware, this interim Ministry has since expanded into a fully representative Government, and today I transfer to your safe keeping many of the responsibilities with which I have hitherto been charged.

In doing this, I would like to refer to the great debt of gratitude we owe to the Territorial Governments who have so generously surrendered the services of senior efficials to key posts in the Federal Administration, and whose cafficials in the main carried through the first Federal elections.

I would like to extend our thanks also to the Southern Rhodesian Government for the use of Government offices and to the Southern Rhodesia Legislative Assembly for the use of this chamber, its facilities and the loan of the Maco.

You, I believe, will wish me also to record our appreciation to the Speaker and Members of the Parliament at Westminster for their handsome gesture in effering a Mace for your own Assembly, an offer which has been gratefully accepted on your behalf.....

It is hoped that the Federal Government will have assumed effective control of the greater part of its responsibilities by the lat July.....

In the meantime, essential offices such as the Cabinet Office, the Department of Finance, the Department of External Affairs and Defence, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Home Affairs, a Federal Information Service, and the Department of Transport and Communications, have been established and staffed with officers seconded from the Territorial Services......

You will be invited to give consideration to the title by which Members of your House should be styled and to the remmeration which you should fittingly receive.

My Ministers consider it is imperative that early consideration be given to the final location of the seat of Government.....

In Her Majesty's name, I now declare this, the First Session of the First Parliament of the Federation of Rhodesia and Myssaland, to be duly opened.