

12th September, 1961

SEVENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

OPENING CEREMONY - 25th September  
1961

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. 9.45 a.m. Guests admitted to Westminster Hall.  
(All must be seated by 10.40 a.m.)
2. 10.00 a.m. Band of the Irish Guards begins programme of Music.
3. 10.45 a.m. Entry of the State Trumpeters, Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of the Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard, by the North Door of Westminster Hall.
4. Entry of Processions (See Appendix A)
  - 10.48 a.m. First Procession
  - 10.50 a.m. Second Procession
  - 10.52 a.m. Third Procession
  - 10.54 a.m. Fourth Procession
  - 10.56 a.m. Fifth Procession
  - 10.58 a.m. Sixth Procession
5. 11.00 a.m. ARRIVAL OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

A Fanfare of Trumpets will herald the arrival of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.
6. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will be received by the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the Lord Great Chamberlain, and the Rt. Hon. Lord John Hope, Minister of Works, at St. Stephen's Entrance.

The assembled company will rise.
7. On entering Westminster Hall, Her Majesty will be received by Sir Roland Robinson, Chairman of the General Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Mr. R.A. Njoku, Vice-Chairman, and the Earl of Munster, Deputy Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch.
8. Her Majesty will move to a position in front of the War Memorial. The National Anthem will be played.
9. The following will greet Her Majesty and His Royal Highness:
  - The Viscount Kilmuir, Lord Chancellor
  - The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister
  - The Rt. Hon. Viscount Hailsham, Lord President of the Council
  - The Rt. Hon. Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, the Speaker
  - The Rt. Hon. R.A. Butler, Secretary of State for the Home Office; Leader of the House of Commons
  - The Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, Leader of the Opposition
  - Mr. Joseph Grimond, Leader of the Liberal Party
  - The Rt. Hon. Lord Silkin, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, House of Lords
  - The Lord Rea, Leader of the Liberal Party, House of Lords

10. The following will be presented by Sir Roland Robinson to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness:

Senator the Hon. Sir Alister McMullin, KCMG.  
(Past Chairman)  
The Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, MP. (United Kingdom)  
Mr. Jacques Flynn, QC., MP. (Canada, Federal)  
Mr. L.H.E. Bury, MP. (Australia, Commonwealth)  
Mr. W.A. Sheat, MP. (New Zealand)  
Hon. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, MP. (India, Union)  
Hon. R.S. Pelpola, MP. (Ceylon)  
Hon. Kofi Baako, MP. (Ghana)  
Hon. Dato' Ong Yoke Lin, MP. (Malaya)  
Alhaji the Hon. Shehu Shagari, MP. (Nigeria, Federal)  
Paramount Chief the Hon. Raymond B.S. Koker, OBE., JR., MP.  
(Sierra Leone)  
Mr. J.F. Craig, MLA. (Western Australia)  
Hon. L.H. Shantz, MLA. (British Columbia)  
Hon. Mansinhji Bhasahib Rana, MLA. (Gujarat)  
Alhaji the Hon. Isa Kaita, CBE., MIA. (Northern Nigeria)  
Hon. Erskine R.L. Ward, MP. (West Indies)  
Mr. Sheik Mohammed Saffee, MLC. (British Guiana)  
Mr. H.V. Kirk, JP., MP. (Northern Ireland)  
Mr. R.V. Vanderfelt, OBE. (Secretary-General, General  
Council, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association)  
Mr. P.G. Molloy, MC. (Secretary, United Kingdom Branch,  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association)

11. On the conclusion of these presentations, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will be conducted to their seats on the lower platform of the main steps. The Assembled company will be seated.
12. c. 11.12 a.m. The Chairman of the General Council will invite Her Majesty to declare the Conference open.
- The Chairman's Speech  
HER MAJESTY'S SPEECH  
The Prime Minister's Speech  
The Vice-Chairman's Speech
13. c. 11.40 a.m. On the conclusion of the Vice-Chairman's Speech, Her Majesty will rise. A fanfare of Trumpets will be sounded, followed by the National Anthem.
14. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, escorted by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Minister of Works, and accompanied by the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, will proceed down the Central Aisle of the Hall to the North Door.
15. 11.45 a.m. A Fanfare of Trumpets will be sounded as Her Majesty leaves the Hall.
16. Guests will remain in their places until Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard have left by St. Stephen's Entrance.
17. Guests invited to the Reception at Lancaster House will leave by St. Stephen's Entrance.
18. Other guests will depart by the North Door of the Hall.

FIRST PROCESSION

LEFT

Hon. G.B.K. Magezi, MLC.  
Uganda

Mr. E.W. Sergeant, OBE., JP., MLC.  
Northern Rhodesia

Sir George Oehlers, OBE., MLA.  
Speaker of the Legislative  
Assembly, Singapore

Hon. J.C.O. Crowther, OBE., JP., MP.  
Sierra Leone

Hon. A. Casely Hayford, MP.  
Ghana

Senator the Hon. A.P. Jayasuriya  
Minister of Health, Ceylon

Mr. R.M. Macfarlane, CMG., MP.  
New Zealand

Sir Herbert Butcher, Bt., MP.  
United Kingdom

RIGHT

Hon. Ali Muhammad Luqman, MLC.  
Aden

Hon. M.G. Sinanan, MLC.  
Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. V.T. Joyce, MP.  
Federation of Rhodesia and  
Nyasaland

Hon. Enche Ibrahim bin Abdul Rahman, MP.  
Federation of Malaya

Hon. M. Samaraweera, MP.  
Minister of Housing and Local  
Government, Ceylon

Sardar Hukam Singh, MP.  
Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha,  
India

Rt. Hon. A. Creech Jones, MP.  
United Kingdom

NOTE: Members of this procession will proceed direct to their seats on the lower platform.

SECOND PROCESSION

LEFT

RIGHT

Mr. P.G. Molloy, MC.  
Secretary, Commonwealth Parli-  
amentary Association, United  
Kingdom Branch

Mr. H.V. Kirk, JP., MP.  
Northern Ireland

Hon. Erskine R.L. Ward, MP.  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Federation of  
the West Indies

Hon. Mansinhji Bhasahib Rana, MLA.  
Speaker of the Legislative  
Assembly, Gujarat

Mr. J.F. Craig, MLA.,  
Western Australia

Alhaji the Hon. Shehu Shagari, MP.  
Minister of Establishments,  
Federation of Nigeria

Hon. Kofi Baako, MP.,  
Minister for Parliamentary  
Affairs, Ghana

Hon. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, MP.,  
Speaker of the Lok Sabha, India

Mr. L.H.E. Bury, MP.,  
Commonwealth of Australia

Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, MP.  
Secretary of State for  
Commonwealth Relations,  
United Kingdom

Mr. R.V. Vanderfelt, OBE.  
Secretary-General, Commonwealth  
Parliamentary Association

Mr. Sheik Mohammed Saffee, MLC.  
British Guiana

Alhaji the Hon. Isa Kaita, CBE., MHA.  
Minister of Education, Northern  
Nigeria

Hon. L.H. Shantz, MLA.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,  
British Columbia

Paramount Chief the Hon. Raymond B.S.  
Koker, OBE., JP., MP.  
Minister without Portfolio,  
Sierra Leone

Hon. Dato' Ong Yoke Lin, MP.  
Minister of Health and Social Welfare,  
Federation of Malaya

Hon. R.S. Pelpola, MP.,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ceylon

Mr. W.A. Sheat, MP.,  
New Zealand

Mr. Jacques Flynn, QC., MP.  
Deputy Speaker of the House of  
Commons, Canada

Senator the Hon. Sir Alister McMullin,  
KCMG., President of the Senate,  
Commonwealth of Australia; Immediate  
Past Chairman, General Council,  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

NOTE: Members of this procession will proceed to the top of the steps preparatory to being presented to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

THIRD PROCESSION

Sir Roland Robinsen, MP.,  
United Kingdom,  
Chairman, General Council,  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Hon. R.A. Njoku, MP.  
Minister of Transport and Aviation,  
Federation of Nigeria,  
Vice-Chairman, General Council,  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Munster, KBE.,  
United Kingdom,  
Deputy Chairman, United Kingdom Branch,  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and  
Chairman of the Conference Arrangements Committee

NOTE: Members of this procession will proceed to the doorway into Westminster Hall preparatory to receiving Her Majesty.

FOURTH PROCESSION

The Lord Rea, OBE.,  
Leader of the Liberal Party,  
House of Lords

The Rt. Hon. Lord Silkin,  
Deputy Leader of the Labour Party,  
House of Lords

Mr. Joseph Grimond, MP.,  
Leader of the Liberal Party

The Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, CBE., MP.  
Leader of the Opposition

The Rt. Hon. R.A. Butler, CH., MP.,  
Secretary of State for the  
Home Office, Leader of the  
House of Commons

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Hailsham, QC.,  
Lord President of the Council  
and Minister for Science, Leader  
of the House of Lords

The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, MP.,  
Prime Minister and First Lord of the  
Treasury

NOTE: Members of this procession will proceed to the top of the steps, preparatory to greeting Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

FIFTH PROCESSION

The Speaker of the House of Commons  
and his Suite

The Speaker

The Rt. Hon. Sir Harry Hylton-Foster,  
QC., MP.

The Trainbearer

Mr. W.J. Betts

The Clerk of the House of Commons

Sir Edward Fellowes, KCB., CMG., MC.

The Private Secretary

Brigadier F.S. Reid, CBE.

NOTE: The Clerk of the House and the Private Secretary will leave the procession at the foot of the steps and take their seats. The Speaker and Trainbearer will proceed to the top of the steps, the latter leaving by St. Stephen's Hall.

SIXTH PROCESSION

The Lord Chancellor and his Suite

The Pursebearer

Mr. B. Goddard

The Lord Chancellor

Rt. Hon. Viscount Kilmuir, GCVO.

The Trainbearer

Mr. T. Cockayne

The Clerk of the Parliaments

Sir Victor M.R. Goodman, KCB., OBE., MC.

The Private Secretary

Mr. A.D.M. Oulton

NOTE: The Clerk of the Parliaments and the Private Secretary will leave the procession at the foot of the steps and take their seats. The Lord Chancellor, Pursebearer and Trainbearer will proceed to the top of the steps, the last two leaving by St. Stephen's Hall.



PLATFORM PARTY - SEATING PLAN

The Marquess of Cholmondeley,  
G.C.V.O. (Lord Great Chamberlain)

Alhaji the Hon. Shehu  
Shagari, M.P.  
(Nigeria - Federal)

Hon. Kofi Baako, M.P. (Ghana)

Hon. M.A. Ayyangar, M.P.  
(India - Union)

Mr. L.H.E. Bury, M.P.  
(Australia - Commonwealth)

Rt Hon. Duncan Sandys, M.P.  
(United Kingdom)

Rt Hon. The Earl of Munster,  
K.B.E.

The Lord Rea, O.B.E.

Rt Hon. Lord Silkin

Rt Hon. Viscount Hailsham,  
Q.C.

Rt Hon. Viscount Kilmuir,  
G.C.V.O.

Sir Roland Robinson, M.P.  
(Chairman)

Hon. Mansinhji  
Bhasahib Rana, MLA.  
(India - States)

Hon. L.H. Shantz, MLA.  
(Canada - Provinces)

Hon. E.R.L. Ward, MP.  
(West Indies)

Hon. J.C.O. Crowther,  
OBE, JP, MP. (Sierra  
Leone)

Hon. A. Casely Hayford,  
M.P. (Ghana)

Senator the Hon. A.P.  
Jayasuriya (Ceylon)

Mr. R.M. Macfarlane,  
C.M.G., M.P. (New  
Zealand)

Sir Herbert Butcher,  
Bt., M.P. (United  
Kingdom)

Lady-in-waiting to  
Her Majesty

Private Secretary to  
Her Majesty

Mr. R.V. Vanderfel,  
O.B.E. (Secretary-  
General)

Hon. G.B.K. Magezi,  
M.L.C. (Uganda)

Mr. H.V. Kirk,  
J.P., M.P.  
(Northern Ireland)

Mr. E.W. Sergeant,  
OBE, JP, MLC.  
(Northern  
Rhodesia)

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCE PHILIP

Rt Hon. Harold  
Macmillan, M.P.

Hon. R.A. Njoku, M.P.  
(Vice-Chairman)

Rt Hon. Sir Harry  
Hylton-Foster, Q.C., M.P.

Rt Hon. R.A. Butler,  
C.H., M.P.

Rt Hon. Hugh Gaitskell,  
C.B.E., M.P.

Mr. J. Grimond, M.P.

Mr. Jacques Flynn, Q.C., M.P.  
(Canada - Federal)

Mr. W.A. Sheat, M.P.  
(New Zealand)

Hon. R.S. Pelpola, M.P.  
(Ceylon)

Hon. Dato' Ong Yoke Lin,  
M.P. (Malaya)

Paramount Chief the Hon.  
Raymond B.S. Koker, O.P.E.,  
J.P., M.P. (Sierra Leone)

Rt Hon. Lord John Hope,  
M.P. (Minister of Works)

Equerry-in-waiting

Senator the Hon. Sir  
Alister McMullin,  
K.C.M.G. (Past Chair-  
man)

Rt Hon. A. Creech  
Jones, M.P. (United  
Kingdom)

Sardar Hukam Singh, MP.  
(India - Union)

Hon. M. Semaraweera, MP.  
(Ceylon)

Hon. Enche Ibrahim bin  
Abdul Rahman, M.P.  
(Malaya)

Mr. V.T. Joyce, M.P.  
(Rhodesia & Nyasaland)

Sir George Oehlers, OBE,  
MLA (Singapore)

Mr. J.F. Craig, M.L.A.  
(Australia - States)

Alhaji the Hon. Isa  
Kaita, C.B.E., M.H.A.  
(Nigeria - States)

Hon. M.G. Sinanan,  
M.L.C.  
(Trinidad & Tobago)

Mr. S.M. Saffee,  
M.L.C.  
(British Guiana)

Hon. A.M. Luqman,  
M.L.C.  
(Aden)

Mr. P.G. Molloy,  
M.C.  
(Secretary,  
United Kingdom  
Branch)

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Speech by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Harold  
Macmillan, M.P. at the Opening of the Seventh  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Westminster  
Hall on Monday, September 25, 1961.

It is my privilege to express the thanks of all of us here to Your Majesty for consenting to open this Conference and for your wise and gracious words. We are particularly grateful for Your Majesty's presence in Westminster Hall on this occasion. We remember with gratitude the outstanding contribution which you and your predecessors have made to the development of the Commonwealth. [All those present in this great gathering today, representing nations in every quarter of the globe, acknowledge you, Madam, as Head of the Commonwealth and as the living symbol of our free association.]

I have great pleasure in welcoming the Delegates to this Conference. On behalf of the Government and people of Britain, and of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association I greet you all. Through you we send to those whom you represent the good wishes of this country.

The composition and form of our association may change. For the Commonwealth is an organic structure bound by no rigid constitutional frame. But the spirit remains the same. The Commonwealth depends for its vitality and usefulness on cross fertilization of ideas through personal interchanges. Sometimes these take the form of Ministerial meetings - Prime Ministers, Finance Ministers, and so forth. But Ministers, even Prime Ministers are, happily, but transient figures - like phantoms they flit across the stage - and, with few exceptions, are soon forgotten. Even Parliamentarians come and go. Nevertheless, while we enjoy our brief authority, it is of the greatest value that we should constantly meet and discuss our common problems. A generation ago, such continuous intercourse would have been impossible. Today it is not only practical but vital. In this sense, the aeroplane has indeed become a sinew of the Commonwealth.

Soon after I became Prime Minister, I decided that I would try to visit all the countries of the Commonwealth. I have not quite succeeded yet, but I hope that I shall soon

be able to complete my tours. Then it will be time to start again. These travels have been for me a vivid and inspiring experience. The illustrated magazines, the film and television have made it possible for all who have access to them to understand the diversity of the peoples of our Commonwealth. Yet to me it was the common features transcending these outward differences which were so impressive; such features as the parliamentary heritage which we share and which brings us here today.

These shared habits and ideals come from past association. If they are to be of more than historical interest, they must be constantly renewed by present association. It is not enough for Governments to work together. Parliaments and peoples must take their share.

[As elected representatives of your several peoples, few are better placed than yourselves to express their difficulties, their hopes and their aspirations. We live today in a strange world - poised between hope and despair. Sometimes the lengthening shadows seem to darken the future. Sometimes we seem to catch glimpses of the dawn. It is, at any rate, a world of challenge - to which men and women of stout hearts must respond. Your special task will be not only to meet, or indeed to understand each other, important though understanding is, but to recreate and state anew, the common ideas and modes of thought which are the basis of the Commonwealth. If the world is to survive, it must learn to live together, Government with Government and people with people. The Commonwealth can be an example to other nations. We have the experience of reconciling different approaches without abandoning national policies and independence.]

In addition to the work which all of you will do, we hope that you will enjoy your stay here. And we hope that you have built up among yourselves bonds of understanding and friendship which will help the give-and-take of discussion. I am told that it is now hoped to hold the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference yearly instead of every other year. I sincerely trust that this may prove possible. For it is really true that the more we are together the happier we shall be.

To the Conference, then, all good wishes. To you, Madam, in the name of us all, I express once more our deep and loving gratitude.

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Admiralty House,  
Whitehall, S.W. 1.

September 25, 1961.

11-58 AM COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OPENED BY THE QUEEN  
OPENING THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, IN  
WESTMINSTER, TODAY, THE QUEEN RECALLED THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO,  
JUST BEFORE HER CORONATION, SHE WAS THE GUEST OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION AT WESTMINSTER HALL.

"TODAY, AT YOUR JUBILEE YEAR CONFERENCE, IT IS WITH  
MUCH PLEASURE THAT I GREET YOU, THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
PARLIAMENTS OF ALL THE LANDS WITHIN OUR COMMONWEALTH FAMILY OF  
NATIONS WHICH ENJOY RESPONSIBLE GOVT.

"I GIVE YOU, ON BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF, A  
VERY HEARTY WELCOME; AND I HOPE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE  
COME FROM OVERSEAS ARE ENJOYING YOUR STAY IN THIS COUNTRY,"  
STATED THE QUEEN.

"IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE VISITED  
MANY COUNTRIES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO  
SEE HERE MANY WHOM WE HAVE ALREADY MET IN THE COURSE OF OUR  
JOURNEYS. EVENTUALLY, WE HOPE TO VISIT ALL THE COUNTRIES OF  
OUR FAMILY OF NATIONS.

"THIS GATHERING SHOWS THE DIVERSITY OF PEOPLES, CREEDS  
AND CULTURES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH, EACH HAVING AN EQUAL  
PLACE IN OUR ORGANISATION OF NATIONS.

"IN THE WIDE ASSOCIATION WHICH IS THE COMMONWEALTH, WE  
MUST ALL TRY TO CULTIVATE THE VIRTUES OF TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING,  
TO RECOGNISE EACH OTHER'S QUALITIES AND TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S  
FEELINGS.

"IN THIS MODERN AGE, THE STRENGTH AND UNITY OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH FAMILY DOES NOT LIE IN BONDS FORGED BY FORMAL INSTRUMENTS  
NOR IN COMMON ANCESTRY, NOR IN PURSUING THE SAME POLITICAL LINE.

"IT SPRINGS FROM THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ALL SHARE A LIVELY  
CONCERN FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND ALL THE MACHINERY WHICH MAKES  
THIS POSSIBLE.

"THERE ARE SEVERAL EXPRESSIONS OF THIS UNITY. AS THE HEAD  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH, I AM ONE: THE CONSTANT AND CLOSE CONTACTS  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE MEETINGS OF  
COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS ARE ANOTHER.

"EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS OUR COMMON FORM OF PARLIAMENTARY  
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS THE VERY CORNERSTONE OF OUR ASSOCIATION."

12 3PM ~~ADD COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OPENED BY THE QUEEN.~~

~~THE QUEEN CONTINUED:~~ "IT IS SPECIALLY FITTING THAT IN YOUR  
JUBILEE YEAR YOU SHOULD MEET HERE IN THIS ANCIENT HALL,  
IN WHICH THE EARLIEST MEETINGS OF THE ENGLISH PARLIAMANT WERE HELD  
CENTURIES AGO. FOR THE PARLIAMENT AT WESTMINSTER HAS SERVED  
AS AN EXAMPLE ON WHOSE EXPERIENCE OTHER NATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
HAVE DRAWN IN SHAPING AND DEVELOPING LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES SUITED  
TO THEIR OWN SPECIAL NEEDS.

"IT IS THIS COMMON SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT WHICH  
IS STRENGTHENED BY THE WORK OF YOUR ASSOCIATION, AND  
THE CONFERENCES WHICH IT ORGANISES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

"AT THESE MEETINGS, THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH  
PARLIAMENTS CAN MEET ON TERMS NOT DICTATED BY PARTY CONSIDERATIONS,  
TO TALK, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, TO SHARE VARIED  
EXPERIENCES AND DISCUSS AND DEVELOP IDEAS ON MATTERS OF COMMON  
INTEREST.

"IN THIS WAY, CLOSER UNDERSTANDING IS FOSTERED BETWEEN  
THOSE WHO WORK IN THE LEGISLATURES OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND ALL  
THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT ARE ENCOURAGED."

THE QUEEN THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE GREAT PART IT WAS PLAYING  
(REPTN.)

THE QUEEN THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE GREAT PART IT WAS  
PLAYING IN THE LIFE AND THOUGHT OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
AND WISHED THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS.