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DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER.

ROYAL VISIT TO HITCHIN.

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A big day for Hitchin and the Hertfordshire Regiment. For Hitchin because the Duchess

of Gloucester is to open

the Town's new hospital wards. And for the Hertfordshire Regiment because it is supplying the guard-of-honour of the Duchess. At the Town Hall, Her Royal Highness

is welcomed by Viscount Hampden, President

of the North Hertfordshire and South

Bedfordshire Hospital. The guard-of-honour receives its royal inspection. This is the

first public engagement undertaken by the

Duchess of Gloucester since her marriage. Lord Hampden,

you will remember, is her uncle. The ceremony

of opening the new wards

is performed in the Town Hall.

The Duchess thereafter being cheered

by thousands who watched

her, go to the

Hospital to see the Wards for herself. The happiness of the Duchess's smile was really

infectious, and reflected happiness upon honoured Hitchin.