

For a few brief minutes --- Government House at Kaduna saw the royal ceremony of investiture, when the Queen conferred the honour of knighthood upon the Sultan of Sokoto. Another memorable event of the royal tour of Nigeria was the Queen's visit to the Lugard Hall --- to receive from the House of Assembly a loyal address. This is the Parliament of Nigeria's Northern Region --- ~~thaxhaxxuf~~ which is the home of eighteen millions of her thirty million people. The address was read by the Premier; and pledged the allegiance of chiefs and emirs to the Crown.

But the most spectacular event so far in the programme of the Royal Nigerian Tour was the great Durbar at Kaduna. In Hundreds took part in it; --- ~~thousands~~ thousands came to watch it.

The Queen and the Duke left their car for the royal dais - watched by fierce-looking warriors clad in fairy-book splendour. But there seemed to be only one from the Catering Corps.

Then began the music for the march past.

For more than two hours --- this fantastic cavalcade rolled past the Sovereign; chiefs and warriors --- emirs and acrobats and jesters in a whirling kaleidoscope of pageantry; until the final breath-taking charge.