

“That provision be made for the Speaker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, Ministers, Ex-Ministers, and Privy-Councillors to sit together as far as may be possible in the front.

“That the remaining seats be allotted by ballot.

“That Levée Dress be worn by Ministers, Ex-Ministers and Privy Councillors.

“That dress for the remainder of the House be optional.”

The Queen desired to be surrounded on the occasion by all the Members of Her Majesty's Family, being Descendants. Preparations were accordingly made for the return of all who were absent from this country.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., returned from his command of the Fleet in the Mediterranean, special permission being granted.

A Special Act of Parliament was obtained for His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K.G., to absent himself for three months from the command of Her Majesty's Forces in Bombay.

Their Imperial and Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince of Germany, K.G., and The Crown Princess of Germany, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Princesses Victoria, Sophie and Margaret of Prussia, as well as by Their Royal Highnesses The Prince William of Prussia, K.G., and The Princess William of Prussia, and The Prince Henry of Prussia, G.C.B., arrived from Berlin.

Their Royal Highnesses The Grand Duke of Hesse, K.G., The Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, and Their Grand Ducal Highnesses The Princess Irène and The Princess Alix of Hesse, accompanied by Her Grand Ducal Highness The Princess Louis of Battenberg, and His Serene Highness The Prince Louis of Battenberg, K.C.B., arrived from Darmstadt.

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., and The Prince George of Wales, K.G., also returned from their duties at Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean respectively, in order to be present on this occasion.

His Majesty The King of Denmark, K.G., His Majesty The King of the Hellenes, K.G., Their Majesties The King of the Belgians, K.G., and The Queen of the Belgians, and His Majesty The King of Saxony, K.G., as well as Royal Representatives of other Sovereigns and States of Europe, to be hereafter enumerated, who had intimated their desire to be present, were received as Her Majesty's Guests.

Her Majesty The Queen Kapiolani of Hawaii, accompanied by Her Royal Highness The Princess Liliyewokalani; His Imperial Highness The Prince Komatsu of Japan, Royal Representative of His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of Japan; His Royal Highness The Prince Devawongse Varoprakar of Siam, Royal Representative of His Majesty The King of Siam; and His Royal Highness The Prince Abu 'n Nasr Mirza Hissam us Sultaneh of Persia, Royal Representative of His Majesty The Shah of Persia, were also received.

Special Envoys were appointed and received from His Imperial Majesty The Sultan, The President of the French Republic, The President of the United States, and from numerous other Sovereigns and States to be enumerated hereafter.

A Special Envoy was also received from His Holiness The Pope.