

TOAST TO KING MARKS VISIT OF ANTHONY EDEN

British Diplomat Responds By Toasting "The President"—Met By Cheering Throng As He Visits Hammond-Harwood House, Old Scott Mansion, And Lays Wreath On Tomb Of Ancestor In St. Anne's Churchyard—Makes Radio Address.

The glamour of the Colonial period was revived here today and once more the toast "To the King" was drunk as Anthony Eden, ex-British Foreign Secretary, visited scenes familiar to his great-grandfather, Sir Robert Eden, last Provincial Governor, before placing a wreath on the Baronet's tomb in St. Anne's churchyard.

The dapper, affable British diplomat drunk the toast to King George VI in the historic Hammond-Harwood House, as his ancestor, Sir Robert, drank to King George III before the Revolution forced the youthful Governor to return to England.

Studies Old Records

Blanchard Randall, head of the State Order of the Cincinnati, composed of descendants of officers of the Continental Army, proposed the toast shortly after Anthony Eden had made a brief address over a national radio hookup from the ballroom of the Hammond-Harwood House.

The British diplomat after draining a glass of Madeira wine in honor of his Sovereign, proposed a toast "To the President of the United States." He then resumed his interested inspection of letters and documents signed by or written to Sir Robert, and brought to the Hammond-Harwood House by Dr. James A. Robertson, State Archivist.

Masked Copy

So intrigued was Eden with a letter written by William Eden to his brother, Sir Robert, addressed "Dear Bob," that he asked for a photostatic copy. He pointed out to Lord Hinchinbrooke, 9th Earl of Sandwich, who accompanied him, that the letter had been intercepted by "the rebels" before it reached Sir Robert.

As he moved through homes and scenes familiar to his great-grandfather, Eden was surrounded by many descendants of families living here in the days of Sir Robert. He took cognizance of this by his remark that he "did not feel altogether a stranger."

Met At Mansion

City and State Police guarded the Hammond-Harwood House as Eden and Mrs. Eden arrived by automobile from Washington. They were accompanied by Lord and Lady Hinchinbrooke, Sir Mar-

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lyn Becket, and Ronald Free, Dr. Hugh H. Young and Mrs. John Garrett.

At the door of the Colonial mansion, built by Mathias Hammond in 1774, during the administration of Sir Robert, the British diplomat was greeted by Gov. Harry W. Nice, Rear-Admiral Wilson Brown, superintendent of the Naval Academy, Mrs. Harry R. Slack, former president of the Federated Garden Clubs. He received a "key to the city" from Mayor Louis N. Phipps, as he ascended the steps of the home.

Building Crowded

Every room in the mansion was crowded by representatives of the Pilgrimage committee of the Federated Garden Clubs, the Society of Colonial Wars, Society of the Ark and the Dove, the Historical Society of Maryland, and other historical groups.

After examining the dining room and the Colonial kitchen, the Eden party went to the ballroom on the second floor. Mrs. Slack presented Senator George Radcliffe, who introduced Eden to his radio audience. The Senator reviewed the career of Sir Robert and pointed out that the Provincial Governor was a friend of George Washington, who headed the Continental Army in the Revolution. He said that Sir Robert and Washington attended many horse races here.

"Grateful For Welcome"

"I am most grateful for your friendly welcome," Eden said. "I cannot feel altogether a stranger. In a measure it is like coming home, indeed this is an occasion in which any Englishman could take pride.

"I like to think that Maryland was a center of religious and political toleration.

"I like to think that my ancestor was a friend of those he was called upon to govern and they were his friends.

"I like to think that he understood the American point of view and in a large measure sympathized with it.

"I like to think of his friendship with George Washington, indeed a mutual love of horse racing is a pretty good basis of friendship.

"I like to think of those historic days of which we can both be proud."

Center of Society

Mrs. Slack pointed out that Sir Robert was a brother-in-law of the sixth Lord Baltimore, and during his rule of the colony, from 1769 to 1776, with his wife, Carolina Calvert, was the center of the charming social life of Colonial Annapolis.

"Governor Eden possessed the confidence of the Colonists to a very unusual extent and the break between Maryland and Great Britain was attended with less feeling and disorder than in other colonies.

"Governor Eden dined frequently with some of the patriotic leaders. One of his hosts was Mathias Hammond, the builder of this home."

Old Glasses Used

The glasses from which the toast to the King and President was drunk were early English.

Silver service used was made in 1750 by Paul LaMerie, while china plates on which cakes were served were brought from Worcester, England, by William Pinkney, first American minister to the Court of St. James. They were brought to the house for the occasion by Mrs. Miles White, Jr., of Baltimore.

After leaving the Hammond-Harwood House, the Eden party

drove through the Naval Academy and then went to Shipwright street to the Convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In a room in this house, built in 1765 by Dr. Upton Scott, Sir Robert Eden died in 1784. The room is now used as a chapel.

Views Communion Service

Mrs. Beauregard Clark, of Jessups, a descendant of Dr. Scott, attended the ceremonies. She said when Sir Robert died, Dr. Scott took the body at night to the old St. Margaret's church at Winchester, where it was buried be-

neath the chancel. It was located by Daniel R. Randall, former postmaster, and interred in the St. Anne's churchyard, in 1926.

The Rev. Dr. Darlington Johnson, rector of St. Anne's, met Eden and his party, as they arrived at the church. He exhibited the Colonial records of the church, including a silver communion service presented by King William III. He gave Eden and other members of the party souvenirs including a history of Annapolis and

recipes used in Colonial Days.

Places Wreath

Standing bareheaded in the churchyard, Eden laid a wreath of evergreen at the base of his ancestor's tomb. With his wife he stood a few moments in silent reverence, before entering his automobile and leaving for Baltimore.

The wreath was presented by Mrs. Francis Beirne, daughter of Daniel R. Randall, and member of the Federated Garden Clubs.

Eden, after presentation of a scroll and emblem of the Society

of the Ark and the Dove, was also presented with two volumes of Maryland history.