

Kenya: To the excited people of Mombasa - the yacht "Britannia" was ^{the} herald of a Royal occasion - ~~she~~ she had come to take Princess Margaret on the ~~six-day~~ voyage to Mauritius.

But first, the East African port celebrated a memorable day, that began with loyal greetings at the airport, as the Princess arrived - after a long flight from Britain.

The official welcome was led by the Governor of Kenya, (Sir Evelyn Baring) and his wife..

Then came a proud service-salute, as ~~the~~ Her Royal Highness (looking charming in Cambridge Blue) inspected the Guard of Honour, the 7th King's African Rifles ~~a~~ ~~company in their scarlet tunics~~.

The Governor then presented civic dignitaries and tribal chiefs, who pledged the welcome of their ~~loved African people~~.

Next morning (before starting a full programme) the Princess attended Divine Service, at Mombasa Cathedral. She was welcomed by the Provost, the Rev. R.B. Jupp - who later presented a white prayer-book. During the service, the Governor read the lesson, and ~~there~~ was a Royal signature for the Distinguished Visitors' Book.

After the Service, the Princess drove to the Diamond Jubilee Hall, to attend a reception - given by the Mombasa Indian, Arab, and African Ladies' Association.

Men were barred from the reception because the Moslem women had unveiled their faces to greet the Princess. ~~People~~ ~~cameramen~~ ~~filmed~~ ~~The entertainment included~~ ~~the reception~~ ~~including this dance -~~ ~~led by~~ Bapsy Mehta - a Parsee girl.

The dance - based on Indian legend - tells the story of a young girl who sees a Princess and garlands her with a golden ~~chain~~ ~~of exotic~~ ~~things~~.

Later, when the Princess left - smiling happily - she was still wearing her "garland of gold".

So to the Municipal Stadium, where 19,000 children of many races and creeds (for Mombasa is a miniature Commonwealth in itself), welcomed their Princess with flags and cheers. A happy memory to carry on that six-day voyage to Mauritius.