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MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 83-38

WHEREAS, the great honor of a visit from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England, to Yosemite via Mariposa has been bestowed upon this County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and residents of this County feel that the natural history of our County would be an attraction to Her Majesty and her party as they embark upon their journey to Yosemite National Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Historical Society Museum vividly displays the history of the County--especially that of the mining industry in the mid-1800's and the life of the famous Colonel John C. Fremont.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to welcome Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and cordially invite her to view the natural history of Mariposa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby endorse the invitation from the Mariposa County Historical Society to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II to visit the Historical Society Museum as part of her tour of California and Yosemite National Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 1933 by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors by the following vote:

- AYES: Taber, Barrick, Erickson, Dalton, Moffitt
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Alberta
PATRICIA E. ALBERTA
Clerk of the Board

Eric J. Erickson
ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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January 17, 1983

His Excellency Sir Oliver Wright
British Embassy
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Sir:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Historical Society, it is my privilege to extend our most cordial welcome to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England, in anticipation of her visit to Mariposa County's Yosemite National Park next March.

In addition, we wish to extend to Her Majesty and her party our invitation to visit the Mariposa County Historical Society Museum while in our county. This unique museum is located in the town of Mariposa, the county seat, and is on Her Majesty's route to the Park, about 45 minutes south of Yosemite.

The museum portrays, with vitality and charm, the rich and colorful history of Mariposa County, known as California's "Mother of Counties". It is located at the beginning of the famous Mother Lode gold-mining region. Authentic exhibits and absorbing narrative depict the life and times of the world-renowned explorer, Colonel John C. Fremont, and his remarkable wife, Jessie Benton Fremont (daughter of Senator Thomas Hart Benton -- "Old Bullion" of Missouri). Prior to establishing their home in Mariposa County, Colonel Fremont's courageous adventures in the blazing of the Westward Trail earned him the nickname, "The Pathfinder"; he also played a crucial role in achieving California's statehood, and became the state's first United States Senator.

The museum's unique mining exhibit includes a fine collection of the gold mining and milling apparatus employed in the California Mother Lode since the days of the great gold rush, in the mid-1800's. As a part of the tour and presentation to her Majesty, we would be pleased to demonstrate our fully operable stamp-mill actually producing gold.

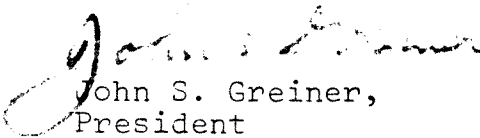
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His Excellency Sir Oliver Wright

Throughout the years, tens of thousands of international travelers have visited and applauded this historic museum. We would be deeply honored should Her Majesty wish to take this opportunity to experience a truly fascinating journey through California history.

Yours faithfully,

Mariposa County
Historical Society


John S. Greiner,
President

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