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PROGRAMME FOR THE RECEPTION OF THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES BY  
THE RULING CHIEFS.

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The Ruling Chiefs will arrive at the Fort by the Lahore Gate not later than 9 A.M., and will drive to the pavilion near the Selingarh entrance, where they will await the arrival of Their Imperial Majesties.

2. Each Chief will be met on arrival at the entrance of the pavilion by an Attaché of the Foreign Department and conducted to his seat.

3. The seats will all be ranged at the sides of the pavilion. Before the arrival of Their Imperial Majesties, the Chiefs will leave these seats and stand in territorial groups with their own Political Officers.

4. The arrival of the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress will be preceded by a flourish of trumpets at the entrance of the Shamiana, and as their Imperial Majesties pass up the centre to the Thrones, the National Anthem will be played and the Chiefs will make their reverence.

5. The Chiefs will then pass before Their Imperial Majesties one by one, according to their territorial groups alternately from the left and right, their names being announced by the Master of the Ceremonies. The Chiefs who will first pass before Their Imperial Majesties will stand nearest the Thrones on the left side of the pavilion and will afterwards take up a position nearest the entrance, so that, after the departure of the Imperial party, they can leave in the order of procession.

When the last Chief has passed, the Master of the Ceremonies will make his reverence, and Their Imperial Majesties will pass out and take their places in the State Procession.

6. A flourish of trumpets will be sounded when Their Imperial Majesties leave the Shamiana, and the National Anthem will be played.

7. The carriages or horses of the Chiefs will next be brought up, and they will proceed to the front of Naubat Khana to take their places in the procession.

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NOTE.—The Chiefs stood in parallel lines on each side of the centre passage way. Behind the Chiefs, and between them and the Sirdars who accompanied them, a passage was kept on each side along which the Chiefs proceeded to take up their positions towards the entrance after they had made their reverence and had passed before the Thrones. Selected representatives of Baluchistan and the North-West Frontier Province and some non-salute Chiefs of the Punjab and other Provinces were grouped clear of the lines of the salute Chiefs on either side of and towards the rear of the Thrones. These representatives, etc., remained in their places and did not pass before the Thrones.

STATE ENTRY—RIDGE PAVILION PROGRAMME.

On the occasion of the State Entry of their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress into Delhi on the 7th December 1911, the Representatives of British India will be assembled in the Reception Pavilion on the Ridge where an address of welcome will be presented on their behalf by the Vice-President of the Council.

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2. The Representatives and the spectators will arrive before 10-45 A.M. and will be shown to their places by officers appointed for the purpose. The Representatives will have seats on the east side of the roadway, and the space on the west side will be occupied by spectators. Those coming on foot may



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- arrive by any of the approach roads up to the hour named. Those in vehicles will, if resident in camps west of the Ridge and south of the Mall, approach by the Roshanara Road to the southern end of the pavilion; those resident north of the Mall or anywhere east of the Ridge will approach by the Ridge Road.
3. A band will play at the pavilion from 9-45 A.M. until the arrival of Their Imperial Majesties at Delhi (10 A.M.) is announced by the playing of the National Anthem, during which all will stand.
  4. About 11 A.M. the Heads of Local Governments will arrive in procession along the processional route, and their carriages will set down in the pavilion, passing out along the Chauburja Road and returning along Circuit House Road to take up a position at the top of the Roshanara Road so as to be the first to leave after the Imperial procession has passed out.
  5. The Heads of Local Governments will take their seats on the east side of the roadway to await Their Imperial Majesty's arrival. The Members of the Government of India and the Representatives of British India deputed by their Provinces will also be grouped there.
  6. As their Imperial Majesties' procession starts from the Fort, a salute of 101 guns will be fired by salvoes of batteries from the Ridge.
  7. As the Imperial procession approaches the entrance to the pavilion enclosure, a flourish will be played by trumpeters stationed at the entrance and, on the entry of the Heralds, this will also be done by the State trumpeters taking part in the procession.
  8. The Vice-President of the Council will then take up a position in the middle of the enclosure at the east side of the road, and around him will stand the Members of the Government of India, Governors and the Provincial Representatives. All present will rise as the trumpeters pass through, to await Their Imperial Majesties' arrival.
  9. The Herald will halt in the centre of the enclosure, opposite the place where the Vice-President of the Council is standing, and the State trumpeters will pass round in front of the two sides of the pavilion and form up on either side of the exit, facing inwards, the remainder of the procession passing between them.
  10. On the arrival of Their Imperial Majesties at the entrance to the pavilion enclosure, the band will play the National Anthem, and the procession will continue until the King-Emperor is opposite the Vice-President of the Council, when His Imperial Majesty will halt and carriage of the Queen-Empress will draw up alongside him on the left.
  11. The Body guard and the Governor-General's staff will pass out of the enclosure, but the officers of the King-Emperor's staff and Household will halt in the exit to the enclosure and turn round independently, each on his own ground, to face Their Imperial Majesties while the ceremony is going on.
  12. The Vice-President of the Council will then make his reverence, and present the Address on behalf of British India to His Imperial Majesty who will hand it to the Governor-General.
  13. His Imperial Majesty will be graciously pleased to hand his reply to the Governor-General.
  14. A flourish will next be sounded by the trumpeters at the exit, and the procession will reform as before (save that the Heralds and State trumpeters will follow the Queen-Empress's and Lady Hardinge's carriages after the Imperial Cadet Corps) and proceed to the Camp.
  15. The National Anthem will be played as Their Imperial Majesties move out of the enclosure and all will remain standing until they have left, and



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will stay in their places until the Ruling Chiefs' procession and the carriages of the Heads of Local Governments have passed through.

16. The carriages of the Heads of Local Governments will file through the enclosure from the Roshanara Road, passing out from the north end of the enclosure along the Chauburja Road immediately after the Ruling Chiefs' procession has left, and they will depart in the same order as on arrival.

The carriages of the Representatives and spectators will be brought in by territorial blocks after those of the Heads of Local Governments and Administrations leaving in the same way as the latter.

A band will play at the pavilion after the departure of Their Imperial Majesties until the processions have passed out.

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