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**Gibraltar Day in London**

Gibraltar Day in London ended with the Chief Minister's Reception held in the grandeur of the Guildhall. Amongst the many distinguished faces who attended were several Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Members of the House of Lords and Commons, Sheriffs of the City of London, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Adrian Johns and three former Governors of Gibraltar, including Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Sir Francis Richards and General Sir Rob Fulton.

On behalf of The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Ian Luder welcomed the guests to the City before Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for the Overseas Territories, repeated the British Government's position on Gibraltar. "We will never enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another state against their wishes," he said. "Furthermore, we will not enter into any process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content."

The Chief Minister, the Hon. Fabian Picardo MP then addressed an enthusiastic audience. He thanked "our many friends in the House of Commons" who had put the issue of sovereignty "on the agenda in the Chamber and were forthright in their defence of our people."

The evening ended with a spectacular marching display and Sunset Ceremony performed by the Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers and the Pipes and Drums of the London Scottish Regiment.