



PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

2nd July, 1983.

*Now Lord Elgin.*

When The Queen returned to the Palace of Holyroodhouse this afternoon Her Majesty commanded me to write to you to convey her warm congratulations to everyone in the Boys' Brigade for a splendid Review. The Parade was first class, with excellent turn out and marching, and the bands performed extremely well.

It was a remarkable achievement for four thousand of the Boys' Brigade to have been assembled together in Edinburgh today and this must have involved a great deal of organisation and hard work. I should be grateful if you would express The Queen's appreciation to those responsible, and especially to Mr. Alfred Hudson and Colonel Chay Corsar. Her Majesty wished also that her thanks should be expressed to the ladies of the W.V.S. who did such an invaluable job in providing the boys with lunch.

The Queen was especially pleased to be able to Review the Boys' Brigade in Scotland in your Centenary year and she is very grateful for the very handsome Scroll with the Loyal Address and the beautifully bound copy of "Sure and Steadfast" which will serve as permanent mementoes of a notable occasion. Her Majesty is confident that the BB will be equally successful in its second century and she sends you all her best wishes for the future.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Philip & Lou*

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The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT.