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THE LATE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick, and attended by General Sir H. F. Ponsonby, Major-General Du Plat, and the Dowager Lady Churchill, left Windsor Castle about eleven o'clock yesterday morning, in stormy weather, for Stafford House, St. James's, the residence of the late Duchess of Sutherland. Their Majesties drove to the Great Western station, where they were received by Mr. Henry Lambert, general manager, Mr. Burlinon, traffic superintendent, and Mr. Alfred Higgins, divisional superintendent, Mr. F. Fraser being also in attendance. The usual arrangements were made at the terminus, and the Castle guard was mounted upon the hill near Henry the Eighth's Gateway during the departure, which was witnessed by many of the residents who had assembled in the vicinity of the Palace.

Her Majesty and the Empress, who took some floral contributions with them from Windsor, travelled by special train to Paddington, whence, on their arrival, shortly after half-past eleven, they drove to Stafford House on a visit of condolence to the family of the deceased Duchess. The Queen and Empress drove back to Paddington at the close of their visit, and, quitting town at half-past twelve, returned to Windsor Castle, where they arrived at ten minutes past one o'clock in the afternoon.

The remains of the Duchess of Sutherland will be removed from Stafford House this morning to Babbicombe, Torquay, where the funeral will take place to-morrow. Her Majesty will be represented by a special equerry, and the Prince of Wales by Colonel Ellis.