



GG hands over the reins

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YOU ARE IN THE DRIVING SEAT — is what Governor General Sir Florizel Glasspole seems to be saying to Trelawny Custos, Winston Valentine Parnell, as he handed him the instrument of authority.

Custos Parnell was sworn in at Kings House yesterday as Deputy Governor General. He will act in the post for ten days, in light of Sir Florizel's trip to the United Kingdom to attend the Royal Wedding.

This is the second time that Mr. Parnell will be acting in that capacity, the first occasion was in April, when the Governor General went to Miami for seven days.

In accepting his responsibility, Mr. Parnell said he was honoured to act on this the second occasion — as he had enjoyed the first.

He congratulated the Governor General and the Prime Minister on the work they have been doing in bringing back the country on the road to recovery and in motivating the people of the country to great heights: "Both the Prime Minister and yourself are second to none", the Custos told Sir Florizel.

Mr. Parnell also took the opportunity to

thank the people of Trelawny, whom he said had been tolerant with him over the past 20 years. "It is they who have made me what I am now" he said.

The Governor General in handing over authority to Mr. Parnell said he was sure he was accustomed to the office as he had done the job before.

Sir Florizel and Lady Glasspole left the island yesterday afternoon for the United Kingdom, where they will attend the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer on July 29. They were accompanied by the GG's ADC Morais Kerpens-Lee.

Sir Florizel will be staying at the Bristol Hotel while in London. It is also understood that he will be formally made a Grand Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by Her Majesty the Queen, while in London.

Among those attending yesterday's ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lightbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. Eusabo Perez, James Parnell, Stephanie Cooper, Diana Cooper, Henry Rainford, Nicola Croswell-Mahfood and Judy Evans.

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