

Royal honours for GG, others

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Governor-General Sir Florizel Glasspole, and five other Jamaicans were invested with the insignia of the Royal Victoria Order by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II shortly before her departure from Jamaica on Wednesday morning.

In a simple ceremony at Kings House the Governor-General was invested with the Grand Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (GCVO). Sir Florizel was chairman of the planning committee for the Queen's visit.

The Governor-General's Secretary, Neville Smith, received the Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO). Mr. Smith was coordinator and liaison official between King's House and Buckingham Palace. He also coordinated the visits of the Queen in 1966 and 1975.

Member of the Royal Victorian Order was conferred on Chief of Protocol, Don Davidson; Deputy Commissioner of Police, Herman Ricketts; Director of Public Relations at

the Jamaica Information Service, Ken Chaplin; and Major John Prescod of the 2nd Battalion of the Jamaica Regiment.

Mr. Davidson dealt with all protocol matters relating to the visit; Mr. Ricketts coordinated the security arrangements and was chief liaison officer for the two previous visits.

Mr. Chaplin served as press liaison officer during the visits of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret for the Independence celebrations in 1962 and in a similar capacity for the visit of Her Majesty in 1966. He was director of media for the visits in 1975 and this week. Major Prescod served as the Jamaican Equerry to the Queen.

The last occasion on which these honours were conferred was in 1966. Buckingham officials commented on the "excellent arrangements" which had been made for the visit.

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