END OF THE TOUR

The Queen flew into a cold, wintry London last week at the end of her month-long tour of West Africa, during which she covered 10,000 miles and visited Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia and Senegal. She was not accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, who flew on to Tanganyika to attend the independence ceremonies. The last stages of the Royal tour of West Africa comprised a three-day visit to Gambia and a brief stay in Dakar. While in Gambia, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh saw something of the interior of the tiny country, visiting trading posts and bush villages. They went to James Island, the first place to be colonised by the British in West Africa, during the seventeenth century.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh step ashore at Bathurst, Gambia. They are with the Governor, Sir Edward Windley.

The Queen is with the Bishop of Gambia, the Right Rev. St. John Pike, at Saint Mary's pro-cathedral, Bathurst.

In McCarthy Square, Bathurst, the Queen and the Duke watch a march-past of infant schoolchildren waving Union Jacks.

A gift for the Prince of Wales.
In Freetown, the Queen presides for the first time over the Parliament of Sierra Leone. The eight-month-old, circular Chamber has walls covered in rich woods.

The Queen at a hospital in Bathurst, Gambia. Right: She receives the "Humble Address" from the Speaker of the Sierra Leone House of Representatives. Mr. H. J. L. Boston