

Her Majesty The Queen  
Buckingham Palace  
London SW1A 1AA

Huntly, 25 June 2017

### Queen's Speech

Dear Madam, our Queen,

With great interest like most people in this country I have watched your Queen's speech last week.

Just to introduce myself, I am the Director of Deveron Projects here in Huntly, Aberdeenshire, where I have been voted Citizen of the Year. We invite artists from our locality and others from all over the world to live and work with us. I came to Britain in 1986, over thirty years ago. I have worked ever since, raised three British children and developed the arts in Scotland, which gave my town the Creative Place award twice.

As a Euro-passport holder, I have been concerned and also personally unsettled in the past year about the ongoing Brexit situation.

This summer, after 21 years of service, I have been honoured by my board of management, to take a 3-months sabbatical. For this I will become the artist in (or out of?) residence over the summer. With my British husband on my side I will be walking from my home here in Huntly to my mother's and ancestral home near Munich. This 1800+k walk from home-to-home will be in search of what home means in our Europe today.

Viewing your speech prompted me to write to you. I am coming with a rather unusual question. But I just loved the blue/yellow hat.

I am now writing to you to find out, whether you would be able to lend me this hat on my 3 months pilgrimage across Europe.

Dear Queen, I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant. Being able to wear this hat will display this honour. I am starting my journey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, therefore my request is rather urgent. However, I am passing through many British towns on my way and would be more than happy to pick it up on any of the places.

Yours sincerely

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PS: Needless to say, I am more than happy to pay for postage and packaging.



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

13th July, 2017

Dear Mrs Zeiske,

I have been asked to write in response to your recent letter to The Queen in which you tell Her Majesty of the journey you are planning to make to your mother's ancestral home near Munich, from your home in Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

While careful note has been taken of your request, I must explain that it is not possible to do as you ask.

I am sorry to give you a disappointing reply, but would nevertheless like to send you my good wishes at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Seage'.

Mrs Georgina Seage  
Senior Correspondence Officer

Mrs Claudia Zeiske.