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On the 6th of June, 1893, the memorial stone of the new wing of the Royal United Service Institution was laid by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.

The ceremony was performed in a marquee covering the site of the new lecture theatre, library, and offices of the Institution, adjoining the building hitherto known as the Banqueting House, Whitehall, which will hereafter be the museum of the Institution.

Guards of honour, furnished by the Royal Navy and the Coldstream Guards, were drawn up at the north entrance, and the ground in Horse Guards' Avenue was lined by detachments of the 2nd Life Guards, the Pensioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and by the boys of the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, and Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were received by H.R.H. the President of the Institution (Field Marshal the Duke of Cambridge), the Chairman (General G. Erskine), Vice-Chairman (Admiral H. Boys), and Members of the Council, and by the Chairman of the Bazaar Committee (H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar) and the Members of the Committee,

and were conducted to the dais erected in the marquee, where many of the members of the Royal family were assembled.

The National Anthem having been sung, and prayers having been offered by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chaplain of the Fleet, and the Chaplain-General, H.R.H. the President of the Institution presented an address, after which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the memorial stone and declared it to be well and truly laid.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales then received purses containing sums of money presented to the building fund, after which, at the request of H.S.H. the Chairman of the Bazaar Committee, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales opened the bazaar in aid of the building fund, which was held in the future museum of the Institution.