

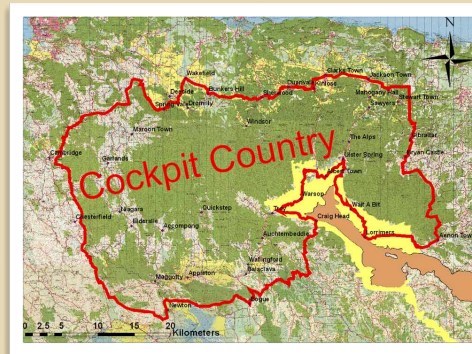


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## ‘CULTURE AS ONE’



Acknowledgments

Special thanks to Your Excellences the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and the Most Honourable Lady Allen and the Government of Jamaica, The Hon. Mark Golding and Lady Golding, Her Excellency, Maureen Tamuno, The Hon. Yvette D. Clarke, Professor Dr. Verene Shepard, Colonel Lloyd Latibeaudiere and Sis. Hugh Dixon, Bro. Yasus Afari, Ms. Maxine Stowe, Alex Moore-Minott, Other Maroon Communities, Foreign Dignitaries, Elders of the Accompong Community, Mr Garfield Rowe (Principal of Accompong Primary & Infant School)

### STATE OF ACCOMPONG

Accompong Town, Cockpit Country

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## 285TH MAROON ANNIVERSARY



On behalf of the Executive and the Full Maroon Council of the Accompong Maroons, we wish to thank each and every one of you who have travelled from near and far to help make our 285th Anniversary Celebration a memorable occasion for your continued support and interest over the years.





WELCOME:

Hugh M. Dixon - Executive Director STEA, Master of Ceremonies

BLOWING OF THE ABENG .....Lloyd Rowe

LIBATION RITUAL IN HONOUR OF THE ANCESTORS.....LaTara Henry

CULTURAL ITEM .....Accompong Culture Group

Annual Review of Accompong's Growth by Major Leroy Gray, Chief Justice, J.P.

JAMAICA NATIONAL ANTHEM - "Eternal Father Bless Our Land" (1st Verse)

OPENING PRAYER.....Minister Dahlia Hibbert-Picart

HONORARY INVITED GUEST - Master of Ceremonies

• The Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, PC, - Prime Minister of Jamaica

• The Most Honourable Mark Golding, Esq, MP - Leader of the Opposition

• The Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP - Minister of Gender, Sports, Culture & Entertainment

• The. Honourable Edmund C. Bartlett, CD, MP ~ Minister of Tourism

• Her Excellency, Maureen Tamuno - Nigerian High Commissioner to Jamaica

• His Worship, the Hon. Derrick Sangster, Mayor of Black River

• Hon. Beryl Hope Rochester Custos of St. Elizabeth, St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE.....Nyabinghi Drummers

GREETINGS FROM INVITED MAROON COLONELS & SPECIAL GUESTS:

• The Most Honourable Mark Golding, Esq, MP - Leader of the Opposition

• Her Excellency, Maureen Tamuno - Nigerian High Commissioner to Jamaica

• Colonel Lloyd Lattibeaudiere – Scott's Hall Maroons

• Colonel Wallace Sterling – Moore Town Maroons

• Colonel Marcia Douglas, Charles Town Maroons

• Yasus Afari - Dub Poet/Performer. Creator of Poetry in Motion

• Alex Moore-Minot - West Indian Tribal Society

• Maxine Stowe - Ethio - African Diaspora Union Millennium Council

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE.....Accompong Cultural Group

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## 'CULTURE AS ONE' -UNITY THROUGH PEACE & FRIENDSHIP

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER..... Norma Rowe-Edwards, Former Deputy Colonel

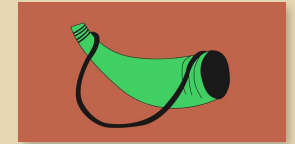
• Professor Dr. Verene A. Sheppard ~ Historian, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE ..... Mento Band

• The Full Maroon Council ..... Suckrea Genas, President

• The Council of Elders..... Clavie Johnson, President

PROJECT VENTURE JAMAICA PRESENTATION..... Project Representative



BLOWING OF THE ABENG..... Avian Barnes

INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF RICHARD CURRIE - Clavie Johnson, President, Council of Elders

STATE ADDRESS .....Chief Richard Currie

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE.....Scotts Hall Maroons

PRAYER FOR THE NATION.....Prophet Roydel Rowe

### CUDJOE AWARD PRESENTATION ~ HONOREES

### RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN AGE COMMUNITY ELDERS

- "Ma Eddie" - Ethlyn Foster-Wright – Golden Age 90
- "Mas Joe" - Joseph Robinson – Golden Age 92
- "Ma Mitty" - Mettlyn Wright - Golden Age 97
- "Miss Mari" - Eglah Marie Blake – Golden Age 98
- "Ms. Letta" - Sara Rowe-Cawley - Golden Age 100
- "Ma Bell" - Clarabelle Powell – Golden Age 101
- "Tom-Tom" - Magdalene Reid – Golden Age 104

The Youth Bravely Lead The Way With The Guidance of The Elders...

### THANK YOU!

INTRODUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION .....Chief Richard Currie

VOTE OF THANKS.....Norma Rowe-Edwards, Former Deputy Colonel

INTRODUCTION OF LIVE PERFORMERS.....Pernell McKenzie, Minister, Culture & Entertainment

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING..... Major Daps, Mystic Bowie With Surprise Guest Performers



Maroon Law Hold Oh!



Kindah Ground

### RECOGNITION FOR CONTRIBUTION TO CULTURE & COMMUNITY

- Former Colonel Harris N. Cawley – Years of Service to the Community
- Mrs. Pernell McKenzie Rowe – Years of Service in the Field of Education & Culture
- Mr. Clavie Johnson - Educator, Cockpit Country Advocacy
- Major Daps (Uriah Wayne Egbert) - Musician, Cockpit Country Advocacy
- Mr. & Mrs. Hugh & Tamar Dixon – Strong Advocacy Support for the Protection of Cockpit Country
- Mystic Bowie – Maroon International Reggae Artist and Cockpit Country Activist
- Mr. Randy Griffiths - "Pencils for Kids" project in Quickstep



Chief Richard Currie  
First Among Equals



285 Years of Paying Homage