

## Endnotes

1. See V. O. Edo, (2001) 'The Benin Monarchy, 1897-1978: A Study in Institutional Adaptation to Change' (Unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Ibadan, Nigeria), p. 31.
2. *Ibid.* p. 32.
3. See J. U. Egharevba, (1960) *A Short History of Benin*, 3rd edition (Ibadan: I.U.P.), p. 49. It was during the Igwe festival that the *Oba*, by tradition, was not to receive any visitors or strangers. The Bini (Edo) people regarded this festival, and still do, as one of great importance. It was supposed to mark a time of rededication by the Bini people to their king. The festival also marks the end of the year and the beginning of a new one.
4. For a detailed discussion on the Warrant Chiefs, see A. E. Afigbo, (1972) *The Warrant Chiefs: Indirect Rule in South Eastern Nigeria, 1897-1929* (London: Longman).
5. J. M. Simpson, (1936) Intelligence Report, Benin Division, Ministry of Local Government, Benin, p. 6.
6. P. A. Igbafe, (1970) 'Indirect Rule in Benin', *Tarikh*, Vol. 3. No. 3, p. 31.
7. *N.A.I.* BD 13/2 Handing Over Notes, W. B. Ruman to R.D.N Raikes, 6 April, 1908 cited in P.A. Igbafe, (1979) *Benin Under British Administration: The Impact of Colonial Rule on An African Kingdom, 1897-1938* (London: Longman), p. 122.
8. *Ibid.*, pp. 122-123.
9. P.A. Igbafe, (1967) 'British Administration in Benin, 1907-1920' (unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Ibadan, Ibadan), p. 180 and P. A. Igbafe, (1979) *Benin under British Administration: The Impact of Colonial Rule on An African Kingdom, 1897-1938*, (London: Longman). P. 118 as indicated by original source of quotation P.R.O.F.O. 2/213 meeting with King Ovonramwen and Chiefs of Benin city, 7 September 1897 and also, *N.A.I* C.S.O 1/13 vol. F.O. No 120, 'Continuing reports on Proceedings at the trial of the king of Benin and chiefs responsible for Massacre' 18th October, 1897, pp.110-111.
10. P. A. Igbafe, 'British Administration in Benin, 1897-1920' p. 193.
11. For a detailed study on Chief Agho Obaseki, see P. A. Igbafe, (1972) *Obaseki of Benin*, (Ibadan: Heinemann).
12. P. A. Igbafe, *Benin under British Administration*, p. 136.
13. *Ibid.*, p. 197.
14. *N.A.I.* CSO 1/32 5, 'Lugard to Secretary of State' (Harcourt), 4th February 1914.
15. P. A. Igbafe, *Benin Under British Administration*, p. 141.
16. Interviews held with Pa Oghagbon Aiguedowan, c. 86 years, Benin city and Chief J.A.B. Ero, c. 49 years, an *Uzama* chief, Benin City by Odaro Ogbomo Obano on 24/12/1973 and 27/12/1973 respectively, cited in O. O. Obano, (1974) 'Some Aspects of Chieftaincy in Benin Since 1914' (B.A. Long Essay, submitted to the Department of History, University of Ibadan), pp.10-21.
17. *Ibid.*
18. R.E. Bradbury, (1973) *Benin Studies* (London: International African Institute and Oxford University Press), p. 97.
19. Interview held with Pa Eguaevon Uhunaghowo, C. 114 years, the *Odionwere* of Ihokhin in Orhionwon Local Government Area of Edo State on 25/12/ 1994 by V. O. Edo, (2001) 'The Benin Monarchy, 1897-1978: A Study in Institutional Adaptation to Change' (Unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Ibadan), p. 42.
20. R.E. Bradbury, *Benin Studies*, p.97; see P.A. Talbot's Brief Survey of Benin Political History under British Rule dated 7/9/1910.
21. See O.O. Obano, (1974) 'Some Aspects of Chieftaincy in Benin Since 1914' (B. A. Long Essay submitted to the University of Ibadan), pp. 10-21.
22. *Ibid.*
23. See J.W. Nyakatura, (1973) *Anatomy of an African Kingdom: A History of Bunyoro Kitara*, Translated by Teopista, edited with an introduction by G. N. Uzoigwe (New York: Nok Publishers International), pp. 101-130.
24. Interviews held with Chief David Edokpolor, c. 75 years, Benin City, 12/12/1998 and Pa Eguaevon Uhunaghowo, c. 114 years, *Odionwere* of Ihokhin, Edo State, 25/12/1994, cited in V. O. Edo, 'The Benin Monarch, 1897-1978: A Study of Institutional Adaptation to Change' (Unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, 2001), p. 44.
25. P. A. Igbafe, (1970) 'Indirect Rule in Benin', *Tarikh*, Vol. 3 No. 3, Pp. 29-40.
26. P. A. Igbafe, (1968) 'The Benin Water Rate Agitation, 1937-1939: An Example of Social Conflict', *J.H.S.N.* Vol. 4, No. 3 (December), pp. 355-373.
27. See V. O. Edo, 'The Benin Monarchy, 1897-1978', pp. 200-203.
28. Enugu Archives Conference c. 168/194 as in P. A. Igbafe, (1970) 'The Changing Status of the Obas of Benin under Colonial Rule and Since Independence', in M. Crowder and O. Ikime, *West African Chiefs: Their Changing Status under Colonial Rule* (Ile-Ife: University of Ife Press), pp. 278-279.
29. Since most of the ceremonies were secret, an uninitiated like the present writer cannot be informed of what really happened during the coronation.