

The President's Dilemma

- Dance for 4 couples in a 4 couple longwise set 4 x 32 bar Jig
- 1 – 8 1st couple with 2nd couple and 3rd couple with 4th couple dance right hands across and left hands back.
- 9 – 16 1st and 3rd couples lead down the middle and back up to between 2nd and 4th couples respectively, men facing men and ladies facing ladies; 2nd and 4th couples step up on bars 11 and 12.
- 17 – 24 1st couple with 2nd couple and 3rd couple with 4th couple dance reels of four across the dance.
- 25 – 28 1st couple followed by 2nd, 3rd and 4th couples casts off to the bottom of the set.
- 29 – 32 1st couple form an arch and 2nd, 3rd and 4th couples dance underneath and back up to places.

Finish in the order 2,3,4,1 ready to start again from new positions.

Dance written for Sophia Marriage, then president of New Scotland, when she complained that all dances containing reels of four contained other figures which were too complex for beginners.

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Tune: Davie's Brae *(J. Johnstone)*

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