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A DESPATCH has been received from the Governor of the Straits Settlements forwarding the following account of the Investiture of the King of Siam with the Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

INVESTITURE of His Majesty Somdetch Pra Paramindr Maha Chulalonkorn, King of Siam, with the Ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Bangkok, Siam, November 22, 1878.

THE Queen, Sovereign of The Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, having been pleased by a Commission under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint his Excellency Sir William Cleaver Francis Robiison, Knight Commander of the said Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the Colony of the Straits Settlements, to be Her Majesty's Envoy on a Special Mission to this Court for investing His Majesty the King of Siam with the Ensigns of that Most Distinguished Order, his Excellency proceeded to this City, and arrived with his suite on the 18th instant.

On the following day His Excellency the Envoy and Suite were conducted in the Royal carriages to the Palace of the King, and were honoured with an audience of His Majesty.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, His Majesty was pleased to appoint Friday, the 22nd November, for that ceremony.

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon of that day the several persons appointed to take part in the Investiture assembled at the residence of Her Majesty's Envoy, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace in the following order:—

A Royal Carriage conveying Her Majesty's Envoy, accompanied by His Excellency the Judge of the International Court (Phya Charin Raja Mai Sree), the Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency Lieutenant R. S. Frowd Walker, of Her Majesty's 28th Gloucestershire Regiment, the Aide-de-Camp attached to Her Majesty's Envoy, by command of the King, Luang Salayut Vitakan.

Another Royal Carriage conveying the Honourable Major McNair, Royal Artillery, Member of Council of the Straits Settlements, and Secretary to the Mission, accompanied by the Private Secretary to His Excellency, Mr. Ernest W. Howard, and Lieutenant John D. Nicholls, Royal Navy, of Her Majesty's ship "Modeste."

Another Royal Carriage conveying Captain Mead, Royal Navy, Commanding Her Majesty's ship "Modeste," accompanied by Dr. T. Irvine Rowell, M.D., Principal Civil Medical Officer, Straits Settlements, and attached to the Mission, and Lieutenant F. R. Rhodes, Royal Engineers, Extra Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty's Envoy.

Other carriages conveying Officers of Her Majesty's ship "Modeste," and Officers attached to the Siamese Foreign Department.

A Guard of Honour composed of three Companies of Siamese Infantry, with the Band and Colours, and the King's War Elephants fully caparisoned, was stationed outside the Royal Palace.

On the arrival of the cortége the military band played the English National Anthem of "God Save the Queen," and a salute of 19 guns was fired from a field battery under the command of Phra Amorah Vesai Sooradet, son of the Minister of War.

The Mission was received by the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Court Speaker (Phya Bipat Kosa), and conducted to a waiting-room, from whence shortly afterwards it proceeded to the