

CEREMONIAL OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PEACE,
TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL 1856.

IN pursuance of directions issued by the Earl Marshal, in obedience to a Royal Warrant to him directed, the Officers of Arms, Serjeants-at-Arms in their Collars, with their Maces, the Serjeant Trumpeter with Mace and Collar, the Trumpets, Drum-Major and Drums, and the Marshals' Men, assembled this day, at half-past Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, in the Stable-Yard, St James's; and the Officers of Arms, being habited in their Tabards, and having mounted their horses, proceeded to the Palace Gate, in front of which Sir Charles George Young, Garter Principal King of Arms, on foot, read the Proclamation of Peace, whereupon a Procession was formed, which proceeded to Charing-Cross in the following order :—

A Detachment of Life Guards.

Beadles of Westminster, two and two, with Staves.

High Constable of Westminster on Horseback with his Staff.

Officers of the High Bailiff of Westminster.

High Bailiff and Deputy High Bailiff of Westminster on Horseback.

Marshals' Men, two and two.

Drums.

Drum-Major.

Trumpets.

Serjeant Trumpeter in his Collar with his Mace.

James Robinson Planché, Gent.,

Rouge Croix Pursuivant.

Henry Murray Lane, Gent.,
Bluemantle Pursuivant.

William Courthope, Esq.,
Somerset Herald.

Thomas William King, Esq.,
York Herald.

George William Collen, Gent.,
Portcullis Pursuivant.

George H. Rogers-Harrison, Esq.,
Windsor Herald.

Albert William Woods, Esq.,
Lancaster Herald.

Robert Laurie, Esq.,
Norroy King of Arms.

A Detachment of Life Guards.

At Charing Cross, Norroy King of Arms read the Proclamation, looking towards Whitehall; after which the Procession moved on to Temple Bar, the Gates of which being shut, Rouge Croix, junior Pursuivant of Arms, going out of the rank, between two Trumpeters, preceded by two of the Life Guards, rode up to the Gates, and after the Trumpets had sounded thrice, knocked thereat. Being asked by the City Marshal from within "Who comes there?" he replied, "the Officers of Arms demand entrance into the City to publish Her Majesty's Proclamation of Peace." The Gates being opened, he was admitted, and the Gates were immediately closed. The City Marshal, preceded by his Officers, conducted him to the Lord Mayor (who, in his carriage, and accompanied by the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and other Officers, attended within the Gates), to whom he presented Her Majesty's Warrant, which his Lordship having read, returned, and gave directions to the City Marshal to open the Gates, who, attending the Pursuivant back, said on leaving him, "Sir, the Gates are opened." The Trumpets and Life Guards being in waiting, conducted him to his place in the Procession, which then moved on into the City (the High Bailiff and other Officers of Westminster filing off, and retiring at Temple Bar); and at the end of Chancery Lane, Lancaster Herald read the Proclamation for the third time.

Then the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, joined the Procession, immediately after the Officers of Arms, and it moved on to the end of Wood Street, Cheapside, where the Cross formerly stood; the Proclamation having been there read by York Herald, the Procession was continued to the Royal Exchange, where the Proclamation was read for the last time by Windsor Herald.

The Trumpets sounded thrice previously to, and immediately after, each reading. The streets through which the Procession passed were thronged with spectators, who received each Proclamation with loud and repeated acclamations. The Park and Tower Guns were fired upon the occasion.

Chas. Geo. Young, Garter.