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CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

ELECTION and INVESTITURE of the EARLS of HARROWBY and DERBY.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, June 28, 1859.

A CHAPTER of this Most Noble Order was held this day, at three o'clock :—

The Knights Companions following, in their mantles and collars; viz. :—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquess of Exeter, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl de Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, the Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Palmerston, Earl Granville, the Marquess of Westminster, and the Duke of Devonshire, attended by the following Officers of the Order; viz. :—the Prelate, the Chancellor, the Register, and Garter, assembled in the Entrée Room, where they were called over by Garter.

Her Majesty, His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having passed into the Chapter Room, the Knights Companions and Officers proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, and the Officers standing in their respective places, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that the vacant stall in St George's Chapel should be filled.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Earl of Harrowby was introduced by Garter, and being conducted to Her Majesty, received the honour of Knighthood, and having had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, withdrew; the Earl of Derby was next introduced by Garter, and conducted to Her Majesty, and having been knighted, and had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, withdrew.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to an election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who commanded him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, his Lordship was received at the door of the Chapter Room by the Marquess of Westminster and the Duke of Devonshire, the two junior Knights present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty,

preceded by Garter, bearing the ensigns of the Order. The Earl of Harrowby, kneeling near the Sovereign, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the two senior Knights Companions, buckled it around his Lordship's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the Ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over his Lordship's left shoulder, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition. His Lordship then again had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, and having received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, retired.

The Chancellor, by the Sovereign's command, then read a new Statute, whereby all Statutes, limiting the number of the Order, were dispensed with by the Sovereign, for the purpose of manifesting, in an especial manner, Her Royal approbation of the distinguished services and eminent merits of Her right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Edward Geoffrey, Earl of Derby, late First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury, and whereby the Earl of Derby was declared a Knight of the said Most Noble Order, any rule or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. The Sovereign's pleasure was at the same time declared that no further election of any Knight Subject shall take place until the vacancy of a stall of a Knight Subject shall have happened subsequently to the reduction of the number of Knights Subjects to the original number of twenty-five Knights Companions.

The Chancellor having accordingly announced to the Chapter that the Earl of Derby had been so declared a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, his Lordship was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Marquess of Westminster and the Duke of Devonshire, and conducted to Her Majesty by Garter, when he was in like manner invested with the Garter, Ribband, and George, and his Lordship, having again kissed Her Majesty's hand, and received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, withdrew.

The Chapter being concluded, Garter, Her Majesty's command, again called over the Companions, who, together with the Officers, drew from the presence of the Sovereign with usual reverences.

