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INVESTITURE OF HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR AND AUTOCRATOR OF ALL  
THE RUSSIAS WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE  
GARTER.

*ST PETERSBURG, July 28, 1867.*

THE Queen, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased by a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint The Right Honourable George Henry Robert Charles, Earl Vane, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, on a Special Mission to this Court, and Sir Charles George Young, Knt., Garter Principal King of Arms, or his Deputy for this occasion, Walter Aston Blount, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Imperial Majesty with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, they embarked at Dover on the 18th instant, and proceeded to Brussels, and thence to this City, which, with their respective Suites, they reached on the 24th.

On the 26th, Earl Vane and the Members of the Suite were honoured with an audience of His Imperial Majesty at the Camp of Krasnoe-Selo, and were severally presented to His Majesty.

The Emperor having signified his pleasure to receive the Investiture at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, the Plenipotentiaries proceeded thither, and arrived at the Apartments which had been prepared for them in the Alexander Palace on the evening of the 27th instant.

On the morning of the 28th Deputy Garter and the Members of his Suite were honoured with an audience of His Imperial Majesty at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, and were severally presented to His Majesty.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, the several persons appointed to take part in the Ceremony assembled in the Apartments of Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and from thence proceeded to the Imperial Palace at Tsarskoe-Selo in five Royal State Carriages, attended by Outriders and Grooms in State Liveries, The Prince Lieven, Grand Master of the Ceremonies, having arrived to conduct them thither.

The Mission, on arriving at the Palace, was received by a Guard of Honour, and was conducted to the Imperial Apartments, where the procession was formed.

The Mission then advanced to the Throne Room into the presence of His Imperial Majesty, in the following order; the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions:—

Major Christopher Charles Teesdale, R.A., C.B.,  
carrying the Hat, and Plume, and the Star.

Viscount Canterbury  
carrying the Collar

