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*St. James's, December 21.*

**A** Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned to meet this Day, the Knights Companions, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned, all in their Mantles, attended the Sovereign in his own Apartment; and being called over by Garter King of Arms, a Proceſſion was made from thence to the Great Council Chamber in the following Order:

Marquis of Rockingham,  
Earl of Hertford, — Duke of Northumberland,  
Earl of Winchelsea,  
His Royal Highness Duke of Gloucester,  
Black Rod, — The Register, — Garter King of Arms,  
The Prelate,

## The SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, the Register acquainted His Majesty, that the Bishop of Salisbury attended at the Door, and humbly prayed Admittance to be sworn as Chancellor of that most Noble Order; who being in his Mantle, was conducted to the Sovereign by Garter and Black Rod, the latter carrying the Insignia of the Chancellor's Office; and the Bishop kneeling before the Sovereign, the Oath was administered to him by the Register; His Majesty then put the Gold Chain with the Badge about his Neck, and delivered him the Purse; and having kissed His Majesty's Hand, he withdrew to his Place.

The Chancellor then signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the vacant Stall; and as by the Statutes none but a Knight can be elected, Garter and Black Rod were sent to introduce his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, who was knighted by the Sovereign with the Sword of State.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the Election, and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor, and presented to the Sovereign, his Royal Highness Henry Duke of Cumberland was, by His Majesty's Command, declared duly elected. His Royal Highness was thereupon received at the Door of the Chapter-Room by the two junior Knights present, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, preceded by Garter King of Arms (carrying the Ensigns of the Order upon a Cushion) and Black Rod. Garter presenting the Garter to the Sovereign, His Majesty delivered it to the two senior Knights, who buckled it on the Prince's Left Leg, the Chancellor reading the Admonition; Garter then presented the Ribbon with the George, and the Prince kneeling down, the Sovereign, with the Assistance of the two senior Knights, put it over his Shoulder, the Chancellor reading the Admonition; and having kissed His Majesty's Hand, and severally saluted all the Knights present, his Royal Highness withdrew.

Garter then calling over the Knights in their

Order, a Proceſſion was made back in the same Order as before, except that the Chancellor now went in his Place with the Prelate.

*St. James's, December 23.*

**T**HIS Day His Majesty was pleased to invest the Dukes of Buccleugh and Athol with the Ensigns of the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarne, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod, (in the Absence of George Dempster, Esq; the Secretary) his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh was then called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Earl of Portmore, as senior Knight of the Thistle, and supported on each Side by the Earl of Morton and Lord Cathcart, two other Knights of the Order; Mr. Brodie, Principal Herald of Scotland, (in Place of the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod) carrying the Sword of State. At the Entrance a low Reverence was made; a second about the Middle; and, on being advanced up to the Sovereign, a third. — His Grace then kneeling down, the Herald drew the Sword, and (kneeling) delivered it to the Sovereign, who thereupon knighted his Grace; then the Duke, having kissed His Majesty's Hand, rose up, and Green Rod administered the Oath to his Grace; which done, Green Rod (having received the Green Ribbon, with the Symbol of the Order hanging to it) presented the same (kneeling) to the Sovereign, upon a Velvet Cushion, who put the Ribbon over the Duke's Left Shoulder, and then, kneeling down, he had again the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand; which done, his Grace rose up, and, making a low Reverence, withdrew.

In like Manner was his Grace the Duke of Athol invested.

The Ceremony was performed soon after the Levee, in His Majesty's Closet, several of the Great Officers of the Court being present.

His Majesty was pleased, at the same Time, to appoint the Earl of Carlisle to be one of the Knights of the Thistle; but his Lordship was not invested on Account of his being Abroad.

**A**T the Court at *St. James's*, the 23d Day of December, 1767,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**IS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to declare the Right Honourable Granville Earl Gower Lord President of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council; and his Lordship took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Right Honourable Thomas Townshend, junior, and George Onflow, Esquires.