

Lordship was thereupon, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and likewise Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and accordingly took his Place at the Board.

*St James's, June 3.*

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, the Register and Garter going no farther than the Door, not having been sworn.

Earl Gower.

Earl of Hertford.

Duke of Northumberland—Duke of Montagu.

Duke of Newcastle.

His Royal Highness Prince Frederick.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Black Rod—The Register—Garter.

The Chancellor.

THE SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, Black Rod acquainted His Majesty, that Thomas Browne, Esq; Garter Principal King of Arms, attended at the Door, and humbly prayed to be admitted to take the Oath of Office as Chief Officer of Arms of that Most Noble Order, and Garter being introduced in his Mantle by Black Rod, and kneeling down near the Sovereign, the Oath was administered to him by the Chancellor; after which His Majesty was pleased to put the Gold Chain and Badge of Garter's Office about his Neck; and having kissed His Majesty's Hand, he withdrew; and, by Permission of the Sovereign, John Martin Leake, Esq; Chester Herald, put on Garter's Mantle, and officiated for Garter during the rest of the Ceremony.

The Chancellor then acquainted His Majesty, that the Dean of Windsor, Dr. John Harley, attended at the Door, and humbly prayed Admittance to take the Oath as Register of that Most Noble Order; whereupon being introduced in his Mantle by Deputy Garter and Black Rod, he was sworn, and invested with the Ensigns of the Register's Office in like Manner, and withdrew to his Place.

The Chancellor then signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the Three vacant Stalls.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to Election; and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor, and presented to the Sovereign, the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire was declared duly elected.

Deputy Garter and Black Rod were then sent to introduce the Earl of Rochford; who, being knighted by His Majesty with the Sword of State, withdrew.

The Chapter then proceeded to Election, and the Earl of Rochford was declared duly elected. His Lordship was thereupon received at the Door of the Chapter Room by the two Junior Knights, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, being preceded by Deputy Garter hearing the Ensigns on a Cushion, and Black Rod.

Deputy Garter presenting the Garter to the Sovereign, His Majesty delivered it to the two Senior Knights, who buckled it upon his Lordship's Left Leg, the Chancellor reading the Admonition.

Deputy Garter then presented the Ribbon with the George, and his Lordship kneeling down, the Sovereign, with the Assistance of the Two Knights, put it over his Shoulder, the Chancellor in the mean Time pronouncing the Admonition; and having kissed His Majesty's Hand, and severally saluted all the Knights present, he withdrew.

The Lord Viscount Weymouth was then introduced and knighted; and the Chapter proceeding to the other Election, his Lordship was declared duly elected, and was invested with the Garter, Ribbon, and George, in the same Manner as the Earl of Rochford had been.

Deputy Garter then calling over the Knights, a Procession was made back to His Majesty's Closet in the same Manner it came from thence.

*Queen's Palace, Wednesday Evening, June 3.*

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, who was declared duly elected by the Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter held this Day at St. James's, for filling up the Three vacant Stalls, being indisposed, the King was graciously pleased to dispense with his Lordship's Presence at the said Chapter, and to order him to attend here this Evening; when His Majesty, assisted by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Frederick, invested his Lordship with the Garter, Ribbon, and George.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, June 5, 1778.*

Notice is hereby given, that their Majesties will not go to Chapel at St. James's on Sunday next, the 7th Instant, nor will there be any Drawing-Room there on Sundays till further Orders.

*Admiralty-Office, June 2, 1778.*

VICE-Admiral Lord Howe, in his Letter to Mr. Stephens, Secretary of the Admiralty, dated the 23d of April, gives an Account, That the Rebels had attempted, towards the End of the preceding Month, to put to Sea from Providence, in the Armed Ship Columbus, of 16 Guns; but not chusing their Time with Judgment, she was driven on Shore by the Maidstone off of Point Judith, and burnt by the Boats of the Squadron. In his aforementioned Letter, he encloses a List of Captures lately made by the Ships under his Command; of which the following is a Copy.

*Eagle in the Delaware, April 23, 1778.*

*List of Vessels seized or destroyed by His Majesty's Ships stationed in Chesapeake Bay, and on the Parts of the American Coast Southward thereof, according to the Accounts transmitted to the Viscount Howe, since the Date of the General Return of Captures made by the American Squadron of the 25th of October, 1777.*

1777. June 15. By the HINCHINBROOK Armed Brig. Schooner *Kister*, Afr. Lombard Master, Isaac Smith of Boston Owner, 40 Tons, 5 Men, from Bolton to Baltimore, taken off Virginia, burnt—in Ballast.

—By *Ditto*. Schooner *Elizabeth*, Jos. Bartlet Master, Isaac Smith of Boston Owner, 45 Tons, 5 Men, from Boston to Baltimore, taken off Virginia, sent to St. Augustine—laden with Sugar.

July 2. By *Ditto*. Ship *Franklin*, Maddet Engs. Master, Jackson and Tracy of Newbery Owners, 250 Tons, 15 Men, from Charles Town to Bourdeaux, taken off Charles Town, sent to St. John's River—with Rice.

Sept. 8. By *Ditto*. Sloop *Peggy*, John Ninneman Master, State of Georgia Owners, 35 Tons, 8 Men, 10 Guns, from Sunbury to Martinico, taken off Sunbury, sent to St. John's River—with Rice and Indigo.

Oct. 31. By *Ditto*. Schooner *Polly*, (Pilot Boat) John Adams Master, State of Georgia Owners, 20 Tons, 4 Men, from Savannah, taken off Savannah, sent to St. Augustine—in Ballast.

Nov. 2. By *Ditto*. Brig *John*, Jown Knowles Prize Master, (taken by the Notre Dame Privateer of Charles Town) Ross and Co. of London Owners, 150 Tons, 8 Men, from Mississippi to Charles Town, taken off Savannah, sent to St. John's—with Lumber.

—By *Ditto*. Schooner *Polly*, Thomas Dickison Master and Owner, from St. Thomas's to Charles Town, taken off Savannah, sent to St. Augustine—with Rum and Sugar.

*Aug. 31.*