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AT the Court at St. James's, the 17th of April, 1782,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the Custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable John Lord Ashburton, the Oath of Chancellor of the said Duchy was this Day, by His Majesty's Command, administered to his Lordship.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery to be Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Wilts, his Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

St. James's, April 19.

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, Garter going no further than the Door, not having been sworn.

Earl Gower — Duke of Grafton

Duke of Marlborough

Marquess of Rockingham — Earl of Hertford

Duke of Northumberland — Duke of Montagu

His Royal Highness Duke of Cumberland

His Royal Highness Prince of Wales

Black Rod — The Register — Garter

The SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, Black Rod acquainted the Sovereign, that Ralph Bigland, 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 Register, officiating in the Absence of the Chancellor: After which His Majesty was pleased to put the Gold Chain and Badge of Office about Garter's Neck, who, having kissed His Majesty's Hand, withdrew.

The Register then acquainted the Sovereign, that the Bishop of Winchester attended at the Door, and humbly besought His Majesty that he might be admitted to take the Oath of Prelate of this most Noble Order, as enjoined by the Statutes. Then the Bishop in his Mantle, being introduced, by the Sovereign's Command, between Garter and Black

Rod, Garter carrying his Badge, he was duly sworn, and invested with the Ensigns of the Order; and having also kissed His Majesty's Hand, he withdrew.

The Register then signified to the Chapter, the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the Four vacant Stalls.

The Knights Companions proceeded to the Election; and the Suffrages being collected by the Register, and presented to the Sovereign, his Royal Highness Prince William Henry, His Majesty's Third Son, (now out of the Kingdom) was declared duly elected.

Garter and Black Rod were then sent to introduce his Grace the Duke of Richmond, who being knighted by His Majesty with the Sword of State, withdrew.

Then his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and afterwards the Earl of Shelburne, were separately introduced and knighted with the like Ceremonies.

The Chapter then proceeded to a Second Election, and the Suffrages being collected as before, the Duke of Richmond was declared duly elected. His Grace was thereupon received at the Door of the Chapter Room by the two Junior Knights, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, preceded by Garter, bearing the Ensigns on a Cushion, and Black Rod.

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

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

The Chapter proceeding to a Third Election, the Duke of Devonshire was declared duly elected, and his Grace was introduced, and invested with the Garter, Ribbon and George, in the same Manner as the Duke of Richmond had been; and the like Formalities having been observed, he withdrew.

The Chapter now proceeded to the Fourth Election, when the Earl of Shelburne was declared duly elected; and his Lordship having been introduced, and invested with the Garter, Ribbon and George, in the same Manner as the Dukes of Richmond and Devonshire had been, also withdrew.

Garter then calling over the Knights, a Procession was made back to His Majesty's Apartment in the Order as before, except that the Prelate walked next before the Sovereign.

St. James's, April 20.

The following Address of the Mayor, Burgesses and Commonalty of the City of Bristol, has been presented to the King by Henry Cruger, Esq; Mayor, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's

[Price Seven-Pence.]

