

Bedchamber to his Dressing Room, in the Presence of his Excellency Don Pedro Lopez de Sereña, one of his Majesty's Council of State, Minister of the Finances, and Chief Notario of the Kingdoms of Castille and Leon, and ordered by his Majesty to be present on such Occasions. The Chamberlain, there, according to the Ceremony prescribed, made a formal Delivery of the Body to the Chief Steward, who was waiting to receive it, attended by the Under Stewards, named for the Service of the Week in the King's Apartments. These, and the Lords and Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, conducted it to the Ambassador's Saloon, hung with rich Tapestry, and further fitted for the Solemnity by the Addition of Seven Altars, and on a Part of the Floor, raised and covered, a State Bed, on which the Body was laid. Here the Chief Steward, with like Ceremony, gave it in Charge to the ancient and noble Guard of the *Monteros de Espinosa*, to be re-delivered to his Excellency at a proper Time, for the Purpose of being conveyed to the Royal Monastery at the Escorial. The *Moultros* immediately entered on their Office, Two at the Head, with the Crown and Sceptre, and Two at the Feet; and besides these, Two Stewards of the Household for the Week attended as Guards, and relieved each other: The Body Guards and Exempt Officers were also alternately present; and their Captain, his Excellency Prince de Maferano, was not once absent from the Time the Body was first entrusted to the Guard, to that of its Interment at St. Lorenzo.

At Six in the Evening his Excellency Don Antonio, Lord Bishop of Sentmanar, Patriarch of the Indies, and Chief Almoner to his Majesty, entered the Saloon in his Pontifical Habit, followed by the Priests and Musicians of the Royal Chapel, the Lords of the Bedchamber, the Chief Steward of the Household, and the Under Stewards for the Week. The Service for the Dead was then performed, and the Doors afterwards thrown open to as many of every Description as were willing to see their deceased Monarch.

At Five the next Morning, (Monday the 15th) the Religious Communities of the Dominicans, Franciscans, Augustines, and Carmelites, began to assemble in Order, and when the Priests of the Royal Chapel had retired, each Community sang Part of the Service for the Dead, and returned in like Order in the Evening to repeat it. As many Masses as the Time would allow of were celebrated at the Six lesser Altars in the Morning of the same Day.

The Day following Mass was again performed by his Excellency the Lord Archbishop of Corinth, Nuncio from his Holiness the Pope in these Kingdoms; the Priests of the Royal Chapel sang Part of the Service for the Dead; and Two other Masses were celebrated by the Priests of the Royal Convent, of bare-footed Friars, and those of the Incarnation.

When the Church Ceremonies were concluded, a Meeting was held of the Illustrious Order of the Golden Fleece, composed of Eight Knights, and the Register, the Count of Castellan. The Senior Knight took the Collar of the Order from the Coffin, which his Majesty had worn as Chief and Sovereign.

The same Ceremony was performed by Eight Knights, Great Cross Bearers, of the Royal and distinguished Spanish Order of Charles the Third, of which his Majesty was the Founder. Both Collars were given to the Custody of the Keeper of the Jewels. The other Collars were taken away without Ceremony, no other of the respective Knights being present.

From that Time, only a few Persons of Distinction were admitted, who met to determine at what Hour the Body should be removed. At Three on Tuesday Afternoon the Priests of the King's Chapel, with the Most Illustrious Don Augustin Rubin de Cevallos, Lord Bishop of Jaen and Inquisitor General, assisted at Part of the Service for the Dead; and the Funeral Procession began to form in the Palace Court. The Robes of the different Orders, and the Hat, which had remained with the Body, were now taken away, and the Body itself removed by the Lords of the Bedchamber, and the Stewards of the Household, to the Top of the Stairs, from whence it was taken to the Bottom by the Gentlemen Pensioners. There it was received by his Excellency the Marquis de Villena, Chief Master of the Horse, and the Marquis de S. Leonardo, his Majesty's First Equerry, who covered the Coffin with the Tissue Cloth that had been used for the same Purpose in the Saloon. The Body, still attended by the Guards and Gentlemen that had surrounded it when on the State Bed, was put into the Carriage waiting for it, which in the Front of the Palace joined the Cavalcade, drawn up in the following Order.

1. The Company of Royal Spanish Body Guards, commanded by the Standard Bearer Don Laurencio Sanchez.
2. The Company of Royal Flemish Body Guards, commanded by the Standard Bearer Don Santiago Cumes.
3. Twelve Friars from each of the Orders of Dominicans, Franciscans, Carmelites, and Augustines, on Horseback, with Tapers.
4. The Judges of the Palace and Court, Don Joseph Lopez Oliver, and Don Luis Melgarejo, preceded by the Constables and other Officers of Justice.
5. The Gentlemen Pensioners on Horseback.
6. The Kettle-Drums and Trumpets of the Royal Cavalry, muffled, and in the Middle the Royal Standard, borne by one of his Majesty's Equerries.
7. The Patriarchal Cross, and on each Side Two Equerries with Tapers.
8. Twelve Chaplains of Honour to his Majesty on Horseback, with the Band, &c. of the Royal Chapel.
9. Twelve of his Majesty's Servants on Foot, between the Ranks, with lighted Torches.
10. Four of his Majesty's Stewards of the Household.
11. His Excellency the Duke of Alberquerque, the Marquis de Villadarias, the Count de Altemira, the Dukes de Ossuna, de Montellano, and Granada de Ega, the Count de Mora, the Marquis de Belgida, and the Marquis Alconchels, all Grandees of Spain and Lords of the Bedchamber, who voluntarily made Part of the Procession to the Escorial.