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*St. James's, December 15.*

**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, (the Knights with their Collars) attended the Sovereign in His own Apartment, and being called over by Garter, a Procession was made from thence to the Great Council Chamber in the following Order:

Marquis of Stafford.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Black Rod. Register. Garter.

The Chancellor. The Prelate.

## THE SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the Three vacant Stalls. The Chapter then proceeded to Election, and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor and presented to the Sovereign, his Serene Highness the Duke of Saxe Gotha was, by His Majesty's Command, declared duly elected.

And as by the Statutes none but a Knight can be elected, Garter and Black Rod were sent to introduce his Grace the Duke of Leeds, who was knighted by the Sovereign with the Sword of State.

Then the Earl of Chatham was introduced, and knighted with the like Ceremonies.

After which the Knights Companions proceeded to a Second Election, and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor and presented to the Sovereign, his Grace Francis Duke of Leeds was, by His Majesty's Command, 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 of the Order 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 on his Grace's Left Leg, the Chancellor pronouncing 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 Chancellor in the mean Time pronouncing the Admonition; and the Duke having kissed His Majesty's Hand, and severally saluted the Knights present, withdrew.

The Chapter proceeded to a Third Election, and the Suffrages being collected as before; John Earl of Chatham was, by His Majesty's Command, declared duly elected, and his Lordship was introduced and invested with the Garter, Ribbon and George in the same Manner as the Duke of Leeds had been; and the like Formalities having been observed, he withdrew.

Garter then calling over the Knights, a Procession was made back to His Majesty's Apartment in the Order as before.

*Whitehall, December 16.*

**T**HE following Addresses having been delivered or transmitted to the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by him presented to the King: Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

**I**T is with the utmost Joy that your Majesty's dutiful and ever loyal Subjects, the Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, have received the Information that the Differences lately subsisting between your Majesty and the Court of Spain are brought to an amicable and honorable Issue.

United with the Rest of your Majesty's Subjects in Duty and Affection to your sacred Person and Government,