

former admirers doing homage at the shrine of our matchless Constitution, and wishing to adopt it as the best existing model of a government fitted to secure the freedom, the dignity, and the happiness of the subjects.

While we unite with the whole civilized world in giving thanks to the Almighty Ruler, for the re-establishment of hereditary thrones, the restoration of the ancient landmarks of kingdoms, and the auspicious commencement of peaceful times, we joyfully seize this occasion, to renew our assurances of unshaken loyalty to the venerable Monarch, who, during a long reign of unexampled difficulty, has ever been studiously alive to the improvement and happiness of his subjects, and who, we earnestly hope, will yet receive the fulfilment of his heart's desire, in beholding the confirmed tranquillity of Europe, and the increasing prosperity of the land which gave him birth.

Signed by our appointment, this 16th day of May 1814. *James Playfair*, Rector.

[Transmitted by Lord Melville, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

*Carlton-House, May 30, 1814.*

This day the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of the King, was pleased to invest George Earl of Galloway with the ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The Prince Regent having signed the several instruments for that purpose, which were presented to His Royal Highness on the 23d instant by Robert Quarrie, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod, in the absence of the Secretary, the Earl of Galloway was called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Dukes of Atholl and Buccleuch, two of the Knights Brethren of the Order, and supported by the Duke of Gordon and the Earl Poulett, the two Senior Knights present. Upon entering into the Royal Presence, with the usual reverences, the Earl of Galloway was presented by the said two Senior Knights, and, kneeling down, His Lordship was knighted by the Prince Regent with the sword of state; the Earl having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, rose up, when the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod administered the oath to His Lordship, then Green Rod kneeling, presented the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion to the Prince Regent, who put the ribbon over the Earl's left shoulder; and His Lordship, having again had the honour of kissing His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew, in the same manner in which he had entered.

The ceremony was performed in His Royal Highness's closet, several of the Great Officers of State and of the Court being present.

*Queen's-House, June 1, 1814.*

This day Count St. Martin D'Agliè, Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Sardinia, Monsieur de Pfeffel, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Bavaria, and Count de Beroldingen, Ge-

neral Major, Aide-de-Camp-General, Chamberlain, and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Wurtemberg, had their first private audiences of Her Majesty; to which they were respectively introduced by the Earl of Morton, Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by Robert Chester, Esq. Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*Whitehall, June 4, 1814.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having been pleased, by a warrant bearing date the 25th day of August 1812, to grant unto Arthur Marquess of Wellington, now Duke of Wellington, and Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, His Majesty's royal licence and authority that he and his descendants may bear, as a lasting memorial of his glorious and transcendent achievements, an honourable augmentation to the arms of Wellesley, that is to say, "in the dexter quarter an escocheon charged with the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick, being the union badge of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland;" and it being proper that the arms of COWLEY should be borne quarterly with those of WELLESLEY; and that the same should be so displayed upon the banner and engraven on the garter-plate of the said Duke, which, in pursuance of His Majesty's letters patent dispensing with the ceremonies of installation; His Royal Highness has commanded Garter Principal King of Arms to place in the Royal Chapel of St. George at Windsor; His Royal Highness has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, by another warrant bearing date the 24th day of May last, to grant unto the said Arthur Duke of Wellington, His Majesty's royal licence and authority that the said honourable augmentation, viz. *an escocheon charged with the cross of Saint George, and the crosses saltires of Saint Andrew and Saint Patrick conjoined, being the union badge of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland without the Imperial Crown,* may be borne by him and his descendants UPON THE FAMILY ARMS OF WELLESLEY AND COWLEY QUARTERLY, AND IN THE CHIEF POINT OF THE SHIELD; the same being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office:

And also to command, that the said royal concession and especial mark of His Majesty's royal favour be registered in His College of Arms.

*Whitehall, June 1, 1814.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent hath been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to give and grant unto James Lyon, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel of our 97th (or Queen's Own) regiment of foot, and a Colonel in the Army, serving as a Major-General on the Continent of Europe, His Majesty's royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the insignia of a Knight of the Royal Swedish Military Order of the Sword, with which His Majesty the King of Sweden hath been