

On entering the Great Court of the Tuileries, the Mission was received by a Guard of Honour, and on alighting from the carriages, was conducted by the Officers of the Royal Household to the Ambassadors Hall, from which (the Insignia being arranged and placed upon crimson velvet cushions) a procession was formed as follows:

The Honourable John-Duncan Bligh, bearing the Surcoat.

The Honourable Algernon Percy (Secretary of Embassy), bearing the Sword.

Lord Prudhoe, bearing the Cap and Feathers.

Lord Strathaven, bearing the Hood and Collar.

The Marquess of Carmarthen, bearing the Mantle and Cordon.

Edward-Giles Howard, Esq. Register to the Commission, bearing the Statutes of the Order.

William Woods, Esq. Norfolk Herald Extraordinary, in his Tabard and Collar of S. S. bearing the Garter, the Ribband and George, and the Star.

Charles-George Young, Esq. York Herald, Secretary to the Mission, in his Tabard and Collar of S. S. bearing the Sovereign's Commission.

The Plenipotentiaries, viz.

Sir George Nayler, Garter, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, bearing his Sceptre, and carrying the Royal Letters of Credence; attended by Frederick Wollaston, Esq. carrying the Crown of Garter.

His Excellency the Duke of Northumberland, K. G. in the full Habit and Collar of the Order, carrying his Hat and Feathers; his Train borne by the Honourable James-Robert Drummond, and the Honourable George-Augustus-Frederick-John Murray.

His Excellency the Lord Viscount Granville, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Followed by the under-mentioned Noblemen and Gentlemen:

Earl Gower.

Lord Hervey.

Honourable J. Townshend.

Honourable Robert Henry Clive.

Major-General Sir John Malcolm, G. C. B.

George Howard, Esq.

Captain Buller.

Philip Gore, Esq.

Henry Mandeville, Esq.

Earl of Hopetoun.

Lord Burghersh, G. C. H.

Lord Pelham.

Honourable Charles Percy.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart.

Admiral Sir William Sidney Smith, K. C. B.

The Reverend Thomas Singleton.

Thomas Jones, Esq.

Ralph Abercromby, Esq.

At the foot of the Great Staircase, the Plenipotentiaries were received by the Marquis de Dreux-Brézé, Grand Master of the Ceremonies; the Marquis de Rochemore, Master of the Ceremonies; the Baron de St. Felix and the Vicomte de Geslin, Assistant-Masters of the Ceremonies, and other Officers, and having proceeded to the State Apartments, were there received by the Duc de Riviere and a Company of the Garde du Corps; the Procession then advanced to the Gallery of Diana, where a Throne had been erected for the occasion; on each side of which was placed a Chair of State, the one on the right representing the Stall of the Sovereign of the Order, the other on the left for His Most Christian Majesty, each surmounted by an Escoccheon of their Majesties Arms within the Order of the Garter, subscribed with their Royal Titles.

The Mission advanced into the Royal Presence with the usual reverences, and was received by His Most Christian Majesty, wearing the under-dress of the Order, surrounded by His Ministers and Great Officers of State.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen who bore the Insignia, having deposited the same upon a table covered with crimson velvet, placed at the right of the Throne, retired behind the table, York Herald remaining in front to deliver the Ensigns to the Plenipotentiaries.

His Excellency the Duke of Northumberland advancing towards His Majesty, delivered an address, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty was pleased to make a most gracious reply. His Excellency then receiving from Garter the Letters of Credence, presented them to His Majesty, who delivered them to the Baron de Damas, the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Statutes were then presented to the King, who thereupon delivered to the Plenipotentiaries an Instrument, under His Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of France, containing His Majesty's acceptance of the Order, under the usual reservations.

The Commission was in like manner presented to the King, who delivered the same to the Baron de Damas, by whom it was read aloud, and returned to Garter.

The Plenipotentiaries then buckled the Garter below the left knee of His Majesty, Garter reading the admonition in Latin. His Majesty was next invested with the Ribband and George appendant, Garter reading the admonition.