

confirm and improve the happiness of all your subjects.

That, under the guidance and protection of Him "by whom Kings reign," you may long continue in health and happiness to adorn the exalted and arduous station to which His providence has raised you, conferring upon us the blessings and benefits of a mild, paternal, and enlightened Government, and reaping your best reward in the affectionate gratitude of a free and united people, is among the most fervent prayers and the warmest wishes of our hearts.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the meeting.

*Richard Bremridge, Mayor.*

Guildhall, Barnstaple, July 14, 1830.

[Presented by *F. Hodgson, Esq., M. P.*]

*St. James's, July 26, 1830.*

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned this day, the following Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Entrée-room, viz.

Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland, Sussex, and Gloucester, His Royal Highness the Prince of Saxe Coburg, the Earl of Westmorland, the Marquess Camden, the Duke of Rutland, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Duke of Beaufort, the Earl of Lonsdale, the Duke of Wellington, the Earl Bathurst, the Duke of Buckingham, the Marquess of Hertford, the Duke of Dorset, the Duke of Leeds, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Duke of Richmond, attended by the under-named Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges, viz. the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Register of the Order; Sir George Nayler, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knight, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At six o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign, in the Throne-room.

The Sovereign being seated on the Throne, and the Knights Companions having taken their respective places, the Prelate of the Order, by His Majesty's command, read a new Statute, declaring His Serene Highness Bernard Reigning Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, Brother of Her most Excellent Majesty the Queen, a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Prelate then signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's royal will and pleasure, that a lineal descendant of His Majesty King George the Second should, in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made, be elected into the said Most Noble Order.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Prelate, were by his Lordship presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to command him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that His Majesty William, by the Grace of God, King of Wur-

temberg, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The King of Wurtemberg was thereupon conducted from the private apartment of the Sovereign in the Chapter-room, between their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Sussex, the two Senior Knights Companions present, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod.

On entering the Chapter-room, His Majesty was received by the Sovereign and Knights Companions standing, and placed in a chair of state on the right hand of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign was then graciously pleased to announce to the King of Wurtemberg that His Majesty had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Garter on his knee presenting the Garter to the Sovereign, His Majesty, assisted by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Sussex, buckled it on the left leg of the King of Wurtemberg, the Prelate pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George, and the Sovereign, assisted as before, put the same over the shoulder of the King of Wurtemberg, the Prelate pronouncing the admonition.

The Sovereign thereupon gave the accolade to the King of Wurtemberg, and His Majesty also received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions present.

The chapter being ended, the Knights Companions were again called over by Garter, and with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

The Sovereign and His Majesty the King of Wurtemberg were then conducted to the private apartment of the Sovereign.

Her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Princesses, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, His Royal Highness Prince George of Cumberland, His Royal Highness Prince Frederick of Prussia, together with the Foreign Ministers, the Great Officers of State, the Officers of the Royal Household, and many personages of distinction, were present at this august ceremony.

In the evening a dinner of state was given by the Sovereign, at which the abovenamed royal, noble, and distinguished persons were present, with the Officers of the Order. During the banquet, Garter King of Arms, by command of the Sovereign, announced that His Majesty drank to the health of His illustrious visitor, His Majesty the King of Wurtemberg, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Sovereign was then pleased to drink to the health of Her Majesty the Queen of Wurtemberg; shortly after which their Majesties arose from table and proceeded to the drawing-room, where they were received by a party of nobility and gentry, specially invited on this occasion.