

At the Court at Windsor-Castle, December 12, 1844.

The Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has been graciously pleased, by letters patent, under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, bearing date respectively this day, to dispense with all the statutes and regulations usually observed in regard to installation, and to give and grant unto the Right Honourable Thomas Philip Earl De Grey, the Most Honourable James Marquess of Abercorn, the Right Honourable Charles Chetwynd Earl Talbot, and the Right Honourable Edward Earl of Powis, Knights of the said Most Noble Order, and duly invested with the ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise respectively all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter, in as full and ample a manner as if they had been formally installed, any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 13th day
of *December*, 1844.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the poll at county elections," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division, in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled; representing, that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division, is insufficient, and praying, that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare, that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division, and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled; as mentioned in the Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divisions of counties, and the limits of cities and boroughs, in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division, into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Northumberland, at a general quarter sessions of the peace, holden at Alnwick, in and for the said county, on the sixteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, have presented their petition to Her Majesty, representing, that the number of polling places for the northern division of the said county is insufficient, and therefore praying, that the town of Belford, situate within the said northern division, may be a polling place for that division:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, doth, pursuant to the said Act of the seventh year of His late Majesty's reign, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, that the said place named in the said petition, namely, the town of Belford, shall be a polling place for the northern division of the said county of Northumberland; and, further, that the justices of the peace for the said county of Northumberland, assembled at the general quarter sessions or some special sessions, as mentioned in the said Act of the third year of His late Majesty's reign, shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide the said northern division, of the said county of Northumberland into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 13th day of
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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An