

caution should be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency of the case, it is enacted that in Great Britain, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council, or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), may, by Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, direct that the provisions in the said Act contained, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force in Great Britain, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein, respectively, as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such Order or Orders may extend, and in like manner revoke or renew any such Order, and, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such order shall be expressed :

And whereas, on the 28th day of September 1848, an Order was made by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, reciting that the United Kingdom appeared to be threatened with a formidable epidemic disease, and that a case had arisen for putting in force the provisions of the said Act, and directing, in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the provisions in the said hereinbefore recited Act contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, immediately from and after the date of the said Order; and it was further directed, that such Order should continue in force for six calendar months from and after the date thereof :

And whereas, certain parts of the United Kingdom are at present affected by a formidable epidemic disease, and it is expedient that the said Order be renewed; now, therefore, it is hereby directed by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Most Honourable the Lord President of the Council is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the said Order of the 28th day of September 1848 be and the same is hereby renewed for a period of six calendar months from and after the date of this present Order.

*C. C. Greville.*

*At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, March 23, 1849.*

*CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.*

A Chapter of this Most Noble Order having been summoned for this day, the Knights Companions hereafter named, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the green drawing-room, viz.

The Duke of Wellington, the Marquess of Exeter, the Duke of Richmond, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl de Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Marquess of Hertford, the Duke of Bedford, and the Duke of Norfolk, attended by the following Officers, viz.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate; the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor; the Honourable and Reverend George Neville-Grenville, Dean of Windsor, Register; Sir Charles George Young, Knt. Garter, Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus William James Clifford, Bart. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At three o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Garter (when Her Majesty and His

Royal Highness the Prince Albert having passed into the Throne-room), they proceeded with the Officers of the Order, for the Green Drawing-room, into the Throne-room.

The Sovereign, being seated in Her Chair of State, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert at the table, on the right hand of Her Majesty, the other Knights Companions took their respective places at the table, the Prelate standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the Chancellor on the left hand, the Register, Garter, and Black Rod at the end of the table.

The Chancellor then signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that the two vacant stalls in the Royal Chapel of Saint George at Windsor be filled; and as, by the Statutes, none but a Knight can be elected, the Right Honourable Frederick Earl Spencer was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and knighted by Her Majesty with the sword of state, when his Lordship, having kissed the Sovereign's hand retired.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who commanded him to declare, and he accordingly did declare, that the Right Honourable George William Frederick Earl of Clarendon had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, his Lordship was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Dukes of Bedford and Norfolk, the two junior Knights Companions present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion), and by Black Rod. The Earl of Clarendon kneeling near the Sovereign, Garter on his knee presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and the Duke of Wellington, the two senior Knights Companions present, buckled it on his Lordship's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over his Lordship's left shoulder, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition. The Earl then again kissed Her Majesty's hand, and, having received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, retired.

The Chapter then proceeded to a second election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, when the Right Honourable Frederick Earl Spencer was by Her Majesty's command declared duly elected; and his Lordship was introduced and invested with the garter and the ribband and George with the like ceremonies.

The Chapter being ended, Garter, by Her Majesty's command, again called over the Knights Companions, who, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign, with the usual reverence.

*At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, March 23, 1849.*

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 this day, to dispense with all the statutes and regulations usually observed in regard to Installation, and to grant unto the Right Honourable George William Frederick Earl of Clarendon and the