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*At the Court at Windsor-Castle,
28th October, 1853.*

A CHAPTER of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Brethren, in their Mantles and Collars, assembled in St. George's Hall; viz. :—

The Earl of Aberdeen, the Earl of Mansfield, and the Earl of Elgin, attended by the under-mentioned Officers of the Order, in their mantles and wearing their chains and badges; viz. : Sir John-Stewart Richardson, Bart., Secretary of the Order, and Frederic-Peel Round, Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

At three o'clock the Knights Brethren were called over by the Secretary, when (Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert having passed into the Throne-room), they proceeded, together with the Officers of the Order, through the grand reception-room into the Throne-room.

The Queen being seated in Her chair of State, and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert at the table on the right hand of Her Majesty, the Sovereign was pleased to command the other Knights Brethren to take their seats at the table, according to their seniority in the Order, the Officers of the Order standing in their places at the bottom of the table.

The Sovereign was then pleased to signify Her royal pleasure touching the election of a Knight into the Order; whereupon the Knights Brethren proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Secretary (commencing with the junior Knight), were by him, kneeling, presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to declare that the Right Honourable Thomas, Earl of Haddington, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Earl of Haddington was received, at the door of the Chapter-room, by the Earl of Mansfield and the Earl of Elgin, the two junior Knights Brethren present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by the Secretary (bearing on a velvet cushion the ensigns of the Order) and by the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

The sword of state being thereupon delivered to the Sovereign, by His Royal Highness the Prince Albert, the senior Knight, the Earl of Haddington, kneeling near the Queen, was knighted

therewith; after which his Lordship had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand; the Earl rising, the oath was administered to his Lordship by the Secretary.

The Earl of Haddington, then again kneeling, and the Secretary, on his knee, presenting to Her Majesty the ribband and jewel of the Order, the Queen was graciously pleased to place the same over the Earl's left shoulder.

His Lordship, having again kissed the Sovereign's hand, and after receiving the congratulations of the Knights Brethren, retired.

The Chapter then proceeded to a second election, and the suffrages having been collected as before, and presented to the Sovereign, Her Majesty was pleased to declare, that the Most Noble George-Augustus-Frederick-John, Duke of Atholl, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, whereupon his Grace was introduced and knighted, and the oath having been administered to his Grace, he was invested with the ribband and jewel in the same manner as the Earl of Haddington had been, and the like ceremonies having been observed, his Grace withdrew.

The Chapter then proceeded to a third election, and the suffrages having been collected as before and presented to the Sovereign, Her Majesty was pleased to declare that the Right Honourable Fox, Lord Panmure, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, whereupon his Lordship was introduced and knighted, and the oath having been administered to his Lordship, he was invested with the ribband and jewel in the same manner, and the like ceremonies having been observed, his Lordship withdrew.

The Chapter being ended the Knights Brethren were, by command of Her Majesty, again called over by the Secretary, and with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign, with the usual reverences.

Foreign-Office, October 31, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Henry Ernest Blanchard as Consul at Port Louis, Mauritius, for His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. C. W. Denison as Consul at Demerara, for the United States of America.