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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1861.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Wednesday the 10th of July next.

CHAPTER of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, July 1, 1861.*

**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 the Palace, viz.:

The Earl of Rosebery, the Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Montrose, the Earl of Elgin, the Duke of Argyll, and the Marquess of Ailsa, attended by the undermentioned Officers, in their mantles, and wearing their chains and badges; viz.: Sir John Stewart Richardson, Baronet, 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 Consort having passed into the Chapter Room), they proceeded, with the Officers of the Order, into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Queen being seated in Her Chair of State, and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort 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 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 Zetland, 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 Zetland was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Duke of Argyll and the Marquess of Ailsa, the two Junior Knights Brethren present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by the Secretary (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a velvet cushion), and by the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

The Sword of State being thereupon delivered to the Sovereign, the Earl of Zetland kneeling near the Queen, was knighted therewith; after which his Lordship had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand; the Earl of Zetland rising, the Oath was administered to his Lordship by the Secretary.

The Earl of Zetland then, again kneeling, and the Secretary on his knee, presenting to Her Majesty the Riband and Jewel of the Order, the Queen, assisted by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, the senior Knight, was graciously pleased to place the same over his Lordship'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 Right Honourable Robert Montgomerie, Lord Belhaven and Stenton, 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 Riband and Jewel, in the same manner as the Earl of Zetland had been, 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.

*Whitehall, July 1, 1861.*

The Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Reverend Charles John Ellicott, B.D., to be Dean of the Cathedral Church of Exeter, void by the death of the Reverend Thomas Hill Lowe, late Dean thereof.