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INVESTITURE OF HIS MAJESTY LEOPOLD II, KING OF THE  
BELGIANS, WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER  
OF THE GARTER.

*Brussels, February 12, 1866.*

**T**HE Queen, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable John Robert Viscount Sydney, Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary on a Special Mission to this Court, and Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Majesty Leopold II, King of the Belgians, with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, they proceeded to this City, and arrived with their respective Suites on the 10th instant.

On the following day, Viscount Sydney, accompanied by Sir Charles Young and the Members of the Mission, were conducted in the Royal Carriages to the Palace, according to the custom of the Court, and were honoured with an audience of His Majesty, to which they were introduced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Plenipotentiaries and the Mission were subsequently introduced to Her Majesty the Queen.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, His Majesty was pleased to appoint this day for that purpose, when, at half-past two o'clock, the several persons appointed to take

part in the Ceremony assembled at the residence of Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace, in the following order :—

Two Outriders of the Royal Household in State Liveries.

Three Royal Carriages, conveying the Members of the Mission.

Two Outriders of the Royal Household in State Liveries.

A Royal State Carriage, drawn by Six Horses, conveying Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Dupont, Aide-de-Camp to the King.

A Guard of Honour, composed of a Battalion of the Grenadier Regiment of Guards, was stationed in front of the Palace.

On arriving at the Palace, the Mission was received at the Foot of the Grand Staircase by Captain Nicaise and Lieutenant Brewer, from whence it was conducted to the Salon Rouge by General Soudain, Aide-de-Camp on duty, General Count d'Hanins de Moerkerke, Lieutenant-General de Liem, Adjutant-General to the King, the Count de Lannoy, Grand Master of the Queen's Household, and the Count Van der Straten-Ponthoz, Grand Marshal of the Court, when the Grand Marshal announced its arrival to His Majesty.

The Procession then advanced into the Royal Presence in the Salon Bleu with due reverences, the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions.

Robert Percy French, Esq., Second Secretary to the British Legation, carrying the Book of the Statutes.

Henry P. T. Barron, Esq., First Secretary to the British Legation, carrying the Sword.

The Honourable Oliver Montagu, Royal Horse Guards, carrying the Hat and Plume and the Star.

Major-General Lord George Paget, C.B., carrying the Collar of the Order

Albert William Woods, Esq., Lancaster Herald, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., carrying The Garter and the Riband and George.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., carrying The Sovereign's Commission.

Harry Clarke Jervoise, Esq., Secretary to the Special Mission, carrying the Mantle and Cordon of the Order.

Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter King of Arms, wearing his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, and carrying his Sceptre and The Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

The Right Honourable John - Robert, Viscount Sydney, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary on a Special Mission.

The Gentlemen bearing the Insignia having arranged themselves behind the Plenipotentiaries, the Secretary to the Mission remained near to deliver to them the Insignia.

Viscount Sydney then addressed His Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty returned a gracious reply; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letters of

Credence, which his Lordship presented to the King, who placed the same in the hand of Monsieur Rogier, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Statutes were then in like manner presented to the King, and next the Commission, both of which were delivered by His Majesty to Monsieur Rogier, by whom the Commission was returned to Garter.

Garter then taking the Garter delivered it to Viscount Sydney, who buckled the same around His Majesty's left leg; Garter reading the Admonition.

His Majesty was next invested with the Riband and George appendant; Garter reading the Admonition.

The King then delivered His Sword, which Garter received and retained as an ancient fee appertaining to his Office; and His Majesty was invested with the Sword of the Order.

His Majesty being then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by Lieutenant-General de Liem, Garter presented to Viscount Sydney the Mantle with which the Plenipotentiaries invested His Majesty.

His Majesty being in like manner invested with the Collar of the Order; Garter then delivered to Viscount Sydney the Hat and Plume, which were presented by his Lordship to the King, and his Lordship immediately after delivered the Star of the Order to His Majesty.

The ceremony of Investiture being completed, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Royal Presence, and were reconducted in the same manner as on their arrival.

Her Majesty The Queen was present on the right of the King, with Their Royal Highnesses The Prince Royal Duke of Brabant, Count of Hainault, and the Princess Louise, His Royal Highness The Count of Flanders, stood on the left of His Majesty; there were also present The Duchess d'Ursal, The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, of Justice, of the Interior, of Finance, and of Public Works, The Count Van der Straten-Ponthoz, Grand Marshal of the Court, The Count de Lannoy, Grand Marshal of the Queen's Household, Lieutenant-General de Liem, Adjutant-General to the King, Lieutenant-General Dupont, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty, Major Burnell and Lieutenant-Colonel Orban, Aides-de-Camp to the Count of Flanders, the Ladies of Her Majesty The Queen, and other distinguished Personages, Civil and Military, of the Household of the King.

On the following day, a splendid Banquet took place, at which Their Majesties the King and Queen were present, as also His Royal Highness The Count of Flanders, the Plenipotentiaries, and their Suites, the Ministers of State and Great Officers of the Court, and other Persons of distinction.

The King appeared wearing the Ensign of the Order, and during the Dinner drank to the Health of Queen Victoria, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Viscount Sydney afterwards drank to the Health of His Majesty The King of the Belgians, Knight of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter.

On the 15th the Plenipotentiaries had an Audience of the King, when they with the Members of the Mission took leave.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,  
*Garter.*

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