

The Mission, preceded by two Fourriers of the Court, was received at the Ambassadors' Entrance of the Palace by a Military Guard, and was conducted to the Imperial Apartments, and from thence to the Royal Ante-Chamber, where it was received by the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, the Landgrave Fürstenberg, and, passing to the second Ante-Chamber, it was received by the Grand Chamberlain, Le Comte F. Folliot de Crenneville, and several others of the Imperial Chamberlains.

The Mission then advanced to the Grand Council Room into the presence of His Imperial Majesty, in the following order ; the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions :—

Alfred Guthrie Graham Bonar, Esq.,
Secretary to the British Embassy,
carrying the Star.

Major-General The Right Honourable
Sir Henry K. Storks, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
carrying the Sword.

Colonel the Honourable Percy R. Basil Feilding,
carrying the Mantle and Cordon of the Order.

Bertram Ashburnham, Esq.,
commonly called Viscount St. Asaph,
carrying the Collar of the Order.

Earl Brownlow,
carrying the Hat and Plume.

James Robinson Planché, Esq., Somerset Herald,
in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., bearing
The Garter and the Riband and George.

Albert William Woods, Esq., Lancaster Herald;
Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard
and Collar of S.S., carrying the Commission.

Armar Henry Lowry-Corry, Esq., Secretary to
the Spécial Mission, carrying the Book of the
Statutes.

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

The Most Honourable John Alexander,
Marquess of Bath, Her Majesty's Envoy
Extraordinary, on a Special Mission.

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

The First Plenipotentiary, the Marquess of Bath, then made an address to His Imperial Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Imperial Majesty graciously replied, and expressed his gratification at the reception of the Order ; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letter of Credence, which his Lordship presented to the Emperor, who placed the same in the hands of Baron de Beust, Minister President ; the Statutes were then in like manner presented to the Emperor, and next the Commission, both of which were delivered by His Imperial Majesty to Baron Beust, by whom the latter was subsequently returned to Garter.

Garter then taking the Garter, delivered it to the Marquess of Bath, who buckled the same around His Imperial Majesty's left leg ; Garter reading the admonition.

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

The Emperor then delivered his Sword, which Garter received and retained as an ancient Fee appertaining to his office ; and His Imperial Majesty was invested with the Sword of the Order.

His Imperial Majesty being then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by an Officer of the Court, Garter presented to the Marquess of Bath the Mantle with which His Imperial Majesty was invested by the Plenipotentiaries.