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INVESTITURE OF HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR AND AUTOCRATOR
OF ALL THE RUSSIAS WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST
NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER.

St. Petersburg, July 28, 1867.

THE 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 George Henry Robert Charles, Earl Vane, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, on a Special Mission to this Court, and Sir Charles George Young, Knt., Garter Principal King of Arms, or his Deputy for this occasion, Walter Aston Blount, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Imperial Majesty with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, they embarked at Dover on the 18th instant, and proceeded to Brussels, and thence to this City, which, with their respective Suites, they reached on the 24th.

On the 26th, Earl Vane and the Members of his Suite, were honoured with an audience of His Imperial Majesty at the Camp of Krasnoë-Selo, and were severally presented to His Majesty.

The Emperor having signified his pleasure to receive the Investiture at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, the Plenipotentiaries proceeded thither and arrived at the Apartments which had been prepared for them in the Alexander Palace on the evening of the 27th instant.

On the morning of the 28th, Deputy-Garter and the Members of his Suite were honoured with an audience of His Imperial Majesty at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, and were severally presented to His Majesty.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, the several persons appointed to take part in the Ceremony assembled in the Apartments of Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and from thence proceeded to the Imperial Palace at Tsarskoe-Selo in five Royal State Carriages, attended by Outriders and Grooms in State Liveries, The Prince Lieven, Grand Master of the Ceremonies, having arrived to conduct them thither.

The Mission, on arriving at the Palace, was received by a Guard of Honour, and was conducted to the Imperial Apartments, where the procession was formed.

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

Major Christopher Charles Teesdale, R.A., C.B.,
carrying the Hat, and Plume, and the Star.

Viscount Canterbury,
carrying the Collar.

Major-General Lord Henry Percy,
carrying the Sword.

George Charles Spencer Churchill,
commonly called Marquess of Blandford,
carrying the Mantle and Cordon.

George Edward Adams, Esq., Rouge Dragon Pursuivant of Arms,
in his Tabard, carrying
The Garter and the Riband and George.

Henry Murray Lane, Esq., Chester Herald,
Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard
and Collar of S.S., carrying the Sovereign's
Commission.

The Honourable Henry Cornwallis Eliot, Secre-
tary to the Special Mission, carrying the Book
of the Statutes.

Walter Aston Blount, Esq., Deputy Garter,
wearing the Mantle, Chain, and Badge, carry-
ing the Sceptre of Garter and The Sovereign's
Letter of Credence.

The Right Honourable George Henry Robert
Charles Earl Vane, Her Majesty's Envoy
Extraordinary, on a Special Mission.

The Mission was received by His Imperial Majesty standing in front of the Throne, and surrounded by the Ministers of State and the Great Officers of the Court. The Persons bearing the Insignia moved to the left, and the Plenipotentiaries advanced towards His Majesty, the Secretary to the Mission remaining near to the Plenipotentiaries to deliver to them the Insignia.

The First Plenipotentiary, the Earl Vane, 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. The Letter of Credence was presented to the Emperor, who placed the same in the hands of The Count Adlerberg, Minister of the Imperial Court ; Deputy Garter then delivered to Earl Vane the Statutes, which His Lordship presented to the Emperor, and afterwards the Commission, which was delivered by His Imperial Majesty to Prince Gortchakoff, Chancellor of the Empire, by whom it was read and subsequently returned to Deputy Garter.

Deputy Garter then taking the Garter, delivered it to the Earl Vane, who buckled the same around His Imperial Majesty's left leg ; Deputy Garter reading the admonition.

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

The Emperor then delivered his Sword, which Deputy-Garter received and retained as an ancient Fee appertaining to the office of Garter ; 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, Deputy-Garter presented to the Earl Vane the Mantle, the Collar, the Hat and Feathers, and the Star, which were severally presented by His Lordship to His Imperial Majesty.

The ceremony of the Investiture being completed, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Imperial presence, and were reconducted to the Alexander Palace.

A Banquet took place at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, in the afternoon, at which The Emperor appeared, wearing the Ensigns of the Order, His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Vladimir, the Plenipotentiaries and their Suites, the principal Ministers and Officers of State, as also the Right Honourable Sir Andrew Buchanan, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. Petersburg, and the Members of his Embassy. During the Banquet His Imperial Majesty drank to the Health of The Queen Victoria, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, which was followed by the Health of His Imperial Majesty, Knight of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter.

In a circle, after the Banquet, the Plenipotentiaries and their Suites took leave of His Imperial Majesty.

WALTER ASTON BLOUNT,
Deputy-Garter.

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