

with the due Obeifances; Divine Service then began: During which Time, the Knights did place their Hats upon the Cushions laid before them.

Upon the first Sentence of the Offertory, *Let your Lights be kindle*, &c. the Musick playing, Bath stepped from his Bench, made his double Reverences in the Middle of the Choir, and coming before the Stall of the Junior Knight, bowed to him, and immediately turned himself to the opposite Side, bowing to the Knight in that Stall, who arose, and making their double Obeifances both at one Time in their Stalls, descended into the Middle of the Choir, where they repeated the same, and retired under their Banners. Bath then in like Manner summoned the Knights in the next Stalls, and so throughout the whole Course of Stalls, summoning them by Pairs, and the Proxy of the Duke of Richmond single, and then the Great Master, and after him Prince William alone, who all of them with the like Ceremonies, placed themselves under their Banners.

Bath returned to his Bench, and the Provincial Kings of Arms making their Reverences, waited upon Prince William, who upon his going from under his Banner, made his double Obeifances, and being thus preceded, made his double Reverences near the Rails of the Altar, and at the Rails, to the Altar only, where kneeling down, his Highness made his Offering into the Basin held by the Dean, assisted by the Prebends. And he repeated the same Reverences in his Return, and entered into his Stall, where he again made his double Obeifances and sat down.

Bath, King of Arms, then arose, and being joined by the eldest Herald, in like Manner repaired to the Great Master, who carrying his White Hat in his Hand, offered in the same Manner, and returned and sat down in his Stall with the same Ceremonies.

And then the Proxy of the Duke of Richmond in the same Method, and stood in the Stall holding the Mantle.

And afterwards all the Knights, and Proxies in like Manner, wherein this Rule was observed, That the Knights and Proxies in the opposite Stalls, offered by Pairs together; and the Heralds, according to their Seniorities, took and repeated their Turns in going with Bath King of Arms, before the Knights and Proxies.

Divine Service being ended, the Knights Companions put on their White Hats, and while the Musick plaid, Bath, King of Arms, summoned all the Knights and Proxies to come done from their several Stalls in the former Method, who all stood under their Banners.

Which being done, Prince William was conducted to the Rails of the Altar with the like Ceremonies, as in the former Offering, where the Prince unsheathed his Sword, and offered it himself naked to the Dean, and having redeemed it, the Dean returned it with the following Admonition, I exhort and admonish you, to use your Sword to the Glory of God, the Defence of the Gospel, the Maintenance of your Sovereign's Right and Honour, and of all Equity and Justice, to the utmost of your Power. And soon afterwards the Prince retired out of the Chappel, leaving Sir Andrew Fontaine to be his Proxy in the Procession for the return to the Chapter-House. Then the Great Master covered, after him the Proxy of the Duke of Richmond uncovered, each singly, and all other the Knights covered and Proxies uncovered, by Pairs, being respectively attended as at the first Offering, were conducted to the Rails of the Altar with the usual Obeifances, where each Knight and Proxy standing, unsheathed his Sword, and offered it naked to the Dean, who, upon the Redemption of it, restored the same with the proper Admonitions, according to the Oaths they had taken this Day; and these Knights, and Proxies, being all severally reconducted back to the Places under their respective Banners, the Alms-men began the Procession, and were follow'd by all others, having first performed their double Obeifances in the Chappel. And this Procession was made in the same Form back to

the Chapter Room as in the first Procession to the Chappel, except in the following particulars; That at the Outside of the West Door of the Abbey, the Sovereign's Master-Cook, having a Linnen Apron, and a Chopping Knife in his Hand, severally said to each Companion, "Sir, you know what great Oath you have taken, which if you keep, it will be great Honour to you; But if you break it, I shall be compelled, by my Office, to hack off your Spurs from your Heels." And that the Prebendaries had Leave to retire to Jerusalem Chamber from the West End of the Abbey Church, the Esquires, Officers of Arms, and of the Order, after they came out of the Church, were allowed to be covered; and at the Door of the Chapter Room, Bath, King of Arms, took the Mantle from the Proxies.

Dinner being ready, the Great Master, being preceded by the Officers of the Order, and Garter King of Arms, came into the Court of Requests, proceeded down to the lower End thereof, and entered into the Way at the farther Side of the Table, and came up to the Top of it, being followed by all the Knights in Course according to the height of their Stalls; and when Grace had been said, they all sat down in that Order, in the same Row upon one Side of the Table, each of them having an Escutcheon of his Arms and Titles fixed to the Wall over his Seat: The Dean was placed next to the Junior Knight, and the Proxies of the Duke of Richmond and of the Lord Glennorchy, sat uncovered at the Bottom of the Table.

The Officers of the Order, covered with their Bonnets, sat at a Table placed opposite the Knights Table, towards the lower End of the Room; the Officers of Arms dined at a Table in the Passage from the House of Lords to the House of Commons; and the Prebendaries in Jerusalem Chamber.

The Esquires having for some time attended behind their respective Knights, had Leave given them to retire to their Dinner in the Painted Chamber, who went thither in their Courses, where they dined.

At the Second Course, Bath, King of Arms arose, and the Musick ceasing, made his Reverence in the middle of the Room, and there according to the Command given him, proclaimed the Style of Prince William, the First, and Principal Companion of this most Honourable Order, who is always to be placed next to the Sovereign; and then coming up near to the Great Master, who stood up uncovered, while Bath proclaimed his Styles; and the Great Master then sitting down, the Style of each Companion present, in the like Manner was respectively proclaimed, at which some Heralds and Pursuivants attended.

The whole Ceremony was performed with great Regularity, Magnificence, and Splendour.

ESQUIRES.

2. Prince William ——— Hon. Henry Ballandine.
Edmond Blomberg.
Courthope Clayton.
3. Great Master. ——— Charles Montagu,
Hugh Bethell.
Charles Montagu.
4. D. of Richmond. ——— Matthew Snow.
Martin Folkes.
Thomas Hill.
5. D. of Manchester. ——— Charles Edwin,
Savil Cuff.
Francis Hilderfley.
6. Lord Burford. ——— William Hill.
Charles James Kirk.
Anthony Cornish.
7. Earl of Leicester. ——— William Rollinson.
Solomon Durell.
John Myfter.