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*St. James's, May 26.*

**H**IS Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London were summoned by Letters from the Lord Bishop of Salisbury Chancellour of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their personal Appearance here this Day at 12 of the Clock; whereupon thirteen of them, habited in their Mantles, together with the Lord Bishop of Winchester the Prelate, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Officers of the Order in their respective Mantles, and wearing their different Badges, waited His Majesty's coming in the Apartment next to His Closet: And upon His Majesty's Appearance, robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions present, beginning with the Juniors, and a Procession was made from thence to the Council-Chamber, (where the Chapter was held) in the following Method, wherein the Juniors went first, and the Knights whose Companions were absent, went single.

- Ld. Visc. Townshend, Earl of Scarbrough, a-breast.
- Duke of Rutland,
- Earl of Lincoln,
- Duke of Grafton,
- Earl of Berkeley, Duke of Newcastle,
- Duke of Montagu,
- Duke of Dorset,
- Duke of Kent, Duke of Argyll,
- Duke of Devon, Earl of Pembroke,
- Garter King of Arms, having on his Left-Hand the Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod,
- The Bishop of Winchester Prelate of the Order,

**THE SOVEREIGN.**

Upon the Entry into the Council Chamber, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till such time as the Sovereign had seated himself in the Chair of State at the upper End of the Table, and then the Knights Companions by His Majesty's Leave took their

Chairs, the Prelate of the Order standing near His Majesty's Chair upon the Right Hand, and Garter with the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod at the lower End of the Table. The Prelate with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, that the Bishop of Salisbury attended at the Door, and humbly besought his Majesty, that he might be admitted to the Office of Chancellour with the accustomed Rites, and the Sovereign being pleased to command, that the Lord Bishop should be introduced into the Chapter, thereon the Bishop, being at the Door in his Episcopal Habit, was brought in between Garter on his Lordship's Right Hand, and the Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod on the Left Hand, the latter bearing on a Velvet Crimson Cushion the Mantle and Badge belonging to the Chancellour, who all proceeded up with the usual Reverences towards the Sovereign; and the Lord Bishop being invested with the Mantle by the Black Rod, his Lordship then kneeled down, and Garter upon his Knee delivered the Badge of the Office of Chancellour hanging to Gold Chains to the Sovereign, who put it about the Bishop's Neck, who continuing still kneeling, took the Oath appointed by the Statutes, which Garter at His Majesty's Command read, the Black Rod holding the Gospels; and the Chancellour having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and being congratulated by the Knights Companions, retired to the Left Side of the Chair of State, and then by the Command of His Majesty declared, that the Reason of calling this Chapter was to supply the Vacancies occasioned by the Deaths of the Duke of St. Albans, and the Duke of Kingston, and that the Companions should proceed to fill up one of those Vacancies forthwith; whereon each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of Nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, of three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally subscribed their Hands, and the Chancellour having collected their Suffrages, presented them on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon Inspection of them, commanded the Chancellour to declare his Grace the Duke of Richmond duly elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce his Grace; and having brought him to the Door

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