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HIS Majesty having granted a Commission to seven Knights Companions of the most Noble Order of the Garter, giving Power to them or to any two or more of them, to install the most Noble the Duke of Richmond, and the Noble and Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole Knights lately Elected into that most Honourable Fraternity, and to proceed therein and perform all Ceremonies which are required by the Statutes and Ordinances of that Order; the two Knights Elected came to the Great Chamber in the Lodgings of the Dean of Windsor this Morning about Eleven of the Clock, apparelled in the Under Habits of the Order, carrying in their Hands their Caps adorned with Diamonds of Great Value and with Feathers: Soon afterwards came thither six of the Commissioners, hereafter-named, all of them robed in the compleat Habits and with the Ensigns of the Order. Then the Alms Knights being in their proper Mantles going two and two, began the Procession towards the Chapter House, and were followed by the Prebends in their Mantles, next the Officers of Arms in their Tabarts, then the two Knights Elected a-breast, after whom the Officers of the Order, that is the Senior Prebend being constituted Deputy to the Register, having on his Right Hand Garter King of Arms carrying the Sovereign's Commission, and on his Left the Gentleman-Usher carrying the Black Rod, wearing their Crimson Satin Mantles and the Badges of their Offices; then the six Knights Companions Commissioners, the Juniors in the Order going first, viz.

Earl of Scarborough, having the Earl of Lincoln on the Right Hand,
Duke of Grafton, with the Duke of Newcastle on the Right Hand,
Duke of Montagu, with the Duke of Dorset on the Right.

Having thus entered into the North Isle of the Chapel, the Alms Knights, Prebends, and Officers of Arms, made a Strand in their proper Distances beyond the Door of the Chapter-House, the Knights Elected retired to Chairs placed for them in the Passage behind the Altar, and the three Officers of the Order went into the Chapter-House: The Knights Commissioners upon their Entry therein seated themselves according to Seniority and the Situation of their Stalls in the Chapel; when the Commission being presented with the usual Reverences, and other due Ceremonies performed, Garter was commanded to conduct the Duke of Richmond to the Door of the Chapter-House, where his Grace was received by the two Junior Commissioners and introduced between them, and the same Method was observed with relation to Sir Robert Walpole, who were then respectively invested with the Surcoats of the Order, during which Time the proper Admonitions were given them; and these Knights Elected re-

mained in the Chapter-House, while a Procession was made into the Chapel to offer the Hatchments of the Dukes of St. Albans and Kingston, the late deceased Knights, which was performed in the following Manner.

The Poor Knights entered two and two, and being come to the Middle of the Choir, made their Reverences all together, first to the Altar, then towards the Sovereign's Stall, and proceeded up to the Rails which encompass the Altar, where they placed themselves on each Side; which being done,

The Prebends entered in the same Manner, and stood all of them below the Poor Knights, excepting two of them who went up to the Altar.

The Officers of Arms entered in the like Manner, and stood below the Prebends on both Sides.

The Officers of the Order came next, with the same Ceremonies, and stood before their own Seat or Form.

Then the Six Knights Companions present entered in the following Manner:

Earl of Scarborough, } Each single, because their
Earl of Lincoln, } Companions in the opposite
Duke of Grafton, } Stalls were absent.

Duke of Newcastle, having the Duke of Montagu on the Right Hand,

Duke of Dorset single, for the Reason above-mentioned;

The Junior entering first, and making his Reverences in the Middle of the Choir to the Altar, and then to the Sovereign's Stall, retired and stood in the Area of the Choir under his Banner, who having thus placed himself, the next Knight did the same, which was repeated by all these Knights according to the Situation of their respective Stalls, and then the Banners, Swords and Helmets of the two deceased Knights were offered with the usual Ceremonies and Solemnities by these Companions, viz.

The Banner of the late Duke of St. Albans by the Duke of Dorset on the Right Hand, and Duke of Montagu; that late Duke's Sword by the Duke of Newcastle on the Right, and the Duke of Grafton; his Helmet with the Crest by the Earl of Lincoln on the Right, and the Earl of Scarborough.

The Achievements of the late Duke of Kingston were offered in the same Manner.

Which being performed, the Knights Companions retired under their respective Banners, and after due Reverences made, the Return to the Chapter-House was in the Order specified above, and from thence a Procession was again made into the Choir in the same Manner, save that Garter, being in the Middle between the Deputy Register and the Black Rod, carried on a Velvet Crimson Cushion edged and tassel'd with Gold, the Mantle, Hood, George Adorn'd to the Great Collar, and the Book of Statute the Desk of the Seat below the thirteenth of the Sovereign's Side, design'd for the Duke of