

Stalls, and so throughout the whole Course of Stalls, summoning them by Pairs, or single, if the Knights of those in the opposite Stalls were absent, and then summoned the Great Master, and after him his Royal Highness the Duke, who, with the like Ceremonies, placed themselves under their Banners.

Bath, and the provincial Kings present, making their Reverences, waited upon his Royal Highness, who carrying his white Hat in his Hand, upon his going from under the Banner, made his double Obeisances, 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, he made his Offering into the Basin held by the Dean, assisted by the Prebends. And his Royal Highness repeated the same Reverences in his Return, and entered in at the lower End of the Stalls, and proceed on to his own, where he made his double Obeisances, and sat down.

Bath King at Arms being joined by the eldest Herald, did in like Manner repair 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 afterwards all the Knights in like Manner, wherein this Rule was observed, that the Knights who were in opposite Stalls, offered by Pairs together, but if any Stall was vacant, then the Knight in the opposite Stall offered single; and the Heralds according to their Seniorities took and repeated their Turns in going with Bath King of Arms before the Knights.

Divine Service being ended, the Knights Companions put on their white Hats, and while the Musick played, Bath King of Arms summoned all the Knights to come down from their Stalls in the former Method, and to stand under their Banners.

Which being done, the Companions then installed, singly, being respectively attended, as at the first Offering, the Eldest Companion first, were conducted to the Rails of the Altar, with the usual Obeisances, where each Knight so installed, standing, unsheathed his Sword, and offered it naked to the Dean, who having redeemed it, restored the same 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."* Each Knight being covered with his white Hat, were severally reconducted back, in the Manner above-mentioned, to the Places under their several Banners. And then the Alms-Men forthwith joined, and in a Body making the same Reverences as they did upon their first Entry into the Chapel, and being followed by all others performing the same Ceremonies, the Procession was made in the same Form back to the Chapter-Room; save only, that in the Return the Knights then installed were in their full Habits and covered, and their Esquires were covered.

At the Outside of the West Door of the Abbey, the Sovereign's Master-Cook, having a Linnen Apron and Chopping-Knife in his Hand, severally said to each of the Companions then installed, *"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."* Dinner being ready, the Great Master being preceded by the Officers of the Order and Garter King of Arms, came into the Court of Request and 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: Grace being said by the Dean, they all sat down in that Order, in the same Row upon one Side of the Table, each of the Knights then installed having an Escutcheon of his Arms fixed to the Wall over his Head: The Dean was placed next the Junior Knight, at the same Table.

Garter, and the Officers of the Order, covered with their Bonnets, at a round Table placed at the lower End of the Knights Table; the Officers of Arms at a Table in the painted Chamber; and the Prebendaries in the 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 in their Courses, preceded by the Messenger of the Order, who dined with them.