

noble Order of the Garter, empowering them, or any two or more of them, to install the Dukes of St. Albans, Marlborough, Kingston, and Portland, and to perform all the Solemnities and Ceremonies required by the Statutes and Ordinances in such Cases :

Eight of these Companions of the said Order named in the Commission, all of them robed in the compleat Habits, met in the great Chamber in the Dean's Lodgings, to which Place the four Knights Elect came in their Under Habits, carrying in their Hands their Caps and Feathers, and Horn-tops fixed there-to,

The Poor Knights and Prebends in their Mantles attended in the Cloyster, and the Officers of Arms in the Dean's Hall, till the Procession for the Installation began to the Chapter House in the following Manher.

Poor Knights two and two; Prebends two and two; Officers of Arms two and two. The Dukes of Portland and Kingston in breast; the Dukes of Marlborough and St. Albans in like Manner. Then the Officers of the Order, the Register having on his Right Hand Garter King of Arms, and on his Left the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, wearing their Mantles and Jewels of the Order; then the eight Commissioners, the Juniors first.

Earl of Essex.

Duke of Devonshire.

Duke of Richmond.

Duke of Bolton.

Duke of Newcastle. Duke of Grafton.

Duke of Dorset. Duke of Montagu.

Having thus entred into the North Isle of the Chapel, the Alms Knights, Prebends, and Officers of Arms, made a stand in their proper Distances beyond the Door of the Chapter House, and the four Knights elect retired to Chairs placed for them in the Passage behind the Altar, while the Officers of the Order went into the Chapter House, where the eight Knights Commissioners seated themselves according to their Seniority and Form of Stalls in the Chapel.

Then Garter with Reverence presented the Commission to his Grace the Duke of Dorset, the senior Companion and Commissioner present, who gave it to the Register; which being read by him and presented to the Lords Commissioners, they re-delivered it again to him to be entred.

Garter was then commanded to conduct the Duke of St. Albans to the Chapter House Door, where he was received by the two junior Commissioners, and brought between them to that Part of the Table where his Ensigns were placed; and his Grace was invested with the Surcoat of the Order by the two senior Commissioners, the Register reading the Admonition; and then the Hangers and Sword were buckled on.

Garter was then commanded to conduct the Duke of Marlborough to the Chapter House Door, where being received by the same two Commissioners, was brought in and invested in like manner as the Duke of St. Albans had been before.

After which the Duke of Kingston, and lastly the Duke of Portland, were introduced and invested in like manner.

The Knights elect remained in the Chapter House while a Procession was made into the Chapel to offer the Hatchments of the Duke of Kent, the Earl of Strafford, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Earl of Scarbrough, the Lord

Viscount Townshend, and the Earl of Waldegrave, the late deceased Knights, in the following Manner.

The Poor Knights entred the Chapel two and two, and being come into the Middle of the Choir, made their Reverences all together, first to the Altar, and then to the Sovereign's Stall, and proceeded up near to the Rails of the Altar, where they placed themselves on either Side of it.

The Prebends entred in the same Manner, stood all of them below the Poor Knights, excepting two, who were conducted to the Altar to receive the Hatchments to be offered.

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

The Officers of the Order entred in like Manner, and stood before their Seats.

Then the eight Knights Commissioners.

The Earl of Essex entred singly and made his Reverence, first to the Altar, and then to the Sovereign's Stall, and stood in the Area under his Banner, as did likewise the Dukes of Devonshire, Richmond, and Bolton.

The Duke of Grafton, having on his Right Hand the Duke of Newcastle, they being Companions, entred together, made their Reverences, and stood under their Banners.

Then the Duke of Montagu, having on his Right Hand the Duke of Dorset, they being Companions, entred and retired under their Banners in like manner, and then the Banners, Swords and Helmets of the six deceased Knights, were offered with the usual Ceremonies by these Companions.

The Banner of the late Duke of Kent by the Dukes of Dorset and Montagu, the Sword by the Dukes of Newcastle and Grafton, the Helmet and Crest by the Dukes of Bolton and Richmond. The Banner of the late Earl of Strafford by the Duke of Devonshire and Earl of Essex, the Sword by the Dukes of Dorset and Montagu, the Helmet and Crest by the Dukes of Newcastle and Grafton, &c. which being performed, the Commissioners retired under their Banners, and after their due Reverences made, the Return to the Chapter House was in the Order above specified, and from thence a Procession was made into the Choir in the same Manner, save that Garter being in the Middle between the Register and Black Rod, carried on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, with Fringe and Tassels of Gold, the Mantle, Hood, Great Collar and George, and the Book of Statutes, to the Seat before the twelfth Stall on the Sovereign's Side, assigned for the Duke of St. Albans: Then the Commissioners, those who wanted their Companions single, the Duke of St. Albans between the Dukes of Dorset and Montagu, (the Senior Commissioners) habited in his Surcoat, and carrying his Cap in his Hand.

The six junior Commissioners retired under their Banners, and the two Seniors conducted the Knight Elect into the Seat where the Cushion with the Ensigns of the Order was placed; there the Knight Elect laying his Hand on the New Testament, took the Oath for the Observation of the Statutes.

Which being done there, two Commissioners conducted him into his Stall, where he was by them invested with the Mantle, Hood, great Collar and George, the Register reading the accustomed Admonitions, and the Commissioners delivering to him the Book of Statutes, placed the Cap on his Head, and seated