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Lord Chamberlain's-Office, April 20, 1837.

NOTICE is hereby given, that no card can be received at this Office for a presentation to take place at His Majesty's Levee, unless the Naval or Military rank, or other designation, of the Gentleman to be presented, is correctly stated on it, as well as his name, and also of the Gentleman who is to present him.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Drawing-Room to be held at St. James's-Palace, on Thursday next, the 27th instant, being for the celebration of Her Majesty's Birth-day, the *Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars.*

At the Court at St. James's, April 19, 1837.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Entrée-room, viz.:—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquess Camden, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Wellington, the Marquess of Anglesey, the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Richmond, Earl Grey, the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquess of Lansdowne, and the Earl of Carlisle, attended by the under-named Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges, viz. the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Registrar of the Order; Sir William Woods, Knt. (Clarenceux King of Arms), Deputy to Sir Ralph Bigland, Knt. Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus

William James Clifford, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At two o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Deputy Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign, in the Royal Closet.

The Sovereign, being seated in the chair of state, the Knights Companions, by His Majesty's command, took their respective seats at the table, the Prelate standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the Registrar, Deputy Garter, and Black Rod, at the bottom of the table.

The Prelate then signified to the Chapter, the Sovereign's royal will and pleasure, that the vacant stall in the Royal Chapel of St. George at Windsor be filled; and as by the statutes none but a Knight can be elected, his Grace Edward-Adolphus Duke of Somerset, was introduced by Deputy Garter and Black Rod, and knighted by His Majesty with the sword of state, and his Grace, having kissed the Sovereign's hand, retired.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Prelate, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to command him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Most Noble Edward-Adolphus Duke of Somerset had been elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, the Duke of Somerset was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Marquess of Lansdowne, and the Earl of Carlisle, the two junior Knights Companions present, and was conducted between them to His Majesty, preceded by Deputy Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order on a crimson velvet cushion)

and by Black Rod. His Grace, kneeling near the Sovereign, and Deputy Garter presenting on his knee the Garter, His Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and the Marquess Camden, the two senior Knights Companions present, buckled it on his Grace's left leg, the Prelate pronouncing the usual admonition.

Deputy Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George, and His Majesty, with the assistance of the said two senior Knights Companions, put the same over his Grace's left shoulder, the Prelate pronouncing the admonition; the Duke having again kissed the Sovereign's hand, and received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, withdrew.

The Chapter being ended, Deputy Garter again called over the Knights Companions, who, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the accustomed reverences.

The King, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has been pleased, by letters-patent under His royal sign-manual and the great seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the statutes usually observed in regard to installation, and to give and grant unto the Most Noble Edward-Adolphus Duke of Somerset, Knight elect of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter, and duly invested with the ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter, as if his Grace had been formally installed, any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.