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**T**UESDAY last being appointed by his Majesty's proclamation, to be observed as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the interposition of his good providence, in the many signal and important victories obtained by our navy in the course of the present war, his Majesty was pleased, for the greater solemnity of the day, to go to the cathedral church of St Paul, accompanied by the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of York, the Duke of Clarence, Prince Ernest, the Princess Augusta, the Princess Elizabeth, the Princess Mary, the Princess Sophia, the Princess Amelia, the Duke of Gloucester, and her Highness the Princess Sophia of Gloucester, and attended by both Houses of Parliament, the Great Officers of State, the Judges, and other Public Officers, to return thanks to God for these great mercies and blessings.

The procession was begun from Palace-Yard, at eight o'clock in the morning, by the Chatham Guard of Marines, with their band, who were followed by three waggons, the first bearing the French, the second the Spanish, and the third the Dutch flags, and attended respectively by the Flag-officers and Captains in their carriages, and by divisions of seamen, with Lieutenants, Masters Mates, and Midshipmen, on foot: After which marched the Portsmouth Guard of Marines, with their band. On their arrival at the south-west gate of St Paul's Church-Yard, the flags were taken out of the waggons, and carried into the cathedral, through the north-west door, by the Lieutenants attached to them, and attended by the seamen and marines, who proceeded to the place allotted for them

under the dome. At nine o'clock the House of Commons set out in their coaches, followed by their Speaker in his state coach. Next came the Masters in Chancery, the Judges, and after them the Peers, in the order of precedence, as they were marshalled by the Officers of Arms at Westminster, the youngest Baron going first, and the Lord Chancellor, in his State Coach, closing this part of the Procession. Such of the Peers as were Knights wore the Collars of their respective Orders.

Afterwards came the Royal Family, in order of precedence, with their attendants, escorted by the Life Guards.

Their Majesties set out from the Queen's Palace soon after ten o'clock, in a solemn manner, in a coach drawn by eight cream-coloured horses, (in which were also two of the Ladies of her Majesty's Bedchamber) followed by their Royal Highnesses the Princesses, and proceeded through the gate at the Stable Yard along Pall-Mall, and through the Strand, amidst the loyal acclamations of a prodigious concourse of people.

The road from the Queen's Palace to St. James's was lined by the St. George's and the Royal Westminster Volunteers; and the Westminster Volunteer Cavalry were stationed in Cockspur Street. The streets were lined, as far as Temple-Bar, by the Foot Guards; the grenadier companies of which, were posted in St Paul's church, and in the church-yard; and the streets were patrolled by parties of the King's regiment of Dragoon Guards, the Inniskilling regiment of dragoons, the King's regiment of light dragoons, and the London and Westminster corps of Light Horse Volunteers.—The avenues into the streets through which the Procession

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