

the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl de Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Aberdeen, attended by the Officers of the Order:—The Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate; the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor; the Honourable and Reverend Gerald Wellesley, Dean of Windsor, Register; Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter; and Sir Augustus James William Clifford, Baronet, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At three o'clock the Knights Companions were called over by Garter, when (Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Albert having passed into the Chapter Room) they proceeded, with the Officers of the Order, into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign being seated in Her Chair of State, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert at the table on the right hand of Her Majesty, the other Knights Companions took their respective places at the table; the Prelate standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the Chancellor on the left hand; the Register, Garter, and Black Rod, at the bottom of the table.

The Chancellor then signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that the two vacant Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Saint George, at Windsor, be filled; and as, by the Statutes, none but a Knight can be elected, the Right Honourable Hugh, Earl Fortescue, was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and knighted by Her Majesty with the sword of State; and his Lordship, having kissed the Sovereign's hand, retired.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who commanded him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Right Honourable Hugh, Earl Fortescue, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, his Lordship was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Earls of Ellesmere and Aberdeen, the two junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion,) and by Black Rod.

Earl Fortescue, kneeling near the Sovereign, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the two senior Knights Companions present, buckled it on his Lordship's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next, in like manner, presented the Ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over his Lordship's left shoulder, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition; the Earl then again kissed Her Majesty's hand, and having received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, retired.

The Chapter then proceeded to a second election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were presented to the Sovereign, when the Right Honourable Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, was, by Her

Majesty's command, declared duly elected, and his Lordship was introduced and invested with the Garter, and the Ribband and George, with the like ceremonies.

The Chapter being ended, Garter, by Her Majesty's command, again called over the Knights Companions, who, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, July 12, 1856.

The Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has been graciously pleased, by letters-patent under Her Royal sign manual and the Great Seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the statutes and regulations usually observed in regard to Installations, and to grant unto the Right Honourable Hugh, Earl Fortescue, and the Right Honourable Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knights of the said Most Noble Order, and duly invested with the ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, in as full and ample a manner as if they had been formally installed, any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

DOWNING-STREET, July 14, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased, by licence dated 20th February 1856, to grant to John Ord, of Litherland, near Liverpool, late Master Mariner, Joseph Hindson, and James Henshaw Hayes, of Liverpool, Merchants and Brokers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the sole and exclusive right, for the term of five years from the date of such licence, to raise and take away guano and other substances capable of being used in manuring land, from the three Islands of Jibleea, Haskie, and Ghurzoad, in or near the Bay of Kooria Mooraa, on the south coast of Arabia, and to construct all such works or buildings as may be necessary for that purpose; which said Islands (with the Islands of Halaanee and Soda) were formerly part of the dominions of the Imaum of Muscat, and were by His Highness ceded to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in full property and dominion.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 14, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree, authorizing the establishment of a *dépôt* for native sugar at Havre.

Also copy of a Notification to the effect that machinery intended for the manufacture of drainage pipes will be admitted into France at the duty of 15 francs per 100 kilos.; machinery for the purpose of crushing or preparing the material for the tiles, or all other accessory machines imported singly, not being complete in itself for the manufacture of drainage pipes, will continue to pay the import duty applicable to machines other than steam-engines, not specified.