

INVESTITURE OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SULTAN, WITH THE ENSIGNS AND  
HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *November 5, 1856.*

**T**HE QUEEN, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint His Excellency Stratford Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Britannic Majesty to the Ottoman Porte, and Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Imperial Majesty the Sultan with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, Sir Charles Young embarked, with the Gentlemen of his Suite, at Dover, on the 20th September, and reached Constantinople on the 1st October. The preliminary arrangements being completed, His Imperial Majesty was pleased to name Saturday, the 1st November, for the Investiture.

At twelve o'clock on that day, the several persons appointed to assist at the Ceremony assembled at the British Embassy, where Kiamil Bey, Introducer of the Ambassadors, and Emin Bey, one of the Sultan's Secretaries, having arrived to attend the Plenipotentiaries, a Procession, headed by an Escort of the Imperial Guard, was formed from thence to the Palace of Dolma-Bagtché, in the following order :—

Orderlies of the Imperial Court.

Aides-de-Camp of the Sultan.

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| Imperial<br>Cavasses. | A Royal Carriage, containing four of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the Ensigns.                   | Imperial<br>Cavasses. |
|                       | A Royal Carriage, containing two of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the Ensigns.                    |                       |
|                       | A Royal Carriage, containing the Secretary and Surrey Herald Extraordinary, attached to the Mission. |                       |
|                       | A Royal Carriage, containing Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries, accompanied by Emin Bey.               |                       |

On arriving at the Palace, the Procession passed through the outer and alighted at the inner Gateway, and proceeded thence through the Garden Court to the Grand Entrance, where it was received by a Guard of Honour of the Imperial Guard; advancing through the Hall, lined by the Body Guard of His Imperial Majesty, it entered the Reception Room, where it was met by Fuad Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and a Procession having been again formed, it advanced up the Grand Staircase to the State Apartments, in the order following :—

Henry Augustus Clavering, Esq., R.N., bearing the Star of the Order on a Velvet Cushion.

George Bouchier Ward, Esq., bearing the Collar of the Order in like manner.

Greville Vernon, Esq., bearing the Sword of the Order in like manner.

William Brodie, Esq., attached to the Embassy, bearing the Book of the Statutes in like manner.

Count Pisani, Keeper of the Archives of the Embassy, bearing the Mantle and Cordon of the Order in like manner.

Lionel Moore, Esq., attached to the Embassy, bearing the Hat and Plume in like manner.

Edward Stephen Dendy, Esq., Surrey Herald Extraordinary, bearing the Garter, and the Riband and George, of the Order, in like manner.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary to the Commission, carrying in his hand the Sovereign's Commission.

Sir Charles George Young, Garter Principal King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, bearing his Sceptre, and carrying the Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

His Excellency Stratford Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, wearing the Collar of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Advancing into the Royal Presence, with due reverences, the Mission was received by His Imperial Majesty, attended by the Grand Vizir and other Ministers and Officers of State.

The Gentlemen bearing the Ensigns ranged themselves at the foot of a table, placed on the right hand of His Imperial Majesty, and the Secretary of the Commission advanced to the front of the table to deliver the Ensigns to the Plenipotentiaries.

His Excellency Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe made an address to His Imperial Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty made a most gracious reply; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letters of Credence, which his Lordship presented to