

INVESTITURE OF HIS MOST FAITHFUL MAJESTY, PEDRO THE FIFTH, KING OF PORTUGAL, WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER.

LISBON, May 28, 1858.

THE QUEEN, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by a Commission under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint the Most Honourable John Alexander, Marquess of Bath, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, on a Special Mission to this Court, and Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King-of-Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Most Faithful Majesty, Pedro 5th, King of Portugal and the Algarves, Duke of Saxony, with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, the said Plenipotentiaries embarked at Plymouth on the 11th instant, on board Her Majesty's Frigate Diadem, (accompanying the Squadron escorting the Queen of Portugal to Lisbon,) together with their respective Suites, and landed in this city on the 17th instant.

On the 20th instant the Marquess of Bath was honoured with an audience of His Most Faithful Majesty at the Palace of Belem, at which Garter and the respective Suites were presented. Their Majesties the King and Queen afterwards held a General Reception, at which the Plenipotentiaries and respective Suites were presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and to His Majesty the King, Don Ferdinand.

The requisite arrangements for His Majesty's Investiture having been made, His Majesty was pleased to appoint Thursday the 27th instant for that purpose.

At four o'clock on that day the several persons appointed to carry the Insignia assembled at the residence of the Marquess of Bath, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace of Belem in the following Order :—

Escort of Lancers.

Four Grooms of the Royal Household in State Liveries, on Horseback.

Royal Footmen in State Liveries.

- A Royal State Carriage, conveying two Gentlemen.
- A Royal State Carriage, conveying two Gentlemen.
- A Royal State Carriage, conveying three Gentlemen.
- A Royal State carriage, drawn by eight Horses, conveying Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries.

Royal Footmen in State Liveries.

Grooms of the Royal Household in State Liveries, on Horseback.

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On arriving at the Palace the Mission was received [by a Guard of Honour of the 7th Regiment of the Line, and advancing through the Hall, was met by the Marquess of Bemposta Suberra, Introducer of Ambassadors, and conducted to a Saloon of the Palace, where the Procession was formed, and whence it advanced through the Corridor to the Throne-Room, in the following Order :—

Captain William Moorsom, R. N., C. B., bearing the Book of the Statutes on a Velvet Cushion.

Captain George Stoney Swinny, Aide-de-Camp to Sir Harry W. Smith, Bart., bearing the Sword of the Order in like manner.

Lieutenant-General Sir Harry W. Smith of Aliwal, Bart., G. C. B., bearing the Hat and Star of the Order in like manner.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Burghersh, C. B., bearing the Collar of the Order in like manner.

James Robinson Planché, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms, in his Tabard, and bearing the Garter and the Ribbon and George of the Order, in like manner.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary of the Commission, in his Tabard and Collar of SS., and carrying in his hand the Sovereign's Commission.

Henry Percy Anderson, Esq., Secretary to the Special Mission, bearing the Mantle and Cordon of the Order, on a Velvet Cushion.

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

His Excellency John Alexander, Marquess of Bath, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, on a Special Mission.

Advancing into the Royal Presence, with due reverences, the Mission was received by His Most Faithful Majesty, surrounded by the Ministers of State and Great Officers of the Court.

The Gentlemen bearing the Insignia divided to the right and left, the Plenipotentiaries advancing between them ; the Secretary of the Commission, Somerset Herald, remaining near to the Plenipotentiaries, to deliver to them the Insignia.

The First Plenipotentiary, the Marquess of Bath, then made an Address to His 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 the King, who delivered the same to the Marquess de Loulé, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Statutes were then in like manner presented to the King, and next the Commission, both of which were delivered by His Majesty to the Marquess de Loulé, by whom the latter was subsequently returned to Garter.

