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CHAPTER of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, March 7, 1859,

A CHAPTER of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Brethren, in their Mantles and Collars, assembled in the Green Drawing Room, viz. :—

The Marquess of Tweeddale, the Earl of Rosebery, the Duke of Montrose, and the Duke of Athole, attended by the under-mentioned officers in their mantles, and wearing their chains and badges, viz. :—Sir John Stewart Richardson, Baronet, Secretary, and Frederic-Peel Round, Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

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

The Queen being seated in Her Chair of State, and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort at the table on the right hand of Her Majesty, the Sovereign was pleased to command the other Knights Brethren to take their seats at the table, according to their seniority in the Order, the Officers of the Order standing at the bottom of the table.

The Sovereign was then pleased to signify Her Royal pleasure touching the election of a Knight into the Order; whereupon the Knights Brethren proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Secretary (commencing with the Junior Knight), were by him, kneeling, presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to declare that the Most Honourable Archibald, Marquess of Ailsa, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Marquess of Ailsa was received at the door of the Chapter-Room by the Duke of Montrose and the Duke of Athole, the two junior Knights Brethren present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by the Secretary (bearing the Ensigns of the Order upon a velvet cushion), and by the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

The Sword of State being thereupon delivered to the Sovereign, the Marquess of Ailsa kneeling, near the Queen, was knighted therewith; after

which his Lordship had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand; the Marquess of Ailsa rising, the Oath was administered to his Lordship by the Secretary.

The Marquess of Ailsa then again kneeling, and the Secretary on his knee presenting to Her Majesty the Ribband and Jewel of the Order, the Queen, assisted by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, the Senior Knight, was graciously pleased to place the same over his Lordship's left shoulder.

His Lordship having again kissed the Sovereign's hand, and after receiving the Congratulations of the Knights Brethren, retired.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Brethren were, by command of Her Majesty, again called over by the Secretary, and, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the Royal presence with the usual reverences.

WHITEHALL, March 7, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland appointing the Right Honourable Charles Henry Gordon Lennox (commonly called Earl of March), to be Poor Law Commissioner for England.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, March 4, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William White Cooper, Esq., to be Surgeon Oculist in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of Henry Alexander, Esq., deceased.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, March 4, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, to appoint Sir Charles Henry John Rich, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Edward Hayward, Esq., resigned.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, March 5, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, to appoint Captain Frederick Daubeney, late 44th Regiment, ~~one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms~~, vice Benjamin R. Williams, Esq., resigned.