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

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, March 2, 1860.

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 Duke of Roxburghe, the Earl of Mansfield, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Lord Panmure, and the Marquess of Ailsa, attended by the undermentioned Officers in their Mantles, and wearing their Chains and Badges; viz.—Sir John Stewart Richardson, Baronet, Secretary of the Order, 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 Right Honourable James, Earl of Fife, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Earl of Fife was received at the door of the Chapter-Room by Lord Panmure and the Marquess of Ailsa, 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 Earl of Fife, kneeling near The Queen, was knighted therewith; after which his Lordship had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand; the Earl of Fife rising, the Oath was administered to his Lordship by the Secretary.

The Earl of Fife, then again kneeling, and the Secretary on his knee presenting to her Majesty the Riband 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 presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

WHITEHALL, March 6, 1860.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Buller Yarde-Buller, Baron Churston, of Churston Ferrers and Lupton, in the county of Devon, and a Baronet, Her Royal licence and authority that he may discontinue the use of the surname of Buller, now prefixed to the surnames of Yarde-Buller, and bear the surnames of Yarde-Buller only, and henceforth be called by the surnames of Yarde-Buller only, and bear the arms of Yarde and Buller quarterly, Buller in the first quarter, and that the said surnames only, and the arms, may be in like manner taken, borne, and used by his issue; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise Her Majesty's said licence and permission to be void and of none effect:—

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

Commission signed by the Queen

3d Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire
Michael Foley, gent. to be Quartermaster
26th day of October 1859. Dated 5th
ber 1859.

