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

*LISBON, May 4, 1865.*

THE Queen, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by Commission under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable William Philip, Earl of Sefton, 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, or his Deputy for this occasion, Walter Aston Blount, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Most Faithful Majesty Louis, King of Portugal, with the Ensigns and Habit of the Order of the Garter.

The Earl of Sefton and Deputy Garter embarked at Portsmouth on the 17th of April last, on board Her Majesty's ship "Edgar," together with their respective Suites, for this City, and landed on the 22d.

On the 24th the Earl of Sefton was honoured with an audience of His Most Faithful Majesty at the Palace of the Ajuda, at which Deputy Garter and the Members of their respective Suites were severally presented to His Majesty.

On the 2d of May the Earl of Sefton, Deputy Garter, and the Members of their respective Suites, had the honour of being presented to His Majesty the King Don Ferdinand, at the Palace of the Necessidades.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, His Majesty was pleased to appoint Thursday the 4th instant for that purpose, on which day, at half-past ten o'clock, the several persons appointed to take part in the ceremony assembled at the Residence of the Earl of Sefton, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace of the Ajuda, in four of the Royal State Carriages, under an Escort of Lancers.

On arriving at the Palace the Mission was received by a Guard of Honour, and, advancing through the Hall, was met by the Marquis de Bemposta Subsera, Introducer of Ambassadors, and the Duke de Palmella (Archerio-Môr), and conducted to a Saloon of the Palace, where the Procession was formed, and passed through an Ante-Chamber into the Royal Presence, with due reverences, in the following manner; the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions:—

Captain Geoffrey Thomas Phipps Hornby, R.N.,  
carrying the mantle of the Order.

Colonel Dudley Wilton Carleton,  
carrying the Hat and Plume.

Rear-Admiral Sydney Colpoys Dacres, K.C.B.,  
carrying the Sword of the Order.

Major-General Lord Henry Percy,  
carrying the Collar and Star of the Order.

