

Captain Von Westerweller,
Master of the Household to His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Hesse,
carrying the Garter, and the Riband and George,
on a Velvet Cushion.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald,
Secretary of the Garter Mission, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S.,
carrying The Sovereign's Commission.

Sir Charles George Young, Knt.,
Garter Principal King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, and
carrying his Sceptre.

THE PRINCES PLENIPOTENTIARIES.

His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Hesse,
K.G., in the full Habit and Ensigns of the
Order.

His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, K.G.,
in the full Habit and Ensigns of the
Order.

Advancing into the Royal Presence with due reverences, the Mission was received by the Grand Duke upon his Throne. The Gentlemen bearing the Insignia, divided to the right and left, the Plenipotentiaries advancing between them, the Secretary to the Commission, Somerset Herald, remaining near to Garter and Plenipotentiaries to deliver the Insignia.

After a short pause His Royal Highness Prince Alfred made an address to His Royal Highness The Grand Duke, to which the Grand Duke made a gracious response.

The Commission was then presented and returned to Garter, who delivered it to the Secretary. The Garter being next handed to the Plenipotentiaries, Their Royal Highnesses buckled the same round the Grand Duke's Left Leg, Garter reading the Admonition. The Grand Duke was then invested with the Riband and George, Garter reading the Admonition.

The Grand Duke then delivered his Sword to Lieutenant-General Baron Von Trotha, Grand Stewart of the Court, which Garter received and retained as an ancient Fee pertaining to his office. His Royal Highness the Grand Duke was then invested with the Sword of the Order. His Royal Highness was then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by the Baron Von Doernberg. Garter then presented to the Plenipotentiaries the Mantle, with which their Royal Highnesses invested the Grand Duke, and afterwards with the Collar of the Order. The Plenipotentiaries next presented the Hat and Star, and lastly the Book of the Statutes of the Order.

The ceremony of Investiture being concluded, the Plenipotentiaries, with Garter and their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Royal Presence, and were conducted to the Grand Ducal Palace in the order in which they had arrived.

The ceremony was witnessed by Her Royal Highness The Princess Louis of Hesse, (Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland,) His Grand Ducal Highness Prince Charles of Hesse, His Grand Ducal Highness Prince Alexander of Hesse, Their Grand Ducal Highnesses the Princes Henry and William of Hesse, the Great Officers and Ministers of State, General Officers, and Aides-de-Camp, Sir Alexander Malet, Bart., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Germanic Diet, accredited at the Court of The Grand Duke, and other persons of distinction.

A banquet was afterwards given, at which the Grand Duke appeared, wearing the Collar of the Order. During the banquet His Royal Highness drank to the health of the Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and His Royal Highness Prince Alfred afterwards drank to the health of His Royal Highness the Grand Duke, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,
Garter.