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*St. James's, June 2, 1786.*

**A** Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned to meet this Day, the Knights Companions, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned, all in their Mantles, attended the Sovereign in His own Apartment, and being called over by Garter King of Arms, a Procession was made from thence to the Great Council-Chamber in the following Order, Garter going no further than the Door, not having been sworn.

Marquis of Stafford  
 Duke of Grafton  
 Duke of Montagu  
 His Royal Highness of Prince of Wales  
 Black Rod — Register — Garter  
 Chancellor — Prelate  
 The SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, Black Rod acquainted the Sovereign, that Isaac Heard, Esq; Garter Principal King of Arms, attended at the Door, and humbly prayed to be admitted to take the Oath of Office, as Chief Officer of Arms of that Most Noble Order; and Garter being introduced in his Mantle by Black Rod, and kneeling down near the Sovereign, the Oath was administered to him by the Chancellor, Black Rod holding the Book. Garter being sworn, rose up, and making Obedience to the Sovereign, immediately knelt down again close to His Majesty, and Black Rod presenting the Chain and Badge on his Knee, His Majesty put the same about Garter's Neck, and at the same Time was graciously pleased to confer on him the Honour of Knighthood. Garter then kissing the Sovereign's Hand, withdrew to his Place.

The Chancellor then read a new Statute, signed by His Majesty as Sovereign of the Order, and countersigned by the Chancellor, by which it is ordained, that the Order shall in future consist of the Sovereign and Twenty-five Knights, exclusive of the Sons of His Majesty or His Successors, who have been elected or shall be elected Knights of the same Most Noble Order.

The Chancellor then signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the vacant Stalls. Garter and Black Rod were sent to conduct His

Royal Highness Prince Ernest-Augustus; His Majesty's Fifth Son, to the Sovereign, who, being knighted by His Majesty with the Sword of State, kissed the Sovereign's Hand and withdrew. In like Manner Their Royal Highnesses the Princes Augustus-Frederick and Adolphus-Frederick, His Majesty's Sixth and Seventh Sons, were severally knighted. After which Henry Duke of Beaufort and George Marquis of Buckingham were successively knighted with the same Ceremonies.

The Chapter then proceeded to the Election; and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor, and presented to the Sovereign, His Royal Highness Prince Edward; His Majesty's Fourth Son (now out of the Kingdom) was declared duly elected.

And the Chapter proceeding to further Election; Their Royal Highnesses Prince Ernest-Augustus, Prince Augustus-Frederick, and Prince Adolphus-Frederick, His Serene Highness the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, with the Duke of Beaufort, Marquis of Buckingham, and Charles Earl Cornwallis, (who had been knighted previous to his Departure from England) were severally elected with the like Ceremonies. His Royal Highness Prince Ernest-Augustus was then received at the Door of the Chapter-Room by the Two Junior Knights, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, preceded by Garter, bearing the Ensigns on a Cushion, and Black Rod.

Garter presenting the Garter to the Sovereign, His Majesty, assisted by the Two Senior Knights, buckled it on His Royal Highness's Left Leg, the Chancellor reading the Admonition.

Garter then presented the Ribbon with the George to the Sovereign; and His Royal Highness kneeling down, the Chancellor reading the Admonition, the Sovereign, with the Assistance of the Two Senior Knights, put it over His Royal Highness's Shoulder; and His Royal Highness having kissed His Majesty's Hand, and severally saluted the Knights present, withdrew.

In the same Manner Their Royal Highnesses Prince Augustus-Frederick and Prince Adolphus-Frederick were severally invested; and, having kissed His Majesty's Hand, also withdrew.

After which the Duke of Beaufort and the Marquis of Buckingham, being received at the Door of the Chapter-Room by the Two Junior Knights, were severally conducted between them to the Sovereign, and