

caſion, where Two States were placed, One for the Sovereign, and the other, on the Left, for the Duke, of Crimſon Velvet, richly laced with Gold, and decorated with Plumes of Oſtrich Feathers; with a Chair on either Side for the Two Plenipotentiaries, and a Table near the Sovereign's State to lay the Habit and Enſigns upon.

The Order of the Proceſſion was as follows:

Officers of the Duke's Houſhold.

English Gentlemen, viz.

William Thomas Eden, Eſq; Lieutenant in the 46th Regiment of Foot, and Nephew to the Plenipotentiary.

Rev. Charles Sebright.

The Book of Statutes, on a Crimſon Velvet Cuſhion, borne by Abraham Kirkpatrick Sherfon, Eſq; Secretary to the Plenipotentiaries.

The Hood, on a Crimſon Velvet Cuſhion, by the Honourable Arthur Paget, Eſq; Third Son of Henry Earl of Uxbridge.

The Cap and Feathers, by William Charles Earl of Albemarle.

The Great Collar, by Charles William Montagu Scott, commonly called Earl of Dalkeith, eldeſt Son and Heir Apparent of Henry Duke of Buccleugh.

Francis Townſend, Eſq; Windſor Herald, in his Coat of Arms and Collar, bearing the Sovereign's Commiſſion.

Sir Iſaac Heard, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, One of the Plenipotentiaries, in his Mantle, with his Sceptre, and bearing the Mantle of the Order, ſupported by William Garthmore, Eſq; and Charles William Bart, Eſq;

The firſt Plenipotentiary, Morton Eden, Eſq; His Maſteſty's Envoy Extraordinary and Miniſter Plenipotentiary at the Court of Dreſden.

T H E D U K E,

preceded by the Great Cup Bearer and the Maſtral of the Court, and ſupported by Colonel Helmot, Commander of the Guards, and General de Berbiſdorff, Commander of the Town and Caſtle.

Coming into the Great Hall, the Muſic played, and the Proceſſion advanced, with Three Reverences to the Sovereign's State, and the Enſigns were laid upon the Table; the Duke and the Plenipotentiaries taking their Seats, and all others going to their reſpective Stations. The Muſic having ceaſed, the firſt Plenipotentiary roſe up, and addreſſed His Serene Highneſs in a Latin Oration, which was answered, at the Duke's Command, by his Excellency Silviuſ Frederick Lewis, Baron de Franckenberg, Actual Privy Councillor and Miniſter of State; all Perſons ſtanding.

Then Garter delivering the Commiſſion to the firſt Plenipotentiary, he preſented it to the Duke, who gave it to his Secretary to read; which having done, (all Perſons ſtanding) he returned it to His Serene Highneſs, who delivered it to Garter.

The Muſic then again played; and being done, Garter, with the uſual Reverences, taking up the Mantle, delivered it to the firſt Plenipotentiary, and they both inveſted His Serene Highneſs therewith, Garter pronouncing the Admonition. They next put on the Hood, Collar and George, with the proper Admonition by Garter. They then preſented the Book of Statutes to His Serene Highneſs, who delivered to them a Certificate of his Reception of the Order and Nomination of a Proxy.

Laſtly, they placed the Cap and Feathers upon His Serene Highneſs's Head, who, making a Reverence to the Sovereign's State, ſat down in his own, and the Plenipotentiaries in their Places.

Muſic then played for ſome Time; after which Garter King of Arms proclaimed the Sovereign's Stile, and then the Duke's; Drums beating and Trumpets ſounding. The Plenipotentiaries, the Miniſters, Great Officers, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, congratulated His Serene Highneſs upon his Inveſtiture; and the Proceſſion returned in the ſame Order as it came; the Duke's Train being borne by Two Gentlemen of the Chamber.

A ſplendid Banquet was prepared, at which were preſent Her Serene Highneſs the Duchefs; Her Serene Highneſs's Siſter, Wilhelmina-Louiſa-Chriſtiana, Daughter of the Reigning Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, and Wife of Prince Adolphus, Landgrave of Heſſe-Philippthal; the Princeſs Victoria-Amelia-Erneſtina, of Anhalt-Bernbourg-Schaumburg; the Duke's Brother, Prince Auguſtus of Saxe-Gotha, and the whole Court; beſides ſeveral Foreigners of Diſtinction, together with the English Noblemen and Gentlemen who walked in the Proceſſion. The Duke dined in the full Habit of the Order, his Cap and Feather being held behind his Chair. Garter alſo dined in his Mantle.

When the Deſert was upon the Table, His Serene Highneſs put on his Cap, ſtood up, and, taking it off again, drank, 1ſt, the Sovereign's Health; 2d, the Queen, Prince of Wales and all the Royal Family; 3d, the Knights Companions of the Moſt Noble Order of the Garter. The Plenipotentiaries then drank, 1ſt, the Duke's Health; and then Proſperity to the Illuſtrious Houſe of Saxe-Gotha.

The whole Ceremony was conducted with the moſt ſcrupulous and reſpectful Attention to the Forms preſcribed.

In the Evening there was a Drawing-Room and numerous Supper; and during the whole Time of the Reſidence of the Plenipotentiaries at Gotha, they were daily honored with every poſſible Mark of Condeſcenſion and Favor from Their Serene Highneſſes the Duke and Duchefs, Prince Auguſtus, the Landgrave, and the Princeſs; and experienced the utmoſt Attention, Reſpect and Kindneſs from the whole Court.

Whitehall, April 23, 1791.

W Hereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That about Half paſt Four o'Clock in the Morning of Monday the 11th Inſtant, the Houſe of Mr. Sparke, Farmer, at Whipſted, in the County of Suffolk, was diſcovered to be on Fire, by which the ſame, with his Barns and Corn Stacks to a very conſiderable Amount, were entirely conſumed; and that there is great Reaſon to believe that the ſaid Fire was wilfully