

*Duchy of Lancaster, Somerset-Place,
May 23, 1812.*

HIS Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, hath this day been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Robert Earl of Buckinghamshire, Chancellor of His Majesty's Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster during His Majesty's pleasure; and His Royal Highness delivered the seals of the said Duchy and County Palatine into his Lordship's hands, and the oath of office was at the same time administered to the said Earl, in the presence of His Royal Highness, by Robert John Harper, Esq. Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Carlton-House, May 22, 1812.

This day His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, was pleased to invest his Grace Charles William Duke of Buccleugh, and the Right Honourable Hugh Earl of Eglintoun, with the ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The Prince Regent having signed the several instruments for that purpose, which were, previously to the ceremony, presented to His Royal Highness by Robert Quarrie, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod (in the absence of the Secretary), the Duke of Buccleugh was called into the royal presence, being preceded by His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, one of the Knights Brethren of the Order, and supported by the Earl of Morton and the Duke of Athol, the two senior Knights present; one of His Majesty's Gentlemen Ushers (in place of the Usher of the Green Rod) carrying the sword of state. Upon entering into the royal presence with the usual reverences, the Duke of Buccleugh was presented by the said two senior Knights, and, kneeling down, his Grace was knighted by the Prince Regent with the sword of state; the Duke, having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, rose up, when the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod administered the oath to his Grace; then Green Rod, kneeling, presented the ensigns of the order upon a crimson velvet cushion to the Prince Regent, who put the ribbon over the Duke's left shoulder; and his Grace, having again had the honour of kissing His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew with the usual reverences, in the same manner in which he had entered.

The Earl of Eglintoun was then in like manner introduced, received the honour of Knighthood, and was invested by the Prince Regent with the ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The ceremony was performed after the Levee, several of the Royal Family and Great Officers of State and of the Court being present.

Carlton-House, May 22, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood on David Davidson, of Cantray, Esq. Major in the Local Militia for the County of Nairn.

Whitehall, May 12, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to give and grant unto Henry Aynsley, of Criston-Bank, in the parish of Embleton, in the county of Northumberland, Gentleman, His Majesty's royal licence and authority, that he and his issue may assume and take the surname of Taylor only, out of grateful respect to the memory of Mary Taylor, late of Criston-Bank aforesaid, spinster, deceased, and in compliance with an injunction contained in her will:

And also to order, that this his royal concession and declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

Whitehall, May 26, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to present the Honourable and Reverend Thomas Alfred Harris, Master of Arts, to the rectory of Gedney, in the county and diocese of Lincoln, void by the death of the Reverend Stephen Sloane.

War-Office, May 26, 1812.

2d Regiment of Life Guards, Captain Richard Fitzgerald, from half-pay of Independent Companies, to be Captain of a Troop, vice Blair, who exchanges.

Lieutenant George Bourne, from the 85th Foot, to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, vice Bayntun, who exchanges.

Samuel Weymouth, Gent. to be ditto, by purchase, vice St. Felix, promoted.

2d Regiment of Dragoons, Charles James, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase.

9th Regiment of Light Dragoons,

To be Lieutenants, without purchase,

Cornet Lord Guernsey, vice Clerke, promoted.

Cornet James Bogle French, vice Clay, who retires.

To be Cornet,

William Francis Elliott, Gent. vice Lord Guernsey.

13th Ditto, Richard Adams, Gent. to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Morshead, promoted in the Bourbon Regiment.

16th Ditto, Cornet Thomas Hall to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Tomkinson, promoted in the 60th Foot.

21st Ditto, Cornet William Mahony to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Fortescue, appointed to the 8th Light Dragoons.

Henry Tomkinson, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Mahony.

3d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Thomas Everndern, from the 2d Somerset Militia, to be Ensign.

7th Ditto, Joseph John Crosier Harrison, Gent. to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Morgan, promoted.

8th Ditto, Hospital-Mate William Steele to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Cocks, superseded.

9th Ditto, Ensign Henry Saunders, from the 2d Somerset Militia, to be Ensign.