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At the Court at Carlton-House, Thursday, June 9, 1814.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, and all the Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges, attended His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in his private apartment at three o'clock; and, being called over by Garter Principal King of Arms, a procession was made to the Chapter Room in the following order:

Duke of Newcastle, Duke of Montrose.

Duke of Richmond.

Marquess Wellesley.

Earl of Lonsdale.

Marquess of Hertford.

Marquess of Stafford.

Earl of Winchilsea.

Earl of Pembroke.

Duke of Beaufort.

Earl of Hardwicke.

Duke of Rutland.

Marquess Camden.

Earl Spencer.

Earl of Westmorland.

Marquess of Salisbury.

Earl of Chatham.

His Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Sassex,

His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

The Hon. and Rev. Dr. Edward Legge, Dean of Windsor, Register of the Sir Isaac Heard, Knt. Garter Principal King of Arms.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order.

His Imperial Majesty the EMPEROR OF ALL THE KUSSIAS.

The Prince Regent being seated in the chair of state, and His Imperial Majesty in a chair of state on the right hand of His Royal Highness, the Knights Companions respectively took their seats at the table according to the order of their state; and the Officers of the Order stood in their places.

Then the Chancellor, by the command of His Royal Highness, read a new statute, setting forth, that His Majesty, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having resolved to commentorate, within the said Order, the present brilliant epocha in the history of nations, when, through the providential and signal interposition of the Almigh y Disposer of Events, the deliverance of the Continent of Europe from a system inimical to the repose, freedom, and happiness of mankind hath been gloriously effected; and when the great and persevering efforts of many Monarchs, coalesced for this most important object, seconded by the zeal, loyalty, and valour of their subjects, have conduced to a peace, the stability of which is assured by the wisdom and justice of its foundations; and considering how eminently such a happy state of affairs bath been promoted by the magnanimity, per onal exertion, and constancy displayed by His Majesty's good Brother and illustrious Ally, Francis the Second, Emperor of Austria, KING OF HUNGARY AND BOILEMIA, in the powerful co-of eration of His Imperial and Royal Apostelic Majesty towards the common cause, and until its final triumph; His Majesty, in virtue of the His Majesty, in virtue of the power and authority

power and authority inherent in him as Sovereign, was pleased to dispense with all statutes and regulations observed within this Most Noble Order, in as far as may be required for the especial purpose of admitting the said Emperor into the fellowship of the said Order; and to decree, ordain, and enjoin that His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty be declared elected a Knight of this Most Noble Order.

The Chancellor, thereupon, declared to the Knights Companions, in Chapter assembled, that His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty had been elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the

Then the Chancellor, by the command of His Royal Highness, read another new statute, setting forth, that His Majesty, as Sovereign of the said Order, having taken into His Royal consideration, the heroic virtues, military skill and personal intrepidity (the just admiration of the whole of Germany), most conspicuously manifested by His Majesty's good Brother and illustrious Ally, FREDERICK WILLIAM THE THIRD, KING OF PRUSSIA, during the late momentous and arducus contest, now auspiciously and happily terminated in the blessing of peace; considering also the friendship, consunguinity and close alliance, subsisting between the respective Royal Families of their Majesties, and the welcome and gracious presence of His Prussian Majesty in this realm;