

society, which peace and industry and regular government are calculated to advance.

We humbly beg leave to lay before your Royal Highness, the dutiful expression of our high satisfaction, on account of that domestic event which has proved so gratifying to the British nation—the marriage of your august daughter the Princess Charlotte Augusta, with his Serene Highness Leopold George Frederick, Duke of Saxe and Prince of Cobourg, of Saalfeld. We congratulate your Royal Highness on this auspicious union, and we trust that it will prove a public blessing, by increasing the prospect, which in the good providence of God we enjoy, of having transmitted to latest times, the advantages which this favoured nation has derived from the mild and paternal government of the illustrious House of Brunswick.

That Almighty God, by whom Kings reign, may support, console, and relieve our venerable Sovereign, and bless Her Majesty the Queen—that He may pour down his choicest blessings on your Royal Highness, and prosper your government—that He may bless the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family—and that Princes of your Royal Highness's house may, to latest posterity, sway the sceptre over this realm, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed, in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

John Cook, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 18th May, 1816.

At the Court at Carlton-House, May 23, 1816.

CEREMONIAL of the Investiture of General His Serene Highness Prince Leopold George Frederick of Saxe-Cobourg, and of the Knighthood and Investiture of Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir John Abercromby, with the Ensigns of Knights Grand Crosses of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

THE Knights Grand Crosses and the Officers of the Order, attending in their mantles, collars, &c. proceeded into the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the following order:

The Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his mantle, chain, and badge, bearing the scarlet rod.

The Genealogist, in his mantle, chain, and badge, bearing, for Bath King of Arms, the ribbands, badges, and stars of the Order, upon a crimson velvet cushion.

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSSES.

Lord Lynedoch.

Sir George Beckwith.

Viscount Strangford.

Sir Alexander Forrester Cochrane.

Sir John Francis Cradock.

Sir Alfred Clarke.

Viscount Keith.

The Dean of Westminster, Dean of the Order, in his mantle, chain, and badge.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Order.

Then, by the Prince Regent's command, General His Serene Highness Prince Leopold George Frederick of Saxe-Cobourg was introduced into the presence between Sir George Beckwith and Lord Lynedoch, the two Junior Knights Grand Crosses present, preceded by the Gentleman Usher of the Order.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, Senior Knight Grand Cross, received, thereupon, the ribband and badge from the Genealogist, and presented them to the Prince Regent, who was pleased to put the same over the right shoulder of Prince Leopold; and, His Serene Highness rising, and having kissed the Prince Regent's hand, and received from His Royal Highness the star of the Order, withdrew.

Then Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir John Abercromby was introduced with like ceremony; and, he kneeling, the sword of state was delivered to the Prince Regent by Viscount Keith, the Second Knight Grand Cross in seniority present; and His Royal Highness therewith conferred the honour of Knighthood upon the Lieutenant-General.

The Prince Regent was thereupon pleased to invest him with the ribband and badge; and Sir John Abercromby having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, and received the star of the Order from His Royal Highness, withdrew.

The Knights Grand Crosses being then called over by the Gentleman Usher, the procession returned in the order as before.

At the Court at Carlton-House, May 23, 1816.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned, in their mantles, chains, and badges, attended His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in his own apartment soon after two o'clock; and, being called over by Black Rod (in the absence of Garter Principal King of Arms, prevented from attending by ill health), a procession was made to the Chapter-Room in the following order:

Viscount Castlereagh. Earl of Liverpool.

Duke of Montrose.

Marquess Wellesley.

Earl of Lonsdale. Marquess of Hertford.

Marquess of Stafford.

Earl of Winchilsea. Earl of Pembroke.

Duke of Beaufort.

Duke of Rutland.

Marquess Camden. Earl Spencer.

Earl of Westmorland.

Marquess of Salisbury. Earl of Chatham.

His Highness the Duke of Gloucester.