

introduced and invested with the Garter, and the ribband and George, in the same manner as the Duke of Leeds had been, and the like formalities having been observed; he withdrew.

The Chapter then proceeded to a third election, and the suffrages being collected as before, the Most Honourable Brownlow Marquess of Exeter, was, by the Sovereign's command, declared duly elected, and His Lordship being introduced and invested with the Garter, and the ribband and George, with the same ceremonies, also withdrew.

The Prelate then, by command of the Sovereign, read a new statute, bearing date the 16th day of March last, dispensing with the existing statutes, as far as may be required for the especial purpose therein mentioned, and declaring His Imperial Majesty Nicholas the First, Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, a Knight of the said Most Noble Order.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Companions and Officers of the Order retired from the presence of the Sovereign, with the usual reverences.

St. James's-Palace, May 10, 1827.

His Majesty was this day pleased to invest the Earl of Aboyne and the Earl of Brooke and Warwick with the ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several instruments for that purpose, which were previously to the ceremony, presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarme, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod, in the absence of the Secretary.

The Earl of Aboyne was called into the royal presence, being preceded by His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, and supported by the Duke of Atholl and the Earl of Aberdeen, the two next Senior Knights present.

Upon entering into the royal presence, with the usual reverences, the Earl of Aboyne was presented by the said two Knights, and kneeling down, was knighted by the King with the sword of state; His Lordship, having kissed His Majesty's hand, rose up, when the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod administered the oath to His Lordship; then Green Rod, kneeling, presented the ensigns of the Order, upon a crimson velvet cushion, to the King, who put the ribband over the Earl's left shoulder; and His Lordship, having again had the honour of kissing His Majesty's hand, withdrew, with the usual reverences, in the same manner in which he had entered.

The Earl of Brooke and Warwick was, in like manner, presented to the King, received the honour of Knighthood, and was invested with the ensigns of the said Most Ancient and Most Noble Order.

The ceremony was performed in the King's Closet, several of the Great Officers of State and of the Court being present.

BOROUGH OF LUDLOW.--RIGHT OF ELECTION NOTICE.

Martis, 8^o die Maii 1827.

Whereas the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the petition of Edmund Lechmere Charlton, Esq. and others, complaining of an undue election and return for the borough of

Ludlow, have this day reported to the House of Commons, that it appeared to the Committee, that the merits of the petition did depend in part upon the right of election, and that, therefore, the said Committee required the Counsel for the petitioners and the Counsel for the sitting Member, to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee, statements in writing of the right of election for which they respectively contended; that in consequence thereof, the Counsel for the petitioners delivered in a statement as follows: "That the right of election for Ludlow is in all the resident Common Burgesses, as well as the twelve and the five-and-twenty being inhabitant householders:"—That the Counsel for the sitting Member delivered in a statement as follows: "That the right of voting for Members to serve in Parliament for the borough of Ludlow is in the twelve Aldermen, the twenty-five Common Councilmen, and the rest of the sworn Burgesses at large of the said borough:"—That upon the statement delivered in by the Counsel for the petitioners, the said Committee have determined, that the right of election, as set forth in the said statement, is not the right of election for the said borough. That upon the statement delivered in by the Counsel for the sitting Member, the said Committee have determined, that the right of election, as set forth in the said statement, is the right of election for the said borough:

I do hereby give this notice, in pursuance of the directions of an Act, made in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the trials of controverted elections or returns of Members to serve in Parliament."

Given under my hand, the 8th day of May 1827,
CHARLES MANNERS SUTTON, Speaker.

Crown-Office, May 11, 1827.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Ashburton.

The Right Honourable William Sturges Bourne, of Testwood, in the county of Southampton, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

City of Peterborough.

Sir James Scarlett, Knt.

Town and Port of Sandwich.

Sir Edward William Campbell Rich Owen, K. C. B. Rear-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and Master-Surveyor and Surveyor-General of the Ordnance.

War-Office, 28th April 1827.

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Cornet Henry Thomas Earl of Chichester to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lord Charles Russell, promoted. Dated 28th April 1827.

Viscount Fordwich to be Cornet, by purchase, vice the Earl of Chichester. Dated 28th April 1827.