

Majesty's illustrious predecessors, and especially Queen Elizabeth, contemplated the foundation of an university in the capital of this kingdom; but those means of education, which the inhabitants of almost every other capital in Europe enjoy, have not hitherto been conferred upon the inhabitants of London.

We further humbly represent to your Majesty, that, in the year 1828, many of your Majesty's subjects of distinguished rank and high attainments, assisted by contributions from persons resident in all parts of the country, founded in this metropolis an institution, denominated the University of London, where a liberal education is attainable at a small expence.

We lament that the University of London, whilst it affords to the youth of the metropolis the best means of education, is, for want of a charter of incorporation, unable to confer on its students those degrees which are received in all civilized states as a certificate of literary and scientific attainments, and we the more deeply regret this defect, as it is the fundamental principle of this institution, that any academical honours which it may be enabled to confer shall be accessible to all classes of His Majesty's subjects without distinction to religious creed.

We, therefore, humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant to the University of London your royal charter of incorporation, conferring upon that institution the power to grant degrees in arts, law, and medicine.

To which Address and Petition His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

"I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and attachment to My Person and Government.

"I am anxious to promote the extension of the benefits of education throughout My dominions, being convinced that sound learning and science are the best foundations both of respect for the law and of reverence for religion.

"I shall direct your petition to be referred to a Committee of My Privy Council, as I have already directed other petitions which have been presented to Me, in order that I may receive their advice after that full enquiry and consideration of the subject which its great importance demands."

*St. James's-Palace, April 16, 1834.*

A Chapter of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Brethren, habited in their mantles and wearing their collars, assembled in the *Entrée-room*, viz. the Earl of Aberdeen, the Earl of Aboyne, and the Earl Brooke and Earl of Warwick, attended by the under-named Officers of the Order, in their mantles and wearing their chains and badges, viz. Sir William Woods (Clarenceux King of Arms), Deputy Secretary of the Order, and Robert Quarne, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod.

At two o'clock, the Knights Brethren being called over by the Deputy Secretary, proceeded into the

presence of the Sovereign, in the Chapter-room, attended by the Officers of the Order.

The Sovereign, being seated in the chair of state, was pleased to command the Knights Brethren to take their respective seats at the table, according to their seniority in the Order, and the Officers stood in their places at the bottom of the table.

The Sovereign having been then pleased to signify His royal pleasure touching the election of a Knight into the Order, the Knights Brethren proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Deputy Secretary (commencing with the junior Knight), were by him, kneeling, presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to declare that William George Earl of Erroll, Lord High Constable of Scotland, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Earl of Erroll was received at the door of the Chapter room by the two junior Knights Brethren present, and conducted between them to His Majesty, preceded by the Deputy Secretary, bearing on a velvet cushion the ensigns of the Order, and by the Usher of the Green Rod.

The Earl of Erroll (being already a Knight) was not knighted on this occasion, but, standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the oath was administered to his Lordship by the Deputy Secretary.

The Earl of Erroll, then kneeling near the Sovereign, and Sir William Woods, on his knee, presenting to His Majesty the ribband and jewel of the Order, the King was graciously pleased to place the same over the Earl's left shoulder.

His Lordship having kissed the Sovereign's hand and received the congratulations of the Knights Brethren, retired.

The Chapter being ended the Knights Brethren were, by command of the Sovereign, again called over by the Deputy Secretary, and with the Officers of the Order retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

The ceremony was performed in the Royal Closet, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Gloucester, Prince George of Cambridge, and several of the Great Officers of State, and of the Court being present.

*War-Office, 18th April 1834.*

13th Light Dragoons, Cornet William Mavor Julius to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hackett, who retires. Dated 18th April 1834.

Francis Burdett, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Julius. Dated 18th April 1834.

16th Light Dragoons, Cornet Richard Pattinson to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Agar, promoted. Dated 18th April 1834.

Claude de Neufville Clifton, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Pattinson. Dated 18th April 1834.

1st or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards, Lieutenant and Captain Edward Gordon Douglas to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Des Vœux, who retires. Dated 18th April 1834.

Ensign and Lieutenant Francis Capper Brooke to