

Willoughby, Gordon, Bart. Sir Thomas-Masterman Hardy, Bart. Sir Pulteney Malcolm, Sir George Anson, Sir Thomas Dallas, Lord Viscount Canterbury, Sir Herbert Taylor, the Earl of Minto, Sir John Wells, Sir William Henry Pringle, and Sir Graham Moore, attended by the under-named Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges, viz. Algernon Greville, Esq. Bath King of Arms; Captain Michael Seymour, R.N. Register and Secretary; and George Frederick Beltz, Esq. (Lancaster Herald), Gentleman Usher of the Order.

At three o'clock, the Knights Grand Crosses were called over by Bath King of Arms, and with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign in the Throne-room, with the usual reverences. Then, by His Majesty's command, Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable Lord Aylmer was introduced into the Royal presence, between the two junior Knights Grand Crosses present, preceded by Bath King of Arms, bearing the ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross upon a crimson velvet cushion, and by the Gentleman Usher of the Order.

The Duke of Wellington, having thereupon received from Bath King of Arms the ribband and badge, presented them to the Sovereign, and Lord Aylmer, kneeling, His Majesty was graciously pleased to put the same over the Lieutenant-General's right shoulder. His Lordship, rising, had the honour to kiss the Sovereign's hand, and, having received from His Majesty the star of a Knight Grand Cross, retired.

Admiral Sir Lawrence William Halsted was then introduced, and invested by His Majesty, with the ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross, with the like ceremonies.

The Knights Grand Crosses having been thus invested, Rear-Admiral Sir James-Alexander Gordon, and Major-Generals Sir Charles Broke-Vese, Sir Alexander Dickson, Sir George Scovell (who was knighted by His Majesty with the Sword of State), and Sir William Maynard Gomm, Knights-Commanders of the Order, were, by command of the Sovereign, severally introduced into the Royal presence, preceded by Sir William Wood (the Officer of Arms attendant upon the Knights-Commanders), bearing upon a crimson velvet cushion the star appropriated to the second class of the Order, and were respectively invested by His Majesty with the same.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, Major-General Sir William Thornton was conducted, with the usual reverences, to His Majesty, preceded by the Officer of Arms, bearing upon a crimson velvet cushion the star, ribband and badge of the second class of the Order, and the sword of state having been delivered to the Sovereign by His Grace the Duke of Wellington (the senior Knight Grand Cross present) the Major-General, kneeling, was knighted thereupon, after which he had the honour to kiss His Majesty's hand. The Officer of Arms, on his knee, then presented to the Sovereign the ribband and badge of a Knight Commander, with which the King was graciously pleased to invest Sir William Thornton. The Major-General, having received from the Sovereign the star of a Knight

Commander, had again the honour to kiss His Majesty's hand, and with the usual reverences retired.

The following Officers were then severally introduced in a similar manner, by the Officer of Arms, and were knighted and invested by the Sovereign with the same ceremonies, viz.

Vice-Admiral Sir Ross Donnelly

Rear-Admiral Sir Francis William Austen

Rear-Admiral Sir George Mundy

Major-General Sir Alexander Caldwell

Major-General Sir Charles Deacon

Major-General Sir Joseph O'Halloran (who was not knighted on this occasion, having previously had that honour conferred upon him by His Majesty), and Major-General Sir James Law Lushington.

The Knights Grand Crosses were then, by His Majesty's command, again called over, and with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign, with the accustomed reverences.

Westminster, March 18, 1837.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read, and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for transferring to the Commissioners of the Admiralty all contracts, bonds, and other securities entered into with the Postmaster-General in relation to the packet service.

An Act to continue, until the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, the powers of the Commissioners for enquiring concerning charities in England and Wales.

An Act for amending an Act of His late Majesty, for restricting the punishment of leasing, making sedition and blasphemy in Scotland.

An Act to enable the Corporation of Leicester to apply the proceeds of their real estates in payment of money borrowed for the purchase and enlargement of the gaol and house of correction for the borough of Leicester.

An Act for maintaining the causeway and turnpike road from Grigg's-quay, in the parish of Uny Lelant, over Hayle River and Sands, and through Hayle Foundery, in the county of Cornwall; and for extending the said turnpike road from the western end of the said causeway towards Penzance.

And seven private Acts.