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INVESTITURE OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, NAPOLEON III,
EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH, WITH THE ENSIGNS OF THE MOST NOBLE
ORDER OF THE GARTER.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, April 18, 1855.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Guard Chamber; viz.: the Marquess of Exeter, the Duke of Richmond, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl De Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess of Hertford, the Duke of Bedford, the Earl of Clarendon, Earl Spencer, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Duke of Northumberland, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Aberdeen, attended by the undermentioned Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges; viz.: the Bishop of Winchester, Prelate; the Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Register; Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus William James Clifford, Baronet, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. At half-past three o'clock, the Knights Companions, were severally called over by Garter, and proceeded into the Grand Reception Room, when the Sovereign, and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and His Serene Highness the Prince of Leiningen, having passed to the Throne Room, the Knights Companions, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign being seated in Her chair of State, the Knights Companions took their respective seats at the table, the Prelate standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the Chancellor on the left hand, the Register, Garter, and Black Rod at the bottom of the table.

The Chancellor then, by command of the Sovereign, promulgated a new Statute, dispensing with the existing Statutes of the Order, in as far as required for the especial purpose therein mentioned, and in consideration of the high friendship and close alliance now happily subsisting between the Sovereign and His Imperial Majesty, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, ordaining and declaring His Imperial Majesty a Knight of this Most Noble Order, any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the two Senior Knights Companions present, thereupon retired from the Chapter, and conducted the Emperor