

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 King of Sardinia from His Majesty's Apartments to the Chapter Room, between their Royal Highnesses, preceded by Garter (bearing the Ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod.

On entering the Chapter Room, His Majesty was received by the Sovereign and the Knights Companions standing, and on approaching the Sovereign was seated in a Chair of State on the right hand of Her Majesty.

The Sovereign announced to the King of Sardinia that His Majesty had been declared a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Garter then kneeling, presented the Garter to the Sovereign, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, buckled it on the left leg of His Majesty, the Chancellor pronouncing the Admonition.

Garter next presented in like manner, the Ribband with the George, and the Sovereign, assisted as before, put the same over the left shoulder of His Majesty, the Chancellor pronouncing the Admonition.

The Sovereign thereupon gave the Accolade to the King of Sardinia, and His Majesty then received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions present, and resumed his seat.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Companions were severally called over by Garter, and with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

During the ceremony a Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms was in attendance at the door of the Chapter Room; and a special Guard of Honour of the Honourable Corps was on duty in attendance upon His Majesty the King of Sardinia. A Guard of Honour of the Grenadiers, with the Band of the Regiment, was on duty in the Great Quadrangle of the Castle.

The Marquess D'Azeglio, Sardinian Minister, together with the following members of His Majesty's suite, viz., Le Comte de Cavour, Le Duc Pasqua, Le Chevalier Maxime D'Azeglio, Le Chevalier Nigra, Major-Gen. Le Comte Morozzo de la Rocca, Major-Gen. Le Chevalier Luserna D'Angrogna, Major-Gen. Le Chevalier Carderina, Le Chevalier Riberi, Colonel Le Chevalier Cigala, Capt. Le Comte De Persan, Capt. Le Comte De Barone, and Capt. Le Comte de Robilant, witnessed the august ceremony.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent, the Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Mary of Cambridge, several of the Great Officers of State and Cabinet Ministers, with the Officers of the Royal Household were also present.

At the conclusion of the Chapter, Her Majesty accompanied the King to his apartments, followed by His Royal Highness Prince Albert, and attended by the Ladies and Gentlemen of the respective Royal Suites. Her Majesty and the Prince then returned to their own rooms.

In the evening a State Banquet was given in St. George's Hall to His Majesty, at which were present the above-named Royal, Noble, and Distinguished Personages; the Knights Companions and Officers of the Order.

During the Banquet Her Majesty drank to the health of Her Illustrious Visitor the King of Sardinia.