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TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1856.

*Buckingham Palace, July 11, 1856.*

**T**HIS day had audience of Her Majesty; His Royal Highness The Prince Oscar of Sweden, to take leave.

His Royal Highness was attended by the Baron Hochschild, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway at the Court of Her Majesty:

To which audience His Royal Highness was introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

**CHAPTER** of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.—**ELECTION** and **INVESTITURE** of **EARL FORTESCUE** and **VISCOUNT PALMERSTON**.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, July 12, 1856.*

A **CHAPTER** of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the Knights Companions hereinafter named, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Green Drawing-room, viz.:

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquess of Exeter, the Duke of Richmond, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl de Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Aberdeen, attended by the Officers of the Order:—The Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate; the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor; the Honourable and Reverend Gerald Wellesley, Dean of Windsor, Register; Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter; and Sir Augustus James William Clifford, Baronet, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At three o'clock the Knights Companions were called over by Garter, when (Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Albert having passed into the Chapter Room), they proceeded, with the Officers of the Order, into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign being seated in her Chair of State, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert at

the table on the right hand of Her Majesty, the other Knights Companions took their respective places 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 signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that the two vacant Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Saint George, at Windsor, be filled; and as, by the Statutes, none but a Knight can be elected, the Right Honourable Hugh, Earl Fortescue, was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and knighted by Her Majesty with the sword of state; and his Lordship, having kissed the Sovereign's hand, retired.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who commanded him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Right Honourable Hugh, Earl Fortescue, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, his Lordship was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Earls of Ellesmere and Aberdeen, the two junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion), and by Black Rod.

Earl Fortescue, kneeling near the Sovereign, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the two senior Knights Companions present, buckled it on his Lordship's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next, in like manner, presented the Ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over his Lordship's left shoulder, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition; the Earl then again kissed Her Majesty's hand, and having received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, retired.

The Chapter then proceeded to a second election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Chancellor, were presented to the Sovereign, when the Right Honourable Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, was, by Her Majesty's command, declared duly elected, and