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INVESTITURE OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SULTAN,
WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE
GARTER.

Constantinople, November 5, 1856.

THE QUEEN, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint his Excellency Stratford Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Britannic Majesty to the Ottoman Porte, and Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Imperial Majesty the Sultan with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, Sir Charles Young embarked, with the Gentlemen of his Suite, at Dover, on the 20th September, and reached Constantinople on the 1st October. The preliminary arrangements being completed, His Imperial Majesty was pleased to name Saturday, the 1st November, for the Investiture.

At twelve o'clock on that day, the several persons appointed to assist at the ceremony assembled at the British Embassy, where Kiamil Bey, Introducer of the Ambassadors, and Emin Bey, one of the Sultan's Secretaries, having arrived to attend the Plenipotentiaries, a Procession, headed by an Escort of the Imperial Guard, was formed from thence to the Palace of Dolma-Bagtché, in the following Order :—

Orderlies of the Imperial Court.

Aides-de-Camp of the Sultan.

- A Royal Carriage, containing four of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the Ensigns.
- A Royal Carriage, containing two of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the Ensigns.
- A Royal Carriage, containing the Secretary and Surrey Herald Extraordinary, attached to the Mission.
- A Royal Carriage, containing Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries, accompanied by Emin Bey.

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On arriving at the Palace, the Procession passed through the outer and alighted at the inner Gateway, and proceeded thence through the Garden Court to the Grand Entrance, where it was received by a Guard of Honour of the Imperial Guard; advancing through the Hall, lined by the Body Guard of His Imperial Majesty, it entered the Reception Room, where it was met by Fuad Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and a Procession having been again formed, it advanced up the Grand Staircase to the State Apartments, in the order following:—

Henry Augustus Clavering, Esq., R.N., bearing the Star of the Order on a Velvet Cushion.

George Bouchier Ward, Esq., bearing the Collar of the Order in like manner.

Greville Vernon, Esq., bearing the Sword of the Order in like manner.

William Brodie, Esq., attached to the Embassy, bearing the Book of the Statutes in like manner.

Count Pisani, Keeper of the Archives of the Embassy, bearing the Mantle and Cordon of the Order in like manner.

Lionel Moore, Esq., attached to the Embassy, bearing the Hat and Plume in like manner.

Edward Stephen Dendy, Esq., Surrey Herald Extraordinary, bearing the Garter, and the Riband and George, of the Order, in like manner.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary to the Commission, carrying in his hand the Sovereign's Commission.

Sir Charles George Young, Garter Principal King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, bearing his Sceptre, and carrying the Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

His Excellency Stratford Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, wearing the Collar of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Advancing into the Royal Presence, with due reverences, the Mission was received by His Imperial Majesty, attended by the Grand Vizir and other Ministers and Officers of State.

The Gentlemen bearing the Ensigns ranged themselves at the foot of a table, placed on the right hand of His Imperial Majesty, and the Secretary of the Commission advanced to the front of the table to deliver the Ensigns to the Plenipotentiaries.

His Excellency Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe made an address to His Imperial Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty made a most gracious reply; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letters of Credence, which his Lordship presented to His Imperial Majesty, who delivered the same to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Statutes were then in like manner presented; the Commission was next presented to His Imperial Majesty, who delivered the same to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the same was subsequently returned to Garter.

Garter then received from the Secretary the Garter, and delivered the same to Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, who placed the same round His Majesty's left leg.

His Majesty was next Invested . . . the Riband and George appendant.

Garter then, in . . . manner, received the Sword, which was presented by Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe to His Imperial Majesty.

The Mantle, the Collar, the Hat and Plume, and the Star, were then severally received by Garter, and by him delivered to Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, who presented the same to His Imperial Majesty, by whom they were delivered to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, Garter, the Secretary to the Commission, and Surrey Herald Extraordinary, had the Honour of being severally presented to His Imperial Majesty, by his Excellency Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe.

The Plenipotentiaries and their Suite were reconducted in the Royal Carriages from the Palace to the British Embassy, in the same manner and in the same state in which they were conveyed to the Palace.

Amongst the Ministers, Great Officers of the State, and others of the Sultan's Household present at the Investiture, were Reshid Pasha, Grand Vizir; Fuad Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mehemed Ali Pasha, Capoudan Pasha; Mehemed Rushdi Pasha, Seraskier; Ahmed Fethee Pasha, Master of the Ordnance; Omar Pasha, Serdar Ekrem; Shevfik Pasha, President of the Supreme Council; Ali Ghalib Pasha, Master of the Mint; Kiamil Bey, Introducer of Ambassadors; Emin Bey, one of the Sultan's Secretaries; and Stephen Pisani, Esq., First Interpreter to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy.

Admiral Lord Lyons, G.C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Fleet in the Mediterranean, The Right Hon. Sir Henry Bulwer, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Commissioner in the Moldo-Wallachian Provinces, Charlton Cumberbatch, Esq., Her Majesty's Consul-General, and several Officers of the Army and Navy, were present during the Ceremony.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,
Garter.

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