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CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

ELECTION and INVESTITURE of the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, December 17, 1860.

A CHAPTER of this Most Noble Order was held this day at three o'clock.

The Knights Companions following, in their mantles and collars; viz.: His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquess of Exeter, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, the Marquess of Normanby, the Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Palmerston, the Earl Granville, the Marquess of Westminster, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Earl of Harrowby, attended by the following Officers of the Order; viz.: the Prelate, the Chancellor, Garter, and Black Rod, assembled in the Waterloo Gallery, where they were called over by Garter.

Her Majesty, His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, having passed into the Chapter Room, the Knights Companions and Officers proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, and the Officers standing in their respective places, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that a vacant stall in St. George's Chapel should be filled.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, the Duke of Newcastle was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and being conducted to Her Majesty, received the honour of Knighthood, and having had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, withdrew.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to an 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 Most Noble Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by command of the Sovereign, his Grace was received at the door of the Chapter-room by the Duke of Devonshire and the Earl of Harrowby, the two junior Knights present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter, bearing the ensigns of the Order, and by Black Rod. The Duke of Newcastle, kneeling

near the Sovereign, Garter, on his knee, presented the Garter, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness The Prince Consort and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, the two senior Knights Companions, buckled it around his Grace's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the Ribband and George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over his Grace's left shoulder, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition. His Grace then again had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, and having received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, retired.

The Chapter being concluded, Garter, by Her Majesty's command, again called over the Knights Companions, who, together with the Officers, withdrew from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, December 17, 1860.

THE Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has been graciously pleased by letters patent, under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the Statutes and Regulations usually observed in regard to Installations, and to grant unto the Most Noble Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, Knight of the said Most Noble Order, and duly invested with the ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter in as full and ample a manner as if he had been formally installed, any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of December, 1860.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England, beyond the limits of the metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the metropolis;" it is