

part in the Ceremony assembled at the residence of Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace, in the following order :—

Two Outriders of the Royal Household in State Liveries.

Three Royal Carriages, conveying the Members of the Mission.

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A Royal State Carriage, drawn by Six Horses, conveying Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Dupont, Aide-de-Camp to the King.

A Guard of Honour, composed of a Battalion of the Grenadier Regiment of Guards, was stationed in front of the Palace.

On arriving at the Palace, the Mission was received at the Foot of the Grand Staircase by Captain Nicaise and Lieutenant Brewer, from whence it was conducted to the Salon Rouge by General Soudain, Aide-de-Camp on duty, General Count d'Hanin de Moerkerke, Lieutenant-General de Liem, Adjutant-General to the King, the Count de Lannoy, Grand Master of the Queen's Household, and the Count Van der Straten-Ponthoz, Grand Marshal of the Court, when the Grand Marshal announced its arrival to His Majesty.

The Procession then advanced into the Royal Presence in the Salon Bleu with due reverences, the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions.

Robert Percy French, Esq., Second Secretary to the British Legation, carrying the Book of the Statutes.

Henry P. T. Barron, Esq., First Secretary to the British Legation, carrying the Sword.

The Honourable Oliver Montagu, Royal Horse Guards, carrying the Hat and Plume and the Star.

Major-General Lord George Paget, C.B., carrying the Collar of the Order

Albert William Woods, Esq., Lancaster Herald, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., carrying The Garter and the Riband and George.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., carrying The Sovereign's Commission.

Harry Clarke Jervoise, Esq., Secretary to the Special Mission, carrying the Mantle and Cordon of the Order.

Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter King of Arms, wearing his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, and carrying his Sceptre and The Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

The Right Honourable John - Robert, Viscount Sydney, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary on a Special Mission.

The Gentlemen bearing the Insignia having arranged themselves behind the Plenipotentiaries, the Secretary to the Mission remained near to deliver to them the Insignia.

Viscount Sydney then addressed His Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty returned a gracious reply; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letters of