

Credence, which his Lordship presented to the King, who placed the same in the hand of Monsieur Rogier, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Statutes were then in like manner presented to the King, and next the Commission, both of which were delivered by His Majesty to Monsieur Rogier, by whom the Commission was returned to Garter.

Garter then taking the Garter delivered it to Viscount Sydney, who buckled the same around His Majesty's left leg; Garter reading the Admonition.

His Majesty was next invested with the Riband and George appendant; Garter reading the Admonition.

The King then delivered His Sword, which Garter received and retained as an ancient fee appertaining to his Office; and His Majesty was invested with the Sword of the Order.

His Majesty being then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by Lieutenant-General de Liem, Garter presented to Viscount Sydney the Mantle with which the Plenipotentiaries invested His Majesty.

His Majesty being in like manner invested with the Collar of the Order; Garter then delivered to Viscount Sydney the Hat and Plume, which were presented by his Lordship to the King, and his Lordship immediately after delivered the Star of the Order to His Majesty.

The ceremony of Investiture being completed, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Royal Presence, and were reconducted in the same manner as on their arrival.

Her Majesty The Queen was present on the right of the King, with Their Royal Highnesses The Prince Royal Duke of Brabant, Count of Hainault, and the Princess Louise, His Royal Highness The Count of Flanders, stood on the left of His Majesty; there were also present The Duchess d'Ursal, The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, of Justice, of the Interior, of Finance, and of Public Works, The Count Van der Straten-Ponthoz, Grand Marshal of the Court, The Count de Lannoy, Grand Marshal of the Queen's Household, Lieutenant-General de Liem, Adjutant-General to the King, Lieutenant-General Dupont, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty, Major Burnell and Lieutenant-Colonel Orban, Aides-de-Camp to the Count of Flanders, the Ladies of Her Majesty The Queen, and other distinguished Personages, Civil and Military, of the Household of the King.

On the following day, a splendid Banquet took place, at which Their Majesties the King and Queen were present, as also His Royal Highness The Count of Flanders, the Plenipotentiaries, and their Suites, the Ministers of State and Great Officers of the Court, and other Persons of distinction.

The King appeared wearing the Ensign of the Order, and during the Dinner drank to the Health of Queen Victoria, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Viscount Sydney afterwards drank to the Health of His Majesty The King of the Belgians, Knight of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter.

On the 15th the Plenipotentiaries had an Audience of the King, when they with the Members of the Mission took leave.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,
Garter.

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