

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, the several persons appointed to take part in the Ceremony assembled in the Apartments of Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and from thence proceeded to the Imperial Palace at Tsarskoe-Selo in five Royal State Carriages, attended by Outriders and Grooms in State Liveries, The Prince Lieven, Grand Master of the Ceremonies, having arrived to conduct them thither.

The Mission, on arriving at the Palace, was received by a Guard of Honour, and was conducted to the Imperial Apartments, where the procession was formed.

The Mission then advanced to the Throne Room into the presence of His Imperial Majesty, in the following order ; the Insignia of the Order being carried on Velvet Cushions :—

Major Christopher Charles Teesdale, R.A., C.B.,  
carrying the Hat, and Plume, and the Star.

Viscount Canterbury,  
carrying the Collar.

Major-General Lord Henry Percy,  
carrying the Sword.

George Charles Spencer Churchill,  
commonly called Marquess of Blandford,  
carrying the Mantle and Cordon.

George Edward Adams, Esq., Rouge Dragon Pursuivant of Arms,  
in his Tabard, carrying  
The Garter and the Riband and George.

Henry Murray Lane, Esq., Chester Herald,  
Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard  
and Collar of S.S., carrying the Sovereign's  
Commission.

The Honourable Henry Cornwallis Eliot, Secretary  
to the Special Mission, carrying the Book  
of the Statutes.

Walter Aston Blount, Esq., Deputy Garter,  
wearing the Mantle, Chain, and Badge, carrying  
the Sceptre of Garter and The Sovereign's  
Letter of Credence.

The Right Honourable George Henry Robert  
Charles Earl Vane, Her Majesty's Envoy  
Extraordinary, on a Special Mission.

The Mission was received by His Imperial Majesty standing in front of the Throne, and surrounded by the Ministers of State and the Great Officers of the Court. The Persons bearing the Insignia moved to the left, and the Plenipotentiaries advanced towards His Majesty, the Secretary to the Mission remaining near to the Plenipotentiaries to deliver to them the Insignia.

The First Plenipotentiary, the Earl Vane, then made an address to His Imperial Majesty, declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which His Imperial Majesty graciously replied, and expressed his gratification at the reception of the Order. The Letter of Credence was presented to the Emperor, who placed the same in the hands of The Count Adlerberg, Minister of the Imperial Court ; Deputy Garter then delivered to Earl Vane the Statutes, which His Lordship presented to the Emperor, and afterwards the Commission, which was delivered by His Imperial Majesty to Prince Gortchakoff, Chancellor of the Empire, by whom it was read and subsequently returned to Deputy Garter.

Deputy Garter then taking the Garter, delivered it to the Earl Vane, who buckled the same around His Imperial Majesty's left leg ; Deputy Garter reading the admonition.

His Imperial Majesty was next invested with the Riband and George appendant ; Deputy Garter reading the admonition.

The Emperor then delivered his Sword, which Deputy-Garter received and retained as an ancient Fee appertaining to the office of Garter ; and His Imperial Majesty was invested with the Sword of the Order.