

His Imperial Majesty being then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by an Officer of the Court, Deputy-Garter presented to the Earl Vane the Mantle, the Collar, the Hat and Feathers, and the Star, which were severally presented by His Lordship to His Imperial Majesty.

The ceremony of the Investiture being completed, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Imperial presence, and were reconducted to the Alexander Palace.

A Banquet took place at the Palace of Tsarskoe-Selo, in the afternoon, at which The Emperor appeared, wearing the Ensigns of the Order, His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Vladimir, the Plenipotentiaries and their Suites, the principal Ministers and Officers of State, as also the Right Honourable Sir Andrew Buchanan, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. Petersburg, and the Members of his Embassy. During the Banquet His Imperial Majesty drank to the Health of The Queen Victoria, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, which was followed by the Health of His Imperial Majesty, Knight of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter.

In a circle, after the Banquet, the Plenipotentiaries and their Suites took leave of His Imperial Majesty.

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