

On entering the Great Court of the Palace, the Mission was received by a Guard of Honour of Grenadiers, presenting arms, and, upon alighting from the carriages, a Procession was formed in the following order, viz. :—

Captain Seymour Wynne-Finch, Royal Horse Guards, carrying the Hat and Feathers and Star.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Grenadier Guards, carrying the Collar of the Order.

General Sir Alfred Hastings Horsford, G.C.B., wearing the Collar of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, carrying the Sword.

George Edward Cokayne, Esq., Lancaster Herald, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., bearing the Garter, with the Riband and George.

Edward Bellasis, Esq., Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms, Secretary to the Garter Mission, in his Tabard, carrying the Sovereign's Commission, and the Book of the Statutes.

The Honourable Francis Bertie, Secretary to the Special Mission, carrying the Mantle of the Order.

Sir Albert William Woods, Knt., Garter Principal King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, carrying his Sceptre, and bearing the Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Fife, K.T., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, wearing the Collar of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The Procession ascended the Grand Staircase, and was conducted by twelve of the King's Chamberlains, two Aides-de-Camp of His Majesty, and two Grooms, to the head of the Staircase, where it was received by the Grand Chamberlain, Herr von Gersdorf, and conducted to the Great Corridor, which was lined by a Guard of Honour of the Garde-Reiter Regiment.

The Mission then passed through the Ante-Chamber to the First Parade Room, and thence to the Tower Room, which was lined by another detachment of the Garde-Reiter Regiment, together with its Band and Trumpeters. Here the detachment presented arms with three flourishes of trumpets, the band playing, and on arrival at the Banqueting Room it was received by Freiherr von Könnertitz, the Grand Marshal of the Court. The Procession now halted while the Grand Marshal announced its arrival to the King. On his Excellency's return the Mission entered the Throne Room and advancing into the Royal presence with due reverences, was received by His Majesty standing. The King had on his right hand His Royal Highness Prince George, and on his left His Royal Highness Prince Frederick Augustus, and was surrounded by the Ministers of State and Great Officers of His Majesty's Court.

Those of the Mission who bore the Insignia formed a semi-circle behind the Plenipotentiaries.

The Earl of Fife then made an Address to His Majesty declaratory of the object of the Mission, to which the King graciously replied, expressing his gratification at his admission into the Order.

Garter then delivered to the Earl the Sovereign's Letters of Credence, which his Lordship presented to the King, who handed them to General von Fabrice, Minister of War and Foreign Affairs.

The Statutes of the Order were then in like manner presented, and afterwards the Commission, both of which were delivered to Herr von Nostitz-Wallwitz, Minister of the Interior and of the Royal Household, who read the latter, and subsequently returned it to Garter.

In like manner the Garter was presented, The Earl of Fife buckling the same around His Majesty's left leg, while Garter King of Arms read the Admonition.

The King was next invested with the Riband and George appendant, Garter reading the Admonition.

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

His Majesty being divested of the Riband and George (which was handed to Herr von Lüttichau, Grand Master of the Wardrobe), Garter presented to The Earl of Fife the Mantle, with which His Majesty was invested by the Plenipotentiaries, who subsequently invested him with the Collar.

Garter then delivered to the Earl the Hat and Plume, and afterwards the Star of the Order, which were severally presented by His Lordship to the King, who handed them to Herr von Lüttichau.