

The Ceremony of the Investiture being completed, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making the accustomed reverences, withdrew from the Royal Presence, and were re-conducted in His Majesty's Carriages to the residence of The Earl of Fife.

The strictest observance was paid to the forms prescribed as suitable to the splendour and dignity of the Most Noble Order.

The ceremony was witnessed by Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses the Princess George, Princess Mathilde, Princess Marie, Prince John-George, and Prince Maximilian,

There were also present His Highness Prince Alexander of Saxe Weimar, Prince Henry IV. of Reuss-Köstritz, the Princess Eleanore of Reuss-Köstritz, the Ministers of State, the Great Officers of the Royal Household, also the Ladies of Her Majesty's Court, and other distinguished persons, Military and Civil, together with George Strachey, Esq., Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at this Court, and Mrs. Strachey.

A splendid Banquet was given at the Royal Palace on the same day, at which were present His Majesty the King, wearing the Ensigns of the Order of the Garter, their Royal Highnesses Prince George and Prince Frederick-Augustus, His Highness the Prince Alexander of Saxe Weimar, Prince Henry IV. of Reuss-Köstritz, the Prince of Schönburg-Waldenburg, Prince Hugo of Schönburg-Waldenburg, the Plenipotentiaries and their Suites, the Ministers of State, the Presidents of both Chambers, the Lieutenant-Generals in active service, and the Great Officers of the Royal Household, as also the British Chargé d'Affaires.

During the Banquet the King arose and drank to the health of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. The Earl of Fife then drank to the health of His Majesty the King of Saxony, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. His Majesty subsequently proposed the health of the Knights Companions of the Order, after which the Earl of Fife drank to the health of Her Majesty the Queen of Saxony and to the Members of the Royal Family.

On Thursday, the 9th, a State Ball was given at the Royal Palace, at the close of which the Earl of Fife had an audience of the King, and, together with Garter and the respective Suites of the Plenipotentiaries, took leave of His Majesty.

The Mission, during its residence at Dresden, received most marked attention and condescension from His Majesty the King, and from the Royal Family of Saxony.

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