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St. James's, August 23.

**T**HIS Day being appointed by Her Majesty's Proclamation to be observed throughout this Kingdom as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God for his great Goodness, in giving to Her Majesty's Arms, in Conjunction with those of Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, after their having forced the French Lines in the Spanish Netherlands, a signal and glorious Victory over the Enemy's Forces within those Lines; Her Majesty went to the Cathedral-Church of St. Paul's with great Solemnity, to return Thanks to God for these his signal Mercies and Blessings.

Most of the Lords and Privy-Councillors that were in and about the Town met between 9 and 10 in the Morning in the Council-Chamber at St. James's, the Knights of the most Noble Order of the Garter wearing the Collars of the said Order; and having been marshalled by the Officers of Arms, proceeded about 11 a Clock in their Coaches with Six Horses each towards St. Paul's.

Her Majesty came afterwards attended in the following manner: First, The Knight-Marshal with his Men on Horseback; then the Equeries and Gentlemen Ushers to his Royal Highness in his leading Coach. One Equery, the Pages of Honour, and the Gentleman-Usher in waiting, in Her Majesty's Leading Coach: In another of Her Majesty's Coaches the Women of the Bed-Chamber to Her Majesty: In another the Maids of Honour: His Royal Highness's Body Coach, with the Lord La War, Groom of the Stole to his Royal Highness, and the Lords of his Bed-Chamber: Three Ladies of Her Majesty's Bed-Chamber, viz. The Duchesses of Somerset and Ormond, and the Marchioness of Hartington, in the Travelling Body Coach: The Duke of Somerset Master of the Horse, with the Earl of Arran the Captain of the Guards in waiting, in one of Her Majesty's Chariots; each drawn by Six Horses: A Detachment of the Horse Grenadiers: Her Majesty's and his Royal Highness's Footmen: After them the Yeomen of the Guard on Foot, some before and some on each side of Her Majesty's Coach: Then Her Majesty, with his Royal Highness, the Duchesses of Marlborough, Groom of the Stole, and the Countess of Sunderland; being the Lady of the Bed-Chamber in waiting, in the Coach of State drawn by Eight Horses. Her Majesty's Second Troop of Horse-Guards closed the Procession.

The Streets through which Her Majesty passed were lined from St. James's as far as Temple-Bar by the Militia of Westminster; from thence to St. Paul's they were railed and hung with Blue Cloth, the City Trained Bands lining both sides; and upon Scaffold erected for that purpose were placed the several Companies in their Gowns, with their respective Flags, Streamers, and Musick. A Battalion of each of Her Majesty's Regiments of Foot-Guards made a Lane from the West-entrance into the Church to the Door of the Choir. The Balconies and the Windows of the Houses were hung with Carpets and rich Tapistry, and crowded with great Numbers of Spectators.

At Temple-Bar Her Majesty was met by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, being all on Horseback. The Lord Mayor alighted,

made a short Speech to Her Majesty, and surrendered to Her the City Sword, which She was pleased to return to him; and he carried it before Her Majesty to the Church, the Aldermen and Sheriff riding before him.

Her Majesty being come to St. Paul's, was met at the West-Door, at Her alighting, out of the Coach, by the Great Officers of State, the Nobility, and Privy-Councillors, who from thence proceeded to the Choir in the following Order: First, The Officers of Arms; Then the Privy-Councillors who are not Peers, two and two: The Peers Temporal and Spiritual, two and two: Norroy and Clarenceux Kings of Arms; The Great Officers of State; and Lord Archbishop of Canterbury: The Serjeants at Arms with their Maces, and Garter King of Arms, and a Gentleman-Usher: The Duke of Ormond with the Sword of State. Her Majesty was led by his Royal Highness, and was followed by the Duchesses of Marlborough; and the Countess of Sunderland; the Earl of Kent, Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, and the Right Honourable the Vice-Chamberlain, attending near Her Majesty's Person. The Earl of Arran Captain of the Guard, and the Duke of St. Albans at the Head of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, closed the Procession.

Her Majesty and his Royal Highness being entered into the Choir, seated themselves in Two Armed-Chairs on a Throne erected at the West-end thereof, opposite to the Altar: Behind Her Majesty were Stools for two of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, and the Great Officers in waiting attending Her Majesty and his Royal Highness. The Peers and Privy-Councillors were placed on the North-side of the Choir; the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber in the Stalls on the South-side, and the Maids of Honour, and Her Majesty's Bed-Chamber Women, below them. The Peeresses were placed at the West-end of the Middle Gallery: And the Foreign Ministers, with their Ladies, filled the Places prepared for them in the Middle Gallery, on the same side with the Peers: At the East-end of that Gallery were Seated the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs Ladies; and at the East-end of the South-side, the Lord-Mayor and Aldermen. The rest of the Galleries were filled by the Ladies and other Persons of Quality that attended at this Solemnity. The Dean and Prebendaries sat within the Rails of the Altar, except such as Officiated in Reading Prayers. The Reverend Dr. Willis Dean of Lincoln Preached. The Hymn, *Te Deum*, with other Anthems, were admirably well performed by Her Majesty's Choir and Musick.

Divine Service being ended, Her Majesty and his Royal Highness returned to St. James's in the same Order and State that they came. The great Guns of the Tower, those upon the River, and the Train in St. James's Park, were thrice discharged; the first time when Her Majesty took Coach at St. James's; the second at the Singing of *Te Deum*; and the third when Her Majesty came back to Her Palace.

In the Cities of London and Westminster there were Bonfires, Illuminations, Ringing of Bells; and all other Demonstrations of Loyalty and Affection to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the publick Joy upon so great an Occasion.

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