

On the Left
Earl of Lincoln,

On the Right
Duke of Grafton.

Duke of Kingston.
Duke of Newcastle.
Duke of Montague.
Duke of Dorset,

Duke of Kent, Duke of Argyll and Greenwich.
Duke of Richmond.

Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand.

The Chancellour of the Order with the Prelate on his Right Hand.

The S O V E R E I G N.

Having thus entered the Chapter Room, being the Council Chamber, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State at the Head of the Table, when the Knights Companions seated themselves by His Majesty's Leave, the Prelate standing behind the Chair at His Majesty's Right Hand and the Chancellour at His Left, Garter King of Arms having the Black Rod on his Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared His Majesty's Intention that the Vacancies occasioned by the Deaths of the late Dukes of Marlborough and Bolton, and of the Earl of Sunderland, should be supplied by the Elections of three new Knights Companions: And then the Chancellour declared His Majesty's Pleasure that they should proceed to fill one of the Vacancies: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Person who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in Charles Duke of Bolton, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majesty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally set their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngest Knight, and so proceeding in order, presented the same on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon Perusal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare the said Duke of Bolton duly elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be invested; and having brought

him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the Earl of Lincoln and the Duke of Grafton the two youngest Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and these Junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter King of Arms on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter; who delivered the same to the Dukes of Argyll and Richmond the two Senior Knights present, and they buckled it about his Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewise on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majesty assisted by the said two Senior Knights put it over his Left Shoulder athwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the usual Admonition; and then the said Duke of Bolton having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally all the Companions who congratulated him, and then he withdrew.

The Chancellour then declared the Sovereign's further Pleasure of filling another Vacancy, and Garter was commanded to bring in John Duke of Rutland, in Order to receive the Degree of Knighthood, and the Suffrages being collected in the Manner above described, he was invested with the Ensigns of the Order as the former new Knight elect had been.

The like Ceremonies were in every Particular observed, in supplying the third Vacancy at the Sovereign's Command, by the Election of John Duke of Roxburghe.

Which done, the Knights Companion being again called over by Garter, they returned in the same Order to the Apartment next to His Majesty's Closet.

Whitehall, Oct. 12. An humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council of the King's Town and Parish of Maidstone in the County of Kent, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Thomas Colepepyr, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

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