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Kensington, July 9.

HIS Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London, were summoned by Letters signed by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their personal Appearance here at Two of the Clock this Day; whereupon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with Twelve other Knights Companions, appeared habited in their Mantles and waited His Majesty's coming in the Apartment next to his Bed-Chamber, and upon His Majesty's Appearance, Garter Principal King of Arms, by the Sovereign's Command, called over the Names of the Knights Companions, beginning with the Juniors, and from thence the Procession was made to the Council Chamber: The Juniors went first, and those Knights whose Companions in the opposite Stalls were not present, went single, in the following Order.

On the Left Hand,	On the Right Hand,
Duke of Roxburgh,	Duke of Rutland,
Duke of Bolton,	Earl of Lucolin,
Duke of Grafton,	Duke of Kingston,
	Duke of Newcastle,
	Duke of St. Albans,
	Duke of Dorset,
	Duke of Kent,

Duke of Argyll, Duke of Devon,
 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,
 Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman
 Usher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand,
 both habited in their Mantles, and having the
 respective Badges of their Offices,
 The S O V E R E I G N.

Who having in this Manner entered into the Council-Chamber where the Chapter was to be held, the Knights Companions 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 His Chair of State at the Head of the Table, when by his Majesty's Leave the Knights Companions seated themselves in their respective Chairs; which being done, Garter King of Arms with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, that the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of this most Noble Order, attended at the Door, and humbly besought His Majesty, that he might be admitted to take the Oath enjoined by the Statutes, and His Majesty being pleased to grant it, his Lordship being apparelled in the Mantle over his Episcopal Robes, and having the Badge of his Office upon his Breast, hung by a Gold Chain (for the wearing whereof His Majesty had been pleased some time since, according to his Prerogative, to grant a Dispensation) was introduced into the Chapter between Garter on the Right, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on the Left Hand, who proceeded up with the usual Reverences towards the Sovereign seated in the Chair of State, where the Lord Bishop kneeled down, and the Oath of the Office of Prelate in Latin, was by the Sovereign's Command, read to him by Garter, during which Time the Black Rod kneeling held the Gospels, and the Prelate having in this Posture kissed His Majesty's Hand, and afterwards rising up was congratulated by the Knights Companions, and went behind the Chair of State near His Majesty's Right Hand, where, by the Sovereign's Command, he declared it was his Royal Pleasure, that the vacant Stalls occasioned by the Deaths of the Duke of Richmond and of the Earl of Oxford, should be now supplied by the Elections of two new Knights Companions; but because the Statutes prohibit the Election of any Person into this most Noble Order who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign was pleased to command Garter to bring in the Right Honourable Richard Lumley Earl of Scarborough, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod with the usual Reverences proceeded towards the Sovereign seated in His Chair of State, where his Lordship on his Knees received the Honour

of Knighthood in the usual Manner, wherein His Majesty used the Sword of State, which was delivered by the Black Rod on his Knees, and his Lordship being retired out of the Room, the same Ceremonies were observed in every Particular in conferring the Honour of Knighthood on the Right Honourable Charles Viscount Townshend of Rainham; who being also retired out of the Room, The Prelate, by His Majesty's Order, collected the Scrutinies of all the Knights Companions present, beginning with the Junior, and so proceeding on in Order, in which Scrutinies each Knight Companion had wrote the Names of nine Persons according to their different Classes qualifed to be elected, that is of three Earls or of an higher Degree, three Viscounts or Barons, and three Knights, to which each of them had severally set their Hands in Writing, which the Prelate presented to the Sovereign, who upon Inspection of them commanded him to declare the Earl of Scarborough duly elected into one of the Vacancies, whereupon Garter was sent to introduce his Lordship into the Chapter-Room to be invested, who at the Entrance into it was received between the Duke of Rutland on the Right and the Duke of Roxburgh on the Left Hand, the two Junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them up to the Sovereign with the accustomed Reverences, Garter carrying on a Crimson Velvet Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a Gold George in a Blue Ribbon, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand, and these two Knights Companions being returned to their Seats according to their Stalls, Garter King of Arms on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter of the Order, which His Majesty was pleased to deliver to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who with the Duke of Devon, the Senior Knights present, buckled it about his Lordship's Left Leg, while Garter King of Arms read the proper Admonition enjoined by the Rules of the Order, and then immediately Garter on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Blue Ribbon with the Gold or Little George, which His Majesty assisted by the Prince and the Duke of Devon, put over the Left Shoulder of his Lordship who was then kneeling, athwart under his Right Arm, Garter King of Arms during that Time reading the proper Admonition in such Case; and the said Earl having in that Posture kissed His Majesty's Hand for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally all the Knights Companions, who congratulated him thereon, and then withdrew out of the Chapter-Room.

The Prelate then declared the Sovereign's Pleasure of filling the other Vacancy, and the Knights having then given their respective Suffrages, and every other Particular being observed in the manner above-described, The Prelate by His Majesty's Command declared the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend duly elected, who was invested with the same Ceremonies in every respect, and then likewise withdrew.

Which done, the Knights Companions being again called over by Garter, returned in the same Order to the former Apartment with the Officers of the Order, save only that the Prelate having been sworn proceeded in his proper Place.

Navy-Office, June 26, 1724.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy having appointed Wednesday the 12th of August next, in the Morning, for coming to a new Contract with such Persons as are inclinable to Supply the Seamen serving in His Majesty's Ships with the following Particulars, viz.

Jackets,	Woolen Stockings,
Waistcoats,	Woolen Gloves,
Kersey and Shag Breeches,	Double Sole Shoes,
Skirts,	Brass Buckles,
Leather Caps,	Striped Ticken Waistcoats,
Drawers,	Striped Ticken Breeches,

according to the present Patterns, at the cheapest Rates,