

fficers of Arms, and the Officers of the Order, having made their Reverences, placed themselves on their Forms with the like Ceremonies.

Bath King of Arms then went into the Middle of the Choir, and having made his Reverences, repaired to the Place where he had before laid the Hatchments of the deceased Knights, and then took up the Banner of the eldest Knight deceased, which he held almost rolled up.

The Provincial Kings then went into the Middle of the Choir, made their Reverences, and repaired to the two Companions, standing under their Banners, who thereon joined and received the Banner from Bath, and made their Obeisances towards the Altar, and then towards the Sovereign's Stall, and being preceded by these Kings of Arms, carried the Banner, the Point forward, to the Step of the Altar, where they made the same Reverence to the Altar only, and then delivered the Banner to the Prebends, who placed it upright at the End of the Altar, and then making the same Reverences, as in their coming up, they returned to the Place where Bath had placed the Sword, which they received from him, and carried it with the Pomel or Hilt upwards, and offered it in like Manner, and being then returned, they received the Helmet and Crest, and offered them in the same Manner.

In this Form the Hatchments of each deceased Companion was offered one after the other.

Then these Companions, having thus performed the Offerings of the Hatchments, ascended into their Stalls.

Then Bath King of Arms taking up the Cushion, whereon he had placed the Mantle, the Great Collar of the Order, and the Book of Statutes, and having the Gentleman Usher on his left Hand, and being followed by the Dean, who then did arise from his Chair, they made their Reverences in the Middle of the Choir.

And then the Great Master, having made his Obeisances in his Stall, came down into the Middle of the Choir and repeated the same, and then proceeded, and entered into the Stall of the eldest Knight nominated, and then the Knight came from under his Banner, and making his Reverences, ascended into the Stall.

Bath King of Arms then delivered to the Great Master, the Transcript of the Statutes attested under the Seal of the Order, who delivered it to the Knight, and then the Dean administered unto the Knight the Oath enjoined, Bath holding the Book of the Gospels, which was of the Tenour following, " You shall honour God above
" all Things; You shall be stedfast in the
" Cause of Christ; You shall love your
" King your Sovereign Lord, and Him,
" and His Right defend to your Power;
" You shall defend Maidens, Widows, and
" Orphans, in their Rights, and shall suffer no Extortion, as far as you may prevent it; and of as great Honour be this
" Order unto you, as ever it was to any of
" your Progenitors or others." Which being done, Bath presented the Mantle to the Great Master, who invested the Knight therewith, and then Bath delivered the Great Collar, which the Great Master fastened over the Knight's Shoulder, and then the Great Master placed the White Hat with Feathers on the Head of the Knight, and seated him down in his Stall, who rising up, made his Reverences, and the Great Master having embraced him, descended, and having made his Obeisances in the Middle of the Choir, proceeded in the like Manner to install all the other Knights nominated.

Which being finished, and the Great Master returned to his own Stall, the Dean was conducted to the Altar, and Bath and Gentleman Usher being returned to their Benches (all which Ceremonies were done with the double Obeisances) Divine Service then began: During which Time, the Knights Companions put their Hats upon the Cushions laid before them.

Upon the first Sentence of the Offertory, *Let your Light so shine*, &c. the Musick playing, Bath stepped from his Bench, made his double Reverences in the Middle of the Choir, and coming before the Stall of the Junior Knight, bowed to him, and immediately turned himself to the opposite Side, bowing to the Knight in that Stall, who arose and making their double Obeisances both at one Time in their Stalls, descended into the Middle of the Choir, where they repeated the same, and retired under their Banners. Bath then in like Manner summoned the Knights in the next Stalls