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St. James's, June 12.

THE Sovereign having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, and the Knights Companions resident in and near London being summoned to attend here this Day, there appeared habited in their Mantles the Knights hereit after mentioned, with the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Winchester Prelate of the Order, the Lord Bishop of Salisbury Chancellor, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, in their respective Mantles, and wearing their different Badges, who all waited the Sovereign's coming; and upon his Appearance, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions present, beginning with those in the lowest Stalls, according to the Dispositions of them in the Chapel at Windsor, who thereon proceeded from the Apartment next to his Majesty's Closet, to the Council-Chamber (where the Chapter was held) in the following Method, where the Juniors went first, and the Knights whose Companions in the Stalls opposite to them were absent went single.

Earl of Chesterfield.	Sir Robert Walpole.
Earl of Scarborough.	
Duke of Rutland.	
Duke of Grafton.	
Duke of Newcastle.	Duke of Montagu.
Duke of Dorset.	
Earl of Strafford.	
Duke of Kent.	
The Duke.	The Prince of Wales.
Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, in Brest.	
The Lord Bishop of Salisbury Chancellor, and the Lord Bishop of Winchester Prelate of the Order, in Brest.	
The S O V E R E I G N.	

Upon entering the Council Chamber, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs (placed there as at the Time of holding the Privy Council) till the Sovereign had seated himself in the Chair of State at the upper End of the Table, and then by his Majesty's Leave took their Chairs, the Prelate and Chancellor standing near his Majesty's Chair, and the two other Officers at the lower End of the Table. Then the Chancellor by the Sovereign's Command declared his Royal Pleasure, that one of the vacant Stalls at Windsor should be filled: Whereupon each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of Nine Persons, that is of three Earls, or those of an higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, and having severally subscribed their Hands, and the same being collected by the Chancellor, were presented by him on his Knee to the Sovereign, who after inspecting them, commanded the Chancellor to declare the Prince of Orange duly elected.

The Chancellor then declared his Majesty's Pleasure for filling another vacant Stall: But whereas the Statutes forbid the Name of any Person to be put in the Scrutinies, who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, Garter was therefore commanded to bring in the Duke of Devonshire, who being introduced between Garter and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, knelt down before the Sovereign, and being knighted with the Sword of State, retired out of the Chapter Room; and the Scrutiny being collected by the Chancellor, and delivered to the Sovereign in the former Manner, the Chancellor by the Sovereign's Command declared the Duke of Devonshire duly elected; who being introduced again, was received at the Entrance by Sir Robert Walpole and the Earl of Chesterfield, the two junior Knights then present, and conducted by them to the Sovereign with the accustomed Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying the Garter, the

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