

the Solemnities of Installations, and the Celebrations of St. George's Feast (which two Ceremonies are tied down by the Statutes to be performed at Windsor locally.) So that this Decree hath always been understood not to comprehend the Investitures of Foreign Princes solemnized beyond Sea; insomuch, that no such Under-Habits have ever been prepared by the Officers of the Sovereign's Wardrobe by any Warrant upon such Occasions. His Highness thereon said, that though this Decree, in the Strictness of its Terms, might not extend to this his Case, yet being resolved to observe every Article or Custom used by any Companions elected, how minute soever, he would give Order that such Under-Habits should be provided.

Upon Saturday the 25th of July, the Day appointed for completing the Investiture, his Highness came to his House in the Wood, having under his ordinary Apparel the Doublet and Trunk-Hose, both of Cloth of Silver, together with Shooes and Gloves made in the same Form and Materials with those commonly worn by the Companions at Windsor; and retired into an inner Chamber, where after some Repose, the Plenipotentiaries disrobed him of the Ribbon and George thereto pendant, and of his Upper Habit, and took off his Sword (which was worn by Garter King of Arms during the Residue of these Ceremonies.)

His Highness being thus in his Under-Habits, with the Diamond Garter about his Leg, such Rites were performed in that Place, as would have been done, in case his Highness had been introduced into the Chapter-House at Windsor; that is, Garter took up the Surcoat of the Order, and delivered it to Mr. Finch, wherewith they jointly invested his Highness, Garter then reading the Admonition in English given upon such Occasions; and then these Plenipotentiaries girded upon his Highness the Sword of the Order, hanging to a Crimson Velvet Girdle, or Belt, over the Surcoat.

Which being done, a Procession was regularly made to the Salon d' Orange, through the Chambers (which are all hung with the richest Tapestry in distinct Pieces, each of them representing one of the Ancestors of the Prince of Orange, in the direct Male Line, from Adolphus of Nassau Emperour of Germany, with Draughts of their famous Military Achievements, and having the Effigies of their respective Consorts, whose Names and Arms are inscribed thereon, down to King William the Third and Queen Mary inclusive.)

The Gentlemen and Officers of his Highness begun it, going by Pairs in Breast,

Two Barons de Sloet, Gentlemen of his Highness,

Count Maurice of Nassau, Gentleman of his Highness, Lieutenant of Foot in the Service of the Republick of the United Provinces, having on his Right Hand the Baron of Patkul, another Gentleman of his Highness, Captain of Foot in the same Service.

M. Bigot, another Gentleman of his Highness, Captain of Foot in the same Service, having on his Right Hand the Count de Kilmanseck, Gentleman likewise to his Highness

The Count Henry de Nassau, another Gentleman to his Highness, and Captain of

publick of the United Provinces, having on his Right Hand M. de Saumaise, Gentleman to his Highness, Captain of Foot in the same Service.

The Baron of Grovesteins, another Gentleman to his Highness, and Captain of Horse in the same Service, having on his Right Hand the Count de Nassau Beverwoerd, another Gentleman to his Highness, Major of a Regiment of Horse in the same Service.

The Baron of Aylva, Great Master of the Horse to his Highness, Grand Bailiff of the Town and County of Buren, and Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in the Service of the Republick of the United Provinces, having on his Right Hand the Baron de Lynden, Lord of Parck, Great Master of the Household of his Highness, Brigadier General, and Colonel of a Regiment of Horse in the same Service.

Mr. Pomfret, Pursuivant, by the Title of Rouge Croix, habited in the Tabart or Coat of Arms of the Sovereign, carried the Cap with Plumes of Ostrich Feathers with the Hern Top; the Front of the Bever, or Brim, of this Cap was enriched in the Middle with a Diamond of an extraordinary Size, weighing 40 Carats, and at some Distance from it several other Diamonds were placed, each of them weighing from 11 to 14 Carats. The Edge of this Bever was adorned with 37 very large Oriental Pearls, and round the Cap many other Diamonds were placed in the Manner of an Hatband.

Mr. Antis, jun. in the Coat of a King of Arms, with the Collar of SS, having the Badge belonging to him as an Officer of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, pendant to a red Ribbon, carried in a Case of red Velvet the great Collar of the Order, to which the George, cut upon an Onyx Stone, and surrounded with 13 large Brilliant Diamonds was pendant; and so hung as to appear to the View of all Persons present.

Garter King of Arms, habited in his proper Mantle, and wearing his Badge or Medal hung to a Chain of Gold, carried upon a crimson Velvet Cushion fringed with Gold the Sovereign's Commission, the Mantle and Tassels, the Hood of the Order, with the Book containing the Statutes.

Mr. Finch proceeded singly.

His Highness the Prince of Orange in his Surcoat girded with the Sword.

Immediately upon the Entry into the Salon, the Gentlemen and Officers of his Highness thus proceeding by Pairs, made their Obeisances jointly towards the Stall of the Sovereign, and repeated the same in the Middle, and again upon their ascending the Haut-pas; as all others, who afterwards entered single, made their three Obeisances in the like Manner towards the Sovereign's Stall.

The Pursuivant and King of Arms deposited the Ensigns carried by them upon a Table placed near to the Stall of his Highness, and retiring stood by the Rails, and then Garter laid down the Cushion with the Ensigns upon the same Table; Mr. Finch in the mean time came near to an Elbow Chair upon the Right, and Garter then went near to another Elbow Chair upon the left Side of the Prince's Stall; while his Highness took his Chair