

in the Area under his Banner ; which Ceremonies were severally repeated by all the other Companions Commissioners, either in Pairs, or singly, according to the before-mentioned Scheme.

Garter then went into the Middle of the Choir, and having made his Reverences, repaired to the Place where the Hatchments of the late Duke of Cleveland had been laid upon a Form, and taking up the Banner, the Provincial Kings of Arms then met, made their Obeissances, and passed down to the two Senior Commissioners the Dukes of Dorset and Montagu, who thereupon joining, made their usual Reverences; and having received the Banner, carried the same almost rolled up, the Point forward a little declining, to the Steps of the Altar, where having made their Reverences to the Altar only, they kneeling delivered it to the Prebends, who placed it upright at the South End of the Altar; and then these Knights having repeated the like Reverences as they had made in their coming up, returned to their former Stations under their Banners, being conducted and waited upon by these Kings of Arms.

The two eldest Heralds met in the like Manner, and with the same Obeissances repaired to the Dukes of Newcastle and Richmond, to whom Garter delivered the Sword of the said late deceased Duke of Cleveland, the Pomel or Hilt upward, which was thus carried, and offered in the same Manner. And then the two next Heralds repaired to Sir Robert Walpole, and to the Earl of Burlington, who offered the Helm and Crest with the like Rites.

The Achievements of the late Earl of Pembroke were all offered with the same Solemnities in every Particular.

Which being done, and the usual Obeissances being made, the Return to the Chapter House was in the Order specified above; and from thence a Procession was made thro' the North Isle of the Chapel to the West End of it up into the Choir in the former Manner, save that Garter, being in the Middle between the Register and Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, carried upon a crimson Velvet Cushion edged and tasselled with Gold, the Mantle for the Prince of Orange; and that the two Senior Knights and Commissioners conducted Sir Charles Wager, Proctor or Deputy for his Highness the Prince of Orange, between them. The four Junior Knights Companions, upon their Entry into the Choir, retired under their Banners; and the two Senior Knights led the Proctor to the Seat under the Stall of his Principal, where the Register read the Oath required in such Cases for the Observation of the Statutes under the Reservations stipulated; and thereon these two Senior Commissioners conducted the Proctor into the Stall, where they put the Mantle over his Left Shoulder or Arm, in such manner that the Cross embroidered with the Garter might appear; and then they seated him in the Stall; who arising, made his Reverences; and these Knights having embraced him, and congratulated him in the Name of his Principal, they retired to their Stations under their Banners; and the

Proctor, during the remaining Part of the Ceremony, held the Mantle in the Form specified.

A Procession was then again made to the Chapter House, and a Return from thence, by the nearest Way, into the Choir, where the two Senior Knights, having between them the Duke of Devonshire habited in his Surcoat, and girded with the Sword, and carrying his Cap in his Hand, conducted him into the Seat under the lowest Stall on the Sovereign's Side, where the Duke, laying his Right Hand upon the New Testament, took the usual Oath for the Observation of the Statutes; and being then conducted up into his Stall, was there invested with the Mantle, Hood, Great Collar and George thereto pendent, while the Register read the accustomed Admonitions; and these Knights having delivered the Statute Book, placed the Cap with the Feathers upon his Grace's Head, and seated him in his Stall, who arising made his Obeissances; and then these Knights having embraced and congratulated him, left him in the Stall, and descended into the Area of the Chapel, standing under their Banners.

Then the Alms Knights, Prebends, and Officers of Arms, returned towards the Chapter House, and the Officers of the Order, and the Knights Commissioners entred ino it, from whence the Right Honourable the Earl of Wilmington was conducted in the like manner into the Chapel, and installed in the lowest Stall, on the Prince's Side with the same Ceremonies.

During all this Time the Organ played; then Divine Service begun, and the Offertory Sentence being read, the Poor Knights made their Reverences, placing themselves on both Sides, as near as they could to the Rails of the Altar, the Officers of Arms did the same; then Garter rising from his Seat made his Obeissances in the Middle of the Choir, and summoned the Earl of Wilmington and the Duke of Devonshire, the Companions in the lowest Stalls, to descend; who after making their Reverences in their Stalls, came down into the Choir, where they meeting, repeated their Reverences together, and placed themselves under their Banners; and then all the other Knights present, and the Proctor of his Highness, were summoned in their Turns, according to the Situation of the Stalls, who all descended either singly or by Pairs, according to the Method above described.

All the Knights and the Proctor being thus under their Banners, the Provincial Kings of Arms repaired to the Proctor, and conducted him to the Offering, who made the usual Reverences under the Banner of his Principal, and in the Middle of the Choir, and at the Rails of the Altar, and kneeling offered Gold and Silver, putting it into the Basin held by two of the Prebends; and then rising up made the like Obeissances, and returned to the Stall of his Principal.

The like Offering was made by the Dukes of Dorset and Montagu in breast, having the two senior Heralds waiting upon them.

Then the Duke of Newcastle by himself; and afterwards the Dukes of Richmond and