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Windsor, June 15.

HIS Majesty having granted a Commission to several Knights Companions of the most Noble Order of the Garter, empowering them, or any two or more of them, to install the Right Honourable the Earl of Essex in Person, and the Right Honourable the Earl Waldegrave by his Proctor Sir William Wyn, Knt. and to proceed therein and to perform all the Solemnities and Ceremonies required by the Statutes and Ordinances in such Cases,

Three of these Companions of the said Order named in the Commission, all of them robed in their compleat Habits, and with the Ensigns, met in the Great Chamber in the Dean's Lodgings, to which Place the Earl of Essex came in the Under Habits, carrying in his Hand his Cap with the Feathers and Hern Tops fixed thereto.

At this Place the most Noble the Dukes of Richmond and of Devonshire, Knights Companions of the Order, appeared in their full Habits; but their Graces not being in the Commission, were forthwith conducted to the Chapel, preceded by the poor Knights, Prebends of Windsor, Pursuivants, Heralds, and the Provincial Kings of Arms, all in their proper Habits, and their Graces with the usual Reverences, placed themselves in their respective Stalls.

The poor Knights and Prebends returning, attended in the Cloyster, and the said Officers of Arms in the Dean's Hall, till the Procession for the Installation began, which was in the following Manner to the Chapter House.

Poor Knights in their proper Mantles going by Pairs, being followed by the Prebends going two and two in Breast; then the Officers of Arms, according to their Degrees, in the like Manner; the Earl of Essex, in the Under Habits above-mentioned; then the Officers of the Order, the Register having on his Right Hand Garter King of Arms carrying the Sovereign's Commission, and on his Left the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, wearing their Crimson Mantles, and the Badges of their respective Offices; then the three Commissioners, the Junior in the Order going first.

The Earl of Wilmington Lord President.

Duke of Newcastle, with the Duke of Montagu on the Right Hand.

Having thus entred into the North Isle of the Chapel, the Alms Knights, Prebends, and Officers of Arms, made a Stand in their proper Distances beyond the Door of the Chapter House, and the Earl of Essex retired to a Chair placed for him in the Passage behind the Altar, and the Proctor for the Earl Waldegrave seated himself in ano-

ther Chair, while the Officers of the Order went into the Chapter House, where the three Knights Companions the Commissioners seated themselves at the Sides of the Table according to their Seniority and Form of the Stalls in the Chapel.

Then Garter with Reverence presented the Commission to his Grace the Duke of Montagu the Senior Companion and Commissioner, who gave it to the Register, who after Reading presented the same to the other Lords Commissioners, who re-delivered the same to the Register to be entred.

Garter was then commanded to conduct the Earl of Essex into the Chapter House, who was received by the Commissioners, and brought next the Place where the Ensigns of the Knight Elect were placed.

Garter was then commanded to conduct the Proctor of the Earl Waldegrave, who was received and placed in like Manner.

Then the Earl of Essex was invested with the Surcoat of the Order by the two senior Commissioners, the Register reading the Admonition; and then the belt and Sword was buckled on. The Knight Elect and Proctor remained in the Chapter House, while a Procession was made into the Chapel to offer the Hatchments of the Earls of Peterborow and Berkeley, the late deceased Knights, in the following Manner.

The poor Knights entred two and two, and being come into the Middle of the Choir, made their Reverences all together, first to the Altar, then towards the Sovereign's Stall, and proceeded up near to the Rails of the Altar, where they placed themselves on either Side of them.

The Prebends entred in the same Manner, and stood all of them below the poor Knights, excepting two, who were conducted to the Altar to receive the Hatchments to be offered.

The Officers of Arms in like Manner, and stood below the Prebends on both Sides.

The Officers of the Order in like Manner, and stood before their Seats.

Then the three Knights Commissioners,

The Earl of Wilmington,

Duke of Newcastle, with the Duke of Montagu on the Right Hand; the Junior entering first, and making his Reverences in the Middle of the Choir to the Altar, and then to the Sovereign's Stall, retired and stood in the Area under his Banner, which Ceremonies were repeated by the other two Commissioners jointly, they being Companions; and then the Banners, Swords and Helmets of the two deceased Knights were offered with the usual Ceremonies by these Companions.

The Banner of the late Earl of Peterborow by the Duke of Montagu on the Right Hand, and the Duke of Newcastle on the Left the late