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St. James's, March 13.

TH E Sovereign having determined to hold a Chapter of the most noble Order of the Garter, and the Knights Companions Resident in or near London, being summoned to attend here this Day, there appeared habited in their Mantles only, the Knights herein after mentioned, with the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor, the Register, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, in their respective Mantles, 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 the Juniors, who thereupon proceeded from the Apartment next the Sovereign'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 Granville.

Duke of Bedford.

Duke of Portland, Duke of Kingston.

Duke of Devonshire.

Earl of Chesterfield.

Duke of Rutland.

Duke of Grafton, Duke of Newcastle.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Register, having on his Right Hand Garter King of Arms, and on his Left the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor.

T H E S O V E R E I G N.

Upon entering the Council Chamber, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs 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 Chancellor standing near his Majesty's Left Hand, and the three other Officers at the lower End of the Table.

The Chancellor, by the Sovereign's Command, declared his Royal Pleasure, that the five Stalls, now vacant, should be supplied. Garter was commanded to introduce his Royal Highness Prince Edward, who being brought to the Sovereign, preceded by Garter and the Black

Rod, kneeled down, and being Knighted with the Sword of State, and having kissed his Majesty's Hand, withdrew.

The Chancellor having collected the Scrutiny, and presented it on his Knee to the Sovereign, was directed by his Majesty to declare his Royal Highness Prince Edward duly elected; whereupon Garter and Black Rod were commanded again to introduce his Royal Highness, and having brought him to the Door of the Chapter Room, at the Entrance he was received by Earl Granville and the Duke of Bedford, the two Junior Knights, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, preceded by Garter and the Black Rod, the former carrying, on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, the Garter, Ribbon and George; and having on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter, his Majesty was pleased to deliver it to their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cumberland, who buckled it about his Royal Highness's Left Leg, the Chancellor reading the Admonition. Then Garter in like Manner presented to the Sovereign the Blue Ribbon and George, who put it over His Royal Highness's Left Shoulder, athwart under his Right Arm, assisted by their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke, the Chancellor reading the Admonition: And his Royal Highness having again kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked his Majesty for the great Honour done him, saluted all the Companions severally, and withdrew.

The Chancellor then collected another Scrutiny, and having presented it in like Manner to the Sovereign, was commanded to declare his most Serene Highness the Prince of Orange duly elected.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Lincoln, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, having been knighted with the Sword of State, were elected and invested in the same Manner as his Royal Highness Prince Edward.

And lastly, the Right Honourable the Earl of Cardigan was declared duly elected.

Garter then called over the Names of the Knights Companions, and thereon a Procession was made back to the Apartment next to his Majesty's Closet, in the Manner before described.

