

inherent in Him as Sovereign of the said Order, was pleased to dispense with the statutes in as far as may be required, and to decree, ordain and enjoin, that His Majesty the King of Prussia, be declared elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Chancellor accordingly declared to the Chapter, that His Majesty the King of Prussia had been elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

His Prussian Majesty was, thereupon, by the command of the Prince Regent, conducted from the private apartment of His Royal Highness into the Chapter Room, between their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Kent, the two Senior Knights Companions present; being preceded by Garter, bearing, upon a crimson velvet cushion, the ensigns of the Order, and by Black Rod.

On entering the Chapter Room, His Majesty was received by the Prince Regent, and the Knights Companions, standing; and placed by His Royal Highness in a chair of state on his left hand.

Garter King of Arms, presenting on his knee the Garter, His Royal Highness, assisted by the said two Senior Knights Companions, buckled it on His Prussian Majesty's left leg; the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

Garter then presented the Ribband with the George; and His Royal Highness, with the assistance of the said two Senior Knights Companions, put the same over His Majesty's shoulder; the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

The Prince Regent, thereupon gave the accolade to His Prussian Majesty; and the Knights Companions having severally observed the same ceremony, they resumed their respective places.

Garter and Black Rod were then sent to introduce the Earl of Liverpool, who being conducted, with the usual reverences, to the Prince Regent, was, by His Royal Highness, knighted with the sword of state, and his Lordship having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew.

Garter and Black Rod then, by the command of the Prince Regent, introduced Viscount Castlereagh, who having also received the honour of knighthood, and kissed His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew.

Then the Chancellor, being commanded by the Prince Regent, read another new statute, setting forth, that His Majesty, as Sovereign of this Most Noble Order, reflecting with high satisfaction upon the important part which these realms have borne in the late arduous and successful contest, in order to rescue the rights and liberties of several of the States of Europe from a system incompatible with their tranquillity and welfare, and to establish their independence upon the bases of just policy and solid peace; and feeling, moreover, assured that, for the restoration of those blessings, and for the hope of future prosperity, Europe is chiefly indebted to that wisdom and moderation which, governing the Councils of her Cabinets, have presided over the glorious operations that have been crowned with such ample success; and His Majesty, being desirous of evincing His gracious approbation of the distinguished and eminent merits and services manifested and rendered to His Majesty, and to the common cause, by His right trusty and right well-beloved cousin and Councillor, Robert Earl of Liverpool, First

Lord of His Majesty's Treasury, and by His trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir Robert Stewart, commonly called Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, His Majesty, in virtue of the power and authority inherent in him as Sovereign, was pleased to dispense with all statutes and regulations observed within this Most Noble Order, and particularly with the statute whereby the number of the Knights Companions thereof is limited, in as far as may be required for the especial purpose hereinafter mentioned; and to decree, ordain, and enjoin, that the said Robert Earl of Liverpool, and the said Sir Robert Stewart, commonly called Viscount Castlereagh, be declared elected Knights of this Most Noble Order, any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Chancellor having accordingly declared to the Chapter, that the Earl of Liverpool and the Viscount Castlereagh had been elected Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, their Lordships were severally received at the door of the Chapter-Room by the Dukes of Montrose and Newcastle, the two Junior Knights Companions present, and by them conducted, with the usual ceremonies, to the Prince Regent, preceded by Garter, bearing the ensigns on a crimson velvet cushion, and by Black Rod.

The Earl of Liverpool and the Viscount Castlereagh were severally invested with the Garter and the Ribband and George, with the usual ceremonies and admonitions; and, having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, and received the congratulations of the Knights Companions, withdrew.

Then the Chancellor read a statute, reciting, that whereas His Majesty, as Sovereign of this Most Noble Order, had, in and by a statute, bearing date the 10th day of January 1805, commanded and enjoined, that the said Order should thenceforth consist of the Sovereign and twenty-five Knights Companions, together with such lineal descendants of the late Sovereign King George the Second as had been elected, and might thereafter be elected into the same, always excepting the Prince of Wales, who is a constituent part of the original institution; and His Majesty having, in virtue of the power and authority inherent in him, thought fit, for divers high reasons and considerations him thereunto especially moving, to dispense with the said statute, and to declare his faithful subjects and Councillors, Robert Earl of Liverpool and Sir Robert Stewart, commonly called Lord Viscount Castlereagh, to be Knights elected of the said Order, thereby increasing the number of Knights Subjects, not being of the Blood Royal, to twenty-seven, including the Prince of Wales; it is, nevertheless, His Majesty's intent and meaning that no further election of any of His Majesty's subjects, not being of the Blood Royal, into the said Order shall take place until the vacancy of a stall of a Knight Subject, not of the Royal Blood, shall have happened subsequently to the reduction of the number of Knights Subjects, not of the Blood Royal, to the original number of twenty-five Knights Companions as aforesaid.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was pleased to add His sign manual, in the name and on the behalf of the Sovereign, to the several