

Soon after eight o'clock the Peers were called over in the House of Lords by Deputy Garter, and proceeded to the Hall, where the other persons appointed to walk in the Procession had been previously marshalled on the right and left by the Officers of Arms.

At about ten o'clock HIS MAJESTY, preceded by the Great Officers of State, entered the Hall and took His seat in the Chair of State; which was announced by the firing of a gun.

The Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, the Lord High Constable, and the Deputy Earl Marshal, ascending the steps, placed themselves at the outer side of the table: the Lord High Steward, the rest of the Great Officers, Deputy Garter, and Black Rod arranged themselves near the Chair of State; the Royal Trainbearers on each side of the Throne.

The Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, in the absence of the Lord Chamberlain, assisted by Officers of the Jewel-Office, then brought the Sword of State to the Lord High Constable, who delivered it to the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, by whom it was laid upon the table; then Curtana, or the Sword of Mercy, with the two Swords of Justice, being in like manner presented, were drawn from their scabbards by the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, and laid on the table before His Majesty; after which the Gold Spurs were delivered, and also placed on the table. Immediately after, a Procession advanced up the Hall from the lower end thereof, with the usual reverences, in the following order:

 Serjeant of the Vestry, in a scarlet mantle.

 Children of the King's Chapel, in scarlet mantles, four abreast.

 Children of the Choir of Westminster, in surplices, four abreast.

 Gentlemen of the King's Chapel, in scarlet mantles, four abreast.

 Choir of Westminster, in surplices, four abreast.

 Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal.

 Rouge Dragon Pursuivant.

 Blue Mantle Pursuivant.

 York Herald.

 Somerset Herald.

 The two Provincial Kings of Arms.

 The Dean of Westminster, carrying St. Edward's Crown on a cushion of cloth of gold.

 First Prebendary of Westminster, carrying the Orb.

 Second Prebendary, carrying the Sceptre with the Dove.

 Third Prebendary, carrying the Sceptre with the Cross.

 Fourth Prebendary, carrying St. Edward's Staff.

 Fifth Prebendary, carrying the Chalice and Patina.

 Sixth Prebendary, carrying the Bible.

The Dean and Prebendaries having arrived at the foot of the steps, and Deputy Garter preceding them, ascended the steps, and approaching near the table before the King, the Dean presented the Crown to the Lord High Constable, who delivered it to the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, and by him it was placed on the table before the King. The rest of the Regalia were severally delivered by each Prebendary, on his knee, to the Dean, by him to the Lord High Constable, by him to the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, by whom they were laid on the table. The Regalia being thus delivered, the Prebendaries and Dean returned to the middle of the Hall. His Majesty then commanded Deputy Garter to summon the Noblemen and Bishops who were to bear the Regalia; and the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain delivered the same to the Lords by whom they were to be severally carried.

The Bishops of Oxford and Lincoln, who were to support His Majesty, for the Bishops of Durham and Bath and Wells, were then summoned by Deputy Garter, and, ascending the steps, placed themselves on each side of the King.

The second gun was then fired; and the Procession, flanked by the Earl Marshal's Gold Staff Officers, moved forward upon blue cloth spread from the Throne in Westminster-Hall, to the great steps in the Abbey Church; the Anthem, "O Lord, grant the King a long life," &c. being sung in parts, in succession with His Majesty's Band playing, the sounding of trumpets, and the beating of drums, until the arrival in the Abbey.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

 The King's Herb-Woman, with her six Maids, two and two, strewing the way with herbs.

 Messenger of the College of Arms, in a scarlet cloak, with the arms of the College embroidered on the left shoulder.

 The Dean's Beadle of Westminster, with his staff.

 The High Constable of Westminster in a scarlet cloak, with his staff.

 Two Household Fifes with banners of velvet fringed with gold, and five Household Drummers in Royal liveries, drum-covers of crimson velvet, laced and fringed with gold.