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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1827.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 10th day of *May* 1827,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day His Majesty in Council was pleased to declare His having appointed His Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Clarence Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

This day the Most Noble George William Frederick Duke of Leeds, the Right Honourable William Lord Plunket, and the Right Honourable Sir Samuel Hulse, were, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their respective places at the Board accordingly.

St. James's, May 10, 1827.

A Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the *Entrée-room*, viz.:

Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Clarence and Gloucester, the Earl of Westmorland, the Earl Spencer, Marquess Camden, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Duke of Beaufort, the Earl of Lonsdale, the Duke of Newcastle, the Duke of Wellington, Earl Bathurst, the Marquess of Anglesey, the Duke of Northumberland, the Marquess of Hertford, and the Duke of Dorset, attended by the undernamed Officers of the Order, viz. : the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Register of the Order; Sir George Naylor, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knight, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At three o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign, in the Throne-room.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, the Prelate signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's royal will and pleasure that the three vacant stalls in the Royal Chapel of Saint George, at Windsor, be filled; and as by the statutes none but a Knight can be elected, His Grace George-William-Frederick Duke of Leeds was introduced, and knighted by His Majesty with the Sword of State, and His Grace, having kissed the Sovereign's hand, retired. After which His Grace William-Spencer Duke of Devonshire, and the Most Honourable Brownlow Marquess of Exeter, were severally and successively introduced, and knighted with the same ceremonies.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election, and the suffrages having been collected by the Prelate, were by him presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to command him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Most Noble George-William-Frederick Duke of Leeds had been duly elected a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, His Grace was received at the door of the Throne-room by the Marquess of Hertford and the Duke of Dorset, the two Junior Knights Companions present, and conducted between them to His Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod. The Duke of Leeds kneeling near the Sovereign, and Garter presenting on his knee the Garter, His Majesty, assisted by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Clarence and Gloucester, the two Senior Knights Companions present, buckled it on His Grace's left leg, the Prelate pronouncing the usual admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George, and His Majesty, with the assistance of the two Senior Knights Companions, put the same over His Grace's left shoulder, the Prelate pronouncing the admonition. The Duke having again kissed the Sovereign's hand, and received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions, withdrew.

The Chapter proceeded to a second election, and the suffrages being collected by the Prelate, and presented to the Sovereign, the Most Noble William-Spencer Duke of Devonshire, was, by His Majesty's command, declared duly elected, and His Grace was