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Kensington, June 22.

THE Sovereign having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, and the Knights Companions resident in and near London, being summoned to attend here this Day, there appeared habited in their Mantles his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; and the Knights herein after mentioned, with the Dean of Windsor the Register, and Garter King of Arms, in their respective Mantles, and wearing their different Badges, who 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 in the Order, who thereon proceeded to the Gallery where the Chapter was appointed to be held in the following Method, the Juniors first; and the Knights, whose Companions in the Stalls opposite to them were absent, went single.

Duke of Kingston,	Duke of Portland,
Duke of St. Albans,	
Duke of Richmond,	
Duke of Newcastle,	Duke of Grafton,
Duke of Dorset,	

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, Garter King of Arms having on his Right Hand the Dean of Windsor, Register of the Order.

The SOVEREIGN.

Upon entering the Gallery, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs (placed there as at the Time of holding of the Privy Council) 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. Then Garter with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, That the Honourable Henry Bellenden, Esq; attended without the Door, and most humbly beseeched His Majesty to be admitted to take the

Oath of Office, as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod of this most Noble Order; and he was accordingly introduced in his Mantle; and being come to the Sovereign, he kneeling down took the Oath enjoined by the Statutes; His Majesty having put the Gold Chain with the Jewel about his Neck; was pleased to confer on him the Honour of Knighthood; then having kissed His the Sovereign's Hand, he withdrew to the Bottom of the Table.

Garter then in like Manner having acquainted the Sovereign, that the Lord Bishop of Salisbury attended without the Door, and most humbly besought his Majesty, that he might be admitted to the Office of Chancellor of this most Noble Order; which Office is annexed to that Bishoprick.

And his Lordship in his Episcopal Habit was introduced accordingly between Garter and Black Rod, Black Rod carrying on a Velvet Cushion the Mantle, Gold Chain and Purse; and being come to the Sovereign, Black Rod invested his Lordship with the Mantle; and the Oath of Office being administered to him kneeling, Black Rod on his Knee presented to His Majesty the Gold Chain and Jewel; which His Majesty put round his Neck; and his Lordship having received from the Sovereign the Purse, and kissed His Majesty's Hand, placed himself on the Left Hand of the Chair of State.

Then the Chancellor, by the Sovereign's Command, declared His Royal Pleasure, that the Six vacant Stalls in the Royal Chapel at Windsor should now be filled; and each Knight having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed most qualified to be elected in a Scrutiny; and having severally subscribed their Hands thereto, the same was collected by the Chancellor, and presented by him on his Knee to the Sovereign, who after inspecting them, commanded the Chancellor to

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