

Prerogative, to Prorogue *Elections ad libitum*, yet out of Respect, and Honour to the *Knights-Companions*, their Approbation hath been sometimes exprest.

§ 18. When any Knight-Companion hath received a Summons, to appear at a Chapter of Election, and doth wilfully refuse, or withdraw himself, he was to be mulct a Mark for his Disobedience, which King *Henry VIII's* Statutes enlarged to twenty Shillings, payable to the Dean and College of *Windsor*, to pray for defunct Souls. And at his next appearance in Chapter, he was to remain kneeling in the midst of them, before the Sovereign, or Deputy, till he was restor'd to their Favour: Yet upon a just Cause signified to the *Sovereign* some time before, under the Seal of his Arms, he was excused, if it was found just and feasible; if not, it was rejected, and he remained Punishable.

And for greater Caution, this Clause was formerly inserted, in the *Letters of Summons*; where, after the Time and Place for Election was certified, and command given to observe both, the Letter concludes thus, *et se estre ny pous nous Signifies soubz, &c.* and if it cannot be accomplished, that is, if the Knight-Companion could not meet at the time assigned, to perform what the Statutes oblige, he should then signify to the *Sovereign*, under his Seal, the cause of his Impediment; so that he might perceive by his Excuse, whether it was worthy of Acceptance, or he in Fault or not.

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### *The Investiture of a Knight-Subject with the Garter and George.*

**I**F the Knight chance to be at *Windsor*, that is newly Elected, or wheresoever the Chapter is held, after the *Sovereign* hath signified his Pleasure in the Election of the Person, the *Garter* is immediately dispatched out of the Chapter, to give him the Intelligence; as is appar-  
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rent upon the Choice of the Lord *Howard*, and Sir *Henry Marney*, Anno 2 *Henry VIII.* who was dispatched from the Chapter, to conduct them to the *Sovereign's* Presence, to be invested with the principal Ensigns of the Order, the *Garter* and *George*.

And as *Garter* hath been accustomed to signify in Person the *Election* of a *Knight*, in like manner an *Election* is signified, by the Letters of the *Sovereign*, when he is pleased (for the greater Honour of the Person) to weave by verbal Notice: In such Cases, it's the *Chancellor's* Office to draw up the *Letters*, and they are to pass, both under the *Sovereign's Sign Manual*, and *Signet* of the Order. Such a particular mark of *Distinction* and *Honour* was conferr'd on our *Sovereign* of *Blessed Memory*, *King Charles II.* Sir *John Burrough* *Garter*, carrying the *Letter*.

*Charles Rex,*

“ Our most dear and entirely beloved Son, having, to  
 “ our great Comfort, seen and considered the ripeness of  
 “ your Youth, and conceived joyful and pregnant Hopes  
 “ of your manly Virtue, in which we are assured you  
 “ will increase, to your own Honour, both in Prowess,  
 “ Wisdom, Justice, and all Princely Endowments; and  
 “ that the Emulation of Chevalry will, in your tender  
 “ Years, provoke and encourage you, to pursue the Glory  
 “ of Heroick Actions, besitting your Royal Birth, and our  
 “ Care and Education. We with the Companions of our  
 “ most Noble Order of the *Garter*, assembled in Chap-  
 “ ter, holden this present Day, at our Castle of *Windsor*;  
 “ have Elected and Chosen you one of the Companions  
 “ of our Order. In Signification whereof, we have sent  
 “ unto you, by our Trusty and Well-Beloved Servant,  
 “ Sir *John Burrough* *Knight-Garter*, and our principal  
 “ King of Arms, these our *Royal Letters*, requiring you  
 “ to make your speedy repair unto us, to receive the En-  
 “ signs of our most Noble Order, and to be ready for  
 “ your Installation, upon the 21st Day of this present  
 “ Month. Given under the *Signet* of our Order, at our  
 “ Castle of *Windsor*, the 20th of *May*, in the 14th Year of  
 “ of our Reign, 1638.

To our dearly beloved Son Prince Charles.

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This is the only Instance we have met with, where a Letter was sent to an Elect Knight, and he at the same time present at Court; but when an Election is confirmed, and the Person remote from the Court, then the general Tenure of the Letter is, both to signify his Election, and Summon him to his Investure, with the Garter and George, as was performed by the Earl of Derby, and Sir Edward Strafford, to King Henry of France.

But where the Sovereign is pleased to mention particular Services, to recommend the Election of a Knight, the Preamble of the Letter is worded accordingly; and as this is a Case not very frequent, it will not be amiss to exemplify it in the Choice of Sir John Falstaff, where the Letter runs thus—*We considering the virtuous Fidelity you have shown, and the honourable Exploits you have done, in the Service of our thrice renowned Father, and that in our Service also, you (as many others) have given Proof of that Honour, and those Deserts, wherewith God hath endowed you, always suffering, as is the part of a good Subject, the Pains and Toils of War, for the vindicating and maintaining of our just Right, Claim, and Title, have Chosen you one of our Companions of our Order.*

When the Letter barely signifies Election, that is, when the Sovereign does not design a present investure with the Garter and George, but defers it till he takes Possession of his Stall, the Day of his Installation is inserted towards the end of the Letter; and upon his appearance at *Windsor*, so soon as he appears in the Chapter-House, the Garter is first buckled about his left Leg, then follows his Investure with the rest of the Ornaments of the Order, and lastly his Installation. And this was the Case of *Henry Earl of Northumberland, Anno 29 Henry VIII.* whose Investure of the Garter was deferr'd till his appearance at *Windsor*, and then the whole Ceremony was performed at once.

§ 2. If the elect Knight be at hand, where the Chapter is convened, and the Garter hath been sent to make known to him the Honour, and Conduct him into the *Chapter-House*, to receive the Garter and George, before they break up, Intimation being given of his approach, the Sovereign sends out two of the Knights-Companions to meet him, who, after a mutual Salute, Conduct him between them, to the Presence of the Sovereign, Garter going

going before them. Thus was *Ubrick Duke of Holstein*, Anno 3 *Fac. I.* introduced into the Chapter, between Prince *Henry*, and the Earl of *Dorset*, and *Christian Duke of Brunswick*, Anno 22 *Fac. I.* between *William Earl of Pembroke*, and *Philip Earl of Montgomery*, to receive the Garter and George. The 6th of *November*, Anno 14 *Charles II.* *Christian Prince of Denmark*, being elected at a Chapter held at *White-Hall*, and then absent, the Garter King was dispatched next Day by the Sovereign, to inform him, and to desire his Presence the next Day, that he might receive his Investiture; which accordingly was done, being conducted between the Earls of *Lindsey* and *Manchester* into the Chapter, Garter preceding them, and after three Obeysances, they brought him up to the Sovereign. Among Knights-Subjects, we find the Lord *Burley*, and the Lord *Grey*, were conducted to the Sovereign by the Lord *Clynton*, and the Earl of *Bedford*, Anno 14 *Elizabeth*, cum multis aliis. Anno 4 *Fac. I.* *Robert Earl of Salisbury* proceeded up to the Sovereign's Throne, between the Earls of *Nottingham* and *Dorset*. In the Reign of King *Charles I.* the Earl of *Northampton* was conducted to receive the Garter in the Chapter-House at *Windsor*, between the Earls of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*. And when King *Charles II.* appeared, upon his Letter of Summons, at the Chapter held in the withdrawing Chamber in *Windsor Castle*, to receive his Investiture, two of the Senior Knights, viz. *Philip Earl of Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, and *Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surry*, were sent out to Conduct him in, who brought him between them unto the Sovereign, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod going before.

The Duke of *Monmouth* being elected at a Chapter held in the withdrawing Room at *White-Hall*, the 28th of *March*, Anno 15 *Charles II.* Garter was immediately sent to him in the Sovereign's Bed-Chamber, who being met at the Door by the Earls of *Lindsey* and *Manchester*, both the Garter and the Black Rod passed to the lower End of the Room before the Duke and the two Knights-Companions, whence they proceeded up to the Sovereign with three Reverences. At the Election of *James Duke of Cambridge*, in the same Room at *White-Hall*, (*December 3.* Anno 18 *Charles II.*) Garter was also sent forth into the Bed-Chamber, to acquaint him that the Earl of

*Manchester*, and the Duke of *Monmouth*, were appointed by the Sovereign and Chapter to bring him in thither; that done, the aforesaid Knights-Companions arose and went to the Duke, whom meeting at the Bed-Chamber Door, they took their compass about the rest of the Knights-Companions, (then standing) and brought him between them, from the lower End of the Room, close before the Sovereign, the Garter and Black Rod preceding.

§ 3. The Knight elect being thus introduced to the Sovereign, bows with all Reverence, and formerly a short gratulatory Speech was the vogue, that set forth his acknowledgment of his Sovereign's Royal Favour, and the grateful Respect he bore to the Knights-Companions for his Election.

Anno 28. Hen. VIII. we find Sir *Nicholas Crew*, after he had been conducted into the Chapter-House at *Windsor*, to receive his Investiture, thus to address himself: giving infinite Thanks both to the Sovereign and whole Society, for that they had vouchsafed to receive him into the Honour of this most illustrious Order, being a Person in his own Esteem most unworthy thereof: In the next Place professed, That whereas he was preferred in this Choice before many others, much more deserving than himself, it was not to be attributed to his Merits, or any Thing by him performed, but merely to the Sovereign's Bounty, and the Favour of the Knights-Companions towards him.

The conferring of so singular an Honour, being thus thankfully own'd, the Ceremony of Investiture begins; the Garter first takes place, as the most ancient and chiefest Ensign, and then the George; but the compleat Investiture is not performed until the Elect Knights are installed at *Windsor*. Formerly the manner of robing of them was performed on this wise: First, the Elect Knight set his Foot upon a Stool, and then one of the Knights-Companions, by the Sovereign's appointment, as his Substitute, buckled the enobled Garter about his left Leg, as may be seen in the Antiquities of Warwickshire, in an old Draught of the Combats of Sir *John Astley*, who was inrolled in this illustrious Body, and is so represented. But of later Date, the Elect Knight kneeled on his right Knee, whilst this Ceremony was performed, in which space the Words of Admonition and Signification, at this part of the Investiture,

stature, were read. The *Admonition*, upon the buckling of the Garter, in the *English Statutes of K. Hen. VIII.* is set down on this manner:

SIR,

*The loving Brethren of the Order of the Garter, have received you their Brother and Fellow; and in Token of this, they give and present you this present Garter, which God grant that you receive and wear from henceforth to his Praise and Glory, and to the Exaltation and Honour of the said Noble Order, and your self.*

Afterwards it was decreed, at a Chapter held at *Wind-  
sor*, the 5th of *August*, Anno 1<sup>st</sup> 2 *Phil.* and *Mary*, to this effect: ' That not only the same Advertisements, which  
' were wont to be given to Strangers at their Investitures,  
' should be likewise given to Knights-Subjects, that for  
' the future should be elected and install'd; and with a  
farther Proviso, ' That among the Knights-Companions  
' there should not be any difference either in Ceremony or  
' Habit.

Hereupon the aforesaid Tenure ceased to be used upon the fixing of the Garter, and one Form remained at the Investiture of Strangers and Knights-Subjects, which is pronounced by the Chancellor, if the Sovereign or his Lieutenant be present, otherwise by the Register.

" To the Laud and Honour of Almighty God, his im-  
maculate Mother, and *St. George* the holy Martyr, tye  
" or gird your Leg with this noble Garter, wearing it to  
" the increase of your Honour, and in Token and Re-  
" membrance of this most noble Order; remembering  
" that thereby you being admonished and encouraged, in  
" all just Battels and Wars, which only you shall take in  
" Hand, both strongly to fight, valiantly to stand, and  
" honourably to have Victory.

But against the Investiture of *K. Charles II.* the Words of the Signification being better weighed and considered, were thus methodized:

" To the Honour of God Omnipotent, and in Memo-  
" rial of the blessed Martyr *St. George*, tye about thy Leg,  
" for

“ for thy Renown, this noble Garter ; wear it as the Sym-  
 “ bol of the most illustrious Order, never to be forgotten  
 “ or laid aside ; that thereby thou may’st be admonished  
 “ to be courageous ; and having undertaken a just War,  
 “ into which only thou shalt be engaged, thou may’st  
 “ stand Firm, valiantly Fight, and successfully Conquer.

The Princely Garter being thus buckled on, and the Words of the Signification pronounced, the Elect Knight is brought before the Sovereign, who puts about his Neck the *George*, pendant at a Sky-colour’d Ribband, at which part of the Ceremony, the Admonition used at the adorning of an installed Knight with the Collar of the Order, (only changing the Word Collar for Ribband) is pronounced ; but were alter’d upon the Occasion assign’d before:

“ Wear this Ribband about thy Neck, adorn’d with  
 “ the Image of the blessed Martyr, and Soldier of Christ,  
 “ *St. George* ; by whose Imitation provok’d, thou may’st  
 “ so overpals both prosperous and adverse Adventures,  
 “ that having stoutly vanquished thy Enemies, both of  
 “ Body and Soul, thou may’st not only receive the Praise  
 “ of this transient Combat, but be crown’d with the Palm  
 “ of eternal Victory.

Greater Respect is conferr’d upon foreign Princes, who receive their Election here, than abroad ; because the Sovereign most usually performs the Investiture himself ; as was solemniz’d upon *Philip*, King of *Castile*, when the Sovereign took the Garter from the King at Arms, and fixed it on his Leg, and Prince *Henry* fasten’d the Buckle.

Queen *Elizabeth* her self buckled the Garter about the Leg of *John Casimier*, Count Palatine of the *Rhine*, and hung about his Neck a Gold Chain with the *George* at it. And the like Honour did King *James I.* confer upon the Duke of *Holstein*, in the 3d Year of his Reign.

Sometimes it happens, tho’ very rarely, for the Sovereign, out of his special Grace and Favour, to condescend to Honour a Knight-Subject this way ; tho’, when Queen *Elizabeth* was pleas’d to adorn the Lord *Burleigh* with the Garter, the *Annals* record it to be done as it were by *she* by. The same Favours she bestow’d, tho’ at different times,

times, upon *Henry*, Earl of *Suffex*, and the Earl of *Shrewsbury*. King *James I.* invested *Henry*, Earl of *Northampton*, with the principal Ensigns of the Order, as a Person worthy of so great an Honour: And the *Blessed Martyr* placed both the *Garter* and the *George*, with his own Hands, upon King *Charles II.*

Sometimes the Sovereign hath but performed part of the Investiture, and laid his Commands on the senior Knight to do the rest. Thus, *Anno 13 Henry VIII.* the Sovereign reached out the *Garter* to the Marquis of *Dorset*, and commanded him to buckle it about the Leg of the Earl of *Devonshire*; which, whilst he was about, the Duke of *Norfolk* gave him his Assistance, and the Sovereign put on the Gold Chain. At the Investiture of *Christian*, Duke of *Brunswick*, *Anno 22 Jac. I.* the Sovereign put about his Neck the Blue Ribband, whereat hung the Effigies of *St. George*; and the Earls, who introduc'd him to the Sovereign's Presence, buckled on the *Garter*. Thus did the Sovereign to *William*, Earl of *Northampton*, *Anno 4 Car. I.* and the Earl of *Pembroke* fasten'd the *Garter* about his left Leg.

This Order of Investiture began to be inverted *Anno 22 Jac. I.* the *George* and the Ribband being first put on, and the *Garter* last. And so was it performed when the Prince of *Denmark*, Dukes of *Monmouth*, *Cambridge*, and *Albemarle*, received their Investiture in the Reign of King *Charles II.* The *Garter*, as it was the first, so is the principal and most worthy Ensign of the Order; and, in the Practice of all former Times, had always the Preference given to it. The Investiture with these two Ensigns, hath generally been performed by the two senior Knights, at the Command of the Sovereign; but always in his Presence, the Chapter sitting; but if absent, then by his Lieutenant. For, in *31 Eliz.* the Lord *Buckhurst* being elected at *Whitehall*, and coming to Court wholly ignorant of the Affair, and after the Sovereign was risen, (yet leaving the Chapter sitting) her Lieutenant invested him both with the *Garter* and *George*. After the Solemnity is compleated, the elect Knight renders most humble Thanks to the Sovereign, and with due Respects salutes the Knights-Companions, who re-salute the elect Knight, and joyfully receive him into their Society. If two or more elect Knights receive this Investiture at one time,



as soon as the Senior is invested, and his humble Thanks presented, he moves downwards towards the Chapter-House Door, and there stands till the next Junior Knight is invested; and if there be more, so on until the Chapter break up.

§ 4. Where a Knight-Subject, at the time of his Election, is far distant from Court, or beyond Sea, and the Sovereign determines to send him the Two principal Ensigns of the Order, the Charge of this Employ does of right belong to the *Garter*. For the Proof of which there are divers Precedents.

The Letters heretofore sent from the Sovereign, along with the Ensigns of the Order, to the elect Knights, have, for the most part, been drawn after the Form of those that certify the Election, and differs only in the last Clause, which requires the elect Knight to repair to the Sovereign: The difference lay not in the Body, but in the Direction of the Letter, which was always worded according to the Quality of the Person to whom it was sent. As to a Knight-Bachelor, the Direction was, *To our trusty and well-beloved*; and to an Earl, *Right trusty, and right well-beloved Cousin*; to a Duke, *Right trusty, and right entirely beloved Cousin*, &c.

The Forms of those Letters, sent upon like Occasion to Knights-Subjects, when King *Charles II.* was beyond Sea, were penn'd after another Model, and contained other additional particular Clauses; as, 1. Power to wear the *Star* of Silver about *St. George's Cross*; 2. The Great Collar of the Order; and, 3. To style themselves *Knights, and Companions of the Order of the Garter*, in as ample a Manner, as if they had been installed at *Windsor*; with an Assurance of receiving the whole Habit there, when the Sovereign was restored to the Possession thereof.

And it appears from some of these Letters, that by reason *Sir Edward Walker*, *Garter*, was otherwise employ'd in the Service of the Sovereign, when they were transmitted, the Sovereign pitch'd upon other Persons, to carry both the Letters and Ensigns of the Order, and yet continued the *Garter* in the Rights of his Office. However, *Sir Edward* esteeming this devolving his Employment on others, as an Invasion on the Rights of his Office; and having a just regard for the Interest of his Successors,

no less than his own, humbly petitioned King *Charles II.* for Redress, and obtained his gracious Reference thereupon, to several *Knights* of the Order, to examine the Matter, and to give in their Report, what they found, and what they thought proper to be effected therein; and upon whose Report the Sovereign did him full Right by his gracious Declaration. For the *Dukes of Buckingham and Hamilton*, and the *Marquis of Newcastle*, to whom this Affair was referr'd, gave in their Report to the King at *Breda*, May 27. 1650.

*We, George, Duke of Buckingham, William, Duke of Hamilton, and William, Marquis of Newcastle, Knights of the most noble Order of the Garter, having read and consider'd the within written Petition, do find the Allegations therein mentioned to agree with the Statutes and ancient Practices of the said Order; and that Garter King of Arms, and his Deputies, ought to bear all Letters-Patents appertaining to the Brethren of the said Order, and all Elections to the Knights elect. And we do therefore make this Report to your Majesty, to the end you may be pleased to maintain the Petitioner in his just Rights; and that no Example lately made may be brought in Precedent against him, or his Successors in the said Office.*

*G. Buckingham:  
Hamilton.*

*W. Newcastle.*

It was formerly the Practice, to send the Book of Statutes, under the common Seal of the Order, together with the Letters signifying an Election, and the Ensigns of the Order, no less to a Knight Subject than to a Stranger, that he might peruse and advise thereupon, whether he would accept of the Election, or not; for so it appears, Anno 4 Hen. VI. by the Letters sent to Sir *John Falstaff*.

Within a few Days after Prince *Rupert* was elected into this Order, (being then in *Holland*) a Commission of Legation was prepared to be sent thither, with the *Garter* and *George*, by Sir *John Burrough*, Kt. to perform the Investiture with them; but Sir *John* dying, prevented the Ceremony. Some time after the Prince had been in *England*, the then Sovereign thought fit to lay his Commands on Sir *James Palmer*, Chancellor of the Order, to attend his

his Highness, to declare the Reason why the said Commission was not sent and executed, as was designed, as well as to deliver him the Commission it self; to the intent (being prevented of receiving his Installation at *Windfor*, because that Castle continued in the Possession of the Rebels) it might remain with him as a Memorial of his Sovereign's Princely Favour, and Respect to his Quality and Merits, and for a farther Evidence of his being admitted into this most Noble Order, since there was no other Memorial thereof, but the Minutes of his Election, and this Commission. And accordingly on *Monday*, the 14th of *January*, 1644. the Chancellor, accompanied with *Dr. Christopher Wren*, Register, and *Sir Edward Walker*, newly made Garter, attended the Prince at his Lodgings in *Oxford*; who, having notice of their Design, receiv'd them with all obliging Civility; and the Chancellor, in an eloquent Speech, made known to his Highness his Sovereign's Commands, and the Intent of his coming; which was no sooner finished, but *Sir James Palmer* presented his Petition to the Prince, who gave his Majesty many humble Thanks for this gracious Message; and acknowledged his Majesty's Favours beyond his Desert; but promised he would study to be more worthy by his Actions, than in return of Words; with many Thanks to the Chancellor, and other Officers of the Order, for their Trouble: Whereupon they took their Leave, and the Chancellor went immediately to his Majesty, and gave him a Narrative of what they had done.

§ V. It was an ancient Custom, and part of the Ceremony belonging to the Investiture with the Garter, to give him an Oath, whether he was a Stranger or a Subject-Knight, which we find styled, *The Oath in such Cases accustomed to be taken*; and which was to this effect; *That the Knight should well and faithfully keep and observe, so far as God should enable him, all that was contained in the Statutes of the Order*: But this of late hath been disused, and not imposed, unless upon foreign Princes.

It is observable, that *Anno 4 Hen. VI.* a particular Commission was issued, to the Earls of *Warwick*, *Salisbury*, and *Suffolk*, with Power, to any Two, or One of them, to receive this Oath from *Sir John Falstoff*, upon his Investiture; which was besides the Oath his Proctor was

was afterwards to take at the Installation, which Sir *John* empowered him to do on his behalf; which was, *Such Oath as should be required at the time of Installation.*

Altho' we have fully treated of the Ceremony and Manner of investing a Knight elect, with the *Garter* and *George*, we shall subjoin Two or Three considerable Instances, as most proper to this Place.

When *Philip*, Prince of *Spain*, Anno 1 *Mariæ*, had these Ensigns of the Order sent him, the Sovereign joyn'd *Garter* King of Arms, with the Earl of *Arundel*, to perform the Investiture; who, upon notice of his arrival on the Coast of *England*, set forward on their Journey to *Southampton*; where, on *Friday* the 20th of *July*, they took Water, and meeting the Prince before he landed, entered his Barge, and gave him notice of his Election in a short Speech; which being ended, *Garter* having the *Garter* in his Hand, kissed it, and so presented it to the Earl, who forthwith fasten'd it about the Prince's Leg; and after *Garter* had presented the Earl with the *George*, hanging at a Chain of Gold, he put it likewise about the Prince's Neck. The Ceremony of Investiture being thus performed, the Prince came on shore at *Southampton*; and on the uppermost Stair were ready attending his landing, the Marquis of *Winchester*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, with divers other Lords: The Prince gave the Lord *Williams* his White Staff, and made him Lord Chamberlain of his Houshold; and Sir *Anthony Brown*, Master of his Horse, presented him, from the Queen, a Horse with a Foot-cloth of *Crimson Velvet*, richly embroider'd with Gold and Pearls, having the Bridle and all other Furniture suitable, whereon he rode to the Cathedral, and after Prayers to the Lodging prepared for him.

Concerning the *Garter's* Investiture of the Earl of *Warwick*, at *Newhaven* in *France*, the first of *May*, Anno 5 *Elix.* is as follows: The *Garter* repairing first to the Earl's Lodgings, put on his Mantle in the next Chamber to the Earl's, and proceeded into the Earl's Chamber; where, having made Three Reverences, he buckled the *Garter* about his left Leg, and after put on the *George* and the Ribband about his Neck; reading to the Earl the Words of the Signification, appointed to be pronounced at the Investiture; which being concluded, *Garter* retir'd into the Room  
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where he had put on his Mantle, and there disrobed himself, and so the Ceremony ended.

It was the Custom about these Times, for the Nobility, Allies, or Friends, to the elect Knight, to send him by the *Garter*, several *Garters* and *Georges*, as Marks of Congratulation for the Honour he was to receive, which the *Garter* delivered to him when the Investiture was finished, and he had put off his Robe, with the particular Services and Respects of those Friends who had bestow'd them. For thus was it with the Earl of *Warwick* at *Newhaven*, and the Lord *Scroop* at *Carlisle*, Anno 26 Eliz. At the *Garter's* return to Court, he is obliged to deliver an Account to the Sovereign, how he hath discharged his Employment; and by special Directions from the elect Knight, who presents the highest Respects he can express, as well to the Sovereign as to the rest of the Knights-Companions, for honouring him with a Reception into so illustrious a Body.

We shall close this Section with a brief Account of the Investiture of the Duke of *Gloucester*, on *Easter-day* in the Morning, being the 14th of *April*, 1653. In reference to which Ceremony there was provided :

1. A *Garter* with the Motto, to be tyed about his left Leg.
2. A *George* in a Ribband, to be put about his Neck.
3. An embroider'd *Cross* of *St. George*, with a *Garter* and *Star*, to be sew'd on the left Shoulder of the Duke's Cloak.
4. A Velvet Cushion, whereon the *Ensigns* and *Ornaments* of the Order were to be laid.

For the Honour of the Order, and his said Highness, Sir *Edward Walker*, *Garter*, humbly propos'd, That he might be assisted by Two or Four Knights in performing his Duty.

That his Highness the Duke might receive the *Ensigns* of the Order, in the Presence-Chamber of the Princess Royal, or in his own, accompanied with the Queen of *Bohemia*, her Royal Highness, and some other Persons of Honour and Quality.

That his Highness having plac'd himself under the *State*, *Garter* should take the Cushion upon his Arms, on which were

were to be laid all the particular Ornaments just now mentioned; being assisted with the Knights, and a Passage left for him to make his Three Obeysances, he should proceed up towards the Duke, and lay the Cushion with the Ornaments upon a Stool set near his Highness for that purpose.

That he should signify to his Highness, in few Words, the Cause of his coming, and then deliver into his Hands the Sovereign's Letter.

That his Highness having receiv'd it, should break it open, and deliver it back to the Garter to be read; which he having done, should return it to his Highness.

That, after this, he should proceed to the Investiture of his Highness with the Ensigns of the Order.

Which being done, he briefly represented unto his Highness, in a Speech, somewhat of the Quality and Splendor of the Order.

And, lastly, to kiss his Highness Hand, and so depart. And according to those Proposals, and in the same Order, were all Things performed.

§ 6. The Sovereign of this most Noble Order defrays the Charges of the Garter, whensoever, and as often as he is dispatch'd to any elect Knight-Subject, either with Letters to signify his Election, or to invest him with the Garter and George; and this is commonly proportioned according to the length or the shortness of the Journey. The Allowance for the Journey which Sir Gilbert Dithick, Garter, made into the Counties of Lincoln and Cumberland, first to the Earl of Rutland, and then to the Lord Scroop, when Queen Elizabeth was Sovereign, appears to have been 20 l.

Besides the Sovereign's Allowance to the Garter, he receives honourable Gratuities and Rewards from the elect Knight himself, after he has performed the Investiture; and these have usually been proportioned, according to the estimate of the Honour he receives, and the particular affection he has for the Garter, and the service done by him. Among whom, Anno 17 Henry VIII. we find the Earl of Arundel bestow'd on Thomas Wiothlesley, Garter, ten Pounds in Angelots, being then at his Mannor of Dawnley; and Ralph Earl of Westmoreland, elected at the same Time with the aforesaid Earl, being at Mile-end, gave

gave him six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence. The Earl of *Northumberland*, in the 23 of *Henry VIII.* bestow'd on the Garter, for the verbal certifying him of his Election, four Pounds, though he went no farther than the Chapter-House Door.

Lastly, *Anno 26 Elizabeth*, the Earl of *Rutland* honourably received the Garter at *Newark*, and the Lord *Scroop* gave him thirty Pounds in Gold, a Velvet Cloak, and a *Galloway Nag*, and to *William Dethick*, *York Herald*, who accompanied Garter to *Carlisle*, ten Pounds.

But since these Times, the Knights elect have enlarged their gratuities to Garter, for his Service upon this Occasion.

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## C A P. XI.

### *Of Preparations for the Personal Installation of a Knight.*

§ 1. **T**HE Inauguration of a Knight of this most Noble Order, consists in a Conjunction of many Ceremonies, and contains the most solemn part of those, which compleateth all the rest; and till this great Solemnity be regularly and duly performed, the Person elected hath not the Honour to be enrolled among the Number of Founders, but barely passes for an elect Knight, and no other: For the Statute expressly says, That in Case a Knight elect die before his Installation, He shall not be named one of the Founders; and the reason assigned for it is, because he hath not had the full Possession of his Estate, and in this Point do the other Bodies of the Statutes agree. But when the Ceremonies of Installation are completely finished, without all doubt the Knight is amply vested, in Possession of all Honours and Privileges appertaining to the Founder of this most Noble Order. But to spur up each elect Knight, who is either a Subject to his Sovereign, or resides within the Realm, and consequently is better able to provide for Installment, than one remain-

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