

great continual fare, open Household, so many Noble Men soo well appareilled and with soo short Warning, heretofore, as I think hath not been seen.

C A P. XII.

The Personal Installation of a Knight-Subject.

§ 1. **F**Ormerly the Knights elect proceeded from *London* to their Installation at *Windsor*, in the nature of a Solemn and stately Cavalcade, which was performed on Horse-back, with the greatest Grandeur, and exceeding Pomp, whether we refer to the great Number of their Honourable Friends, who, on gallant Coursers, rode along with them; or the multitude of their own Attendants well mounted, the magnificence of whose Apparel, Jewels, Gold Chains, rich Embroideries, and Plumes of Feathers, of their Lord's Colours, struck Amazement, and even dazled the Eyes of the Spectators.

Equivalent to this Pompous Show was the Feast, which contained in it all manner of Stateliness and Plenty, as well of Provision, as other Incidents that might increase its Glory, in which the elect Knights, who kept it at their own Expence, strove not only to out-vie their Predecessor, but to Excel one another; That all Embassadors and Strangers esteemed it one of the goodliest and noblest Sights, that was to be exhibited in Christendom.

But to make the splendor of the Cavalcade no less conspicuous to the City of *London*, than to the Town and Castle of *Windsor*, the Knights elect have taken up their Lodgings, sometimes in the *Strand*, sometimes in *Salisbury-Court*, in *Holborn*, or within the City; and for intent they chose to pass through some Eminent Streets, that the People might the better Survey them, and receive the greater

greater Satisfaction. To illustrate which Matter, we shall descend to some Particulars.

Anno 34 *Eliz.* *Gilbert*, Earl of *Shrewsbury*, in order to his Cavalcade, was lodged in *Mr. Gresham's House*, (now known by the Name of *Gresham-College*;) whence he Rode through the City, accompanied with many of his Honourable Friends, and a numerous and gallant Train of Attendants and Servants, to *Charing-Cross*, where he met *George*, Earl of *Cumberland*, (his Companion elect) and thence both Rode together towards *Windsor*; within a Mile or two of which Place, *Garter King of Arms* met them, and Marshalled their Attendants in Order; and then the elect Knights proceeded with their gallant Train through the Town into the Castle in this Order.

1. Trumpets, two and two.
2. Gentlemen in Blue Coats and Gold Chains.
3. Gentlemen of Note.
4. Garter.
5. Gentlemen Ushers.
6. The two elect Knights, Earl of *Ormond*, and Baron of *Effingham*; with their Footmen about them.
7. Noblemen, Knights, and Gentlemen of Quality.
8. All their Servants in the Rear.

Custom and Peace contributed to make the Cavalcades more glorious, during the Reigns of *Queen Elizabeth*, and *King James I.* and especially that of *Robert*, Earl of *Salisbury*, and *Thomas*, Viscount *Bindon*, May 21st, Anno 4 *Jac. I.* who arrived at *Windsor* honourably accompanied, with a great appearance of Nobility, Knights, and Gentlemen of Figure.

But the Fate of this Solemnity, much like that glorious Body of the Sun, (whose Lustre at such times it strove to outshine) had now and then its interpositions, and intermitting Clouds, at other times long Nights, and the Splendor and Glory thereof but struck the Sight now and then; when the Pleasure of the Sovereign grew auspicious, or the Honour of the Order became fixed upon more generous Spirits. But to speak impartially, there may grow an Excess in such Solemnities, even to Shame and Surfeit; and the best Cure to prescribe for it, is a long Abstinence. Nor was this Festival at all Times free from

from this Distemper, but then a quick Application of the Sovereign's soon rectified it by taking away the Cause, and prohibiting Excess in their Attendants.

For this reason it was that King *James I.* observing those Excesses the elect Knights run into upon this Occasion, and willing to cheque the growing Inconveniencies, at the Installation, of *Francis*, Earl of *Rutland*, Sir *George Villars*, Kt. (afterwards Duke of *Buckingham*) and the Viscount *Lisle*, Anno 14 of his Reign, forbid *Livery Coats*, for saving Charge, and avoiding Emulation; and shortly after, in a Chapter at *White-Hall*, Anno 16. with the Consent of the *Knights-Companions* then assembled, to put some restraint upon the Number of Attendants, decreed, That every of the *Knights-Companions* should have fifty Persons to attend him unto the Annual Solemnities of the Order, and no more.

In the Installation of *William*, Earl of *Northampton*, Anno 5 *Car. I.* we find this stinted Number encreased to fourscore, who began his Cavalcade to *Windsor*, from *Salisbury House* in the *Strand*, and certainly wou'd have exhibited a more glorious Show, had not a continual Rain for three Days space impeded him. Nevertheless, that what he designed with so much Splendor and Gallantry might out-live the accident of foul Weather, the Order of it shall be inserted here.

The Order of riding to the Installation of *William*, Earl of *Northampton*, 20th of April, 1629.

1. Trumpets, whose Banners were of Damask, and had the Earls Arms, with his Crest and Supporters environed with a Garter.
2. The meanest of his Servants; as Grooms and Yeomen, in Blue Coats, two and two.
3. His Lordship's other Servants, in Blue Coats; as Gentlemen, Esquires, and Knights, two and two.
4. Two Secretaries; Mr. *Ralph Goodwin*, and Mr. *Francis Meresse*.
5. Steward, Mr. *Cuthbert Ogle*.
6. Comptroller, Mr. *William Goodwyn*.
7. Two Pages.
8. His spare Horse, led by the Gentleman of his Horse.
9. His

9. His Chaplain to distribute his Alms.
10. Pursuivants at Arms, two and two.
11. Gentleman Usher, *Mr. Walter Thomas*, Bareheaded.
12. The Senior Herald covered.
13. The Earls of *Berkshire*, *Northampton*, and *Salisbury*.
14. Noblemen in their Places, two and two.
15. Knights, Esquires, and Gentlemen, which accompanied him.
16. The Commissioners Servants.
17. Other Noblemens, Knights, Esquires, and Gentlemens Servants.

Henry Earl of *Danby*, and *William* Earl of *Morton*, being to receive the Honour of Installation, Anno 10 Car. I. disposed themselves for their more commodious Passage, and the Peoples View; one was at *Warwick House* in *Holbourn*, and the other at *Dorset House* in *Salisbury-court*, and made their Progression severally through the Streets to *Hyde-Park*, each having two Noblemen to support him, with their Footmen in rich Coats on either side them.

Their Gentlemen Ushers rode Bareheaded, and before them the Officers of Arms wearing their Coats, and their Servants in blue Coats and Cognizances, (as was the ancient Mode,) were all led on by Trumpets. The rest of the Lords, Knights, and Gentlemen followed after each Knight's elect Troop, according to their Rank and Quality foremost. The Proceeding of the Earl of *Morton*, was Marshallled in this manner.

1. Trumpets, two and two.
2. Grooms in Coats, two and two.
3. Yeomen, two and two.
4. Gentlemen, two and two.
5. Secretaries.
6. Stewards.
7. Gentleman of the Horse.
8. Pages.
9. Four Officers of Arms.
10. Gentleman Usher bare.
11. *Lancaster* Herald covered;
12. Earl *Morton*, supported between two chief Lords;
13. Foot-men on each side, in rich Coats.
14. Noblemen and Gentlemen, according to their Degrees.

At *Slough*, (two Miles on this side *Windsor*;) they all made a stand, and being again placed in Order, they proceeded to *Windsor Castle*, where, alighting in the lower Court, the Knights elect were conducted to their several Apartments.

The last Cavalcade this Age has beheld, was exhibited by *Algernoon*, Earl of *Northumberland*, May 13. Anno 11 Car. I. from *Dorset House* in *Salisbury-court*, toward *Windsor*; nor was it the least in Pomp and Glory: Eight and forty Gentlemen preceded, then came the Pages, being Earls Sons, viz.

1. Mr. *William Herbert*, Mr. *John Herbert*, Mr. *Philip Cecil*, Mr. *Algernoon Sidney*.
2. Heralds at Arms, two and two.
3. Mr. *Blundeville*, Gentleman Usher, Bareheaded.
4. Norroy King of Arms.
5. Marquiss of *Winchester*.
6. The Earls of *Northumberland* and *Kent*.

And somewhat behind him, the rest of the Lords; Knights, and Gentlemen in order; they had Priority according to their Quality, Riding two and two, and the Coaches closing up the Troop.

There was a publick Cavalcade designed from *Somerset House* in the *Strand*, to *Windsor Castle*, when King *Charles II.* was to have been installed, which though it proved Abortive, yet ought not to be omitted, by reason of the Chancellor's Letter to each *Knight-Companion*, to make Preparation to attend him thither.

May it please your Lordship,

THE King's Majesty, Sovereign of this most Noble Order of the Garter, having determined to Create the Prince his Eldest Son Knight, and to propose him in Election, to be a Companion of his Order; for the better Conveniency of his Installation, hath prorogued, by a Commission under the Seal of his Order, given the 25th of *February*, now remaining in my Custody, the Celebration of the Feast of *St. George*, from the 22, 23, and 24 of *April* next, whereon it shou'd have been Solemnized, unto the 21, 22, and 23 of *May*, immediately ensuing; and thereby given Command to all
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“ the *Knights-Companions*, and Officers of this Order, that
 “ they should attend his Royal Person, at his Palace of
 “ *White-Hall*, upon those Days appointed. In discharge
 “ of the Duty of my Place, and by special Order, I do
 “ signify unto your Lordship his Majesty's Will, and that
 “ it is his Pleasure, for the more Honour of the Prince,
 “ and the Noble Feast of his Election and Installation,
 “ that your Lordship should be attended with your Ser-
 “ vants and Retinue, according to solemn Custom, and
 “ be prepared to Accompany his Highness, from *Somerset*
 “ *House* in the *Strand*, unto the Castle of *Windsor*, upon
 “ the 18th of that Month, and assist at the Ceremony and
 “ Feast of his Installation, upon the Day following: Pray-
 “ ing your Lordship that you would be pleased to take
 “ knowledge hereby, both of the Time and Place designed,
 “ and of the Sovereign's Order, I humbly rest,

St. Martin's-lane,
 Feb. 27. 1637.

In all due Obedience,

and Observance,

Thomas Rowé.

When this Letter was issued out, the Sovereign in-
 tended to create the Prince Knight of the *Bath*, which
 Ceremonies were intended to begin at the old *Palace-yard*
 in *Westminster*, upon the 21st Day of *May*, Anno 13 Car I.
 and to Solemnize the Feast of *St. George*, upon the 23d
 of the same Month at *White-Hall*, and to take the Scru-
 tiny that Evening for his Election into this Order: The
 next Day was designed to invest him with the Garter
 and George, and the Day after to set forward the Caval-
 cade towards *Windsor*, wherein also the Knights of the
Bath, (intended to be created with the Prince,) were to
 Ride with their Robes. But this Resolution being alter-
 ed, stop'd the Progression of the Cavalcade, and in the
 room of a Knight of the *Bath*, he was created a *Knigh-*
Batchellor at *Windsor*.

Formerly it was the manner for the Sovereign's Lieu-
 tenant to Ride to *Windsor*, attended with a gallant and
 glittering Train, and no small Number of his own Gen-
 tlemen and Yeomen richly attired, and in every Puncti-
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lib fifty set out, as was seen in the Cavalcadè of the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal of England, and Lieutenent for the Sovereign, for St. George's Feast, Anno 5 Eliz. who had attending him twenty of his own Gentlemen and Yeomen, at the Time the Earls of Northumberland and Warwick were to be installed; but this was never put in Practice, but when the Sovereign appointed the Installation and the Feast of St. George to be celebrated together.

The Lieutenent, and his Assistants, or sometimes the *Knights-Commissioners*, (if the Feast of St. George be not then Solemnized,) being arrived in the Castle, immediately retire to their Lodgings, which for the most part have been prepared at the *Dean's House*, whose Rooms are the fairest in the Castle, and the best fitted for Accommodation, next to those of the Sovereign's in the upper Ward; and for the Knights elect, they were at all Times furnished with Lodgings in some of the Prebends Houses.

The Offering in the Chappel, on the Eve of the Feast.

§ 2. If it so chanced that the Installation was performed by Commissioners, and the Cavalcade proceeded from London, in the Morning of the Day preceeding the Installation, and arrived at the Castle of Windsor early that Afternoon; then the *Knights-Commissioners* have been accustomed only to put on their Mantles, and enter St. George's Chappel to offer; but without the Attendance of Heralds, or any solemn Procession into the Choir, save one of the Prebends; where having placed themselves in their Stalls with usual Reverences, and heard an Anthem, they passed up to the Altar with the Verger and Garter before them, and there made their Offering, both of Gold and Silver, according to the usual Custom. As soon as *Vespers* were finished, after the same manner they descended from their Stalls, and departed to their Lodgings; and in this case the *Knights-Commissioners* did not lay by their Mantles till Supper was ended.

In this nature was the Ceremony of Offering (on the Eve of the Installation) performed by the Lord Admiral and Earl of Ormond, Commissioners for the Installation.

tion of the Earl of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland*, Anno 34 *Eliz.* But at the Installation of the Earl of *Rusland*, and others, Anno 26 *Eliz.* the Lord *Hunsdon* (one of the Commissioners for that Solemnity,) refused to make his Offering alone, though he arrived timely enough, on the Eve of the Feast at *Windsor* Castle, becaule he wanted the Company of Viscount *Mountague*, who was a joynt Commissioner with him, that arrived not till the Morning after.

This Offering of the *Knights-Commissioners*, coming to the Castle on the Eve of the Installation, is founded upon an Article of *Edward III.* which runs to this Effect: *That if any of the Knights-Companions, being upon a Journey, should accidentally pass by Windsor-Castle, he is to turn in thither, in Honour of the Place, and prepare himself to enter into the Chappel to Offer; first putting on his Mantle, without which he must never presume to enter into it; but upon Emergencies, and allowable Causes, he is to be excused.*

After the *Knight-Companion* had entered the Castle, the Canons Resident were, by the aforesaid Article, appointed to meet and receive him, and with due Reverence conduct him into the Choir. If it was at the Celebration of High Mass, the Knight was obliged to stay and hear it, in Honour of God and *St. George*; but if he arrived in the Afternoon, he was to stay till the Canons, and the rest of the Choir, had sung the Anthem *de Profundis*, which no sooner was ended, but he proceeded to the High Altar and Offered, and returned to his Stall with usual Reverences, and then departed.

But if the *Knight-Companion* passed through the Town of *Windsor*, and neglected to Offer at the Chappel, as often as he omitted it, he was bound, upon his Obedience, to walk a Mile on Foot to the Chappel, in Honour of *St. George*, and upon defaulture, to offer a Penny, which by King *Henry VIII's* Statutes is enlarged to a Groat. Upon the Explication of this Article, there arose a Dispute about the just Distance intended from the Castle; and that the *Knights-Companions* might be sensible of the breach of the Injunction, it was thought requisite by King *Henry VIII.* to set down a certain Bound, which in his Statutes is declared to be two Miles; within which, if any of the *Knight-Companions* come, and do not repair

to the Chappel and Offer, he is liable to the Mulct before specified.

Upon Hunting, or other Pastimes the Forest afforded, they used to send their Offering in Money to the Canons, which being received, the Knights took it for a Dispensation of the Ceremony enjoined by the Statutes.

Endeavours were used to have this Article interpreted with greater Latitude, which so far took Effect, that at a Chapter called at *Windsor* the 10th of *October*, Anno 15 Car I. it was ordered, that some Expedient might be found out, to save the Knights from the Breach of their Oath, if they came within the limited Distance of the Place, and passed thence without Offering. But no farther Progress being made in that Affair, the Law stands as it did.

The Supper of the Eve.

§ 3. The Supper, after their arrival at *Windsor*, is but in the Nature of a private Meal, and prepared for the Lieutenant (or Commissioners) or Knights elect, most commonly at the Dean's House. Anno 26 Eliz. on the Eve of the Installation of the Earl of *Rutland* and Lord *Cobham*, the Commissioners supped together with such Lords and Gentlemen of Figure as came along with them; and no Nobleman had above one Servant to attend him at the Table, and the rest provided for themselves at their proper Inns. Sometimes they have been permitted to Sup in some Apartments of the Sovereign's Lodgings; for so it was at the Installation of the Lord *Ruffel*, and other elect Knights, Anno 31 *Henry VIII.* and likewise of the Earl of *Shrewsbury*, and Lord *Hunsdon*, Anno 3 *Eliz.* the Lieutenant and Knights supped in the great Chamber there, in the same Regularity that was used at other Times. And in the 34th of Queen *Elizabeth*, when the Earls of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland* were installed, all the Lords and Gentlemen supped together at one long Table set in the Council Chamber.

The Order in proceeding to the Chapter-House.

§ 4. Before we come to the particular Ceremonies of the Installation, transacted either by the Sovereign, (or in his absence by his Lieutenant or Commissioners,) we shall premise this general Remark: That since neither the Statutes of *Institution*, nor those of King *Henry V.* afford us a Formulary for the Personal Installation of a Knight elect; yet those enacted by King *Henry VIII.* do briefly exhibit the Order and Method of it. And we must farther observe, that if the Installation be appointed together with the Feast of *St. George*, then either the Sovereign, or else his Lieutenant and Assistants are present; but if at any other Season, then it passeth by Commissioners only.

After such time therefore as the Sovereign, his Lieutenant, or Commissioners, have prefixed the Hour whereto proceed to the Chapter House, in Order to the Installation, (which has generally been dispatched in the Evening,) all the *Knights-Companions*, and elect Knights, the Officers of the Order, and of Arms, the Prebends of the College, and Alms-Knights, are to give their Attendance, viz. the *Knights-Companions*, and elect Knights, and Officers, of the Order, on the Sovereign, in his inward Lodging; the elect Knights, and Officers of Arms, in the Presence Chamber, the Prebends and Alms-Knights, in the Great Chamber, where they waited the Sovereign's coming forth.

The Attendance to be given upon the Sovereign's Lieutenant, and such of the *Knights-Companions* as are appointed for his Assistants, is by the Officers of the Order and of Arms, the Prebends and Alms-Knights, either at his Lodgings, or elsewhere he shall deem meet to appoint; from which the *Knights-Companions* are exempt. For though the *Knights-Companions* have sometimes proceeded to the Chappel before the Sovereign's Lieutenant, at an Installation, yet hath it been at such time only, as they accompanied their Sovereign to *Windsor*, to hold the Feast of *St. George*; and if the Sovereign, through any Indisposition, or weighty Affair, cou'd not pass down to the Chappel on the Eve of the Feast, yet they being obliged by

by the Statutes to celebrate *Vespers*, did upon this Occasion proceed thither, though not upon the Account of Installation; as it fell out at the Installation of Prince *Henry*, and four other Knights, *Anno 1 Jac. I.* when the Progression began from the Presence Chamber, and thence passed to the Chappel in the following Order.

1. Alms-Knights.
2. Prebends.
3. Pursuivants.
4. Heralds.
5. *Ulster* King of Arms.
6. *Lyon* King of Arms.
7. *Clarenceux* King of Arms.
8. The four elect Knights.
9. Knights-Companions.
10. Garter.
11. Register.
12. Black Rod.
13. Chancellor.
14. The Sovereign's Lieutenant leading the Prince in his Hand,

At the Installation of the Duke of *Brunswick*, and five other elect Knights, the 23d of *November*, *Anno 1 Car. I.* the Knights-Companions likewise proceeded before the Sovereign's Lieutenants, tho' the Sovereign was at *Windsor*, but not in the Cavalcade.

Upon the Sovereign's Commissioners, neither the Knights-Companions, nor the Prelate, nor Chancellor, do give their Attendance; only at the Grand Feast of *St. George*, *Anno 13 Car. II.* the Chancellor then waiting on the Sovereign at *Windsor*, in the Duties of his Place, out of a singular Regard to his Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, attending the Commissioners in the proceeding to his Installation, for at that time he was Comptroller of his Household.

The Proceedings on this solemn Occasion have been generally order'd on Foot; yet upon extraordinary Incidents have been marshalled and disposed on Horse-back, in manner of a Cavalcade, as was used at the Installation of *Philip* King of *Castile*, *Anno 22 Hen. VII.* and that when the Lord *Ruffel* and other elect Knights were in-

staled, Anno 31 Hen. VIII. King *Philip* (when the Earl of *Suffex* was installed, Anno 1 and 2. *Ph.* and *Mar.*) honoured him with his Presence, and riding on Horse-back, with several of the Knights-Companions, from his Lodgings in the Castle, down to the Cloister Door, at the East-End of the Chappel, and there alighting, proceeded directly to the Chapter-House. The Proceeding was on Horse-back, at the Installation of the Earl of *Shrewsbury* and the Lord *Hunsdon*, Anno 3 *Eliz.* and at the Earl of *Northumberland's* and Earl of *Warwick's*, Anno 5. At the Installation of *Francis*, Duke *Montmorency*, the Viscount *Hereford*, and the Lords *Burleigh*, *Grey*, and *Shandos*, Anno 14 *Eliz.* The Sovereign's Lieutenant and Knights' Assistants did Robe themselves in the Sovereign's Lodging in the Castle; and meeting in the Presence Chamber, proceeded downwards towards the outer Hall-door, in the upper Ward of the Castle, when taking their Horses, adorned with Foot Clothes, they proceeded on Horse-back to the West Door of the Chappel.

If the Progression was begun on Horse-back at the beginning of the Feast, so it continued, as often as the Sovereign (his Lieutenant or Commissioner) went to the Chapter-House, or Chappel, and their returns were marshalled in the like Order at their setting out.

The Servants and Attendants belonging to the Knights elect, (if they be taken into the Procession,) pass on first two and two in a Rank, according to their Quality; and those who are the most inferior, the foremost: Next the Alms-Knights in their Habits and usual Order.

Then follows the Virger of the College.

After him the Prebends or Canons: But what attendance they have given heretofore at the Installations, the Memoirs of this illustrious Society is wholly silent in; for in those Schemes left us of proceeding to Installations, in the Reigns of King *Henry VIII.* King *Edward VI.* Queen *Mary*, and part of Queen *Elizabeth*, we find them not inserted, though since they are next to the Prebends of the College, the Pursuivants, Heralds, and Provincial Kings of Arms, proceed in a Body.

After them the Knights-Subjects elect, unless the Protector of an absent Knight-Subject, pass at the same time in this Proceeding, who take Place after the Provincial Kings: And if it so chance, that the Protector to a Stranger-Prince be

be present at the same time, he is to proceed between the Knight-Subject's Proctor, and the Knights-Subject elect. But Prince *Henry* at his Installation, *Anno 1 Jac. I.* moved in a Place Superior to all the Knights-Companions, and was paired with the Earl of *Nottingham*, the Sovereign's Lieutenant for that Occasion. Where two or more elect Knights prepare for their Installation at the same time, they take Place according to the Seniority of their Election, going two and two together; and if the Number be odd, the Junior elect Knight passeth alone. Formerly the elect Knight passed in his ordinary Apparel, wearing over it in Days of Yore a short Gown, afterwards a Cloak, and of latter Times a Coat, as did the Earl of *Northumberland*, *Anno 5 Eliz.* and the Earls of *Pembrook* and *Derby*, *Anno 16 Eliz.* and the Annals of the Order make this remark upon the Earl of *Suffex*, and the Lord *Buckhurst*, *Anno 31 of Eliz.* of *Charles Duke of York*, *An. 9 Jac. I.* But this was before any peculiar under Habit, was appointed to the Knights-Companions, for now there being a Cloth of Silver Doublet, and Trunk Hose, established to be worn at the Feast of Installation, and of *St. George*, the elect Knight proceeds in this Dress, as did the Duke of *Albermarle*, *Anno 23 Car. II.*

In this proceeding to the Chapter-House, he wears only the Garter about his Leg, and the George and the Ribbond wherewith he was invested, either about his Neck, or as of late drawn under his right Arm, which being omitted by *Sir George Villars*, and *Viscount Lisle*, is noted to be contrary to order.

The Earl of *Rutland* with his Fellow elect Knights, *Anno 14 Jac. I.* proceeded Bare-headed, as did the Duke of *Lenox*, *Anno 9 Car. I.* as well as the Duke of *Albermarle*, *Anno 23 Car. II.*

The elect Knight does not always make one in this Proceeding, but sometimes stays at his Lodgings in the Castle, as did the Earls of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland*, *Anno 34 Eliz.* or else at some other convenient Station adjoining to the Chapter-House, till he be sent for in thither, to receive Investiture with the Surcoat, as the Duke of *Montmorency* did, and other elect Knights, *Anno 14 Eliz.* who went privately from the Sovereign's Lodgings, down to the House of *Mr. French*, (then one of the Prebends,) and rested in the Parlour, until they were sent for:

for : Sometimes the Knight elect goes privately into the East-Iſle of the Chappel behind the High Altar, and there remains till called in, as did the Duke of *Monmoutb*, Anno 15 *Car. II.*

If the Sovereign be present at the Installation, the Knights-Companions proceed next after the Knight elect, according to the order of their Stalls ; but if the Sovereign's Lieutenant, then his Assistants go in their Places ; as at the Installation of the Earl of *Shrewsbury* and Lord *Hunsdon*, Anno 3 *Eliz.* makes plain, the proceeding being ordered after this manner.

1. Vergers.
2. Alms-Knights.
3. Officers of Arms.
4. Elect-Knights.
5. Assistants to the Lieutenants.
6. Officers of the Order.
7. Earl of *Arundel*, Lieutenant.

If the Installation be dispatched by Commissioners, then the three inferior Officers of the Order immediately follow the Knight elect, and proceed next before the Commissioners, and they were thus marshalled at the Installation of the Earl of *Northampton*, Anno 5 *Car. I.*

1. The Earls Servants.
2. Alms-Knights.
3. Prebends.
4. Heralds.
5. Elect-Knights.
6. Officers of the Order.
7. The Sovereign's Commissioners.

Yet Anno 16 *Eliz.* at the Installation of the Earls of *Pembrook* and *Derby*, we find the Officers did precede the elect Knights, but it was through inadvertency ; at the Installation of the Earl of *Northampton*, some Question and Debate arose, concerning the precedency of these three Officers, in this proceeding, where it was at length concluded, that from the Castle to the Chappel, they shou'd proceed before the Commissioners ; but in returning from the Chappel to the Castle, they shou'd follow.

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We presume the Question, (whatsoever it was) chanced not to be propounded, till the proceeding was ready to pass on, and then started on a sudden, because the Herald (as the Annals note,) did not quickly discypher the matter, that it proceeded more from surprize, than want of Ability to resolve.

This determination which took Place, was barely grounded upon Conjecture, and if seriously considered, will appear disconsonant to Precedents and Practice, both before and since; where all returns are marshalled answerable to their setting forth, unless the Condition of any Person in the mean time suffer a Mutation.

It's observable, that when Installation pass by Commissioners only, these three inferior Officers wear their Robes, but bear not the Ensigns of their Office in the Proceeding. And this seems to be deduced from particular Injunctions, laid down in the Constitutions belonging to the Officers of the Order, which appoint Garter and Black-Rod to bear the Ensigns of their Offices at the Feast of *St. George*, when the Sovereign or his Deputy shall be present; whence it may be inferred, that if either chance to be absent, they are under no obligation to bear them: For at the Installations of *Frederick*, King of *Denmark*, and *John Casimire*, Count Palatine of the Rhine, *Anno 25 Eliz.* no Ensigns were born by the Officers; and so was it practised the Year after, at the Installations of the Earl of *Rutland* and Lord *Cobham*, as the Red-Book of Order plainly sets forth. But if the Sovereign himself be present, or that he constitute a Lieutenant in his stead, the Register then carries the Red-Book, and the Garter and the Black-Rod bear each of them their Rods. It is remarkable, that in every proceeding to Installation, by Lieutenant, or Commissioners, the Garter carries the Sovereign's Commission in his Hand before them to the Chapter-House. At the Installation of the Earls of *Derby* and *Moretton*, the Officers of the Order proceeded before the Knights to the Chapter-House, not only without the Ensigns of their Office, but their Heads covered; and the reporter of this Installation gives this for a reason; because there was then neither the Sovereign, nor his Lieutenant, representing the King's Person, present.

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The Sovereign sometimes being willing to confer additional Honours to some elect Knights, hath appointed their Installation at such time as he personally solemnized the Feast of *St. George*, as he did at the Installation and Election of *Philip King of Castile*, Anno 22 *Hen. VII.* which for its memorableness, and mixt proceeding on Horse-back, we shall insert in this Place: He passed from the Sovereign's Lodging in the Castle, to the South-Door of *St. George's-Chappel*, and was thus ordered.

1. Knights according to their Degrees.
2. Lords after their Degrees.
3. Knights-Companions in their whole Habit, bearing Company with some of the Knights of the Order of *Forsen d' Or.*
4. Prelate of the Order.
5. Archbishop of *Canterbury*.
6. The *Spanish* Ambassador.
7. *Forsen d' Or*, King of Arms, in Coat of Arms.
8. Garter King of Arms, in his Coat of Arms.
9. The Sword.
10. *Philip King of Castile*.
11. The Prince.
12. King *Henry VII.* Sovereign of the Order.

Anno 19 *Jac. I.* was another instance at the Feast of *St. George*, when the Sovereign, with several Knights-Companions, proceeded also to the Chapel, at the personal Installation of *Frederick*, Prince Palatine of the *Rhine*; we might add several other Examples, but shall only mention that of the personal appearance of King *Charles II.* at the grand Feast of *St. George*, held next after his happy Restoration, whereat twelve elect Knights were installed. At this Solemnity of Installation, the Sovereign proceeds in full Robes, having the Sword of State born before him by a Nobleman not of the Order, his Train-bearers, &c. following the Sovereign's Lieutenant and his Assistants, as also the Commissioners proceed in full Robes, which is mention'd, Anno 31 *Henry VIII.* when the Earl of *Arundel* and his Assistants installed the Lord *Russel* and two other elect Knights, but the Sovereign's Lieutenant only

only hath his Train carried up, which is usually perform'd by some of his own Gentlemen.

The Proceffional way (it beginning in the Prefence-Chamber,) is from thence in the upper Ward of the Castle, and through the other Wards in at the Cloyfter Door, and so to the Chapter-House; but if from the Dean's House, they go only through the Cloysters, into which there is an immediate Passage from the Deanry: The proceeding having entred the East Door of St. George's Chapel, and past by the Chapter-House Door, makes a stand in the North Isle; while first the Officers of the Order, next the Knights-Commissioners, or else the Knights-Assistants, and the Sovereign's Lieutenant; or lastly the Knights-Companions, and the Sovereign with the Sword born before him, pass into the Chapter-House, but the Knight or Knights elect do not enter, but as they come in at the Chapel-Door, they fall off on the left Hand into the East Isle behind the high Altar, and there repose themselves, (on Chairs or Stools, with Cushions purposely prepared,) until they are called into the Chapter-House. This hath generally been the Custom, of which many Examples might be produced, but in respect to great Personages they have been sometimes (though rarely) admitted into the Chapter-House, with the Sovereign or his Lieutenant, among whom *Philip of Castile and Leon, Anno 22 Henry VII.* and *Prince Henry, Anno 1 Jac. I.* the latter was led in by the Sovereign's Lieutenant, when four other elect Knights installed with him sat till they receiv'd their Summons to enter.

Sometime the Sovereign and Knights-Companions wai'd going to the Chapter-House, and pass'd immediately into the Choir, as did King *James Anno 9.* when *Charles Duke of York* and others were installed; the like did King *Charles I.* but then a Chapter was held in the Privy-Chamber, before the proceeding set forward; and in the former instance, when the proceeding came as far as the East End of the Chapel, the *Duke of York, &c.* with *Norroy* before them, went out of the proceeding into the Chapter-House, and there reposed, while the Sovereign proceeded on to the South Door of the Chapel, and thence into the Choir.

The Ceremonies perform'd in the Chapter-House.

§ 5. After the Lieutenant's entrance into the Chapter-House, and opening the Chapter; Garter, with three Reverences, presents first the Commissioners of Lieutenancy to hold the Feast, next that of Installation, to the Lieutenant, (or if the Installation pass'd by Commissioners, then only the Commission of Installation to the Senior Commissioner,) which being receiv'd, he delivers it to the Register of the Order, who forthwith Reads it; for to him this Duty belongs, as is recorded in the Black-Book of the Order, on occasion of Garter's reading the Commission for Installation of Sir *Thomas Brandon*, Anno 22 *Henry VII.* the Register being then absent.

When the Register hath read the Commissions, he returns them to the Lieutenant, (or Commissioners,) and he again to the Garter, as at the Installation of the Earls of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland*, Anno 34 *Eliz.* If the Sovereign be present, the Chancellor acquaints him the Knights elect are without, otherwise the Lieutenant, and Assistants, (or Commissioners) consult touching the calling in, and receiving them, and Garter is usually employed in this Service; who, with all due respect, compliments and conducts him to the Chapter-House Door; But in the instance of the Earls of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland* aforesaid, Garter went to their Lodgings, and having delivered his Message, they forthwith repaired to the Chapter-House, their Train attending them to the Door: At the Installation of *Francis* Duke of *Montmorency*, the Earl of *Leicester*, then the Sovereign's Lieutenant, as an evidence of singular respect, sent from the Chapter two of the four Assistants assigned him, who taking Garter, and the Officers of Arms before them, led him thence between them to the Chapter-House.

When there are two or more elect Knights, that wait in the East Isle, expecting to be called in, Garter first conducts the Senior by Election to the Chapter-House Door, and so the rest in their several Orders, as in 14 *Jac. I.* by the Earl of *Rusland*, Sir *George Villars*, and the Viscount *Liste*; and so again 13 *Car. II.* As soon as Garter hath conducted the elect Knight to the Chapter-House Door,

Door, two of the Commissioners, (when the Installation is performed by Commissioners,) or two of the Knights-Assistants, (when by the Sovereign's Lieutenant,) or two of the Senior Knights, (if the Sovereign himself be present,) receive him without, who is immediately conducted from the Chapter-House Door, up to the Sovereign, (his Lieutenant, or Commissioners,) to whom he makes humble Reverence; when the Lieutenant, (or Senior Commissioners,) in a short Speech, publishes the effect of his Commission, and declares to him the Sovereign's bounty and ready kindness, in a full admittance into this Honourable Society, which the elect Knight very humbly acknowledges and accepts. When *Philip King of Castile and Leon* was installed in Person, *Anno 22 Henry VII.* the Sovereign being present rose from his Throne, and gave him Information of the Statutes and Ceremonies of the Order, and how he was bound by them; to all which he freely and readily assented.

These Ceremonies of receiving an elect Knight being over, he disrobes himself of his upper Garment, then the Surcoat and Kirtle is taken from the Table, with which he is invested; and during this Ceremony, the following Words of Admonition, entred at the end of King *Hen. VIII's* Book of English Statutes, are read or spoken.

Take this Robe of Purple, to the encrease of your Honour, and in Token, or Sign, of the most Honourable Order you have receiv'd; wherewith you being defended, may be bold not only strong to Fight, but also to offer your self to shed your Blood for Christ's Faith, the Liberties of the Church, and the just and necessary defence of them that are oppressed and needy.

After this, his Sword is close girt about him over his Surcoat, by the Commissioners, (or the Assistants to the Lieutenant, or some of the Knights-Companions,) and sometimes in the way of assistance, Garter hath done this Service; and as soon as the Ceremony is over, the Sovereign, or his Lieutenant, proceeds into the Choir, leaving the elect Knights behind them: The Hood was heretofore put on in the Chapter-House, (for so the Statutes of King *Henry VIII.* do appoint,) after the elect Knight hath been invested with his Surcoat, and before he proceeded to his Installation; but of late, because it must be
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taken off again in the Choir, and laid aside, that the Mantle may be put on, it hath been esteemed a sort of diminution in the Investiture to take off any part of the Habit before the whole Investiture be compleated; so that in the beginning of the Reign of King *James I.* it was judged more convenient that the Hood should be carried on the Cushion by Garter into the Choir, together with the Mantle and Collar, and not be put on till after Investiture with the Mantle; and thus it was observed at the Feasts of *St. George*, 13, 15, and 23 *Car. II.* And though anciently it was laid over the left Shoulder, and so worn upon all Occasions, yet *Anno 2* and 3. *Phil.* and *Mar.* the wearing it so being taken notice of to obscure the Escutcheon of *St. George*, embroidered on the same Shoulder of the Mantle, it was decreed in a Chapter held the same Year, 22 of *April*, that for the future the Knights-Companions should wear their Hoods on their right Shoulders, to the end that the Escutcheon might be the better seen and appear.

Nevertheless, there was a Question moved 12 *Jac. I.* whether the usage of wearing the Hood should not be restored to the left Shoulder, but it seems it was over-ruled; and 23 *Car. II.* some of the Knights-Companions imagining it most proper to wear their Hoods on their left Shoulders, ran into that error, but upon better information the next Morning, altered them to the right. To Foreign Princes, there is liberty given by King *Hen. VIII.*'s Statutes to receive, if they please, their Habit wholly within the Chapter-House, before they enter their Stalls; by which it appears that this was the Custom in times past; an instance whereof we have in *Philip King of Castile*, *Anno 22 Henry VII.* who was entirely invested in the Chapter-House with the Garter, Surcoat, Mantle, Hood, and Collar; the Sovereign himself putting his Hand to his Investiture with the Mantle. Hence King *Philip*, Grandson to the aforesaid King of *Castile*, was invested with the whole Habit of the Order before he assumed the Stall; in *Philip* and *Mary's* proceeding to the Chapel, he receiv'd his Investiture within the West Door, and there the Register delivered the Mantle to the Earls of *Derby* and *Pembrook*, who kissing it, presented it to the Queen, who, assisted by the said Earls, personally invested the King therewith: Next Garter gave the Collar to the

Earls of *Arundel* and *Pembrook*, who likewise presented it to the Queen, and she thereon put it about King *Philip's* Neck; and immediately the Knights-Companions, having robed themselves within the Chapel Door, proceeded before the King and Queen, who with joined Hands passed into the Choir, where the Queen led him to the Sovereign's Stall, which ascending, they both sat therein. But as the aforesaid Statute leaves this to the pleasure of the Stranger Prince, and was permitted only for gaining Time, so none, who have receiv'd personal Installation at *Windsor* since, have been fully invested before they entered the Choir. For instance, *Francis*, Duke de *Montmorency*, 14 *Elizabeth*. and *Frederick*, Prince Palatine of the *Rhine*, 10 *Jac. I.* were both invested with their Surcoats only in the Chapter-House, but they receiv'd their Mantles, Hoods, and Collars, in their Stalls, after they had taken their Oaths.

The proceeding into the Choir.

§ 6. The Knight elect, habited as before, proceeds from the Chapter-House along the North Isle, and enters the West Door of the Choir in solemn Order; but his Place in this proceeding is changed, for here he is led between two Knights-Companions. This is noted in the Black-Book to be the Order wherein *Albra Vasques d'Almada*, Earl of *Averence*, and two others, proceeded to their Installations, 24 *Henry VI.* And notwithstanding the Statutes of Institution, and those made by King *Henry V.* are silent in the Order of this Proceeding; yet for an elect Knight to be led to his Stall between two fellow Knights, is no modern Ceremony; since we likewise find, that the Viscount *Bourchier*, 30 *Henry VI.* pass to his Instalment between the Lord *Hastings* and Lord *Beauchamp*. But the Order of proceeding is precisely set down in *Henry VIII's* Statutes, viz. *That the elect Knight, attended by his Gentlemen and Servants, shall be led between two other Knights-Companions, the Officers of the Order going before them.* And this has been the constant Practice at all Installations since; the Knight elect proceeding, either between two of the Knights-Commissioners, when there hath been no Lieutenant, or between two of the Knights

Knights Assistants, where a Lieutenant was constituted; or lastly between the two Senior Knights-Companions, the Sovereign being present: But when there hath been three Commissioners named, then the two Senior Commissioners take the Knight elect between them, and the Junior Knight-Commissioner proceeds before them; which was observed at the Instalment of the Earls of *Essex* and *Ormond*, and Sir *Christopher Hatton*, 30 *Eliz.*

In all cases where the Sovereign is present at an Installation, after the custom of investing with the Collar in the Chapter-House was left off, it is generally to be observed, that as soon as the Investiture with the Surcoat is finished, the Sovereign passes from the Chapter-House into the Choir, with the whole proceeding before him, leaving the elect Knight behind; and when he and the Knights-Companions have taken their Stalls, the two Senior Knights-Companions, by the Sovereign's verbal Directions, descend from their Stalls, and stand under their Banners, whilst the Alms-Knights, but not the Prebends, Officers of Arms, and the three inferior Officers of the Order, pass out of the Choir, and proceed before them to the Chapter-House, from whence they introduce the elect Knight into the Choir to his Installation; but if there be more than one Knight installed, then the two next Senior Knights descend, and so the next, till all the elect Knights are conducted in: And this course is likewise observed when a Lieutenant is constituted, and hath been generally so practised since the Investiture with the Collar was performed in the Choir; and particularly at the Installations of the Duke of *Lenox*, the Earls of *Pembroke*, *Marr*, and *Southampton*, 1 *Jac. I.* and of the Duke of *Holstein*, and the Earl of *Northampton*, 3 *Jac. I.* In this proceeding to Installation, the Register usually carries a Book of the New Testament, for the elect Knight to take his Oath on, as likewise the Oath it self, fairly written on Parchment: Garter bears his Mantle till he arrives at his Stall; and King *Henry VIII's* Statutes place this Service upon some of the Knights-Companions likewise; but it never appears that it was ever performed by any of them. 'Tis probable, that about the time when this Injunction passed, it was the Custom for Garter to bear the Mantle on his Arm; for so it was at the Installation of the Lord *Russel*, and others, 31 *Henry VIII.* but it was

not long after, that the laying it on a Velvet Cushion began. The great Collar of the Order was likewise laid upon the Cushion, at the Installation of Sir *Henry Sidney*, 6 *Eliz.* the Earl of *Shrewsbury*, 34 *Eliz.* and in this manner born before the Knights elect, 13 *Car. II.* before the Duke of *Monmouth*, 15 *Car. II.* and before the Duke of *Albermarle*, 23 *Car. II.* with these the Hood, heretofore put on in the Chapter-House, hath of late been laid on the Cushion, and also the Book of Statutes, and so born by Garter before Prince *Henry*, 1 *Jac. I.* and *Frédérick*, Elect or Palatine, 10 *Jac. I.* and before the Knights Installation, 13 *Car. II.* and since.

And here it is to be observed, that when Garter bears the Ornaments and Ensigns on the Cushion before an elect Knight, or a Proctor, he is always placed between the Register and Black-Rod in the proceeding: Lastly, in this proceeding the Knight elect goeth Bare-headed, holding his Cap in his Hand; and so did the Duke of *Albermarle*, 23 *Car. II.* for it hath been thought incongruous to the Order of Investiture, as is before observed of the Hood, to put on any part of the Habit, or other Ornaments, that must be taken off again, before the Investiture is compleated; and the proper Place for putting on the Cap is not till all the other is finished.

The Ceremonies of Installation.

§ 7. When the proceeding hath entered the Choir, the Alms-Knights, and Officers of Arms, make their Obeysances toward the High Altar, and the Sovereign's Royal Stall, in the manner hereafter described; then they proceed to the Steps before the Altar, and divide themselves; next the Officers of the Order make the same Reverence; and lastly, the two Commissioners, or Knights Assistants, or Knights-Companions, and Knights-elect, all three together. After this the Officers of the Order turn aside toward the Stall designed for the elect Knight, and approaching near it, stand below in the Choir, whilst the Commissioners, or Assistants, or Knights-Companions, pass into the lower Row of Stalls, sometimes called the middle Row, directly under the designed Stall, leading the elect Knight with them, who in this Place takes his

Oath, called in the Annals, the sacred Oath of the Order of the Garter; during which time he ought to stand between the two Knights-Companions who brought him thither, as at the Installation of Prince *Henry*, 1 *Jac. I.* and when the Earl of *Shrewsbury* was installed, 34 *Eliz.* 'tis observed, that the Senior Commissioner first entered the lower row of Stalls; but 31 *Henry VIII.* at the Installation of the Lord *Ruffel*, and others, the Junior Assistant went up first. The Knight elect being thus placed, the Register of the Order standing before them, but below in the Choir, reads the Oath; for it is part of his Duty to administer the same: And in this solemn Ceremony, the New Testament, whereon the Oath is taken, generally opened in some Place of the Gospels, is indifferently held by one of the three inferior Officers of the Order, or sometimes the Register hath held it, as at the Installation of the Earl of *Derby*, 16 *Eliz.* the Earl of *Rutland*, and Lord *Cobham*, 26 *Eliz.* At other times the Garter hath held it, as 5 *Eliz.* when the Earl of *Northumberland* took his Oath; and 10 *Car. I.* at the Installation of the Earl of *Moreton*: But when the Earl of *Shrewsbury* was Sworn, 34 *Eliz.* the Usher of the Black Rod performed this Office.

Whilst the Oath is administering, the elect Knight holds his right Hand on the Holy Evangelists; and when the Register hath pronounced the Words, he immediately Responses, *I will, so help me God*, and then takes off his Hand reverently, kissing the Book; and by this Ceremony seals his Obligation to the Statutes of this most Noble Order. The Ceremony used when *Philip*, King of *Castile* and *Leon*, took the Oath, which was done in the Chapter-House at *Windsor*, 22 *Henry VII.* he laid his Hand on the Canon, under which was placed the Book of Statutes of the Order by the Prelate, to whom it was delivered by the Register, and having repeated the Words of the Oath, and reverently kissed all those things by which he Swore, he took a Pen from the Prelate's Hand, and Signed the Oath he had taken, and deliver'd it to the Sovereign then present.

The Form of the ancient Oath appointed by the Statutes of Institution, to be taken by a Knight-Subject, was very short, but comprehensive: *That he should well and faithfully observe, to the utmost of his Power, all the*

Statutes of the Order; and this was all the Oath taken by the first Founders, and to which they also affixed their Seals; and so it continued without alteration or addition, till towards the End of King *Edward IV's* Reign; and then, at a Chapter held at the King's Wardrobe in *London*, it was decreed, That all the Knights-Companions then alive, and all such as should afterwards be admitted into the Order, should be obliged to subjoin the Words following: *That they wou'd aid, support, and defend, with all their Power, the Royal College of St. George, within the Castle of Windsor, as well in its Possessions, as all other things whatsoever*; which being drawn in form, was enter'd in the Black Book; but has since receiv'd many alterations: And there is an instance, *1 Eliz.* when the Oath has been dispensed with; as by the Duke of *Norfolk*, and others, in regard the Rites and Ceremonies of Religion were then altered, and no new form of an Oath settled, so that they only obliged themselves by Promise to observe such Statutes and Orders as should be decreed in the next Council of the Order, which was soon after settled, and recorded in the Red Book of the Order, and is the Oath taken by a Knight-Subject at this Day.

You being Chosen to be one of the Honourable Company of this most Noble Order of the Garter, shall Promise and Swear, by the Holy Evangelists, by you here touched, that, wittingly or willingly, you shall not break any Statute of the said Order, or any Articles in them contained; the same being agreeable, and not repugnant to the Laws of Almighty God, and the Laws of this Realm, as far forth as to you belongeth and appertaineth: So help you God, and this Holy Word.

As soon as the Knight elect hath taken the Oath, he is led to his appointed Stall, through the Entrance next beneath it, and there placed before it. In the Interim, Garter advancing into the lower row of Stalls, to the Place where the elect Knight stood when he took the Oath, presents from thence the Mantle, Collar, and Book of Statutes, to those who led him, who invest the Knight elect first with the Mantle, by putting it on his Shoulders. There are some Examples where the elect Knight hath been invested before he went up to his Stall;

as in the case of the Earl of Northumberland, 5 Eliz. Francis, Duke de Montmorency, and others, 14 Eliz. the Earls of Dunbar and Montgomery, 6 Jac. I. and the Prince of Wales, 14 Car. I. among which may be numbered those installed at the Grand Feast of St. George, 13 Car. II. but this happen'd through a vast Concourse of People in the Chapel, that prevented the due Order.

In the Red Book it is observed, that the Investiture with the Mantle and Collar, hath been sometimes performed by the Black Rod; as at the Installation of the Earl of Northampton, 5 Car. I. the Lord Treasurer Weston, the Earls of Exeter and Lindsey, and the Marquiss of Hamilton, 6 Car. I. Nevertheless, this is to be understood as this Officers Assistance to the Knights-Companions, whose Office it only is, and no otherwise. Whilst the Ceremony of Investiture with the Mantle is performing, the Words of Admonition proper thereto, are pronounced as follows.

Take this Mantle of Heavenly Colours, in Sign and Token of the most Honourable Order you have receiv'd, and to the increase of your Honour, signed and marked as you see, with a red Escutcheon of our Lord's Cross, to the intent that you, being always defended by the Virtue and Strength thereof, may pass through your Enemies, and them also overcome and vanquish, so that at the last, for your worthy and approved Acts, you may, after this Temporal Chivalry, come to Eternal Triumphant Joys in Heaven.

But at the Installation of King Charles II. they receiv'd some alteration, and were put in the following Form.

Receive this Robe of Heavenly Colour, the Livery of this most excellent Order, in augmentation of thy Honour, enobled with the Shield and Red Cross of our Lord, by whose Power thou may'st safely pierce Troops of thy Enemies, and be over them ever Victorious; and being in this temporal Warfare Glorious in egregious and heroick Actions, thou may'st obtain Eternal and Triumphant Joy.

Next, the Commissioners, Assistants, or Knights-Companions, lay the Hood on the Knight's right Shoulder over the Mantle, and bringing the Tippet athwart his Breast, tuck it under the Girdle, at which his Sword hangs :

hangs : And lastly tye the Collar about his Shoulder, over his Mantle and Hood ; and at this part of the Investiture, the following Words of Admonition are likewise pronounced.

To the encrease of your Honour, and in Token of the Honourable Order you have receiv'd ; take this Collar about your Neck, with the Image of the Holy Martyr, and Christ's Knight, St. George, by whose aid you being defended, may pass through the Prosperities and Adversities of this World, that having here the Victory, as well of your Ghostly as Bodily Enemies, you may not only receive the Glory and Renown of Temporal Chivalry, but also at the last, the endless and everlasting reward of Victory.

This Form of Words receiv'd likewise alteration when King Charles II. was to be installed, to the Tenor following.

Wear this Collar about thy Neck, adorn'd with the Image of the Blessed Martyr and Soldier of Christ, St. George, by whose Imitation provoked, thou mayst so overpass both prosperous and adverse Encounters, that having stoutly vanquished thy Enemies, both of Body and Soul, thou mayst not only receive the Praise of this transient Combat, but be Crowned with the Palm of eternal Victory.

Antiently at the Solemnity of Installation, when the Sovereign, or his Lieutenant was present, the elect Knight, after he had been invested with the Mantle in his Stall, was immediately conducted out of the Choir, back to the Chapter-House, where the Sovereign, or Lieutenant, used to remain till his return, there to receive the Collar of the Order from one of them, which done, he is said to have receiv'd the entire Possession of his Habit. This is contained in King Henry VIII's Statutes, and appears to have been the Practice about that Time, as in the case of the Lord Mountjoy, and others, 18 Hen. VIII. and several others after, in the 1 and 3 Edw. VI. and the 3, 5, and 14 Eliz. The Proceeding back to the Chapter-House on this occasion, was much after the manner of what is before mention'd, except, that here the new installed Knight took his Place according to the Dignity of his

his Stall. But 'tis observable, that when the Sovereign's Lieutenant remained in the Chapter-House, while the elect Knight proceeded to his Installation, the Usher of the Black-Rod stayed behind to attend the Lieutenant; and as soon as the Investiture with the Collar was over, the Lieutenant proceeded to the Choir in the Rear, and the new installed Knight in Place according to his Stall, as in the case of the Lord *Ruffel*, and others, 31 *Hen. VIII.* and the Marquis of *Dorset*, and others, 1 *Edw. VI.* The Proceeding having entered the Choir, and the Lieutenant and Knights-Companions taken their Seats, then the usual Ceremonies, the Service of the Church began.

But when the Installation was performed by Commissioners, the Collar of the Order was laid on the Cushion with the Mantle, and born before the elect Knight to his Stall, where, after his Investiture with the Mantle and Hood, he receiv'd Investiture with the Collar also, of which there are several Examples in the time of *Phil.* and *Mar.* and Queen *Eliz.* In like manner, at all Installations since, where the Sovereign has been present, the ancient custom of returning to the Chapter-House being laid aside, the Knights-Companions, who led the elect Knights to their Stalls, did there invest them with their Collars also; as the Earl of *Rutland*, Sir *George Villars*, and the Viscount *Lisle*, 14 *Jac. I.* and the Earl of *Suffolk*, 4 *Car. I.* and hath been thus observed at all Installations since, the Sovereign present.

So soon as the Investiture with the Mantle, Hood, and Collar is over, those appointed deliver the Book of Statutes to the new invested Knight, which was observed to the Earls of *Shrewsbury* and *Cumberland*, 34 *Eliz.* the Earl of *Rutland*, Sir *George Villars*, and the Viscount *Lisle*, 14 *Jac. I.* and so generally to all elect Knights since. This Book the Knight is to keep safe in his own Custody, for his Instruction in the Laws and Ceremonies of this most Noble Order. They likewise give him the Black Velvet Cap adorned with Plumes of white Feathers, and this in particular was observed to be the last Ceremony performed at the Installation of King *Charles II.*

All things relating to the full Investiture being ended, there remains only to compleat this great Ceremony, the Installation it self, which is performed in the manner following. The new invested Knight standing before his
Stall,

Stall, and turning toward the High Altar, makes humble Obedience that way, and then toward the Sovereign, or if absent, toward his Stall; which done, the Commissioners, Knights-Assistants, or Knights-Companions, receive and embrace him with great Civility, as their Fellow and Companion, and set him down in his assigned Stall with Professions of Esteem, and Wishes for his Honour and Happiness. Of this Ceremony, there is a notable Instance at the Installation of *Philip*, King of *Castile*, 22 *Henry VII.* where the Sovereign personally introduced him to his Stall, and there placed him, at which time there was a certain Form of Words pronounced relating to the elect Knight's Session, and Act of Installation, no less than at his Investiture, but the same are not repeated.

The Order to be observed when two or more Knights are installed in one Day.

§ 8. In this case it seems to have been the ancient Practice, when the Ceremony has been perform'd by two Commissioners, or two Knights-Assistants, that as soon as they had finished all the Ceremonies due to the Senior of them, they left him posses'd of his Stall, and forthwith returned to the Chapter-House in the usual manner, and thence conducted the next Senior elect Knight, and so of the rest: So it was at the Installation of *Alvro Vasques d'Almada*, Earl of *Averanches*, the Lord *Beauchamp*, and Sir *Thomas Hoo*, in the time of *Henry VI.* and so of the Earl of *Huntington*, 1 *Edw. VI.* when the two Assistants, after they had invested and installed the said Earl, returned to the Chapter-House for the Lord *la War*, and so for the Lord *Cobham*, and Sir *William Herbert*. In like manner, when the Commissioners had given the Proctor to *Emanuel*, Duke of *Savoy*, Possession of his Principal's Stall, 1 and 2 *Phil.* and *Mar.* they proceeded back for *William Lord Howard*; so by the Earl of *Pembrook*, 16 *Elix.* when they had first installed the Earl of *Derby*, and by the Earl of *Cumberland*, after the Earl of *Shrewsbury* had been installed.

When the Sovereign hath nominated three Commissioners, they have returned altogether to fetch in the other Knights singly, that were to be installed, and alternately

changed their Places in the proceeding to the several Installations, one of them always going single before; as at the Installation of the Earls of *Effex* and *Ormond*, and Sir *Christopher Hatton*, 30 *Eliz.* when the Earl of *Worcester*, the Lords *Hunsdon* and *Grey*, were Commissioners: And if the Lieutenant had four Assistants assigned him, which was necessary when many Knights were to be installed, the order of their Installation hath been as follows.

First, Two of the Senior Knights-Assistants conducted the Senior elect Knight to his Installation, and the other two Assistants proceeded with the second elect Knight; the former then took the third elect Knight, and so alternately changed till all were installed: As at the Installation of *Francis*, Duke de *Montmorency*, and others, 14 *Eliz.* And the like manner of alternate change is observed if four Commissioners be constituted, as at the Installation of *Frederick*, King of *Denmark*, and *John*, Prince Palatine of the *Rhine*, 25 *Eliz.* where the King's Proxy was conducted into the Choir between the Earl of *Leicester* and the Lord *Hunsdon*, the two Senior Commissioners; and the Prince, between the Earl of *Huntington* and the Lord *Charles Howard*, the two Junior Commissioners.

But some have been of Opinion, that the Commissioners named to this Employment, ought not to divide the Duty, and part of them to Instal one, and part the other, and by such an alternative to dispatch the Ceremony, as in former Cases; but all jointly assist at each Installation: Of which Opinion there is an Instance at the Installation of the Earl of *Salisbury*, and the Viscount *Bindon*, 4 *Jac. I.* where the Earl having been brought into the Choir, invested and installed by the Earls of *Nottingham* and *Suffolk*, the two Senior Commissioners, the other two Commissioners who were left behind in the Chapter-House, to conduct the Viscount to his Stall, remembering that all four were joint Commissioners, apprehended that the Earl was not legally installed, because they, as Co-partners in the Commission, had not assisted; and this Opinion being debated, prevailed so far, that it was agreed to be imparted to the Earl of *Salisbury*, who submitted to descend into the lower Seats before his Stall, and there all four Commissioners gave him his Oath again, then led him to his Stall,

Stall, and a second Time invested and installed him; and so of the Viscount *Bindon*.

But this Method was not only new, but different from former Practice, as in all the cases before recited; and besides, where the Sovereign hath authorized his Lieutenant to perform this Ceremony, and appointed some of the Knights-Companions to assist, they, and not the Lieutenant, have done the Duty belonging to Installation, that part of it of investing with the Collar in the Chapter-House, the whole Duty at the Installation of Prince *Henry* excepted. And 'tis to be farther observed, that the foregoing case of the joint Assistance in the Installation of the Earl of *Salisbury*, was thought so little Essential, or worthy of becoming a Precedent, that at the very next Feast, when the Earls of *Dunbar* and *Montgomery* were installed, 6 *Fac. I.* and four Commissioners appointed, the two Senior installed the Earl of *Dunbar*, and the two Junior the Earl of *Montgomery*; and so again, 10 *Car. I.* by the Earls of *Danby* and *Moreton*. But lastly, if the Sovereign be present, and consequently the Knights-Companions perform this Ceremony, then there is generally so many of them as can go through the whole, without changing, after the manner used when done by Commissioners or Assistants; in which case the two Senior Knights-Companions descend from their Stalls, and passing thro' the Choir to the Chapter-House with the Proceeding before them, conduct to his Installation the eldest elect Knight; and having performed that whole Ceremony, return and take their Stalls, and so the rest in due Order; as was practised at the Installation of Prince *Henry*, and others, 1 *Fac. I.* and of the Earl of *Rutland*, 14 *Fac. I.* and at the grand Feast of *St. George*, 13 *Car. II.* but here the separate proceeding with each single Knight to and from the Chapter House, taking too much time, and the Day being far spent in the Ceremonies of the Dukes of *Ormond* and *Buckingham*; the Sovereign ordered, that with the next Proceeding, the rest of the elect Knights, being eight, besides two Proxies, should all be introduced at once; so that each of them being placed before his Stall, took the Oath, receiv'd his Investiture, and was led up to his Stall, and took Possession of it by solemn Installation.

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And in regard so many Knights elect were introduced together, it was judg'd necessary, that their Mantles and Collars should be likewise brought in the proceeding, and each elect Knight appointed one of the Gentlemen that attended him, to bear the Cushion whereon they were laid, before him to the Choir Door, where they held them in their Arms, till Garter in due order fetch'd them into the Choir: And here we may insert this general Rule, that at all Installations, where some of the elect Knights are not sent for unto the Chapter-House, to receive Investiture with the Surcoat, before the Senior elect Knight hath been conducted to his Stall, but left to repose themselves in the East Isle of the Chappel, as hath often happened, the Knights-Commissioners, or Assistants, on their return to the Chapter-House, send Garter for the next Senior elect Knight, whom they receive at the Door thereof, and having invest'd him with his Surcoat, and girt his Sword about him, proceed with him to his Installation in the usual manner. And the same method is observed if there were more elect Knights to follow; and we find it 30 *Henry VIII.* 16, and 34, and 10 *Car. I.*

The Knight, or Knights, having now receiv'd a compleat Installation, the Knights-Commissioners, Assistants, or Knights-Companions, with marks of Respect, take their leave of the last installed Knight, and descending into the Choir, take their own Stalls; but the Senior Knight-Companion ascends first: But observe, that if the Stalls of the Knights-Commissioners, Assistants, or Knights-Companions, be on the same side with the last installed Knight, then they descend not into the Choir, but pass directly to them along the Stalls, as in the 34 *Eliz.* The Ceremonies of Installation being finished, the Officers of Arms first, next the Alms-Knights, descend from the Steps of the Altar, and take their several Stations in the Choir; then one of the Prebends of the College, or, if the Sovereign be present, the Prelate, with the Serjeant of the Vestry before him, is conducted to the Altar by the Verger of the Chappel, and there begins the Service appointed by the Church, which being ended, the Proceeding passes out of the Choir in usual Order, either to the Presence-Chamber, or the Lieutenants, or Commissioners Lodgings, as the Occasion is.

The Offering of Gold and Silver.

§ 9. But if the Installation be solemnized in the Morning, the Service of the Church having proceeded as far as the Offertory, two of the Prebends, appointed to receive the Offering, are conducted to the Altar by their Verger, and first the Alms-Knights, then the Officers of Arms, ascend the Steps of the Altar again, and stand in order as before. After which, Garter Summons down the Knights-Companions to the Offering, who descend into the Choir under their proper Stalls, as does the Sovereign's Lieutenant, who offers first for the Sovereign, he receiving the Bezant from the Senior Knight, and then returns to his Stall: And at this instant, was the usual time heretofore for offering the Defunct Knights Achievements, which was altered by King *James I.* as will be seen hereafter.

The Lieutenant, after a short stay in his Stall, descends again, and proceeds up to the Altar, to make his own Offering of Gold and Silver, and then returns, as do the rest of the Knights-Companions, including those newly installed, in their due order. But when the Installation passes by Commissioners, there is then no Offering made for the Sovereign, but the Commissioners offer first, and after them the other Knights in due order.

The Ceremony of Offering at the Installation of *Philip, King of Castile, 22 Henry VII.* is remarkable. He descended from his Stall into the Choir, and standing before it, as the other Knights-Companions did, the Sovereign left his Royal Stall to proceed to the Offering, to which the King would have followed, but the Sovereign would not permit, obliging the King to proceed along with him, on his left Hand, though he desired to perform his Duty as a Brother of the Order, so that they made their Offerings so near together, where, though the Sovereign had the Precedence, yet 'twas hardly observable.

Of the grand Dinner at the Installation.

§ 10. On the Day of Installation, there hath, from ancient Time, been appointed a Noble and Sumptuous Feast,
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and though it was agreed on in a Chapter, 3 *Edward VI.* That the Knights elect might, from thenceforth, be installed by Commission without a Feast; yet after his Reign, we find the old custom of a Feast at this Solemnity restored.

If the Sovereign appoint the Installation to be when the Feast of *St. George* is also celebrated, and is himself personally present, the Feast is then kept at the Sovereign's Charge; and if in such case he constitute a Lieutenant, then the Installation Dinner is kept at the Charge of the Lieutenant; and is usually prepared in some of the Sovereign's Lodgings in the Castle, but seldom in *St. George's* Hall; as was done by the Earl of *Arundel*, at the Installation of the Earl of *Sbrewsbury*, and the Lord *Hunsdon*, 3 *Eliz.* But when the Installation is kept at any other time of the Year, than that of *St. George's* Feast, then the new installed Knights are at all the Expence; who generally have had the Dinner prepared in the Dean's Lodgings; however, be it where it will, the Sovereign, or his Lieutenant, Commissioners, or Assistants, together with the new installed Knights, proceed thither in full Robes; which is observed in the Installation of 3 *Eliz.* above, to be according to the ancient Custom. At the Installation, 31 *Henry VIII.* the Sovereign's Lieutenant walked alone, after him his two Assistants, and lastly the new installed Knights.

The Lieutenant's Place at the Table is somewhat on the left Hand the Cloath of State, there sat the Earl of *Arundel*, 3 *Eliz.* but the other four Knights-Companions, his two Assistants, and the two new installed Knights, sat toward the Table's End on both Sides, for that they could not well sit all on a side. But of late Years, as at the Installation, 5 *Car. I.* a Question arose, whether the Lieutenant or Commissioners should sit at Dinner in their Habits, since the Power given them seemed to expire when the Knights were elected; (though unanimously allowed the new installed Knights ought to do so,) and likewise Precedents quoted, as 29 *Henry VIII.* at the Installation of the Lord *Cromwell*, where the Knights put off their Habits, and dined in their ordinary Apparel; and so of the Earl of *Rutland*, and the Lord *Cobham*, 26 *Eliz.* where the Commissioners did the same, and the new installed Knights kept on only their Surcoats: But what followed on this Debate is not mention'd; but the general

ral Practice at other Times hath been of keeping on the Habit till the Dinner is ended.

At the second Course, called also second Mefs, or second Service, Garter, accompanied with the Officers of Arms, Proclaims the Stiles and Titles of Honour of the Sovereign (if he be personally, or by his Lieutenant, present,) in *Latin, French, and English*, and cries *Largels* thrice; next the Stiles of the new intalled Knights in *French, or English* only, with two *Largeffes*, and in that Order they were intalled. And thus it was at the Installation of *Charles, Duke of York, 9 Jac. I. of Frederick, Prince Palatine, 10 Jac. I.* and the Earl of *Rutland*, and others, *14 Jac. I.*

Philip, King of Castile, Dined with the Sovereign in his Privy-Chamber, *22 Henry VII.* whose Stile was Proclaimed by Garter, not in the same Room, but at the Sovereign's great Chamber-Door, and in *St. George's Hall*, after *Largels* had been thrice cryed. When the Sovereign constitutes a Lieutenant, then is the Lieutenant's Stile also Proclaimed, and to his other Honours is added this of his Lieutenantcy, and afterwards the Stiles of the new intalled Knights, as *3 Eliz.* But the Order of this Ceremony is more particularly observed at the Installation of the Duke *de Montmorency*, and others, *14 Eliz.* where first Garter cried *Largels*, and next Proclaimed the Sovereign's Stile, &c. in three Languages, then stepping two Foot back, Proclaims the Lieutenant's Stile in *French* only, with two *Largeffes*; and after that, he cried one *Largels* for the Duke; and lastly, for all the other new intalled Knights, only two *Largeffes*, and the Officers of Arms did the like; and still as Garter had finished his Proclamation, the Heralds joined with him in crying *Largels*, and so with Reverence departed the Hall.

But lastly, it is proper to observe, that when neither the Sovereign, nor his Lieutenant, are present, then the Sovereign's Stile is not Proclaimed, nor those of the Commissioners, but only of the new intalled Knights.

As soon as Dinner is ended, the Knights-Companions rise from Table, and withdraw to disrobe themselves, and therewith the Solemnity of Installation ends: And if at any time the Solemnity continues that Evening, and the following Day, it is only because the Sovereign (or his Lieutenant,) is present, on account of celebrating *St. George's Feast*, and not with reference to the Installation.

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Of setting up the Knight's Achievements.

§ 11. The last thing to be done at this great Solemnity, is setting up the *Helm, Crest, Sword, Banner, and Place*, of the new installed Knight, over his Stall in the Chappel of *St. George*; to which purpose they are to be provided, according to the Directions before given.

By the Statutes of Institution it is ordained, that the time for setting up the Achievements shall be when the elect Knight comes to *Windsor-Castle*, that is, to his Installation, and not before; and the reason is there likewise given, lest it should happen, he not coming for his Installation within the time limited, and consequently the vacating his Election ensuing, that a new Election being made, those military Ensigns might not seem to be disgracefully withdrawn, and an occasion of Dishonour given, which otherwise could not be avoided, if they should be suddenly taken down from a Place so high; which demonstrates, that the intention of this Article extends to the finishing the Ceremonies of Installation, before the Achievements ought to be set up, by so carefully providing against the Dishonour of taking them down, in case the Election should become void; which must infallibly happen, if the Knight elect died but an Hour before he were compleatly installed. Accordingly, in the ancient Deputations both to *Sir William Philip*, and *Sir John Falstaff*, Power is given their Proctors first to demand, receive, and obtain their principal Stalls, and next to tender their Helms, and Swords, to be hung up in the Choir of *Windsor*, according to Custom: And for clearer Information of the course of this Ceremony, that the Sovereign impowered his Commissioners, first to give the Deputy Possession of his Principal's Stall, and after to receive the Achievements, and place them over it: This is to be considered as a Memorial of the Knights being installed a Companion of the Order, and 'tis incongruous in the Rules of Honour to have the Sign or a Memorial of an Action precede the Action it self.

Again, the Statutes expressly provide, that the Knights Achievements shall not be hung up, till the Duties and Fees enjoined are first discharged; and 'tis certain, there

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are no Fees due, nor can be claimed, till the Ceremonies on which they become due are entirely finished. But to clear all Doubts which may arise upon this Point, it was at a Chapter held at *White-Hall*, the fourth of *February*, 22 *Car. II.* ordained, *That not any of the Achievements of an elect Knight's Stall be set up in the Chappel at Windsor, before he be installed, and the Fees of Installation paid.*

And though this was the Practice anciently, yet were the Achievements always prepared and brought to *Windsor*, and set before the elect Knight's Stall; and in case of his not coming to receive Installation, then, being no otherwise placed, they might be the easier removed without the Choir, in as decent manner as could be, so that the Honour of Knighthood might be preserved entire; nevertheless, to be retained for publick Use, and the Benefit of the Colledge.

Where mention is made in the Annals of any Person employed to set up the Achievements of a Knight, it is to be understood that he was his Proctor, and installed on his behalf: And there appears but one single Instance where one Person hath hung up a Knight's Achievements, when another was installed for him; and this happen'd 14th of *August*, Anno 29 *Hen. VI.* where the Lord *Rivers* having been elected to the Stall of the Lord *Hungerford*, his Sword and Helm were soon after (sent) hung up by *William Bobden*, his Esq; and *Guyen Herald*, and he installed the 30 *October* following, by Sir *William Crawford* his Proctor; but this was contrary to the Law of the Order.

Where the setting up of a Knight's Achievements is barely mentioned, without taking notice of the Installation, it is to be understood, that such Knight's Installation was also solemniz'd at that Time: As in the case of the King of *Portugal*, of whom the Annals only note, that he had taken care to set over his Stall, Helm, Sword, and Banner, and all things belonging thereto, at the Feast at *Windsor*, 2 *Henry VI.* In what manner these Achievements are fixed, appears by the Statutes; the Helm and Crest to be set over each Knight-Companion's Stall, and the Sword to hang directly under them; but the Plate to be nailed to the back of the Knight's Stall.