

the French King, Anno 19 Hen. VIII. and from *Gustavus*, King of Sweden, Anno 3 Car. I. we find the taking the Oath appointed by the Statutes to be also certified. Of the return of these Certificates, the Annals of the Order sometimes take notice, and by a Decree, 13 Car. I. care was taken to oblige the Ambassadors to produce these Certificates to the Sovereign at their return.

The Stranger Prince hath been pleas'd sometimes, to give with the Certificate, a particular Testimonial of Garter's punctual discharge of his Duty in the Legation, or of the Officer of Arms employed in his stead; as did *Gustavus*, King of Sweden, in the preamble of his Diploma, whereby he testifies the bestowing upon *Henry St. George*, *Richmond Herald*, the Honour of Knighthood; they have also usually given Garter Gratuities; either in Money, Diamonds, or some other Present of great value, of which several Instances might be produced.

## C A P. XVI.

### *The Installation of a Stranger by Proxy.*

#### *Touching the Choice and Nomination of a Proxy.*

§ 1. **A**FTER the Stranger is invested, he is enjoind by the Statutes (be he of what Stare or Condition soever,) to send in eight Months after his Investiture, either a *Proctor* or *Deputy* to be installed in his behalf, in the Seat assign'd him within the Chappel of St. George at *Windsor*.

The Time limited for sending in *Henry Vth's* Statutes, is but seven Months; and those of *Henry VIII.* allow no more; and that not only after Investiture, but after the Stranger hath certified the Sovereign of his reception of the Order.

By King *Henry VIIIth's* Statutes, it's also provided; That in case a Stranger do not send his Deputy or Proctor within seven Months, without having a reasonable Excuse, and such as should be allowed by the Sovereign or his Deputy,



the Election (notwithstanding his former Acceptation,) should be also void, except so it be, that the Stranger be hindred or disturbed by great Affairs, and then might he send his Excuse to the Sovereign, or his Deputy, within one Month after; and according as the Sovereign or his Deputy should allow or disallow of his Excuse, that then the Sovereign or his Deputy might give unto him four Months of respite more; within which time, if he neither come, nor send his Deputy to be installed for him, then the said Election should be void for that time.

The French King, Francis I. was so earnest for completing this Honour, that he dispatch'd his Proctor hither with all the speed he could, and most of the Stranger Princes have sent their *Deputies* within the limited time, there being very few Instances to the contrary, and those were occasioned through the multiplicity of Affairs.

When the *Garter* and *George* only have been sent to a Stranger, the Ceremony of Installation hath been dispenc'd with, till a more convenient time, as appears from the Instructions of March 4. Anno 19 Car. I. given at the sending these two principal *Ensigns of the Order*, to *William*, Prince of *Orange*, and *Bernard de Foix*, Duke of *Espernon*, (in regard of the Interruptions then given by the Rebellion here,) such dispensations, and for the same reason, was King *Charles II.* necessitated to give those Strangers whom he honoured with Election, while he remain'd in Foreign Parts.

Upon the said King's happy Restauration, among many other things relating to the *Order*, this particular was taken into consideration, in reference not only to the Duke of *Espernon* and Prince *Maurice*, who were dead, but those Strangers also then living; and at two *Chapters* held at *White-Hall*, Anno 13 Car. II. directions were given to *Garter* to place the *Banners* and *Atchievements* of the surviving Strangers over their respective Stalls; and the Sovereign, by his supream Power, (induc'd by the impossibilities of the late Troubles to perform the Installation, and by reason of the time elaps'd since their Elections,) dispenc'd wholly and absolutely with their Installations, but at the same time declar'd, that as the like necessity and conjuncture could never happen again, so he would not, on any motion or pretence whatsoever, give the like dispensation.



It seems to rest in the pleasure of the Stranger, whether he will chuse to send over any Person of his own Court, or give his Procuration to some one of the Sovereign's Subjects, to receive his Stall, and in his Name to take Possession of it; the latter of which hath been done several times, out of desire to favour some of our Nobility with this Honour, of which many instances might be given.

It hath sometimes happned, that a *Proctor* for the Installation of a Stranger, hath been appointed and nominated by the Sovereign of the *Order*, though the Principal had nam'd another before: Thus it fell out in the case of *Maurice*, Prince of *Orange*, Anno 10 *Jac. I.* who having deputed Count *Henry* his Brother, to be installed for him, and he having put to Sea in Order thereto, but by reason of contrary Winds not arriving in *England* before the Day appointed for his Installation, the Sovereign and *Knights-Companions* ordered that *Lodowick* of *Nassau*, Kinsman to the elect Prince, should take Possession of his Stall on his behalf: A case somewhat like, was that of *John George*, Duke of *Saxony*, who sent over his Procuration to *John*, Earl of *Bath*; and he being detained in the West on extraordinary Occasions, when *St. George's Feast* was held at *Windsor*, Anno 23 *Car. II.* wrote to the *Chancellor* of the *Order*, to obtain the Sovereign's Dispensation, for not appearing in the Name of his Principal; who representing his humble request to the Sovereign, in a *Chapter* held on the Eve of the said Feast, he was pleas'd to grant it, and appointed *Heneage*, Earl of *Winchelsea*, who perform'd the Service. There is also an ancient Example of this kind, Anno 9 *Hen. V.* where the Sovereign nominated the Lord *Fitz Hugh*, *Proctor* for the King of *Denmark*; which yet was not done, till after the Sovereign had been certified that the said King had been invested, and obliged himself by Oath to the observation of the *Statutes*.

In like manner it is recorded, that the Earl of *Cleveland* was by the Sovereign appointed Deputy for the Installation of *Gustavus Adolphus*, King of *Sweden*, and yet not unlike, but this might be with consent of the said King, though the *Annals* herein are silent.



*The Proctor's Qualifications.*

§ 2. By the Statutes of the Order, the Proctor, whether he be nominated by his Principal, or by the Sovereign, must be *Procurator sufficiens & idoneus*; that is, such a Person who hath always been accounted of unblameable Conversation, not branded with any note of Infamy, but altogether irreprovable. And such was *Dominicus Franciscus*, Deputy to *Charles*, Duke of *Ferrara*, who in the *Black-Book* of the Order is characterized to be a Knight of incorrupt Fame; nor are we to doubt but that other Proctors to Strangers were such, though the Testimonials of their Virtues do not appear in the Annals of the Order.

Secondly, The Proctor ought to be a Person correspondent to the State and Dignity of the Stranger that is invested, which may sufficiently appear by several Instances; the Emperor *Maximilian I.* appointed for his Proxy, the Marquis of *Brandenburgh*, Anno 6 *Hen. VII.* *Francis I.* King of *France*, *Adrian de Fercein*, Lord of *Bross*, Anno 19 *Hen. VIII.* and *Henry IV.* of *France*, *Sieur de Chastes*, Vice Admiral of *France*, Anno 42 *Eliz.*

Thirdly, It is provided that he be a Knight, and without any manner of Reproach; and if it so happen that he have not receiv'd the degree of Knighthood, the Sovereign is to bestow that Honour before he be allow'd to take upon him the Execution of his deputative Power; for none but Knights are capable of this Honour, or permitted to bear the *Ensigns* of so great an Order. Hereupon the Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*, Proctor for *Frederick II.* King of *Denmark*, was Knighted by the Sovereign, the Morning before he proceeded to take Possession of the Stall.

There was one reason notwithstanding, why this particular was not strictly stood upon, (though moved) in the case (and it's the single case) of *Henry Ramell*, Hereditary Lord of *Wosterwitz* and *Beckeshaw*, Deputy for *Christian IV.* King of *Denmark*, Anno 3 *Fac. I.* for it being taken notice of that he was not a Knight, certain Persons were sent from the Sovereign to signify his Pleasure; that he should be advanc'd to the Honour of Knighthood;



hood before he took upon him the *Ensigns* of the *Order* in his King's behalf; to which he made Answer, that he appeared here, not in his own, but in the Name of the King of *Denmark*; and that such a degree of Honour was unusual in his own Country, (being Born in *Pomerania*;) and therefore humbly desired that he might be excus'd from the Honour; upon which the Sovereign was pleas'd to dispence with him, and forthwith the said *Deputy* (but no Knight,) was admitted to take the Stall assign'd to the said King his Principal.

*His Letters of Procuration.*

§ 3. The Authority wherewith an elect Stranger invests his Proxy, which ought to pass under his Hand and Seal, do generally contain these Particulars.

First, He premiseth the Sovereign's Election of him into the Order of the *Garter*, and his receipt of the Habit and Ensigns thereof, then takes notice of the Obligation the *Statutes* of the Order put upon him, for sending a Proxy to take Possession of his Stall, in regard the Dignity whereunto he is advanc'd in his own Country, will not permit him to repair Personally to *Windsor*; and being not only desirous that the Election and Investiture should obtain its due effect, but to fulfil, as far as in him lies, the Injunctions of the *Statutes*, in what concerns the assuming of his Stall, and taking the Oath appointed; he therefore Ordains, Authorises, and Deputes, a Person fitly qualified, (named in the Deputation,) his sufficient *Proctor*, and special *Deputy*, to appear at the Castle of *Windsor* in his behalf and in his Name, at the next Solemnity that should be held there, to supply his room, and receive Possession of the Stall assign'd him, according to the usual Form; and in all respects to perform those Ceremonies and Things in his behalf due and accustomed, or should appear to belong any way to the Splendor or Ornament of the Order: As also to take the accustomed Oath with those Qualifications, and in that Form as had been (or should be) agreed on; and further, to fulfil all other things which he should think necessary to be perform'd on this Occasion, or whatsoever thing might require a more special Command, than was contain'd in the Letters



rears of Procuracion ; and as fully as the Stranger should be obliged to, and would do, if he were there present in his own Person. Lastly, there is usually added a Clause of Ratification and Confirmation, of all such things as the Proctor should say or do, in reference to the Solemnity of Installation.

#### *Of the Proctor's Reception.*

§ 4. When the Sovereign is acquainted with the arrival of the Proxy, and the occasion of his coming, he soon after gives him Audience ; after which, a Day for Installation is assign'd, and the Sovereign nominates some of the *Knights-Companions* his Commissioners, to perform the Ceremonies.

The Proctor heretofore has been receiv'd with very great State ; Sir *Balthasar Castilian*, sent hither from the Duke of *Urbino*, Anno 22 Hen. VII. was met at the Seaside by Sir *Thomas Brandon*, with a goodly Company of his own Servants well Hors'd, who kept Company with him, till they came near *Deptford* in *Kent* ; where, by the Sovereign's Command, he was met by Sir *Thomas Dokara*, and Sir *Thomas Wriothesley*, *Garter* : The said Sir *Thomas Dokara* had attending him thirty of his Servants, all in new Liveries, well Hors'd, every Gentleman bearing a Javelin in his Hand, and every Yeoman a Bow and a Sheaf of Arrows, and so they convey'd him to his Lodging. The next Day they conducted him to *London*, and by the way there met him divers *Italians*, and *Paulus de Gygeles*, the Pope's Vice Collector, to whose House he was convey'd and lodg'd. The reception also of *James* Lord *Rambouillet*, Proctor for the *French* King, *Charles IX.* was very noble.

#### *The Preparations for Installation.*

§ 5. The Preparations of the Installation of a Stranger by Proxy, are the same as for the Proxy of a *Knight-Subject*, mention'd as before, and the Form of the Commission for Installation is much the same ; the Preamble



rains the Authority wherewith the Proxy is impow'rd, and is penn'd with like Words.

The Letters of notice to the Commissioners.

The Warrants for removing of Stalls, and for the Strangers Achievements, are all to be obtain'd by the Chancellor of the Order, under the Sovereign's Sign Manual, to which the Signet of the Order is to be affixt.

The Strangers Achievements (as mention'd in the Warrant,) are to be provided at the Sovereign's Charge; namely, his *Helm, Crest, Mantlings, and Sword*, together with a *Banner* of his *Arms* and *Quarterings*; and these the Proctor is enjoind to bring along with him to *Windsor*.

Sometimes a Warrant hath been directed to the Master of the *Wardrobe*, to provide but some part of these Achievements; and another Warrant to the Lord Treasurer of *England*, to deliver *Garter* Money to provide the other part; in each of which, the particulars relating to either are enumerated; for so were the Warrants drawn up for the Achievements of the *French King, Henry II.* At other times direction hath been to the Master of the *Wardrobe*, to deliver to *Garter* the whole, who thereupon puts the Charge upon Account.

Sometimes particular Warrants have been directed to the Master of the *Wardrobe*, to deliver several Parcels of the Materials, for the making up these Achievements; as were those Warrants, to deliver the Sovereign's Embroiderer, and to *Garter*, so much Velvet, Cloth of Gold, &c. for making the great Banner, and other the Achievements of *Charles IX. and Henry III. French Kings.*

It also appears that *Garter* hath sometimes laid out the Money for all, or part of the Achievements, and then delivered his Bill of disbursements into the *Wardrobe*; as is manifest from those Bills for the Achievements of *Frederick II. King of Denmark*, in Count Palatine of the *Rhine*, and the Duke of *Holstein*.

Besides the Achievements, some other things used at the Solemnity are commonly included in the forelaid Warrants; the *Mantle* of the Order is not prepared at the Sovereign's Charge, for the Statutes of Institution appoint the Proxy to bring one with him, nor that the Sovereign should provide it, having done that before, at the Legation with the whole *Habit*; nor is it found in the Rolls or Books of the Sovereign's great *Wardrobe*, that any Account



count is made for providing a second *Mantle*, when the Proxy of a Stranger came hither; which, had the Sovereign been at such Charge, would not have been omitted.

*The Proctor's Cavalcade to Windsor.*

§ 6. The Day appointed for the Installation drawing on, the Proxy was heretofore accompanied from *London* to *Windsor*, with the Sovereign's Lieutenant and his Assistants, (if the Feast of *St. George* was then also celebrated,) or otherwise the Sovereign's Commissioners with a great Retinue.

Among the rest, when the Deputy of the *French King*, *Francis I.* rode to *Windsor*, Anno 19 *Hen. VIII.* all the *Knights-Companions* that were in Commission for that Solemnity, assembled at the Lord *Sandy's Place* near *St. Paul's Church* in *London*, whence they rode to the Deputy's Lodging, and thence accompanied him with a gallant Equipage to the Castle of *Windsor*, where Lodgings were prepared for him at the *Dean's House*.

In like manner, Anno 8 *Eliz.* the Earls of *Suffex* and *Leicester*, and Lord *Clinton*, (three of the four Commissioners appointed for the Installation of the *French King*, *Charles IX.*) with other Lords and Gentlemen, took their Horses at the Court Gate at *Westminster*, and with a great Train rode to the Lodgings of the said King's Proxy, (being then at *St. Mary's Spittle* in *London*;) whence they went through *Holbourn* towards *Windsor*; the Earl of *Southampton*, Viscount *Mountague*, Sir *Henry Lea*, and Sir *Edward Umpton*, met them at *Langford* near *Colbrook*, with their Hawks, and shew'd the Proxy variety of sport, with which he being well pleased, they rode to his Lodgings at the *Dean's House* at *Windsor*, the usual Place of entertaining the Strangers Proxies.

*Supper after his Arrival there.*

§ 7. The Evening of their arrival passeth with a sumptuous Supper, but the principal Entertainment is reserv'd for the following Day's Dinner. At the Installation of the *French King*, *Francis I.* all the Commissioners met together



gether at the Marquis of Exeter's Lodgings, and went to the Dean's House, where they were entertain'd by him at Supper all at one Table; at another Table sat Garter, with certain of the Deputy's chief Gentlemen, and some of the Heralds; and at a third sat the rest of the Heralds, and other of the Proxies Servants.

The Commissioners and other Noblemen, who accompanied the Proctor of Charles IX. to Windsor, supped also with him at the Dean's; He himself sitting at the upper end of the Table; then the Earls of Suffex and Leicester by him, one against the other, next the Earl of Southampton, and Viscount Mountague, then the Lord Clinton, and Lord Herbert of Cardiff, after them two Strangers of distinction, then lower sat the Lord Grey, and other Strangers, and last of all, at the lower end, opposite to the Proctor, sat Monsieur Dose, alias St. Michael, the French Herald. Garter, Black-Rod, and divers Strangers, supped with the Dean, and in the Parlour and Hall sat divers Pensioners, Gentlemen, and Strangers.

#### Of the Proceeding to the Chapter-House.

§ 8. What hath been before set down of the Proceeding to the Chapter-House, at the personal Installation of a Knight-Subject, will extend hither, both as to Order and Circumstances; yet this general Rule is to be born in mind, that the Place of a Stranger Prince's Proctor here, is next after the Provincial King's, (unless the Proctor of a Knight-Subject happen to intervene,) and before the Junior Knight-Companion, (unless a Knight-Subject pass then in the Proceeding,) of which we have an Instance at the Installation of the Dukes of Brunswick and Chevereux, and the Earl of Dorset, by their Proctors, but the Earls of Salisbury, Carlisle, and Holland, with Viscount Andover in Person, Anno 1 Car. I. when the Proceeding was ordered as followeth.

1. Two Waiters of the Sovereign's Hall, in their Livery Coats, bearing White Rods.
2. Alms-Knights.
3. Prebends of the College.
4. Officers of Arms.

5. Proctors



5. Proctors to the absent elect Knights.
6. Elect Knights in Person.
7. Knights-Companions.
8. Black-Rod.
9. Register.
10. Garter.
11. Chancellor.
12. Prelate.
13. Sovereign's Lieutenant.
14. Courtiers and Gentlemen in the Rear.

Only in the single case of *Christian IV.* King of *Denmark*, Anno 3 *Fac. I.* (as an extraordinary Respect and Honour,) his Proxy went in the Proceeding to the *Chapter-House* next before the Sovereign's Lieutenant.

As we had a former Example, of a Proctor to a *Knight-Subject*, who in this Proceeding past before the *Alms-Knights*, and Officers of Arms, namely, *Sir Henry Sidney*, Deputy to the Earl of *Warwick*, 5 *Eliz.* so here in the case of a *Stranger*, the *Vilcount Hereford*, Proxy to the Duke of *Holstein*, installed 3 *Eliz.* went in this Proceeding to the *Chapter-House*, before the Officers of Arms; Which Proceeding was ordered as follows,

1. Gentlemen and Knights.
2. The Proctor and Ambassador of *Holstein* together.
3. Officers of Arms.
4. Register and Garter.
5. Lord *Hastings*, and Lord *Paget*, Commissioners.

If the Proxy of a *Stranger* pass in the Proceeding, which the Sovereign, his Lieutenant, or Commissioners, make to the *Chapter-House*, then for the most part he gives his Attendance in the *Presence-Chamber*, or in the Room whence the Lieutenant or Commissioners proceed, and there joins himself thereto.

But sometimes the Commissioners, as an instance of singular Respect, after their setting out, have taken the Proxies Lodging in their way, and there receiv'd him into the Proceeding; so did Prince *Henry*, by the Proctor of *Christian IV.* King of *Denmark*; and the Commissioners by the Proctor of the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, 2 *Fac. I.*

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'Tis observ'd, that the Proxies of Strangers have not always gone in the Proceeding, but sometimes staid at their Lodging, till the Commissioners were ready to send for them to the *Chapter-House*. As at the Installation of *Charles IX. King of France, 8 Eliz.* the Commissioners meeting, they, and the three inferior Officers of the Order, robed themselves, and then went to the Proxies Lodging, and having just conferr'd with him, took leave, and proceeded to the *Chapter-House*, whence they sent out *Garter* to the Proxy, with invitation to come to them, who was presently conducted by *Garter* to the *Chapter-House Door*, where the two Senior Commissioners receiv'd him between them.

Sometimes the Proxies have past privately to the *East-Isle* of *St. George's Chappel*, and there rested, before the Sovereign and *Knights-Companions* went into the *Chapter-House*, or proceeded into the Choir, without entering thereinto; for so did the *Earl of Cleveland*, and the *Marquis of Dorset*, Proxies to *Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden*, and *Henry, Prince of Orange, 4 Car. I.* The like Method was observ'd by the *Earl of Dover*, Proxy to *Charles, Prince Palatine, 9 Car. I.* and by *Sir George Cartaret*, Proxy to *Christian, Prince of Denmark, 15 Car. II.* so also of the *Earls of Carlisle* and *Winchelsea*, Proxies to *Charles, King of Sweden*, and *John George, Prince Elector of Saxony, 23 Car. II.*

*The Ceremonies perform'd therein.*

§ 9. When the Proceeding hath arrived at the *Chapter-House Door*, the Sovereign, and *Knights-Companions*, or the Lieutenant, &c. with the Officers of the Order before them, enter to hold their Consultation; the Stranger's Proxy being first requested to stay without, till his Deputation, or Letters of Procuration are read, to the end they may understand the effect thereof.

To this purpose we find it directed, by an ancient Hand, that where any Knight is installed by his Deputy, he ought to stay without the Vestry, or *Chapter-House Door*, till he be introduced by two *Knights-Companions*: So the *Lord Paget*, one of the Commissioners for Installation of the *Duke of Savoy*, when the Proceeding was come to the

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*Chapter-House* Door, acquainted his *Proxy* with this Custom and Injunction, which he complied with.

The East-Isle, behind the High Altar, is the usual Place for *Proxies* to stay, till they are called into the *Chapter*, as it is also for the *Deputies* of *Knights-Subjects*, where Chairs and Cushions are prepared for this occasion.

The first thing done after the *Chapter* is opened, is reading the Commission for *Installation*, by the *Register* of the *Order*, (but if the Sovereign be present, no Commission issues,) and next, the Letters of Procuration; this being the most usual and proper Place for this Ceremony

However, at the *Installation* of the French King, Francis I. by a very unusual compliance, the Commissioners went from the *Chapter-House*, after they had called in and invested the Earl of Oxford, with his *Surcoat* and *Hood*, to the *Dean's House*, where the *Proctor* was lodg'd, and in a great Chamber there, shewed him the Sovereign's Commission, and in it the Authority for admitting him into the Stall of his Lord and Master: Upon which the *Proctor* presented them with his Procuration, which empowered him to take Possession of it, and to perform what Ceremonies related to it; which Instrument the *Register* read before them. This being done, they all proceeded to the Chappel; where entering, they waved their return to the *Chapter-House*, and pass'd directly into the *Choir*.

After some time of Consultation in the *Chapter-House*, the *Proxy* is sent for in thither by *Garter*, who conducts him to the *Chapter-House* Door, and his Reception there by the Commissioners is after the same manner as is used to the *Knight elect*, or to his *Proxy*: But whether he ought to enter the *Chapter-House*, or be admitted any farther than the Door, or Porch thereof, and to pass thence immediately into the *Choir*, hath been some Question; because the Practice seems to have been sometimes one way, sometimes another.

All that we find to prohibit his Entrance therein, is an Expression in the short Ceremonial of *Installation* of Strangers by *Proxy*, entered in the *Black-Book*; where it says---That the *Mantle* is to be laid on the *Proctor's* right Shoulder, in the Porch of the *Chapter-House*, because he is not to enter into it.

And there are two Instances where the *Mantle* was delivered to the *Proctor* at the *Chapter-House* Door; from whence



whence some may infer, that the Practice of those Times was also agreeable to the aforelaid direction; namely, that of the *Proctor* of the *French King*, *Francis I.* 19 *Hen. VIII.* where *Garter* stood at the *Chapter-House Door*, with the *Mantle*, and as the Proceeding passed by, presented it to the two *Senior Knights-Companions*, who placed it upon the *Proctor's* right Arm; and so of the *Proctor* of *Emanuel, Duke of Savoy*, 1 and 2 *Phil. and Mar.* who entered not into the *Chapter-House*, but had the *Mantle* discussed at the *Door*.

But these Instances, if duly weighed, cannot properly, or with any Advantage, be alledged to prove the Assertion; because the Affairs relating to both, receiv'd dispatch in the *Proctors* Lodging a little before, and where the *Proctor* himself was present, where the meeting of the *Commissioners* and *Proctor* cannot be deemed less than a *Chapter*, tho' not held in the *Chapter-House*, from the Transactions that passed there, viz. producing the *Sovereign's Warrant*, and the *Proctor's* Instrument of *Deputation*, which were both read before them by the *Register*, and the *Proctor* accordingly admitted, which being finished, nothing relating to the present purpose required their passing into the *Chapter-House*, or remained to be done till they came into the *Choir*.

But the general Practice runs strong on the contrary side; for we find that the *Proctor* for *Charles IX.* King of *France*, 8 *Eliz.* was met at the *Chapter-House Door*, by the *Earls of Suffex* and *Leicester*, who took him in thither between them, where, after the *Register* had read, as well the *Sovereign's Commission* for *Intallation*, as his *Letters of Procuracion*, and the *Commissioners* had admitted him *Depury* for the said King, they all came forth, and laid his *Principal's Mantle* on his right Arm and Shoulder, the *Train* whereof was born by the *Earl of Southampton*, assisted by the *Lord Herbert of Cardiff*.

Again it is remarkable, 25 *Eliz.* that *Garter* conducted the *Proxy* of *Frederick II.* King of *Denmark*, to the *Chapter-House*, and at that Place the *Earl of Leicester*, and the *Lord Hunsdon*, received and led him in: So also was *Christian IVth's Proxy* led thither, by the *Earls of Nottingham* and *Dorset*. And in *Jac. I.* *Lodowick*, Count *Nassau*, *Proctor* to *Maurice*, Prince of *Orange*, was called into the *Chapter-House*, and there left, while the *Sovereign*, and  
*Knights*



*Knights-Companions*, proceeded into the *Choir*: Also in like manner was Sir *George Carraret*, *Proctor* to *Christian*, Prince of *Denmark*, 15 *Car. II.* and the *Proctors* to the King of *Sweden*, and Duke of *Saxony*, 23 *Car. II.*

Nor are these Instances, and the Practice in this latter case, really derogatory to the Statutes, which, though they prohibit the *Proxies* Entrance into the *Chapter-House*, yet do not extend to any thing previous to the Installation, but what may happen after; for the Article of the *Statutes* having first directed the delivery of the *Mantle* to the *Proxy*, and next the assumption of his *Principal's Stall*, in these Words, *Dicitus Procurator Installatus*, it immediately subjoins, *that from thenceforth*, that is, from the time of Installation, *he shall neither wear the Mantle, nor enter into the Chapter, nor have Voice there, by virtue of any Power granted him.* All which are Prohibitions, plainly relating to future Examples, and arising after the Ceremonies of Installation are past, and not at all referring to what precedes it.

And it seems the Law hath been thus understood, in regard the greater prevalence of Practice hath generally attended it; for not only the *Proxies* of Strangers, as is observed, but generally *Knights-Subjects*, have been called into the *Chapter-House*, and there received the *Mantle*, before they proceeded into the *Choir*.

The Ceremony of delivering the *Mantle* to the *Proctor*, is performed by the Sovereign, his Deputy, or the Commissioners, *Garter* presenting it to them; and the manner of it was anciently, by putting it on the *Proxies* right Arm or Shoulder, in the Name of his Lord and Master, there to hold it till the End of Divine Service.

But as there hath arisen some dispute, touching the *Proctor's* entry into the *Chapter-House* before Installation, so it hath happened in this Point of receiving the *Mantle*, viz. whether in the *Chapter*, or *Stall* allotted their *Principal*, of which there are Examples.

That part of the Article in the *Statutes of Institution*, relating to this Point, runs thus:---*That the Mantle, tempore Installationis Procuratoris*, shall be laid on his Arm, &c. but whether this shall be construed to that instant of time, when the *Proctor* is brought to the *Stall* of his *Principal*, or to some greater Latitude, as during the time of Installation, including the very first Action, or beginning of the Ceremony, namely, the being called to the *Chapter-House*



House Door, and entrance into it, is the Question; because there are Instances in both, but the latter is most warrantable by the *Statutes* and general Practice.

The Article in *Henry VIIIth's Statutes* being much more clear in describing and explaining the Ceremonies of *Installation*, than any of the former; (the particulars of which in every Point seems to be excellently regulated,) having mentioned the Sovereign, or his *Deputies*, laying the *Mantle* on the *Proxies* Arm; it immediately follows, as the very next thing to be performed in course of time; *That afterwards he shall be led by two Knights, from the Chapter-House Door to the Stall, and there being, shall make his Oath, and be installed;* it gives no Account of laying the *Mantle* on the Arm of the *Proctor* at the instant of *Installation* in the *Choir*, that being directed to be done before. It is also recorded in the *Black-Book*, where this Ceremony is more fully treated; *That Garter shall take the Mantle upon his Arms, and deliver it to both the Knights-Commissioners, and that they* (according to the Tenour of the *Statutes*;) *shall lay it on the Proctor's right Shoulder, in the Porch of the Chapter-House.*

Besides, the ancient usage of receiving the *Mantle* in the *Chapter-House*, or at the *Chapter-House Door*, either before, or in the Proceeding to the *Choir*, of which many instances may be given, there are several modern instances where the *Mantle* was born to the *Choir*, (and sometimes the *Collar* of the *Order* with it,) not by the *Proctor*, but by *Garter*, before him, and delivered in his *Principal's Stall*; as in the Proceeding of the *Proxy* for the Duke of *Wirtembergh*, *Anno 2 Jac. I.* when, after he had taken the *Oath*, and was led into the *Duke's Stall*, (not before) was the *Robe* laid on his Arm; and so was it done in many more *Installations*; which manner hath so far prevail'd as to be the continu'd Practice, *Garter* carrying the *Mantle* on a *Cushion* before the *Proctors* into the *Choir*, and laying it (after they have taken their *Oaths*.) on their Arms in such manner, that the *Cross* of *St. George* may be conspicuous.

#### *Of the Proceeding to the Choir.*

§ 10. Concerning the *Proxies* Proceeding into the *Choir*; *King Henry VIIIth's Statutes* direct: *That he shall be accompanied*



companied and led by two Knights-Companions of the Order, from the Door of the Chapter-House, to the Stall assigned to his Principal; agreeable to which, is that Passage in the Black-Book; That as soon as the two Knights have placed the Mantle on his Arm, they shall take him between them, and conduct him to the Stall of his Lord; and thus assisted have all Proxies proceeded to the Choir.

Since the Custom of receiving the Collar in the Chapter-House was laid aside, the Sovereign, (or his Lieutenant,) with the Knights-Companions, (so soon as the Mantle is delivered the Proctor, or (as of late) that he hath been admitted according to the purport of his Deputation,) proceed to the Choir, leaving the Proxy behind them in the Chapter-House, and after they have taken their Stalls, the Sovereign directs two of the Knights-Companions to descend; who taking the Alms-Knights, Officers of Arms, and the three inferior Officers of the Order before them, pass to the Chapter-House, and bring thence the Proxy to his Installation. In this Proceeding the Proxy goes Bare-headed, as did the Earl of Dover, Proctor to Charles, Prince Palatine of the Rhine, and Sir George Cartaret, Proctor to the Prince of Denmark, Anno 15 Car. II.

### The Ceremonies of Installation:

§ 11. When the Proceeding hath entred the Choir, and paid the accustomed Reverences, both towards the Altar and the Sovereign's Stall, and the Alms-Knights, Officers of Arms and of the Order, taken their usual Stations; the two Commissioners (Knights-Assistants or Knights-Companions,) and Proctor make their Reverences together, and then they conduct him into the lower Stalls directly before the Stall appointed for his Principal, the foresaid Officers of the Order standing below in the Choir: If there be more than two Commissioners, then the two Senior conduct him as before, while the rest of the Commissioners take their Station below in the Choir, before their proper Stalls, and there stay till the Installation be finish'd, and the like do the Lieutenants-Assistants, except the two Senior that are employed in the Ceremony.

The Proxy thus introduced into the lower Stalls, stands there while the Register pronounceth the Oath of the Order



Order to him, which he repeats distinctly, laying his Hand on the *New Testament*, and afterwards kisseth the Book.

The ancient Oath appointed by the *Statutes* of Institution is short, and without limitation in all Points, the same with that a *Knight-Companion* takes at his Personal Installation, viz. *Faithfully to observe, to the utmost of his Power, the Statutes of the Order*; but afterwards the Sovereign's and Fellows of those other Orders of *Knighthood*, (as the *Golden Fleece*, *Monsieur St. Michael*, &c.) before their admission into the Order of the *Garter*, sued for, and obtained the allowance of some relative exceptions or proviso's to be added to the aforefaid Oath; which usually were such as stood with the interest of their Religion, their great State or Dignity, or precedent obligation to the Order they had before accepted.

In the *Black-Book* is a Precedent of the Oath to be taken by an Emperor; whereby he is obliged to promise on his Royal Word, and give his Faith on his Honour and the Holy Evangelists, *That he will faithfully and truly, to the utmost of his Power, observe the Statutes in every Branch and Article thereof, at least so far as they can or ought to be observed by him, and so far as they shall not be contrary or derogatory to those whereunto he hath before given his Name and Sworn, and saving all other conditions agreed on.* There are besides this, other Precedents in the Annals of the Form of the Oath from the *Proctor* of an Emperor or King, and of every other inferior Degree, wherein are several exceptions before agreed on; and when *Philip*, King of *Castile* and *Leon*, (Sovereign of the Order of the *Golden Fleece*,) was Personally installed at *Windsor*, Anno 22 Hen. VII. and took the Oath without Limitation, yet he soon after obtain'd the Sovereign's Dispensation, that the use of the *Collar* and other *Ensigns* of the Order might be left to his pleasure, and that he might not be obliged to be present at future *Chapters*.

Other Exceptions have been admitted, but were obtained with great difficulty and much debate, lest the Dignity and Reputation of the Order should (instead of being kept up) be lessen'd, the forbearance of some Circumstances that hath been yeilded to, having sometimes been brought into Precedent, to the prejudice of the Order.

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The exceptions that were allow'd the Arch-Duke of Austria, when he took the Oath at his Investiture at Nuremberg, Anno 15 Hen. VIII. were as follow.

*Not to wear the Garter and Collar but at some certain times in the Year, at his own pleasure.*

*That if he were not in Place convenient to go to hear Mass on St. George's Day, he should cause a Priest to say it in his presence.*

*Not to be obliged, if busied in weighty Affairs, to wear the Garter, Collar, or whole Habit of the Order, on St. George's Day, longer than during divine Service; nevertheless he promised, if he could not than wear it for a whole Day together, he would willingly wear it on some other solemn Day within the compass of the Year.*

Of another nature were the exceptions which Francis I. King of France, procured to be admitted into the Oath taken by his Proctor, Anno 19 Hen. VIII. viz. *To observe the Statutes of the Order of the Garter so far as they were consistent with, and not contrary or prejudicial to the Statutes of the Order of St. Michael, and other Orders which his Principal had before taken of other Princes.*

Such like exceptions have been generally allowed to Kings and Sovereign Princes; but as to the Proxies of such Strangers, not Sovereign Princes; but Subjects, the Form of their Oath is usually framed (by the indulgence of the Sovereign,) with just limitations; not only to their obligation of the Statutes of any other Order they had accepted, or any Oath formerly taken, but sometimes to the Fidelity and Allegiance which they owe their Sovereign Lord and Prince.

After the Oath hath been administered to a Stranger's Proxy, (with such or the like exceptions before set down,) the two Knights-Commissioners pass up with him into the higher Row of Stalls, and so to that assign'd to his Principal, where being arrived, they take the Mantle from Garter, and lay it upon the Proctor's left Arm, with the Escutcheon of St. George uppermost, according to an Order in a Chapter held, Anno 23 Car II. which was to be a standing Rule for the future, and is now observ'd.

In the Act and Ceremony of Installation, the Commissioners who first conducted the Proxy into the Choir, jointly embrace him; then the Proxy makes his double Reverence; and lastly the Commissioners, according to the Custom of



*Installations*, set him down in his *Principal's Stall*, where he hath used to remain during *Divine Service*; but by the aforesaid *Order in Chapter, Anno 23 Car. II.* the *Proxies* are prohibited sitting in their *Stalls*, but directed to stand before them uncovered, with their *Mantles* on their right Arms, until *Divine Service* be ended.

The two *Knights* (between whom the *Proxy* proceeded to *Installation*;) descend into the *Choir*, and stand before their own *Stalls*, and after a while, first the *Senior Commissioners*, and then the other, ascend into them with usual *Reverences*, and then *Divine Service* begins.

### The Proctor's Offering.

§ 12. The *Proctor* having receiv'd Possession of his *Principal's Stall*, stays in the *Choir*, and performs the following Ceremonies, the chief of which is the *Offering* of *Gold* and *Silver*, according to the *Degree* and *Seniority* of his *Principal's Stall*, in case the *Installation* be in the *Morning*; but if it be celebrated when *St. George's Feast* is held by the *Sovereign's Lieutenant*, the *Proxy* ought not to Offer till the *Lieutenant* hath first Offered for the *Sovereign*; and the *Lieutenant* also Offereth for himself before the *Proctor*, if his *Stall* be higher than the *Stranger's*, for whom the *Proctor* is installed.

The *Proctor* in *Offering* doth it with all the Ceremony as if his *Lord* were present; when the *Knights-Companions* descend from their *Stalls*, (which Ceremony begins with the *Junior Knight*;) he also descends in his turn, and placeth himself below in the *Choir* before the *Stall* of his *Principal*, and if he have an opposite *Knight-Companion*, he joins himself to him, and proceeds towards the *Altar* to the *Offering*, with the *Officers of Arms* before him; but if no *Knight-Companion* be opposite, he then proceeds alone, having his *Train* born, and a *Knight-Companion*, or some other great Personage, suitable to his *Degree*, attending on his left Hand, to give him the *Offering*, which he Offers kneeling on a *Cushion*, and after him the rest of the *Knights-Companions* present Offer, every one according to the *Seniority* of their *Stalls*.

After the *Offering*, the *Proctor* taking his way by the *Last-end* of the *Stalls*, returns back to the *Stall* of his *Principal*,



Principal, and Divine Service being finish'd, and like Honour in all respects shewed to his *Proxy* as if his Principal had been present, he ought to remain in his Master's Stall till his next Junior *Knight* hath left his Stall, and then descend after him, and stand below before his Stall, till his turn come to join himself again to the Proceeding, and so to pass out of the *Choir*.

Sometimes the *Proctor* hath been receiv'd at his coming down from his Lord's Stall by the two *Knights-Commissioners* who installed him, as were the *Proctors* of *Frederick II.* King of *Denmark*, and *John*, Count Palatine of the *Rhine*, between whom they also proceeded to the *Chapter-House* Door, in the same manner they were conducted into the *Choir*; but notwithstanding this, the *Proctor* ought rather to take in his return the Place of his Principal, (as he did at the *Offering*, and which is indeed his right,) and so the *Proctor* of *Francis I.* went behind alone in his Principal's place, and followed the *Knights-Commissioners* from the *Choir* to the place where he lodg'd; and this Method is since followed.

### The Dinner.

§ 13. When the *Installation* hath past in the Morning, there hath usually been prepared a great Dinner at the Sovereign's Charge; we need here only mention what is different in this particular from the Personal *Installation* of a *Knight-Companion*.

The *Proxy* washes alone; sits at the chief Place of the Table alone, and is serv'd alone, but the other *Knights-Companions* sit at the end of the Table; but if the Sovereign's Lieutenant be present, the *Proctor* dines at the same Table with him, and then a little before the second Course is brought in, the Sovereign's Stile is proclaimed with the usual Ceremony, in *Latin*, *French*, and *English*; but otherwise only the Stile of the new installed Prince; and but once. The Stile and Titles of *Christian IV.* King of *Denmark*, were proclaimed in *Latin*; and of *Maurice*; Prince of *Orange*, in *French*.

Dinner being ended, all rise in Order and Wash; first, the *Proxy* alone, and after him the *Knights-Commissioners*; and accompanying the *Proctor* to his Chamber, where leaving



him, they retire to their own Lodgings, and there put off their Habits.

When the Solemnity of *Installation* is over, the *Proctor* is to take care, that *Garter* forthwith set up the Achievements of his *Principal* over his *Stall*, and fix the Plate of his Arms on the back thereof; in Memorial of the Ceremony of Inauguration; to which end also Medals have frequently been struck, to perpetuate the Honour so received.

## C A P. XVII.

### *The Duties and Fees payable by the Knights-Companions at their Installations.*

*Touching the Fees due to the College of Windsor.*

§ 1. **S**UCH was the Piety and Bounty of our Ancestors, that they thought no Work well perform'd, without being attended with some charitable Donation, especially if it had relation to the Church, whereto they generally bore a venerable Esteem. Hence was it at the *Installation* of the Order ordain'd: *That every Knight-Companion should, at his entrance, bestow a certain Sum of Money, according to his Quality and Degree.* That is to say,

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The Sovereign of the <i>Order</i>	26	13	04
A Stranger King	20	00	00
The Prince of <i>Wales</i>	13	06	08
Every Duke	10	00	00
Every Earl	06	13	04
Every Baron	05	00	00
Every Knight-Bachelor	03	06	08

These Sums were appointed towards the Relief of the *Cannons* of Windsor, the *Alms-Knights*, and augmentation of