
APPENDIX.

The Statutes of Institution of the most Noble Order of the Garter, as they were reform'd and explain'd by King Henry VIII.

WHereas the moost famous, moost happiest, and victorious Prynce *Edwarde*, the thirde of that Name, his Noble Progenitour someryme Kyng of *England* and of *Fraunce*, and Lord of *Irland*, &c. To th' onnoure of Almighty God, and of the Blessed and Immaculate Virgyn *Marie*, and the Blessed Martir *Sainte George*, Parron of the right Noble Roialme of *England*; and of Saynt *Edwarde*, Kyng and Confessour; To the exaltation of the holy Faith Catholique, ordeyned, established, created, and founded within the Castell of *Wyndesore*, a Company of twenty six Noble and Worthi Knyghtes, for to be of the said moost Noble Ordre of Saynt *George*, named the Gartier, and for the honourable continuance, augmentation, and interteyning of the same.

The seid moost victorious Kyng did devyse and institute divers honorable Estaturs, and laudable Ordinances, for to be observed and kept by the Cobrethren and Confreres, Knyghtes and Compaynons of the said moost Noble Ordre; amonge the which Estaturs been certeyne doubtris and ambiguities, which to be more playnly declared, interpreted and extended, it is thought right necessary and expedient, and that certeyne other new Ordinances and Articles be to the said Statutes added and adjoyned. Wherefore the said moost excellent and victorious Prynce *Henry VIII.* Kyng of *England* and of *Fraunce*, Defensor of the Faith, and Lord of *Irland*, and Sovereayne of the said moost Noble Order; and for the right

singular Love, good Zeal, ardent and intier Affection that his Royall Majestie hath and beareth to the said moost Noble Order, and to the Estate of Chivalrie and Knyghthood, and for the honorable contynuance and encreasing the same. And also at the humble requeste and instante desire of the Knyghts and Companions of the said Noble Order, and by their Advyse, Councell and Assent, the twenty third Day of *April*, in the Year of Grace MDXXII: and of his moost Noble Reign the eighth Year, made interpretation and declaration of the Obscurities, Doubtis, and Ambiguities, of the said Estatutes, Ordinances, Interpretacions, Declaracions, Reformacions, with their additions aforesaid, after the trew intencion of them, shall be from henceforth observed, kept and ensued by the Soverayne, and the Knyghtes Confreres and Companions of the said Noble Order, in manner and fourme following.

I. Firste, It is ordered and accorded, That the Kyng and his Heires and Successors, Kyngs of *England*, shall be for evermore Soveraynes of the saide moost Noble Order and amiable Companie of Saynt *George*, named the Garter, to the which Soverayn, and to his Heires and Successours, shall apperteine the Declaracion, Solucion, Determinacion, Interpretacion, Reformacion, and disposition of all Causes, concernyng and towchyng any thing of Obscuritie or Dowbte conteyned in the Statutes of the said moost Noble Order.

II. Item, It is accorded, That none shall be elected and cholen for to be Fellow or Companion of the said moost Noble Order, except that he be a Gentilman of Blood, and that he be a Knyghte, and without reproche. And that the Knyghtes of the said Noble Order, from henceforth, shall not Name any Person in their Election to be Fellow or Companion of the said Noble Order, in whom they shall thinke or extiem in their Conscience to have Spotte of Reproche. And as towchyng the Declaracion of a Gentilman of Blode, it is declared and determined that he shall be descended of three decentis of Noblesse, that is to say, of Name and of Arms, both of his Father's side, and also of his Mother's side. And as towchyng or concernyng any manner of reproche, forasmoche as there be divers and many sundry Poyntis of reproche, there shall be here declared but three Poyntes of them oonly, as it is declared in manner and fourme folowyng.

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The first Poynt of Reproche ys, That if any Knyght (as God defende) be conveynqued or attaynted of Errour against the Cristen Faith Catholique, or had for any luche Offence suffred any Payne or Punicion publique.

The second Poynt of Reproche is, That if any Knyght (as God defende) had been arrayned, convicted, or attainted of High Treason.

The third Poynt of Reproche is, That if any Knyght departe or flee away from Batayle or Journei, beyng with his Soverayne Lord, his Lieutenant or Deputie, or other Capetayne having the Kyng's Power Royal and Auctoritie; and whereas Banners Bistandatz, or Pennons, have bene displaid, and that thei preceded to Fight, he that then reniously and cowardly flieth or departeth away from thens, ought to be esteemed and judged to have reproche, and never worthi to be elected Knyght of the said Company, (as God forbidde) do commytte any such reproche; that then he shall be departed and disgraded of the said Order, at the next Chaptier ensuyng, if it soo shall please the Soverayne and the Company.

III. *Item*, That every Yere upon the Vigill of Saynt George, that is to say, the twenty second Day of the Month of *April*, on what Day soever it fall on, and tho' no Service of Saynt George be celebrate or done, all the Knyghts of the said Company beyng in any Place or Places of their Liberties, in what Places soever it be, shall be bounde for to were the hole Habit of the said Order; that is to wit, Robe, Mantell, Hudde, and Coller, from the owre of the first Even Songe, at the owre of *Tierce*, that is, at three of the Clocke at Afternone, untill the said Even Songe, and other Devyne Service, Souper, and Voydance, be done and accomplished; and likewyse on the Morrow on Saynt George's Day at Matens, Procession, * Mals, and the seconde Even Songe and all the said Day, untill that Souper and Voydance be done, as ys aforesaid. * *Divine Service.*

IV. *Item*, That if for any Causes it should please the said Soverayne to proroge the said Feast and Solemyntie of Saint George, or that the said Feast shuld be prolonged and proroged to another Day, that all the Knyghtis of the said Order, that shall be within the Realme of England, shall gyve their Attendance the Even and the Day of Saynt George, on the Parson of the said Soverayne, and shall

fynde themselfes in his Company, in what Place soever he be within the said Realme of *England*, and they so gyving their Attendance upon his said Parson the said Even and Day, shall observe and kepe the Servyce of Saynt *George*, if the Ordenance and Commaundement of holye Church doth suffice and permit it, and if the Ordenaunce of the Church doth not permit it, in this behalfe they be bound to tarry with the Soverayne, and heare such Servyce as all be than limited and ordered by the holy Church to be done and celebrated, the said Even and Day of Saynt *George*, in observing and keepyng, duryng the said Daies, of all other Ceremonies, aswell in goyng to the Chapter upon the said Even before Even Song at Afternone, and the said Day of Saynt *George* at Afternone, before the laste Even Songe, and also in weryng their hole Habit; and every Knyght beyng in his own Stall in keepyng the Divine Servyce, from the tyme of the fyrst Even Song of the said Even, Matens and * Masse, unto the last Even Song of the said Day, and the Morrow after ensuyng before the † Masse of *Requiem*, they shall take their Mantells, upon suche Gownes as shall please them, and shall enter into the Chapter, if there be eny Election or other great Affaires, before the said * Masse of *Requiem*, in using such Ceremonyes to this accustomed, as though they were present in the said Castell of *Wyndesore*. And in case that the said Soverayne be come, and entred into the said Chapter, and that some of the seid Felows of the said Order be not entred or come with hym, and shulde tary behynde, in case they that have not gyven and done dew Attendance upon hym, shall abide withoute the Dores of the said Chapter, without entryng into it, duryng all the tyme that the said Soverayne and other Knyghtes shall be in the said Chapter for that tyme. And if so be that eny of the above-named Knyghtes come to late to the first Even Song of the said Even or Matens * Masse, or laste Even Soog, the said Day of Saynt *George*, he shall have for Penance, that during the tyme and space of such Devyne Servyce he shall knele or stande before his Stall in the Place of the Queresters; and if he come not to gyve Attendance upon the Parson of the said Soverayne the sayd Even and Day of Saynt *George* as is aforesaid, and that he have no Licence

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cence or other reasonable Excuse, and that it be acceptable to the said Soverayne; for his absence in this Case, the said Knyght that soo shall have done, for his Penance, shall not come in his Stall at the next Feast ensuyng, in the presence of the Soverayne, nor in his said Stall in the said College of *Wyndesore*; and farthermore shall Pay ten Pounds, for to be converted and bestowed to the use of the Ornaments of the said College.

V. *Item*, If it chauned that any of the Knyghtes of the said Order, by Leave or Licens, or otherwise, were in his House, or in any other Place, at his Libertie and Fraunchise, the said Even and Day of Saynt *George*, he shall be bound to cause to be prepared a Capitall Stall in the Church or Chappel in the which he shall heare Devine Service. In the Capitall Stall shall be sett and elevated the Order of Saynt *George*, named the Gartier, beyng within the Gartier; and his propre Arms, within the Gartier also shall be set at a Stall that shall be asmoche in distance, after the proportion and quantity of the said Church or Chappel, from the Stall of the said Soverayn, as is his Stall in the Castle of *Wyndesore*, and shall were his said Habit hole, and shall heare the Devyne Service, suche as by the Holy Church is ordered and limited for the said Day, as well the first Even Song Matrens * Masse, as the latter Even Songe. In doying by him, first Reverence to the Aulter, in the Honor of God, and after to the Stall where is fixed or set up the Armes of the said Order, as well and as often at his comyng in, as at his goyng owte of the said Church or Chappel; and also as often as he shall passe before the said Armes allwey, excepte the Emperours, Kynges, Princes, and Electors. The which may in this case so ordeyne their Seats and Stalles, as that shall seme them best, and at their Pleasure.

VI. *Item*, If that were so, that without any Prorogation the said Feast and Solempnyte of Saynt *George* were kept and celebrated the said Day and Even of Saynt *George*, in the said Castell of *Wyndesore*; and if it were not the Pleasure of the said Soverayne for to be present, or that conveniently he may not be there in Parson the said Day and Feast, at his said Castell of *Wyndesore*; That in this Case, in what Place that his Pleasure shall be, beyng within this his Realme of *England*, his Majestie may ap-
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poynthe and Commande suche Knyghtes of the seid Order as best shall seme hym, there for to kepe Company and geve Attendance upon the Parson, and to kepe all and lyke Ceremonyes as though they were at the said Castell of *Wyndesore*; and they doying the thynges abovesaid, shall be excused for their absence of the Feast of Saynt *George*, holden at the said Castell of *Wyndesore* for that Yere.

VII. *Item*, It is agreed that if the Soverayne cannot be at Saynt *George's* Feast, that he shall make his Deputy, by his Letters, for to kepe the Chapter upon Saynt *George's* Even, at the Owre of *Tierce*, the which is at three of the Clocke at Afternone, and on Saynt *George's* Day, to kepe the said Feast at the Costes of the said Soverayne for the space abovesaid, without any new Ordenance to be made, havynge Power to correcte and redresse all Poynts of the said Chapter as for then shall seme necessary.

VIII. *Item*, That every one on Saynt *George's* Even, that is to wit, the twenty second Day of *April*, a gatherynge together shall be made of all the Knyghtes of Saynt *George* within the Castell of *Wyndesore*, that is to wit, of all them that shall be within this Realme of *Englande* or withoute, that conveniently may come; and there they shall have the Service of Saynt *George*, and also shall were their hole Habit of the said Order, duryng the seid Service, being ordinarily in theyre Stalls. And every of them shall have his Banner, Sworde, with his Helme and Creste, above his Stall, the which, duryng his Lyff, shall abyde in the said Chappell for his Honor, and in Signe and Knowledge that he beres them in defence of holy Church, as the Order of Knyghthod requireth. But in Case that the seid Feast of Saynt *George* happen to fall within fifteen Days after the Feast of *Easter*, or upon any Fyshe-Daye or Fastynge-Day, then shall it be proroged and prolonged at the Soverayn's Pleasure, as above is said, if so be that the Day of the seid Feast be not assigned nor ordeyned to be kepte the twenty fourth, twenty fifth, twenty sixth, nor the last Day of *April*, nor upon the fowre first Dayes of *May*, for by cause of the impediment or let of Devyne Service ordered by Holy Church, for the double Feasts of Saynt *Marke*, *Philipp* and *Jacob*, and the invention of the Holy Crofs of our Lord *Jesu* *Christe*, nor at such Dayes as shall fall the Assencion, or the Feast

of *Pentecoste*, or any other Feaste of Solempnitie as is ordered in Holy Church, whereby the fyrst or second Even Songe, by suche Prorogacions, might be letted or disturbed.

IX. *Item*, That all the Knyghtes of the said Order shall come Yerely in the said Place of the said Castell of *Wyndesore*, on Saynt *George's* Even, at the Owre of *Tierce*, the which is at three of the Clocke at Afternoone, as it is abovesaid; and if thei come not at the tyme assigned, without havng a juste and reasonable Excuse, that they may be acceptable to the said Soverayne or to his Deputy, or otherwyse pardoned by the said Soverayne, of their absence, by special Letters of Excuse, in the whiche Letters theyr Names and Causes shall be wryten, or otherwyse shall have their Pennance after the Ordenaunce and Agreement of the said Chapter; And the said Ordenaunce is such, that they shall not entre into the Chapter for that tyme, but shall byde without the Dore, and shall have Voyce in any thyng that is done in the said Chapter at that tyme allonly; and if they come not to Even Songe before the begynnyng of the said Even Songe, they shall not enter into their Stalles, but shall byde belowe affore the said Stallis, in the Queristers Places, duryng the said Even Songe; and like Pennance is ordered for them that come not to the High * *Morning Service.* Masse betyme, and at Even Songe on *St. George's* Daye. And if there be any that come not to the Feaste, and have not a reasonable Excuse towarde the Soverayne or his Deputye, as is above declared, his Pennance shall bee, that he shall not enter within his Stalle the next Feaste after, but shall byde below, as it is said at the first Even Songe, and shall goo in the * *Queristers: † Divine Service.* three Crosses, and shall sit below as afore is said, all the † Masse tyme, untill the Offering, and he shall Offer laste; and after his Pennance so done, incontinent he shall come before the Soverayn's Stalle, or his Deputye, and there he shall aske Pardon; and after that, the Soverayne or his Deputye shall Command hym to goo unto his Stalle in his fyrst Estare; and if he come not to the seconde Feaste, and be dwellyng within the Realm, without having any Excusation allowable to the Soverayne or his Deputye, as is abovesaid, he shall not enter into his Stalle

Stalle from thenceforth, until the tyme that he hath gyven and offered a Jewell unto Saynte George's Aultar, within the said Chappell, of the valew of twenty Markes of Silver of Troye, and fro thensforwarde, he shall double every Yere the Penaltie, unto the tyme he be reconfeiled.

X. *Item*, It is agreed, That if any Knyghte of the sayd Companye be founde in apperte without his Garter, that he pay anon, after that the Challenge be made to hym by any of the five Officers of the Order, or of the Warden of the seid College, a Marke of Money, except he be bored for to ryde, that then it shall suffice to were under his bore a blew Ribande of Sylke, in signyfyng of the Garter, and also provided that no Knyght of the seid Order from hensforthe, do entre into the Chaptre without his Garter, upon the Payne abovesaid; and whosoever of the said Officers or Warden shall make the fyrst Chalence, shall have the Penaltie for his Labor.

XI. *Item*, It is agreed, That the Knyghts of the Order of St. George, alway, and as often as they were theyr Mantels, they shall goo before there Sovereayne, every of them with his Fellow, that is for aneynst him ordinarily as they be set in their Stalls. And if it should happen that any of them were not there present, his Fellow for aneynst hym shall goe alone, the which Order shall be kepte and observed, as well in goyng in Proceffion as elliswhere in other Places. But at the Offryng, the Sovereayne or his Deputye shall goo before all the Company, and the ordinaire Officers of the said Order shall goo as they have bene accustomed, when any Proceffion shall be done in the Chapter, Chappell, or elliswhere. And for the Order of the said Knyghtes for to sit at the Table, for to take their refeccion by it at Dinner, or at Souper, they shall sit all along on one side after there Stalles, and not after there State, except Children or Bretherne of Kinges, Princes, and Dukes, that be Strangers, the which shall kepe their Places and Romes after their Astate; and at their voiding and going out shall abide and goo in Order, so as thei sat at the Table.

XII. *Item*, It is agreed, That every one of them at the Castell of Wyndesore, on the Morrow after the Feast of Saynt George, before the departing of the Company, that the said Knyghtes, upon such Gownes as shall please them, at the Chapter Dore, shall take their Mantels, and shall

goe into the said Chapter, and after that shall
 goo and here a * Masse of *Requiem*, the which
 shall be Solempnely songe for the Soules of all
 the Felows of the said Order, which be departed and de-
 ceased, and for all Christen Sowles; and that all the
 Company be there present, without eny of them be lett
 bi a reasonable Cause, or have Lyfence of the Soverayne
 or his Deputie before the departyng; and when it hap-
 pens that for any Cause of the voydyng of eny of the
 said Fellowship, there shall be certayne Banners, Swordes,
 Helmets, and Crestes, the which ought to be offered up
 before the offering of eny Silver, the said Hachements
 ought to be offered, fyrst the Banner, by two of the seid
 Fellowship, such as the Soverayne or his Deputye shall ap-
 poynte or name, and after that the Sworde shall be offered
 by two other, and likewise his Helmet and Crest by two
 other Knyghtes of the seid Order, affigued by the Sove-
 rayne or his Deputye; and if any Knyghte of the seid
 Order shuld decease the Yere afore, then every Knyghte
 beyng in the said Castell of *Wyndesore*, at
 the said * Masse of *Requiem*, shall offer a Tapre
 armed with a little Scuchion, of the Arms of
 the Knyghte departed; and if there were more then one
 deceased, that then be made for every of them a Scuchion
 of Arms, and a grote sett nye to the light of the Tapre,
 the which Scuchions and Tapers shall be made at the
 Coste and Charge of the Knyghts of the seid Order.

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XIII. *Item*, It is agreed, That all Strangers that shall be
 electe Felowes of the seid Order, shall be certified by
 Letters of the Soverayne of their Election. The which
 Letters of Certification, with the Statutes of the seid Or-
 der, under the common Seal, shall be sent unto them, at
 the Coste and Charges of the seid Soverayne, in all dili-
 gence, and at the fardest thei shall be certified of this
 within foure Moneths after the seid Election, to the end
 that the seid Electe may advyse them by the seid Sta-
 tutis, if they will receyve the seid Order or no. But if
 the seid Soverayne have greate and high Lettes and Bu-
 synes, that then he may deferre the Certification of the seid
 Election at his good Pleasure, unto tyme of opportunitie
 and convenient. After that the Certification have byn
 delivered, and that the Soverayne shall be certefied that
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the said Electe will receive the said Order; Then the Soverayne shall sende unto the said Electe by his Ambassadors his hole Habir, with the Garter and Coller; and that all such Strangers, of what Estate, Dignytie, or Condition, that they be of, shall sende within seven Moneths after the reception of the said Garter, Coller, and Habir, and that he have certified the Soverayne to have reseved those thyngs, a sufficient Deputye or Attorney, after the Astate of his Lorde and Maister, so be that he be a Knyghte without Reproche, to be staled in his place; the whiche shall bryng with him a Mantell of blew Velvet, of the Order of that which he shall send him, and also his Banner, Sworde, Helme, and Crest, for to be and abide within the said College duryng his Lyff. And that the Mantell, in the tyme that the said Deputye or Attorney shall be staled by the Soverayne or his Deputye, put upon his right Arme, for to hold the said Mantell upon his Arme, and shall be accompanied and ledd by two of the Knyghtes of the said Order, from the Dore of the Chapter unto the Stalle, and there beyng shall make his Oath, and shall be staled for, and in the Name of his said Lorde and Maister, and the said Mantell abovesaid, the said Attorney or Deputye shall bere it upon his right Arme duryng the Devyne Service; beyng sett in the Stalle of his said Maister and Lorde without beryng of it at any tyme after: And to have no manner of Voyce in the Chaptre, or to come in it, in the absence of hym that hath sent hym. And if he send not his said Attorney within seven Moneths abovesaid, without havng a reasonable Excuse, which shall be acceptable to the Soverayne or his Deputye, the Election shall be void of hym; except so be, that the said Knyghte be lett and distorbed by great Affaires; then he may send his Excuse to the said Soverayne, or to his Deputye, within a Moneth after; and after he is, as the Soverayne or his Deputye will allowe it, or accepte it, that then the said Soverayne or his Deputye, may geve unto hym four Moneths more of respite; and if he came not or sent not his Attorney, before that the tyme of the four Moneths be fynished, that then in this case the Election shall be hole voyde from hym for that tyme. And it is to be knowne, that this Favoure is done and shewed to the Strangers, the which may not well come in their proper Parsons, that they myght

myght be stalled by Attourneys; to the ende that they may be partetakers of the * Masses, * *Divine Service.* and all the Prayers of the said Order, for they they shoulde fayle of the half, yf they were not stalled before their Dearth. And likewise it is ordered for them that be never Chosen and electe of the said Order, beyng in the Kyngs Warres by his Commaundement, for to enjoy of the Benefytes of the said Statutes, to that that shall appertayne allonly to their Stallacion.

XIV. *Item,* There is also ordered a Dean and Warden, with twelve Cannons Seculers, the which shall be Prifitz at their entryng in, or ells within a Yere nexte folowyng; and also eight Peticanons and twelve Vicars, also Prestes at their entryng in, or ells at the gyyng of the next Orders, or at the furdest within a Yere after their Presentacion; also thirteen Clerkes and thirteen Queristers, for to syng and Pray unto God for the prosperity of the Soverayne and all the Knyghtes of the said Order lyving, and also for the Sowles of all the Knyghtes of the said Order departed, and for all Crysten Sowles; and the Presentation of the said Cannons shall belonge allway to the Soverayne of the said Order; and the said Cannons, when any Knyghte of the said Order is there present within the Quyer of the said Chappel, shall sit in the lowermost Seates, where they be wonte to sit at the Feastes of Saynt George; and in the absence of the said Knyghtes, the said Cannons may sit in the high Seates nexte unto the Stalles of the said Knyghtes.

XV. *Item,* There be ordered five Officers appertaynyng to the said Order; that is to witt, Prelate, Chaunceler, Register, and Kyng of Armes, named Gartier, and an Huysher at Armes, named the Blacke-Rod; the which shall be receyved and Sworne to be of the Councell of the said Order; the Secretes, with alsoo their Charges and Privileges, shall expressly be declared in the Booke of the Ordenances of the said Officers.

XVI. *Item,* It is also ordered, That thirteen pore Knyghtes, that have not wherewithall to lyve, for to have in that Place their lyvyng and sustentacion conveniently, for their good Prayers in the Honor of God and Saynt George, of the which the Charges and Privileges hereafter shall be declared folowyng: The Ordynances of the Officers and of their Election is ordered, as of the Presentacion

ration of the Cannons, so that allway the Election shall abyde to the said Soverayne; and it is agreed that the pore Knyghtes shall have their Mantells of Scarlett, and a Seuchion of the Armes of Saynt George, without a Garter.

XVII. *Item*, It is agreed, That every Knyghte of the said Company shall leave his Mantell within the said College, for any sodayne Chaunses that myght happen, for to kepe, holde and observe, all suche Ordenances, Precepts and Commaundements, which may be advysed in Chapter by the said Sovereign. The which Soverayne, by the Consent and Agrement of six Knyghtes of the said Order, may at all Tymes and Places, at his Pleasure, Summon and make to be kepte Chaptre for all suche Causes, as it shall please to the said Soverayne to name, towching the said Order.

XVIII. *Item*, It is agreed, That if it fortune, that any of the said Company shulde come within eleven Myle of the Castell, that he shall goo in, if he may, for the Honor of the Place, if he be not busied or lett by some juste Cause, and that he take his Mantell before he entre within the said Chappell; and alsoo that he enter not in, but he have his Mantell upon hym; and the Cannons there beyng present for that tyme, shall come to receyve hym,

and devoly shall bring hym into the said Chappel; and if it be in tyme of * Masse, he shall tarry and heare Masse in the Honor of

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God and of Saynt George; and if it be at Afternone, he shall come in, in manner above said; and there shall be said by the Cannons *de Profundis*, for all Cristen Sowles, and there shall offer and returne to his Stalle; and if any of the said Company ride thorough the Town, and will not offer as agreed, that upon his Obedience for every tyme that he failerth, he shall goe one Myle a Fote from the said Chappell unto the said Place, in Honor of Saynt George; and also for every tyme that he shall so sayle, he shall gyve a Grote for his Offrynge; the which distance, for to come nygh unto the said Castell, is two Myles allonly and no more.

XIX. *Item*, It is accorded the thirty second Yere of our Soverayne Lorde Kynge Henry VIII. by the Grace of God, Kynge of Englande and of Fraunce, Defensor of the Faithe, Lorde of Irland, &c. upon Saynt George's Day, the

the twenty third Day of *Aprill*, at a Chapter holden at the Paleys of *Westminster*, by the Soverayne and the Companions of the said Noble Order then there assembled ; That as sone as the deth of any of the Company of the said Order shall be certeynly knowen, every of the rest, beyng no Strangers, shall, accordyng to the rates of their Degrees hereafter specified, immediately, upon a demande to be made for the same by the Register and the Dean, or one of them, to be by one of them employed in Aulmes Deeds, as in mendyng of High Wayes, or such other Workes of Charitie, as the Kyng's Majestie from tyme to tyme shall lymite and appoynte, the severall Somes of Money ensuyng. Furst, The Soverayne, eight Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence ; a King of another Realme, six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence ; the Prince, five Pounds sixteen Shillings and eight Pence ; a Duke, five Pounds ; a Marquess, three Pounds fifteen Shillings ; an Erle, fifty Shillings ; a Visconte, forty one Shillings and eight Pence ; a Baron, thirty three Shillings and four Pence ; a Bachelor Knyghte, sixteen Shillings and eight Pence. Of all which Somes thus to be receyved, the said Dean and Register, or eyther of them, shall yerely, at the Chapter, present his Accompte to the Kyng's Majestie, with his true and juste declaracion of disburlyng agayne, and defraying of the same. In that Cause the Partie whose Porcyon shall apere to be unpayde, shall in the Name of a Payne add unto his former Durye another thirde parte of the same, and so for every Yere that he shall be behynde, to pay a thirde parte more than he shuld pay if he shuld satisfye his Ordinary, accordyng to the rate before expressed ; and if the Dean or Register, or any of them, shall not at every suche Chapter present the Certificate of the Receipts and Payments in fourme aforesaid, whereby the same may apere to the Soverayne and Companions of the Order then present, or at the leest he in whome the defawlt shall rest, shall in the Name of a Payne contente and paye immediately, to be employed abowte like purpose as afore, the Some of ten Pounds for every such defawlte.

XX. *Item*, It is agreed, That if any of the said Companye die, that the Soverayne or his Deputie, after that they shall have certification of his Deth, shall be bounde
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for to send and gyve knowlege by ther Letters to all the Fellowship of the said Order, beyng within *Englande*, for to come and be with the said Soverayne or his Deputie, in what place soever it be, where it shall please hym to assigne, conveniently within six Wekys after the certification of the Dech or Decease of the said Knyghte; the which allsoo assembled, or at the lest six, with the Soverayne or his Deputie abovesaid, every of them that there shall be present come to the Election, shall name nine of the worthiest and sufficient Knyghtes withoute Reprosse that he shall knowe, Subjectes to the said Soverayne, or others, so be that they holde no contrary Partie or be agaynst hym; that is to witt, three Dukes, three Marquesses, Erles, or of greater Astate, three Barons, or Barettris, and three Bachelers; the which denominations the cheiff Prelate of the said Order shall wryte; that is to witt, the Byshop of *Wynchester* for the tyme beyng, or in his absence the Chaunceler, or the Dean, or Register, or the mooste auncient Residencer of the said Colledge in their absence, and the denominacion soo done by all, or six at the leest, by hym that have Writen shall be shewed to the said Soverayne or to his Deputie, that then shall Chose of them that be named he that shall have the moost Voyces, and also he that the Soverayne shall exteme to be moost Honorable to the sayde Order, and moost profitable to his Crowne and to his Realme. And if there be any Knyght of the said Order that doth sayle for to come to the said Election, if he be not lett by a juste Cause, and that the said cause of his Excuse shewed under his Seal of Armes, be founde by the Soverayne or his Deputie to be juste and reasonable, then his Excuse to be accepted and allowed; and that if his Cause be not juste, and that he come not to the Seremonies above-named, it is agreed that he shall Paye to the Warden of the Colledge for to syng for hym that is departed, twenty Shillings Sterling; and at his nexte comyng to the Chapter, he shall not be before the Soverayne or his Deputie and the Company; and shall knele upon the Grounde in the myddes of the Chapter, untill the tyme that he be reconciled by the Soverayne or his Deputie and the said Companye.

XXI. *Item*, It is agreed, That if any Knyghte of the said Companye shulde departe, and another is Chosen and Electe, he shall have sone after his Election the Garter, in

in signifyeng that he ys one of the Knyghtes and Fellowes of the Order of the Garter, and his Robe and Hode shall be delivered hym in the Chapter-House incontinently, after that his Commission hath been red before the Soverayne or his Deputie and the Company, and after that shall be led by two Knyghtes of the said Order, accompanied with the other Noblemen, and the Officers of the Order shall also be present, and his Mantell shall be borne before hym by one of the Knyghtes of the said Order, or by the Kyng at Armes of the Order. The which Mantell shall be delyvered to hym for his Habit, after that he shall have made his Oth before his Stalle, and not before. And this done, he shall retorne into the Chapter-House, where he shall reseyyve, by the Soverayne or his Deputie, the Coler, and soo he shall have the full Possession of his Habit holely, except great Prynces Strangers, the which may receyve their Habit holely within the Chapter-House, as it hath been used and accustomed in tymes paste, for the shortenng of tyme. And if he die before he have receyved hys Habit, he shall not be named one of the Founders, seyng that he lacketh to have full Possession of his Astatte: But he shall have the one halfe of the Masses above-named for the delyverance of the Garter, and none other thynge above it. And if he soo Chosen come not in all good diligence, after the reception of the said Garter in the said Place to be stalled, and in specially within the Yere of his Election, if he be a Knyghtre dwellyng within the Realme, and hath none Excuse reasonable, allowable, and acceptable to the said Soverayne or his Deputie and the Company; then the Election shall be voyd of hym, and the Soverayne or his Deputie and the Companye, shall goo and make another new Election, and neyther the Banner, the Sworde, nor the Helmet, nor Crest, of hym so Chosen, be put upon his Stalle within the Castell before his commyng; to the ende that if he come not, his said Hachementes, as Banner, Sworde, Helmet, be not taken down nor avoled, but honestly put oute of the Quyer, and the reast of other thyngs shall abyde, to the profit and use of the saide Order.

XXII. *Item*, It is agreed, That if any of the Dukes, Marques, Erles, Vizcontes, Barons, Bandrettis, or Bachelers die; that he that shall come after and succede in
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his place and rome, be he Duke, Marquess, Erle, Vizconte, Baron, Banerer, Bachelor, or any of the Aftates above-named, he shall have the selfe same Stalle his Predecessor had, and shall not change it, without he have especial License or Warrant of the said Soverayne, allwayes all Emperours, Kyngs, and Prynces, be excepted, the which shall kepe and holde theyr Stalles after theyr Aftate, and very nexte unto the Soverayne; and then by this meane a Duke shall take the Stalle of a Bachelor, and a Bachelor the Stalle of a Duke, in signe and knowlege of the fyrst Founders.

XXIII. *Item*, If there be any Place or Stalle voyde, the Soverayne at his Pleasure may advance and translate, by his special License, any Knyghte of the said Compagny in the said Stalle, so be it that it be more hyer then the Stalle that he was in afore; also the Soverayne onys in his Lyffe may, if it please hym, make a general Translation of all the States at his pleasure, excepte the Emperours, Kyngs, Prynces, and Dukes; the which allwey shall kepe ther Places and Stalles, if not that they be translated in more hyer Rome and Stalle, in the which translation the long contynuance in the Ordre, and the praifes, worthynes, and Merites of the Knyghtes ought to be considered and remembered; the which Knyghtes from hensforth in goyng and syttyng at all tymes, that they shall were their Mantells, shall kepe their Places after the Order of their Stallis, and not after their Aftatis, as is aforesaid.

XXIV. *Item*, It is agreed, That all the Felowis aforesaid, at their fyrst commyng in, shall gyve every of them a certayne Somme, after their Aftate, for the entertaynyng and mayntenance of the Cannons and pore Knyghtes dwelling in the said Place, and for the Almes Dedes that is there perpetualli ordenyd; that is to witt, the Soverayne forty Markes, a Stranger Kyng twenty Pounds, the Prynce twenty Markes, every Duke ten Pounds, every Marques eight Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence, every Erle ten Markes, every Vizconte five Pounds sixteen Shillings and eight Pence, every Baron and Banerer, five Pounds, every Bachelor five Markes; and their Baners, Helmeits, Crestis, and Swordis, shalle nor be set over their Stalles untill the tyme that they have payd, at their entryng, the foresaid Sommes, every one after

after his Astate and Degree whereof he is; and that is to witt, the Soverayne is bounde to pay for every Stranger that shall be Chosen and electe, when he shall be stalled in his propre Parson, or by procurement or Attornay, and these Gyftes be given, to the entent that every one of them that shall entre into the Ordre, be more worthy to have the Name, Title and Privelege of one of the Founders of the said Ordre.

XXV. Item, It ys agreed, That every Knight within the Yere of his Stallation, shall cause to be made a Scouchon of his Armes and Hachementis in a Plate of Metall, suche as shall please hym, and that it be fuerly sett upon the back of his Stall; and the other that shall come after, shall have their Scochons and Hachementis in like manner; but their Plates of Metall nor there Hachementis shall not be soo large nor soo greatte as they of the first Founders were; excepte Strangers, which may use their Plates and Fashions at their Pleasure.

XXVI. Item, It ys agreed, That no Knyght chosen and electe for to be Fellow of the said Noble Ordre, shall not be stalled by Procurement or Attornay, excepte he be a Straunger, and may not well come hyther in his propre Parson for to be stalled, or other that is busied withoute the Realme for the Affaires of the Soverayne, or by his Commandement and Lycence, as it ys above declared.

XXVII. Item, That every Knyght entryng in the said Ordre, shall Promes and Swere faithfully to observe and kepe the Poyntis and Articles that here followeth; that is to witt, that to his trew Powre he shall helpe, duryng his Lyffe, and duryng the tyme that he shall be Fellow of the said Ordre, for to kepe, defende and sustayne the Honor, Quarrelles, Rightes and Lordshippes of the Soverayne of the said Ordre.

Item, That with all his Powre he shall enforce hymselfe and take payne honorably to entertayne and augment the said Ordre; and if it happen hym for to know any thyng that were imagyned or procured, to the contrarye, of the defence and resistence of this, with all his trew Powre he shall put hymselfe in more gretter endeavorment.

Item, That well and trewly he shall accomplishe and entertayne all the Statutis, Poyntis and Ordynances of the said Ordre; and of all this shall make a generall Othe, all and so as though it were redde unto hym fro Poynt to

Poynt, and Article ro Arricle, and shall make the said Orthe to the Soverayne of the said Ordre, or his Deputie, in sweryng and promisyng upon the Holye Gospellis, for to kepe them and entertayne them withoute any fraude or delacion. And upon this he shall touche the Boke, and kysse the Crosse.

Item, This done, the said Knyght soo Chosen, with due Reverence, shall receyve the Garter; the whiche the, Soverayne or his Deputye shall put it aboute his left Leg, in sayng these Words: " Sir, The lovyng Companye of " the Ordre of the Garter hath receyved you theyr Bro- " ther, Lover, and Fellow; and in token and knowlege " of this, they gyve you and present you this present " Garter; the whiche God wyll that you receyve and " were from hensforth to his Praise and Pleasure, and to " the Exaltacion and Honor of the said Noble Order, and " of your self.

XXVIII. *Item*, It is agreed, That in case that the Soverayne be out of the Contrey, to the whiche he cannot in propre Parson do that shall appertayne to the Stallation; he may gyve Powre and Auctorite, by his Letters of Commission, to two of the Felows, or to dyverse, for to exercise it in his Name.

XXIX. *Item*, It is agreed, That a common Seal, a Signet of the Arms of the Ordre be made, the which shall rest in the custodi and keypyng of the Chanceler of the Ordre, or of such a Knyghte and Fellow of the said Ordre as shall please the Soverayne to name and assigne; and if he that shall have the Seales in keypyng or custodi, shulde departe or goo forth for any cause twenty Miles farre from the Soverayne, then he shall deliver the said Seals to the Soverayne, or to such Knyghte of the Ordre, or to any other Parson that it shall please the said Soverayne for to ordeyne and appoynte; to the entent that at no tyme the said Seals be out of the presence of the seid Soverayne, he beyng within his Realme; and if he be owte of his Realme, the Signet shall suffice for to Seal all suche Actes and Wrytynges touchyng the said Ordre, that there may be concluded and made.

XXX. *Item*, It is agreed, That every Fellow of the said Ordre, from hensforth, shall have the Statutis of the said Ordre first collected and oversene by the Register, and after that sealed with the common Seal aforesaid: And
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the Knyght will have any Armes devysed, or cognysanc^e made within the Boke of the said Statutes, then the said Boke shall be delyvered to the Kynge at Armes of the Ordre, for trewly ordayne of it as it shall appertayne; and the original to be likewyse signed and sealed, the whiche shall abyde in the Treasory of the said Colledge for evermore.

XXXI. Item, It is agreed, That after the Death of eny of the Knyghtes of the said Companye, his Executours shall be bounde for to sende agayne, and to delyver, the Statutes of the said Ordre within three Monerthes after, if so be that the Statutes hath been delivered unto hym by the Soverayne, or to his charge; the which Statutes shall be delivered agayn to the Warden or Register of the said Colledge, or to one of the principal Officers for the tyme beynge.

XXXII. Item, It is agreed, That none of the Knyghtes of Saynt George, of the said Companye of the Garter, shall not goo oute of the Contrey nor Dominion of the Soverayne, without havynge Leave and Lidence of the Soverayne; and therefore it is agreed, That if eny Viage be made, or any other notable Acte, appertaynyng to the Honor of Knyghthod; the said Soverayne, of his Grace, for the great Love, Favor and Confidence that he beares towardes the Knyghtes of the said Ordre, will preferre, advance and present the said Felowes and Knyghtes of the Order of Saynt George before all other.

XXXIII. Item, That none of the Knyghtes of the said Ordre shall not Arme themselves the one against the other, but in the Warres of his Soverayne Lorde, in his right and juste Quarell; and if it shulde happen that any of the said Ordre were retayned with any Lorde, and holdynge his Partie and Quarell, and the adversari Partie desireth alsoo to have another Felowe of the said Ordre with hym; In this case such a Knyght and Felowe shall not be retayned, but may excuse hym from all suche thynges, because his Felowe is armed against hym on the other syde, and was retayned before hym; and every Knyght of the said Ordre shall be bounde to excepte when he shall be retayned, that he may be holely dischargyd from his Servyce of Warre, if any of the Fellowship before hym retayned or holdynge the contrary and adversari Partye; and if he that is second retayned, know that any of his

Felowes be retayned before hym, and armed with his adversari Parie; Then he that is seconde retayned, at the fyrste knowledge that he shall have thereof, shall be bounde to excuse hym toward his Maister, and leave that Quarell.

XXXIV. *Item*, That all the Lycencis gyven to the Knyghtes of the said Ordre that goo oure of the Realme, for to seke and obtayne Honor; and all Certifications or sendyng Letters and Wrynges concerning the said Ordre, from hensforth shall be Sealed with one of the Seales of the said Ordre.

XXXV. *Item*, It is agreed, That if eny Knyght of the said Ordre, for his Devocion, wyll dwell within the said Castell continually; there shall be ordeny'd for hym a dwellyng Place convenient, by the Assignment of the Soverayne, and he of his propre Goods, and at his Costes and Charges, shall provyde for hys Lyveyng.

XXXVI. *Item*, If any other Knyght, not beyng of the said Ordre, hath any wyll to dwelle there for his Devocion; there shall be ordered for hym a dwellyng Place, after the Wyll and Pleasure of the said Soverayne, and with the Consentement of the said Company.

XXXVII. *Item*, It is ordered, That yf any Knyght, or other Parson, wyll gyve any Landes, Heritage, or Rentes, for to be participant of all the good Craysons and Prayers that shall be said in the sayde Place, also his Name shall be registred, and the Canons and pore Knyghts shall Pray perpetually unto God for hym; and also the said Deane, Warden, and Canons of the said College, from hensforth, shall not take any maner of Charge upon the said College, withoute the Advyse and Consentement of the sayd Soverayne, or his Deputye, and the Fellowship of the sayd Order, in Prefence, and by them consented and agreed in playne Chapter.

XXXVIII. *Item*, For to have better knowledge of the Knyghtes that shall be of the said Order, the Soverayne of it willyth and ordeneth, by the Willes and Consentement of all the hote Company, that from hensforth, that every Knyght of the said Ordre shall have and were apertly and openly, a Coller of Golde about his Necke, waying thirty Ounces of Troy Weyght, and not above, the whiche Coller shall be made by Pieces in Fashion of Garters, in the myddes of which Garters shall be a double

Rose, the one Rose of Rede, and the other within White, and the other Rose White, and the other Rose within Rede, and at the ende of the said Coller shall be put and fastned the Ymage of Saynt George. The whiche Coller, the said Soverayne, his Successours, and amiable Companie of the said Ordre, shall be bounde to were, and in especiall in principall and solempne Feasts of the Yere, and in other Dayes of the Yere shall be holden to were a small Chayne of Gold, with the Ymage of Saynt George dependyng at the ende of the said Chayne, excepte in tyme of Warre, Sickeness, long Viage; then it shall suffice hym to were alonely a Lase of Sylke, with the said Image of St. George; and if the said Coller have any need of reparacion, it might be put into the Handes of the Goldefmyth and Workeman, unto the tyme that it be repaired; the whiche Coller also may not be made more richer with Stones or other thynges, reserving the said Ymage, the which may be garnished and enryched at the Pleasure of the saide Knyghte: Also the said Coller may not be folde, engaged, aliened, nor gyven, for any nede, cause, or necessity whatsoever it be.

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