KNIGHTS OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE THISTLE.

The number of Knights of this Order was fixed by the original statutes at Twelve, exclusive of the Sovereign, and no extra Knights appear to have been nominated until His present MAJESTY, on the occasion of His Coronation, was pleased to nominate four, viz. The Marquess of Queensbury, The Earls of Cassilis and Lauderdale, and Viscount Melville; and there are now four extra Knights, viz. The Earls of Warwick, Aboyne, Fife, and Moray.

In this Order there is no Installation, but the Knight is entitled to wear the full Habit of the Order from the moment of his

investiture.

At the Accession of King George the Third this Order consisted, besides the Sovereign, (one Stall being vacant,) of

CHARLES Earl of PORTMORE. Died 5 July, 1785. WILLIAM Marquess of LOTHIAN. Died 28 July, 1767.

John Earl of Bute. Resigned on receiving the Garter, 1762.

JOHN Earl of HYNDFORD. Died 19 July, 1767.

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WILLIAM Earl of DUMFRIES. Died 27 July, 1768. FRANCIS Earl BROOKE and Earl of WARWICK. Died 6 July, 1773.

James Duke of Atholl. Died 8 Jan. 1764.

James Earl of Morton. Died 12 Oct. 1768.

James Earl of Moray. Died 5 July, 1767.

LIONEL Earl of Dysart. Died 1770.

John Earl of Rothes. Died 10 Dec. 1767.

Knights nominated since the Accession of King George III.

Aberdeen, George Earl of.
Invested 16 March, 1808.

ABERGAVENNY, GEORGE Earl of.
Inv. 23 May, 1814.

ABOYNE, GEORGE Earl of. Inv. 1827.

AILESBURY, THOMAS Earl of.

Inv. 29 Oct. 1786. Died 19 April, 1814.

AILESBURY, CHARLES Marquess of. Inv. 1819.

ARGYLL, JOHN Duke of.

Inv. 7 Aug. 1765. Died 9 Nov. 1770.

ATHOLL, JOHN Duke of.

Inv. 1767. Died 5 Nov. 1774.

ATHOLL, JOHN Duke of. Inv. 1799. BUCCLEUGH, HENRY Duke of.

Inv. 23 Dec. 1767. Resigned on being elected K.G. 1794.

Buccleugh, Charles William Henry Duke of. Inv. 22 May, 1812. Died 20 April, 1819.

CARLISLE, FREDERICK Earl of.
Inv. at Turin, 27 Feb. 1768. Resigned on being elected K.G. 1793.

Cassilis, Archibald Earl of.
Inv. 17 July, 1821.

CATHCART, CHARLES Lord.
Inv. 1763. Died 14 Aug. 1776.

CATHCART, WILLIAM SCHAW Earl. Inv. 23 Nov. 1805.

CLARENCE, H. R. H. WILLIAM HENRY Duke of. Inv. 5 April, 1770.

Eglinton, Hugh Earl of.
Inv. 22 May, 1812. Died 15 Dec. 1819.
Erskine, Thomas Lord.
Inv. 1815. Died 17 Nov. 1823.

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Fife, James Earl of. Inv. 3 Sept. 1827.

Galloway, John Earl of.
Inv. 1 Nov. 1775. Died 14 Nov. 1806.

Galloway, George Earl of.
Inv. 30 May, 1814.

Gordon, Alexander Duke of.
Inv. 11 Jan. 1775. Died 17 June, 1827.

Hamilton, Douglas Duke of.
Inv. 23 Dec. 1785. Died 2 Aug. 1799.

LAUDERDALE, JAMES Earl of.
Inv. 17 July, 1821.

LOTHIAN, WILLIAM Marquess of.
Inv. 26 Oct. 1768. Died 12 April, 1775.

LOTHIAN, WILLIAM JOHN Marquess of.
Inv. 11 Oct. 1776. Died 4 Jan. 1815.

LOTHIAN, WILLIAM Marquess of. Inv. 1819. Died 27 April, 1824.

Mansfield, David Earl of. Inv. 1768. Died 1 Sept. 1796.

MELVILLE, ROBERT Viscount. Inv. 17 July, 1821.

MONTROSE, JAMES Duke of.

Inv. 14 June, 1793. Resigned on being elected K.G. 1812.

Moray, Francis Earl of. Inv. 3 Sept. 1827.

Morton, George Earl of. Inv. 26 July, 1797. Died 17 July, 1827.

NORTHINGTON, ROBERT Earl of.
Inv. 18 Aug. 1773. Died July, 1786.

Poulett, John Earl.
Inv. 30 May, 1794. Died 14 Jan. 1819.

QUEENSBURY, WILLIAM Duke of.
Inv. 1761. Died 28 Dec. 1810.
QUEENSBURY, CHARLES Marquess of.
Inv. 17 July, 1821.

Roseberry, Neil Earl of. Inv. 4 March, 1771. Died 25 March, 1814.

ROXBURGH, JOHN Duke of.

Inv. 28 Nov. 1768. Died 19 March, 1804.

His Grace was elected K.G. 1801, and by the especial favour of His late Majesty was allowed to retain the Thistle, a mark of Royal favour which had never before been conferred on any subject since James Duke of Hamilton, in the reign of Queen Anne.

Tweeddale, George Marquess of. Inv. 1820.

WARWICK, RICHARD Earl of. Inv. 1820.