

THE  
ORDER OF THE GARTER.

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I.  
KING EDWARD THE THIRD,  
*The Royal Founder.*



OF the acts of the Sovereign and the Knights-companions, as a society, during the reigns of the Founder and his two immediate successors, their capitular proceedings and decrees, the forms of election, investiture, and installation, and other points of equal interest, no authentic evidence has reached our time: it is proposed, therefore, to place under one point of view such brief memorials of the primitive state of the Order as are supplied by the public muniments and contemporary chronicles.

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