

Some changes also took place, affecting the ornaments of the ensign. Two Garters were prepared, for the king and the young earl of Derby, with *roses*<sup>1</sup> thereon; and two others for the latter, garnished with his badges, the one with *ostrich feathers*,<sup>2</sup> the other with *sprigs of hawthorn*.<sup>3</sup>

### INVESTITURE OF LADIES

WITH THE GARTER AND WITH ROBES OF THE ORDER.

To the chivalrous gallantry which characterises the heroes of the middle ages, and which tempered in no unimportant degree the natural ferocity of their spirit and manners, can alone be ascribed the happy conception of imparting to the fair sex a portion, at least, of the honours of this illustrious Order. The origin of the custom of decorating Ladies with the robes and ensign may readily be traced to the natural wish of the victorious knight, in joust or tourney, to share the distinction, which he had acquired, with the beloved witness of his triumph.

Whether an addition, at once so graceful and interesting, to the splendour of the ceremonies at Windsor had been made during the time of the Royal Founder, cannot be learnt from the statutes or other public records. We have noticed the superb array of queen Philippa, and her numerous train of ladies, at the first feast; and the large sum issued for her apparel on another occasion:<sup>4</sup> we find also that, in 1352, she made an oblation during the celebration of high mass in St. George's chapel on the day of the feast;<sup>5</sup> and that, in 1358, messengers were despatched to invite the attendance of ladies at the festival of the Order;<sup>6</sup> but, admitting the inference from these facts that they were usually present at such solemnities, it might be considered that they assisted as spectators only.

In a wardrobe account, however, under a warrant of the

<sup>1</sup> Exit. Pell. Pasch. 1 Ric. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Comp. W. Loveney, cler. Mag. Gard. Hen. Lanc. com. Derby, in the office of the duchy.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 5.

<sup>5</sup> Exp. Philippæ regin. ab ult. Sept. A° 25° ad ann. 26 Ed. 3, in Dom Cap. Westm.

<sup>6</sup> See p. 5.

8th April 1376, towards the close of the preceding reign, there is a charge for the issue of a long robe, together with a hood, of cloth of the colour of sanguine in grain, made in the fashion of those of the Knights of the Garter, for the king's daughter, the COUNTESS OF BEDFORD, to be worn by her at the then approaching feast.<sup>1</sup> But, if this be the only memorial yet discovered of the custom in question during the life of the Founder, it is certain that the taste for pomp and magnificence, which distinguished the court of his successor, produced a more general participation in the knightly decorations; and that ladies of high rank, as well as others who probably occupied stations of honour near the person of the queen, received robes and hoods, ornamented with garters, and corresponding in other respects, as to the colour, quality, and quantity of cloth and furs, with those of the knights; and that they wore around the left arm, a little above the elbow, a Garter of the same fashion and materials, with the motto of the Order embroidered thereon.<sup>2</sup> It appears also that the ladies so favoured were sometimes designated "*Dominæ de Sectâ et Liberaturâ Garterii*," and, at others, "*Dames de la Fraternité de Saint George*;" that the habits were delivered to them annually to be worn at the feast, by warrants from the crown, in the same course of delivery as to the knights; and that the robes and hoods were differenced, in the number of garters thereon, according to the superiority of the titles and degrees of the ladies upon whom this singular privilege had been conferred.

By what system the admission to this distinction was regulated; whether the nominations were solely at the pleasure of the Sovereign, or by election in chapter—whether any ceremonies were observed at the investiture, or ordinances prescribed for the governance of those invested—are points upon which no light whatever has hitherto been thrown. It will be seen, by the list of the ladies thus distinguished, that the favour was not limited to the consorts and relicts of the knights of the Order, but extended to others of their

<sup>1</sup> See p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Effigies of Margaret Byron, wife of sir Robert Harcourt, K.G., in the church of Stanton-Harcourt, Oxfordshire.

families: and, where such connection does not appear, there is room for the conjecture that the distinction was an especial homage to eminent personal or mental endowments, spontaneously paid by the Sovereign himself, or at the suggestion of a knight who, by some martial act, had acquired a claim to the nomination.<sup>1</sup>

## 1378—1379.

From the account of Alan Stokes, keeper of the great wardrobe, comprehending a period of two years, viz. from Michaelmas, in the first, to the same feast in the third year of this reign,<sup>2</sup> we extract the following notices of the Order:—

“Robes of scarlet cloth, embroidered with garters of blue taffaty, with the motto ‘Hony soyt qui mal y pense’ thereon, were prepared against the 23rd April 1378 for twenty-four<sup>3</sup> knights, viz. The duke of Lancaster, the earl of Derby, the duke of Brittany, the earls of Cambridge, Warwick, Salisbury, Stafford, Suffolk, Northumberland, and Huntingdon, the lords Latymer, Nevil, and Basset, the lord Thomas de Holand, and sirs William de Beauchamp, Guy de Bryan, Alan de Buxhull, Thomas Percy, Thomas Banastre, Nigel Loryng, John Sully, Hugh de Wrottesle, Lewis de Clifford, and John de Burle.”

There was a delivery of robes to the same knights for the celebration of the feast in 1379, with the exception of lord Nevil, who was at that time engaged in protecting the Scottish border, and sir John Burley, then on foreign service.

In this year robes of the Garter were provided for the following ladies, viz. “THE KING’S MOTHER;<sup>4</sup> THE QUEEN OF SPAIN DUCHESS OF LANCASTER;<sup>5</sup> THE DUCHESS OF BRITANNY,<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The custom appears to have ceased with the reign of Henry VII; but there was an endeavour to revive it under the sovereignty of Charles I.

<sup>2</sup> In the Queen’s Remembrancer’s office.

<sup>3</sup> These, with the Sovereign, and sir Robert Namur then absent, complete the fraternity.

<sup>4</sup> Joan princess of Wales.

<sup>5</sup> Constance of Castile, p. 132.

<sup>6</sup> Joan de Holand, p. 57. She

died without issue at Nantes, in 1384. By her will, dated 25th September in that year, she directed her interment in the church of the abbey de Prières in that city; bequeathed her moveables (including her claim to certain rents accruing to her from the Honour of Richmond), to her husband; and constituted her brother, the earl of Kent, heir to her real property.—*Hist. de Bret. par Morice, tom. i. p. 393.*

and THE LADY DE COURTENAY,<sup>1</sup> the king's sisters; THE TWO DAUGHTERS OF THE DUKE OF LANCASTER;<sup>2</sup> THE COUNTESS OF OXFORD;<sup>3</sup> THE COUNTESS OF CAMBRIDGE;<sup>4</sup> and THE COUNTESS OF BEDFORD."<sup>5</sup>

1382.

The feast of St. George is recorded to have been kept in this year;<sup>6</sup> but no memorial of the transactions of the Order on that occasion has been discovered.

1384.

The wardrobe account of this year<sup>7</sup> states the delivery of robes, of cloth of violet colour, embroidered with garters,<sup>8</sup> furred with miniver, and lined with scarlet, for twenty-three knights, viz.

"John, king of Castile and Leon; the earls of Cambridge, Buckingham, Derby, Kent, Warwick, Stafford, Salisbury, Northumberland, and Nottingham; the lords Nevil and Basset, and John de Holand; and sirs Guy de Bryan, William Beauchamp, Thomas Percy, Nigel Loryng, John Sully, Lewis Clifford, Simon Burley, Richard Burley, Brian Stapleton, and the Soldan de la Trau."

Also for ten ladies, viz. "THE QUEEN;<sup>9</sup> the duchess of

<sup>1</sup> Maud de Holand, relict of Hugh lord Courtenay, and afterwards married to Waleran count de Saint Paul, see pp. 54. 57.

<sup>2</sup> Philippa of Lancaster, who, in 1386, married John I. king of Portugal (p. 134); and Elizabeth of Lancaster, who married, first, John Holand earl of Huntingdon and duke of Exeter; secondly, John Cornwall lord Fanhope, p. 135.

<sup>3</sup> Philippa de Coucy, second daughter and co-heir of Ingelram earl of Bedford, K. G. by Isabel, eldest daughter of Edward III. Her marriage with Robert de Vere earl of Oxford, afterwards duke of Ireland, K. G. was agreed upon in 1371, and solemnized in 1379. Upon the accession of Henry IV. an act passed to enable her to enjoy her dower, notwithstanding the attainder and forfeiture of her late husband; and she retained the title

of duchess of Ireland, and had a pension of 300 marks out of the exchequer. She died in 1411-12.

<sup>4</sup> Isabel of Castile, pp. 138, 139.

<sup>5</sup> Isabel Plantagenet, p. 151.

<sup>6</sup> Monast. Angl. vol. iii. Eccles. Colleg. p. 81.

<sup>7</sup> Comp. Alani de Stokes, cust. M. Gard. a festo S. Mich. a<sup>o</sup> 7, usque f<sup>m</sup> S. Mich. a<sup>o</sup> 9 Ric. 2, in the Queen's Remembrancer's office.

<sup>8</sup> Two thousand nine hundred garters of taffaty, garnished with Cyprus gold, and the motto "Hony soit," &c. thereon, were provided to be embroidered on 24 robes for the king and the above-mentioned companions of the Order.

<sup>9</sup> Anne of Luxemburg, daughter of the emperor Charles IV. and sister of the emperor Wenceslaus, king of Bohemia; married to Richard II. on 22nd Jan. 1382, and died 7th June 1394.

Lancaster; THE COUNTESS OF BUCKINGHAM;<sup>1</sup> the countess of Cambridge, before mentioned; THE COUNTESS OF PEMBROKE;<sup>2</sup> the countess of Oxford; THE COUNTESS OF SALISBURY;<sup>3</sup> Philippa of Lancaster; CATHERINE OF LANCASTER;<sup>4</sup> and THE LADY MOHUN."<sup>5</sup>

1386.

The account of Alan Stokes, keeper of the great wardrobe, from 29th September 1385 to 29th September 1387,<sup>6</sup> contains the following issues against the feast of St. George in the 9th year, 1386, of robes of the Garter, of scarlet cloth embroidered with garters, having the letters "hony soyt," &c. thereon, for twenty-two knights;<sup>7</sup> viz.,

"John, king of Castile and Leon, duke of Lancaster; the dukes of York and Gloucester; the marquess of Dublin;<sup>8</sup> the earls of Derby and Kent; the earl Marshal; the earls of Warwick, Stafford, Northumberland, and Salisbury; the lords Basset and Nevil; and sirs John de Holand, Guy de Bryan, William Beauchamp, Thomas Percy, Simon Burley, Richard Burley, John Sully, Lewis Clifford, and Brian Stapleton."

Robes of the Order were, at the same time, provided for the following ladies; viz., "The duchess of Lancaster; the

<sup>1</sup> Eleanor de Bohun, elder of the two daughters and co-heirs of Humphrey earl of Hereford, &c. (p. 150), and consort of Thomas of Woodstock earl of Buckingham (afterwards duke of Gloucester) K. G. She survived her husband about two years, became a nun in the abbey of Barking, and died 3rd October 1399. Her remains were interred in St. Edmund's chapel, Westminster.

<sup>2</sup> Anne de Manny, daughter and heir of sir Walter Manny (p. 122).

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth de Mohun, daughter and co-heir of John lord Mohun, and wife of William de Montacute earl of Salisbury, both Founders of the Order. See pp. 39. 50.

<sup>4</sup> Catherine, only daughter of John of Gant by Constance of Castile, p. 135.

<sup>5</sup> Joan de Burghershe, p. 50.

<sup>6</sup> Wardrobe account amongst the records of the Queen's Remembrancer's office.

<sup>7</sup> The stall of sir Nele Loryng had just become vacant by the death of that knight on the 18th March preceding: sir Robert Namur and the Soudan de la Trau being abroad, no robes were provided for them.

<sup>8</sup> As there is no evidence of the temporary removal of the duke of Brittany from the Order after his reluctant homage to the king of France, his stall was probably, in the expectation of his return to the English allegiance, not filled up. It may, therefore, be presumed that the marquess of Dublin had been elected on the death of the Soudan, of whom the latest notice occurs on 26th July 1384.—*Rymer, vol. vii. p. 436.*

duchess of Gloucester;<sup>1</sup> the countess of Pembroke; THE COUNTESS OF OXFORD;<sup>2</sup> THE COUNTESS MARSHAL;<sup>3</sup> the countess of Salisbury; Philippa and Catherine, daughters of the duke of Lancaster; the lady Mohun; CONSTANCE LADY LE DESPENSER;<sup>4</sup> THE LADY DE VEER;<sup>5</sup> and THE LADY DE POYNYNGES.<sup>6</sup>

We learn from an entry on the issue roll of the exchequer of the 3rd April in this year, that the feast, for which the foregoing deliveries were made, was for certain causes suspended.<sup>7</sup> This postponement was doubtless occasioned by the

<sup>1</sup> This lady had robes in 1384 as countess of Buckingham.

<sup>2</sup> As the name of "the countess of Oxford" occurs in this and the following year, when Philippa (de Coucy), the young countess, had attained higher rank, the lady in question must have been Maud de Ufford, relict of Thomas de Vere earl of Oxford, and mother of Robert marquess of Dublin, duke of Ireland. She was daughter and heir of sir Ralph Ufford, justiciary of Ireland (elder brother of Robert 1st earl of Suffolk, K.G.) by Maud Plantagenet (p. 100, note 4); and died without surviving issue, 25th January 1412-13.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Fitzalan, daughter of Richard, and sister and co-heir of Thomas earls of Arundel and Surrey, and wife of Thomas Mowbray earl marshal of England and earl of Nottingham, K.G. She had been first married to William de Montacute, son and heir-apparent of William earl of Salisbury; she married, thirdly, sir Robert Gowsell; and, fourthly, sir Gerard Ufflete; and died in 1425.

<sup>4</sup> Constance Plantagenet of York, only daughter of Edmond of Langley duke of York by the princess Isabel of Castile. She was, at this time, the wife of Thomas lord le Despenser, afterwards earl of Gloucester and K.G.

<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth de Courtenay, daughter of Hugh earl of Devon, first the wife of sir Andrew Luttrell of Dunster castle, Somerset; secondly, of sir John de Vere, third son of John earl of Oxford and uncle of

Robert marquess of Dublin. She died 7th August 1395.

<sup>6</sup> Blanch de Moubray, relict of Thomas lord Poyninges, and afterwards the wife of sir John Worth. She was dismissed from the court by the lords appellants in 1387; but soon recalled by the king, who, in 1398, presented to her £40.—*Exit. Pell. Mich. 22 Ric. 2.*

<sup>7</sup> The entry is as follows:—"3rd April, Joh'i Butt nunc misso versus partes occidentales cū P'ris de signeto Regis direct. Matheo Gournay Guidoni de Brien Joh'i Sully et aliis milit. in d'c'is p'tib' de Gart'io p' p'gacōe festi Georgii p' dēm. dēm regem certis de causis ordinat. In den. sibi lib'at. p' vad. suis—xxs."—*Exit. Pell. Mich. 9 Ric. 2.* From the association, in this record, of the name of sir Matthew Gournay with those of two knights of the Garter, it has been presumed that he also was of the Order. The merits of that highly distinguished individual might have justly entitled him to such an honour; but it certainly was never conferred upon him. Gournay had probably been invited to the feast, with others of the court not members of the Order; and his residence being at Stoke-under-Hamden, in Somersetshire, the messenger, on his way to Bryan and Sully, whose seats lay in the county of Devon, was the bearer of a letter to inform him also of the prorogation. Gournay lived until 26th September 1406; and no subsequent mention occurs of him in connection with the Order of the Garter.

expedition under the duke of Lancaster, in which an army of 20,000 men was employed to assist the king of Portugal in his war with Spain, upon condition of the acknowledgment of Lancaster as king of Castile. The relative treaty between Richard II. and his uncle, bears date on the 8th of the same month;<sup>1</sup> and the king and queen accompanied the titular monarch, his consort, and family, to Plymouth, in order to witness their embarkation.

1387.

Directions were, in this year, given to John de Strawesburgh, the king's embroiderer, to prepare 2111 garters of blue taffaty, embroidered with Cyprus and soldat gold and with silk of various colours, the letters of the motto "hony soyt," &c. in blue silk; for twenty-three robes of woollen cloth for the king, the dukes of York and Gloucester, and the earls, barons, and knights of the society of the Garter; and for fifteen robes of the same cloth for the queen and other ladies of the same society, to be worn at the feast of St. George.<sup>2</sup> The wardrobe account last-mentioned supplies the names of nineteen of the knights for whom robes were provided on this occasion;<sup>3</sup> viz.,

"The dukes of York, Gloucester, and Ireland; the earls of Derby, Kent, Warwick, Salisbury, and Northumberland; the earl Marshal; the lords Basset and Nevil; sirs Guy Bryan, William Beauchamp, Thomas Percy, Simon Burley, Lewis Clifford, John Sully, Brian Stapleton, and Nicholas Sarnesfield."

The ladies, for whom robes were issued against this feast, were eleven in number, of whom the names of three occur for the first time, viz. THE DUCHESS OF IRELAND,<sup>4</sup> THE LADY DE GOMENEYS,<sup>5</sup> and THE LADY KATHERINE DE SWYNFORD.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rymer, vol. vii. p. 511.

<sup>2</sup> Wardrobe account in office of Queen's Remembrancer.—See also Anstis, vol. ii. p. 55.

<sup>3</sup> These, with John of Gant, Richard Burley, Namur, and John Holand, then abroad, Arundel, and Brittany, complete the number.

<sup>4</sup> Philippa de Coucy, p. 153.

<sup>5</sup> The wife or widow of John de Geaux sire de Gomenays, a distinguished foreigner in the English service, of whom see p. 213.

<sup>6</sup> The robes for this lady (afterwards the wife of John of Gant), seem to have been issued, in the first instance, without authority; as the sanction of letters under

1388.

Froissart mentions the feast of the Order celebrated this year;<sup>1</sup> and the wardrobe account<sup>2</sup> contains entries of robes for the Sovereign and twenty-one knights;<sup>3</sup> viz.,

“The dukes of York and Gloucester; earls of Derby, Kent, Arundel, Warwick, Salisbury, and Northumberland; the earl Marshal; lord John Holand, lords Nevil and Basset, lord Edward son of the duke of York; sirs Guy Bryan, William Beauchamp, Thomas Percy, Henry Percy, Lewis Clifford, John Sully, Brian Stapleton, and Nicholas Sarnesfield.”

Robes were provided for thirteen ladies, of whom nine have been already mentioned; the new names being those of the COUNTESSSES OF KENT<sup>4</sup> and DERBY.<sup>5</sup>

1389.

The robes, in this the 12th year of the king, were of blue cloth, lined with black, for the same companions as in the year preceding, excepting the lord Nevil (who had died on 17th Oct. 1388), sir John Sully (probably also dead), and sir Richard Burley (who died in Spain 23rd May 1387), and with the addition of the duke of Lancaster, then returned to England, and of sir Peter Courtenay, in the room of Nevil, and sir John Devereux, the successor of sir Simon Burley.<sup>6</sup>

The ladies, then decorated with robes of the Order, were the same as in 1388, with the addition of the duchess of Lancaster and THE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON.<sup>7</sup>

the privy-seal, dated on the 8th of August following, appears to have been necessary. She is, however, therein fully recognized as “de secta *aliarum* dominarum de eadem societate” [de Garterio].

<sup>1</sup> Froissart, tom. xi. p. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Liber Cotom. p. 167, cited by Anstis, vol. i. p. 11, note c.

<sup>3</sup> The knights not included in this delivery were the dukes of Lancaster and Brittany, (although it is doubtful whether the latter

had not been temporarily removed from the Order,) Namur, abroad, and sir Simon Burley, under impeachment for treason.

<sup>4</sup> Alice Fitzalan, daughter of Richard earl of Arundel, and wife of Thomas Holand second earl of Kent, K.G. She died in 1416.

<sup>5</sup> Mary Bohun, see p. 150.

<sup>6</sup> Liber Cotom. p. 173; Anstis, vol. i. p. 12, note d.

<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth of Lancaster, see p. 135.



1390.

The habits delivered to the same companions against the feast in the 13th year<sup>1</sup> were of sanguine colour cloth, lined with black, furred and ornamented with garters, as on the last occasion. To the list, however, of ladies there were added THE LADY DE TRIVET,<sup>2</sup> THE LADY DE BEAUCHAMP,<sup>3</sup> and THE LADY FITZWALTER.

The Sovereign's surcoat in this year was of red velvet, worked with Cyprus gold, and the miniver purfled with ermine. Other robes were also provided for him; and a gown of sanguine colour cloth, &c. to be worn after the feast, he having given his robe, prepared for the occasion, to the duke of Guelders.<sup>5</sup>

In the autumn of the same year several foreigners of distinction from France, Germany, and Holland, appeared at the court of Richard, who, for their diversion, held, on Sunday the 12th October, "solemn jousts" in Smithfield, which are particularly described by different historians. Upon this occasion his celebrated device or badge of a WHITE HART, gorged with a crown and a chain of gold pendent therefrom, was first given<sup>6</sup> by the king to twenty four knights of the Garter; his stranger guests and a multitude of his subjects being present at the distribution.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cotom. p. 183<sup>b</sup>; Anstis, vol. i. p. 12, note e.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth, widow of sir Thomas Trivet, banneret, a most distinguished soldier, who died on the 7th October 1388, from the effects of a fall with his horse on the day preceding—*Stowe*, p. 304. She was daughter and heir of sir Philip Timbury, and had been first married to Thomas Swinbourne, esq. She died in 1433.

<sup>3</sup> Joan Fitzalan, wife of sir William Beauchamp, K. G., second daughter of Richard earl of Arundel, K. G., and sister and co-heir of Thomas earl of Arundel, also K. G. She died in 1436.

<sup>4</sup> Jane Devereux, wife of sir Walter Fitzwalter (afterwards lord Fitzwalter), daughter of sir John

Devereux, K. G., and sister and heir of sir John Devereux. She married, secondly, Hugh lord Burnell.

<sup>5</sup> The duke of Guelders here mentioned was William I. son of the then reigning William VI. duke of Juliers. This prince was, in 1390, elected into the Order. See No. LXXXII.

<sup>6</sup> Hist. Ric. 2, per monachum de Evesham, Bibl. Cotton. Tib. C. 9, p. 25<sup>b</sup>, "ubi datum erat primo signum vel stigma illud egregium cum cervo albo cum corona et catena aurea." It appears, however, that the king possessed previously jewels à la *guyse de cerfs blancs*, which he mortgaged in his 9th year.—*Rymer*, vol. vii. p. 359.

<sup>7</sup> A MS. chronicle (ending with the reign of Henry V.) cited by

Within a few days after the jousts, the king kept the feast of St. Edward [13th October] at Kennington; and conferred, upon that occasion, the Order of the Garter upon the count of Ostrevant, son of the duke of Holland.<sup>1</sup>

## 1392.

The countess de St. Paul, the king's sister, dying shortly before St. George's day in the 15th year, the feast was prologued to the 28th April, because her interment was to take place at Westminster on the 23rd of that month.<sup>2</sup>

## 1393-4.

In an account of deliveries by Richard Clifford, keeper of the great wardrobe, from Michaelmas in the 16th year [1392] to Michaelmas in the 18th year [1394],<sup>3</sup> there is a payment to William Sauston the embroiderer, for garters for the king, the duke of Lancaster, and other knights of the society of the Garter, against the feast of St. George in 1393 and 1394.

Anstis (vol. ii. p. 56), as in his possession, contains the following narrative of this solemnity:—"In the xiv zere of kyng Richardis regne he lete crye and ordeyne a general justes that ys called a turnement of lordys, knygztes, and squyers, and this justys and turnement was holden at London in Smethefeld, for all manere of straungers of what londe or countrey whatsoever they weren offe and thedyr they weren welcome, and to hem and all othere was holden open housholde, and also grete zeftes weren geve to all manere of straungers; and on the kynges syde were the xxiv knygztes of the Garter, and they weren all of sute here cotys, here armoure, sheldes, hors trappure, and all was whyte hertys, with crownes abowte here neckes, and chaynes of gold hanginge thereuppon, and the crowne hanginge lowe before the hertys body, the whyche herte was the kynges livry that he zaf to lordis and

ladyes, knygztes and squyers, for to knowe his household from other pepull, and at the ferst comynge to here justes xxiv ladyes ladden those xxiv lordis of Gartour with chaynes of golde, and all in the same sute of hertes as is aforne sayde, from the toure on horsbacke thorowe the cete of London into Smethfeld, where the justis sholde ben holde; and this feste and justis holde general and open to alle tho that comen of what londe or nacion that evere he were, and this holde duringe xxiv days of the Kynges owne coste, and these xxiv lordis to answeere alle manere peple that wold come thedre, and thedre come the erle of Seint Poule of France, &c., and out of Holande and Henaude come the lord Ostrevant that was the duke's sone of Holland."

<sup>1</sup> Bibl. Cotton. Tib. C 9.

<sup>2</sup> Exit. Pell. Mich. 15 Ric. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Account remaining in the Queen's Remembrancer's office.

## 1396—1398.

The account of the same keeper from Michaelmas in the 18th year (1394) to the 10th April in the 21st year (1398),<sup>1</sup> contains payments for making and embroidering divers garters for the king, the duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster, Edmond duke of York, Thomas duke of Gloucester, and other dukes, earls, barons, and knights of the society of the Garter, as well as for QUEEN ISABEL; the duchess of Lancaster; and other ladies, against the feast of St. George, in the 19th, 20th, and 21st years.

## 1399.

The feast of the Order in this the 22nd year appears to have been kept with particular splendour. For the following twenty knights-companions<sup>2</sup> robes of scarlet cloth, &c. were provided; viz.,

“The dukes of York, Bavaria, Brittany, Guelders, Surrey, Exeter, and Albemarle; the marquess of Dorset, the earls of Northumberland, Salisbury, Ostrevant, Worcester, Gloucester, and Wilts; sirs William Beauchamp, Peter Courtenay, John de Bouch [Bourchier], William Arundel, Simon Felbrigge, and Henry Percy.”

The ladies, for whom robes were provided in this year, were as follow:—

“Queen Isabel; The queen of Portugal;<sup>3</sup> THE DUCHESS OF

<sup>1</sup> Account remaining in the Queen's Remembrancer's office.

The following entry occurs upon the issue roll of the exchequer in the 21st year.—“xxiv Julij [1398] diversis heraldis et ministrallis ad festum S. Georgii prox preterit. apud Wyndesor tentum in presencia dñi Regis existentibus in denar. p<sup>r</sup> ipsos recept. de Will<sup>o</sup> Waycombe cl<sup>ico</sup> ibidem in p<sup>r</sup>solucionem xxv marc. quas dñs rex eis liberare mandavit de dono suo causa solempnisac<sup>o</sup>is festi p<sup>r</sup>d<sup>e</sup>i p<sup>r</sup> breve de priv. sigill. int<sup>r</sup> mandat. de hoc t<sup>r</sup>mino, xviii. xiii. iiiid.”—*Exit. Pell. Pasch. 21 Ric. 2.*

<sup>2</sup> Comp. Joh<sup>is</sup> Macclesfield cust. M. Garderob. festo S. Mich. a<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>o</sup>

[1398] ad festum S. Mich. prox. [1399] penes Remem. Reg.—*Antis. vol. i. p. 13, note f.* The stall of John duke of Lancaster had become vacant by his death on 3rd February preceding the feast, and had probably not yet been filled by his successor, sir Philip de la Vache. The dukes of Lancaster and Norfolk were under sentence of exile. The earl of Warwick had been condemned for treason; and his place in the Order may not have been yet supplied by his successor, sir Thomas Erpyngham. Sir Lewis Clifford was probably absent on service.

<sup>3</sup> Philippa of Lancaster, see p. 134.

GUELDERS;<sup>1</sup> THE DUCHESS OF YORK;<sup>2</sup> the duchess of Ireland, the duchess of Exeter;<sup>3</sup> MARCHIONESS OF DORSET;<sup>4</sup> countess of Kent; countess of Oxford; countess of Salisbury; countess of Gloucester;<sup>5</sup> COUNTESS OF WESTMORLAND;<sup>6</sup> lady Mohun; lady Poyninges; lady Beauchamp; lady Fitzwalter; lady Gomeneyes; LADY BLANCH BRADDESTON; LADY AGNES ARUNDELL;<sup>7</sup> LADY DE ROOS;<sup>8</sup> LADY DE COURCY;<sup>9</sup> and lady de Trivet."

The wardrobe account of the 22nd year contains other entries relating to the Order. The belt and sheath of a sword, to be suspended under the Sovereign's helm in St. George's chapel, were directed to be of red velvet, embroidered with white harts crowned, and sprigs of rosemary, in Cyprus gold and silk. Two "jaks volants" (streamers) of red and black velvet, were also to be prepared for the king for his voyage to Ireland; the one to be worked with white harts, the other with badges. Furniture of black cloth was ordered to be provided for five carriages of the queen, to be used at the funeral obsequies of the duchess of Lancaster, and at the feast of St. George; and 817 garters of tartarin silk, to be embroidered on robes, after the fashion of the fleurs de lys [semée], for the Sovereign and the knights-companions of the Order. There is also mention of 250 rings of satin, &c. with the motto "honi soit," &c. and other mottos thereon, to be attached to sleeves or maunches.

The Sovereign was deposed on the 29th of September 1399.

<sup>1</sup> Catherine, daughter of Albert count of Holland.

<sup>2</sup> Joan Holand, p. 219.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth of Lancaster, before mentioned as countess of Huntingdon.

<sup>4</sup> Margaret Holand, p. 220. She survived her second husband, Thomas duke of Clarence; and died 31st December 1440. Her remains were interred in St. Michael's chapel, Canterbury cathedral.

<sup>5</sup> Constance of York, before mentioned as lady le Despenser.

<sup>6</sup> Joan de Beaufort, only daughter of John of Gant, by Katherine Swynford, p. 135.

<sup>7</sup> Agnes, wife of sir William Arundell, K.G. By her will, dated

6th September 1401, she directs to be buried "in the priory of St. Andrew at Rochester, under the tomb where she and her husband are pictured."

<sup>8</sup> Margaret Fitzalan, *alias* Arundel, daughter of John lord Maltravers, and sister of John earl of Arundel, K.G. She was the wife of William lord Roos of Hamlake, K.G. She died in 1439.

<sup>9</sup> Margaret wife of Guillaume de Courcy, chevalier. They had attended the young queen Isabel from France, and were of her household. Their names occur frequently at that period in the issue rolls of the exchequer.

The annexed woodcut, from an illumination of the period of Richard II. (20 B vi. in Brit. Mus.) is here introduced for the purpose of showing the figure of a nobleman of that king's court, wearing the garter at his left knee. It is probably the earliest pictorial representation on the subject. Strutt, in *Regal and Eccl. Antiq.* p. 37, and Meyrick and Smith, in their work on *Costume*, have engraved this figure from the MS.; but have considered the ornament in question, which appears to be the garter with buckle and pendant, as a gold knee-chain, sometimes attached to the long point of the shoe.

