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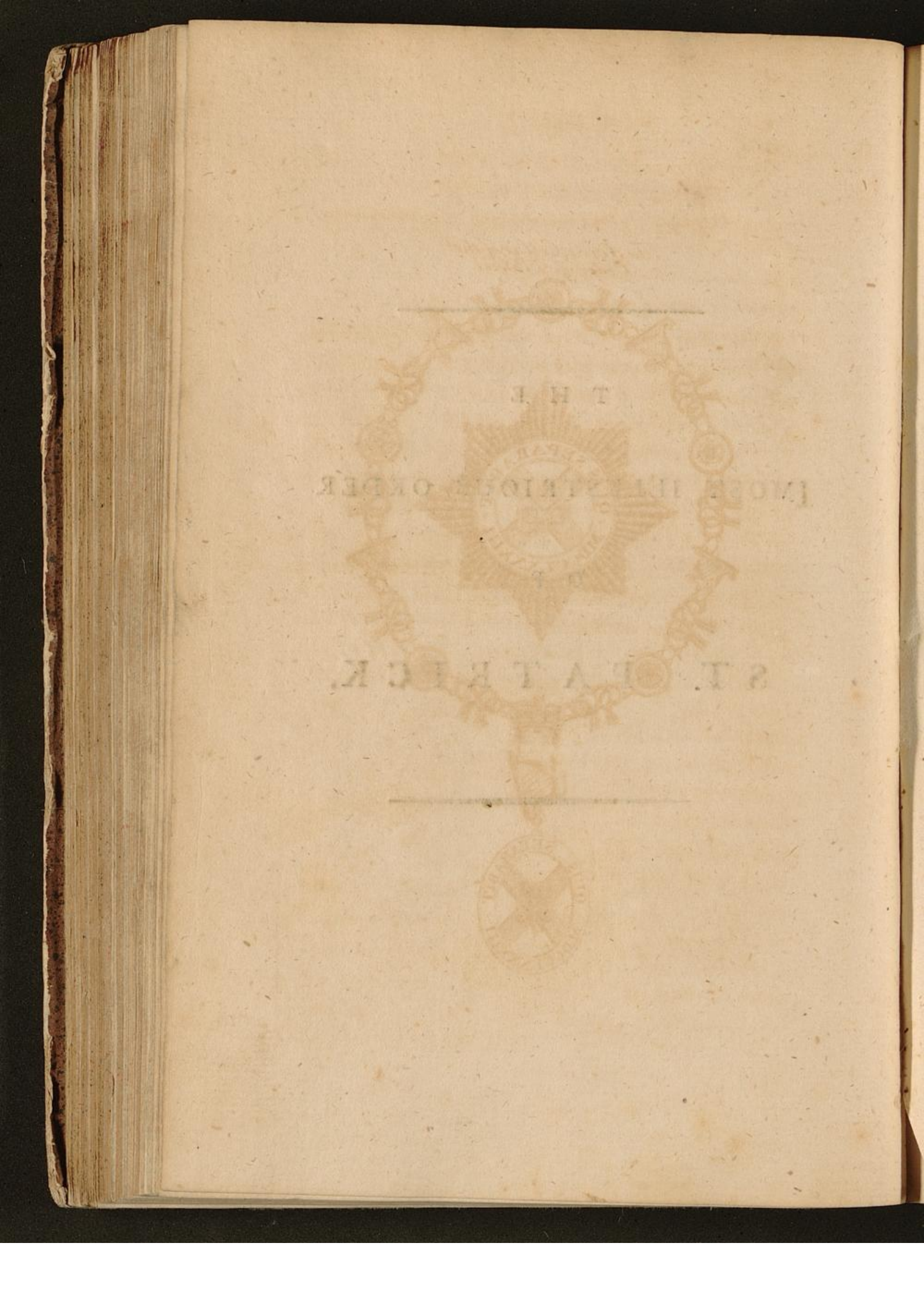
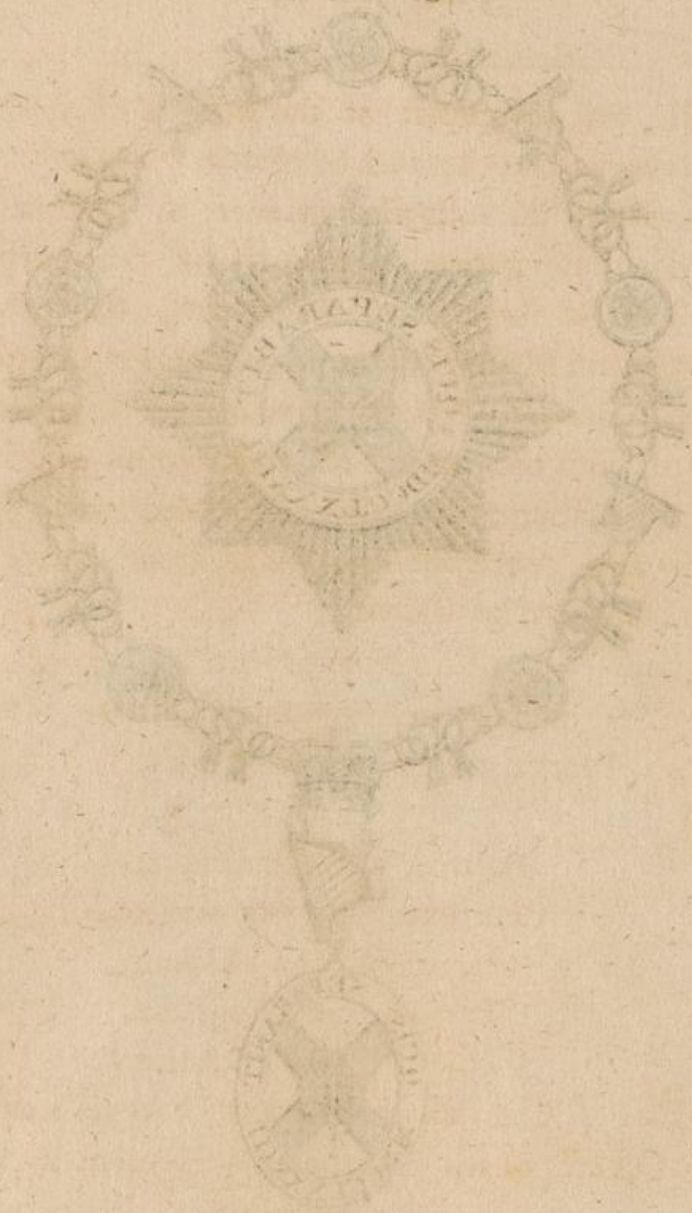


*The Star & Collar of the Order of St Patrick*





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THE firſt inveſtiture of the Knights of this Order was performed on the 11th of March 1783, with much ceremony, in the following manner, at Dublin caſtle. That day having been appointed for that purpoſe by Earl Temple then Lord Lieutenant, the noblemen named in his Majeſty's letter to be Knights Companions of the Order were ſummoned to attend, in order to be inveſted with the enſigns of that dignity previous to their inſtallation; and being aſſembled in the preſence chamber, a proceſſion was made from thence to the great ball-room as follows:

Purſuivants,
and officers attending the ſtate.
Peers named in the King's letter, *viz.*
Earls
Bective, and Charlemont,
Courtown, and Mornington,
Clanbraſſil, and Shannon,
Tyrone, and Drogheda,
Inchiquin, and Weſtmeath.
Earl of Clanricarde, and the Duke of Leinſter.
Officers of his Excellency's Houſehold, *viz.*
Pages
Gentlemen at large.
Gentlemen of the Chamber.

Maſter

Maſter of the Ceremonies.
Gentlemen of the Horſe.
Comptroller and Steward of the Houſehold.
Officers of the Order, *viz.*
Purſuivants,
Heralds,
Regiſter and Uſher.
Secretary and Genealogiſt.
Chancellor.
Ulſter King of Arms,
*bearing his Majeſty's commiſſion,*
*and the badge and ribbon of the Grand Maſter*
*upon a blue velvet cuſhion.*
Lord Viſcount Carhampton,
*bearing the ſword of ſtate.*
His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant,
with ten aids de camp on each ſide.
Gold ſtick.
Yeomen of the Guard.

On their arrival in the great ball-room the different perſons who compoſed the proceſſion proceeded to the places aſſigned them ; and his Excellency being covered and ſeated in the chair of ſtate, *Ulſter* King of Arms preſented to him his Majeſty's letter, which his excellency delivered to the Right Honourable John Hely Hutchinſon, Secretary of State, who read the ſame aloud, during which time his Excellency and the aſſembly remained ſtanding and uncovered. His Excellency being again ſeated, *Ulſter* preſented to him the blue ribbon and badge of Grand Maſter, with which his Excellency inveſted himſelf.

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His Excellency then ſignified his Majeſty's pleaſure, that the great ball-room ſhould be ſtyled THE HALL OF ST. PATRICK, which was done by proclamation made by the *King of Arms*, at the ſound of trumpets, and with the uſual formalities after which;

His Excellency directed the *King of Arms* and *Uſher* of the Black Rod to introduce his Grace the *Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin*, to whom the Secretary of State adminiſtered the oath, as Chancellor of the Order, and his Grace kneeling, was inveſted by the Grand Maſter with the proper badge, and received from his Excellency's hands the purſe containing the ſeals.

The *Dean of St. Patrick's* was then introduced, to whom the oath of *Regiſter* of the Order was adminiſtered by the *Chancellor*, and he was inveſted in like manner by his Excellency, who delivered to him the ſtatutes and the regiſter of the Order. *Lord Delvin* was next introduced, and, having taken the oath, was inveſted as *Secretary*; and in like manner *Charles Henry Coote, Eſq.* as *Genealogiſt*, *John Freemantle, Eſq.* as *Uſher*, and *William Hawkins, Eſq.* as *King of Arms* of the ſaid Order, (the oath being firſt adminiſtered to them by the *Chancellor*), were ſeverally inveſted by the *Grand Maſter*.

His Excellency then ſignified his Majeſty's pleaſure, that, in conſideration of the tender age of *Prince Edward*, his royal Highneſs ſhould be inveſted in England, and that his Majeſty's diſpenſation for that purpoſe ſhould be entered upon the regiſter of the Order: and in conſequence of his Majeſty's direction, the *Lord*

*Baron Muſkerry* was knighted, and declared Proxy to his Royal Highneſs *Prince Edward.*

His Excellency then directed that his Grace the *Duke of Leinſter* ſhould be called in; and as by the ſtatutes of the Order none but a Knight can be elected or inveſted, his Grace, being introduced by the *Uſher* and *King of Arms*, was knighted by his Excellency with the ſword of ſtate, and immediately delivered to the *Genealogiſt* the proofs of blood required by the ſtatutes, whereupon the oaths were adminiſtered by the *Chancellor*, and his Grace kneeling was inveſted by the *Grand Maſter* with the ribbon and badge. His Grace then joined the proceſſion, to introduce the *Earl of Clanricarde*, who being ſworn was inveſted in like manner, and both Knights joined the proceſſion to bring in the *Earl of Weſtmeath*; after which the two junior Knights performed this duty, and the ſenior Knight took his ſeat as Companion of the Order. The Earls of *Inchiquin*, *Drogheda*, *Tyrone*, *Shannon*, *Clanbraſſil*, *Mornington*, *Courtown*. *Charlemont*, and *Bective*, being ſeverally introduced by the two junior Knights, were each of them ſworn by the *Chancellor*, and inveſted by the *Grand Maſter*, and took their ſeats as Knights Companions.

The ceremony of inveſtiture being ended, his Majeſty's pleaſure was declared and regiſtered, for appointing his Grace the Lord *Archbiſhop of Armagh*, Primate and Metropolitan of Ireland, to be *Prelate* of the ſaid moſt illuſtrious Order.

A proceſſion was then made from St. Patrick's hall to the preſence-chamber, where the *Lord Lieutenant*

received the compliments of the Knights of the Order, and of a numerous aſſembly of the Nobility and Gentry, who teſtified their ſatisfaction on this diſtinguiſhed mark of the royal favour to the Kingdom. St. Patrick's hall was elegantly fitted up for the occaſion, and the galleries belonging to it were crowded with ladies of the firſt rank and faſhion; and the whole ceremony was conducted with the utmoſt propriety, and with the moſt ſplendid magnificence.

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## The Ceremonial of the Installation of the Knights of St. Patrick.

THE day appointed for the installation was the 17th of March, when the *Lord Lieutenant*, preceded by his own carriages, containing his houſhold, the Eſquires of the Sovereign, and the Peer who carried the ſword of ſtate, and attended by a ſquadron of cavalry, ſet forward from the Caſtle of Dublin, followed by the Knights Companions, each in a coach attended by their Eſquires.

At the door of the cathedral of St. Patrick his Excellency was met by the officers of the Church and of the Order, who attended him to the robeing room. His excellency alone being in the full mantle, habit and collar of the Order, the other Knights in the ſurcoat only, and with their caps and feathers in their hands; their mantles, collars, and ſwords having been previouſly ſent to the chapter room.

As ſoon as his Excellency had notified his pleaſure, the proceſſion was made to the choir in the following manner, *viz.*

Singing Men.
Prebends.
Meſſengers.
Kettle Drums.
Trumpets.
Purſuivants.
Pages.

Gentle-

Gentlemen at large.
Gentlemen of the Bed chamber.
Gentlemen of the Horſe, Chamberlain, and
Gentleman Uſher.
Steward and Comptroller.
Eſquires.
Heralds.
Knights.
Ulſter, Regiſter and Uſher.
Genealogiſt, Chancellor, Secretary,
Prelate.
Sword of State, carried by a ſenior Peer.
*Aid de Camp.* Lord Lieutenant. *Aid de Camp.*
Peers ſons.
Train Bearer.
Colonel of Battle-Axes.
Battle-Axe Guards.

Upon entering the choir, the trumpets, purſuivants, and other officers attending the proceſſion, proceeded to their proper places, as did his *Excellency's* ſuite. The Eſquires, three abreaſt, made their reverences to the altar when they came oppoſite to the ſtall of their Knight, and then wheeled off to their reſpective places: the Knights then entered two and two, and after the ſame reverences proceeded to their ſtalls, where they remained ſtanding till his *Excellency* was ſeated, when they bowed all together and ſeated themſelves. The choir then performed the coronation Anthem; after which the *Uſher*, *King of Arms*, *Heralds*, and *Purſuivants*, attended with the three Eſquires of the Senior

Knights, went out with the usual reverences for the Insignia of the Order, with which they returned in manner following, *viz.*

The principal Esquire bearing the banner furled. The two other Esquires bearing the mantle and the sword. *Ulster* carrying the great collar of the Order upon a blue velvet cushion.

When they had proceeded to the centre of the choir, they remained there while the four great Officers of the Order proceeded to the stall of the said senior Knight, after the usual reverences to the Sovereign's stall: the Knight then descended into the middle of the choir, where he was invested with the sword, the mantle, and the collar, by the *Chancellor* and *Register*, after reading the admonitions prescribed. *viz.* upon putting on the sword:

*Take this sword to the increase of your honour; and in token and sign of the most illustrious Order which you have received, wherewith you being defended may be bold strongly to fight in the defence of those rights and ordinances to which you be engaged, and to the just and necessary defence of those that be oppressed and needy.*

Upon putting on the mantle, *Receive this robe and livery of this most illustrious Order, in augmentation of thine honour, and wear it with the firm and steady resolution, that by your character, conduct and demeanour, you may approve yourself a true servant of Almighty God, and a worthy brother and Knight Companion of this most illustrious Order.*

Upon putting on the collar, *Sir, the loving company of the Order of St. Patrick hath received you their brother,*

 *lover*

*lover and fellow, and in token and knowledge of this, they give you, and present you this badge, the which God will that you receive and wear from henceforth to his praise and pleasure, and to the exaltation and honour of the said illustrious Order, and yourself.*

They then conducted him to his stall, with the usual reverences to the Sovereign; and he seated himself with his cap upon his head; immediately after which the Esquire unfurled the banner; and the Knight standing up covered, *Ulster* repeated his style in English, and a procession was made to the Altar, by the *Register* and *Officers of Arms* attended by the Esquires with the banner, which was delivered to *Ulster*, who presented it to the *Register*, to be placed by him within the rails of the altar. After which, with the usual reverences, the Esquires proceeded to their places, and the *Officers of Arms* proceded with the Esquires of the second Knight in like manner as before. And when those ceremonies were finished, the choir performed the *Te Deum*; after which a procession was made in like manner as before to the chapter room, and from thence to the castle, where the Knights reposed themselves till dinner was served; when a procession was again made from the presence chamber to St. Patrick's Hall, where the Knights took their seats covered, viz, The *Grand Master* in the centre, the Prince's chair on his left hand, the *Prelate*, and the *Chancellor* at the two ends of the Sovereign's table, and the Knights on each side; and the Esquires remained standing till after grace was said, when they retired to the seats prepared for them.

Towards the end of the firſt courſe, when his *Excellency* ſtood up uncovered, the Knights roſe uncovered, and the *King of Arms* proclaimed by the ſound of the trumpet, that the *Grand Maſter* and Knights Companions of the moſt illuſtrious Order of St. Patrick drank the Sovereign's health. The ſecond courſe was then brought in with the uſual ceremonies; after which his *Excellency* again ſtood up, and the Knights uncovered, *Ulſter* again proclaimed that the *Grand Maſter*, in the name of the Sovereign, drank the healths of the Knights Companions. And at the end of the ſecond courſe, all riſing again uncovered, the Queen's health was drunk, and proclaimed in the ſame manner. The deſert was then brought in, and during it the *Officers of Arms*, with the uſual reverences, cried Largeſs thrice, and firſt proclaimed the ſtyle of the Sovereign, and afterwards of each Knight Companion, who ſucceſſively ſtood up during the ſaid proclamation. After which the Knights, Eſquires and Officers, attended the *Grand Maſter* to the preſence chamber, where the ceremony finiſhed, and the Eſquires and Officers retired to the dinner prepared for them.

*Note*, for the collar, badge and ſtar of the Order of St. Patrick, ſee plate 6.

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1 The Sovereign.
2 Prince Edward.
3 Duke of Leinſter.
4 Earl of Clanrickarde.
5 Earl of Arran.
6 Earl of Weſtmeath.
7 Earl of Inchiquin.
8 Earl of Drogheda.
9 Earl of Tyrone.
10 Earl of Shannon.
11 Earl of Clanbraſſel.
12 Earl of Mornington.
13 Earl of Courtown.
14 Earl of Charlemont.
15 Earl of Bective.
16 Earl of Ely. *Dead.*

Earl of Northington, *Grand Maſter* *.

Dr. Richard Robinſon, Archbiſhop, of Armagh, *Prelate of the Order.*

Dr. Robert Fowler, Archbiſhop of Dublin, *Chancellor.*

Dr. William Craddock, Dean of St. Patrick, *Regiſter.*

Lord Delvin, *Secretary.*

Charles Henry Coote, Elq. *Genealogiſt.*

John Freemantle, Eſq. *Uſher of the Black Rod.*

Sir William Hawkine Knight, *Ulſter Ksng of Arms, attendant on the Order.*

* Succeeded by his Grace the Duke of Rutland.

*Baronet of Nova Scotia*


*Baronet of England*