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His Majesty King of Great Britain, sovereign of the most noble order of the Garter, having been pleased to commission Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, Knight of the most honourable order of the Bath, and John Anstis, Esq; Garter principal king at arms; to be his Majesty's commissioners plenipotentiaries for the investing his most serene highness Charles William Frederic, margrave of Brandenburg-Anspach, with the whole habit and ensigns of the most noble order of the Garter; Mr. Anstis arrived here from England the 21st instant, attended by his secretary, and a messenger of state; and Sir Charles Hanbury Williams came hither the day following, with a great retinue. The commissioners plenipotentiaries were lodged at court, and had guards placed at their respective apartments.

On Saturday the 23rd instant, the day appointed for beginning the ceremony, the commissioners plenipotentiaries were conducted through the great hall to an audience of his highness. The gentlemen in waiting, opened the doors, the commissioners entered. The king at arms having delivered the letters of credence, and the book of statutes of the order, to Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, the latter presented them to the margrave. In the evening his highness gave an instrument under his hand and seal, whereby he promised to observe every article not contrary to the religion professed by him, or derogatory to any rights and privileges of the holy Roman empire, or to the order of the Black Eagle, of which he is already a knight. After which the commissioners plenipotentiaries taking the garter (richly set with brilliants, from a silver table, whereon it was placed, hooked it upon the margrave's left leg, the king at arms reading the admonition in Latin.

Then they took the blue ribbon from the same silver table, and placed it over the left shoulder of his highness, bringing it adward under the right arm, with the diamond George, the king at arms reading the admonition.

The margrave dined in public in the great hall, Sir Charles Hanbury Williams being seated next to his highness, and the king at arms next to her royal highness the margravine.

On Sunday the 24th instant, the day of investiture, Sir Charles Hanbury Williams and the king at arms, habited in his mantle, with the other ensigns of his office, were conducted and introduced in the same manner. The following ensigns of the order, viz. the commission of the sovereign, the surcoat, sword, mantle, hood, great collar, book of statutes, and the cap and feathers, were laid on a crimson velvet cushion, with gold, upon a silver table.

The commissioners plenipotentiaries first took off the margrave's upper garments; and his highness taking off his sword, which was of gold, gave it to the king at arms as his accoutred fee, who exposed it during the whole ceremony. Then they put the surcoat upon his highness, and the sword of the order. Immediately after her royal highness the margravine was led by the first minister, baron de Beckendooff, through the range of chambers, into that where the investiture was to be performed, preceded by her great chamberlain, and followed by the ladies of the courts.

All the ministers, privy counsellors, and gentlemen, followed; M. Reizenstein carried the hood upon a cushion, major general M. de Koenigs the book of statutes, major general de Polniz the great collar; the great master of the horse, M. de Polniz, the cap and feathers, richly adorned with diamonds and precious stones; then followed the king at arms, carrying upon a crimson velvet cushion, fringed and lined with gold, the sovereign's commission; and the mantle of the order.

Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, knight of the most honourable order of the Bath, and the great chamberlain, baron de Beckendooff, and the king at arms, followed.

His most serene highness the margrave, in the under habit of the order, supported by their excellencies M. the count de Pappenheim, hereditary marshal of the Holy empire, and M. the veldt-marshal baron de Diemitz, grand commander of the Teutonic order.

Immediately upon their entry into the Salon, the privy counsellors, officers, and gentlemen of his highness, thus proceeding by pairs, made three obeisances jointly towards the stall of the sovereign, and repeated the same in the middle; and at the places appointed for them.

The stall erected for the sovereign, with a canopy, was of crimson velvet, richly laced with gold; in which stall, above the chair, were the arms of England, empaled with St. George's cross.

His highness the margrave having also made the like reverences, ascended into his stall, which was of crimson satin, with a canopy laced with gold; and the arms of the most serene house of Brandenburg-Anspach were above the chair; where seating himself, the commissioners plenipotentiaries did the like in their respective chairs.

The music played for some time; and when it ceased, Sir Charles Hanbury Williams rose up, and making an obeisance to the sovereign's stall, and to the margrave, made a speech in French, setting forth the antiquity and dignity of this most noble order; in answer to which the baron de Beckendooff, principal secretary of state, made a speech in the same language.

Which being ended, the king at arms delivered the commission to Sir Charles, who presented it to the margrave, and his highness gave it to his private secretary to be read aloud, during which time all persons stood up. The secretary having read it, returned it to his highness, who gave it to the king at arms, to be preserved among the archives of the order.

The music then played for some time; during which his highness reposed himself in his stall, and the commissioners plenipotentiaries sat down in their chairs.

After which the king at arms rose up, and making an obeisance to the sovereign's stall, and then to his highness, took from the table whereon the ensigns of the order were laid, the mantle, and giving it to Sir Charles, they jointly invested his highness therewith, the king at arms reading the admonition in Latin.

In the same manner the hood was delivered, and fixed upon the right shoulder of his highness.

The collar was put on in like manner, the king at arms reading the admonition in Latin.

Then Sir Charles delivered to his highness the book of statutes. Lastly, the commissioners plenipotentiaries placed the cap and feathers on his highness's head, and then made a reverence to the stall of the sovereign.

After a short repose, the king at arms stood up, and making his obeisance to the stall of the sovereign, and also to the margrave, proclaimed in Latin the styles of the sovereign, and of his most serene highness.

The proclamation of the styles being made, the trumpets sounded, and the kettle drums beat, and a general discharge of the cannon was made.

The procession returned in the like manner; four gentlemen bearing the train of the margrave's mantle.

When the desert was put upon the table, his highness took off his cap, and drank health, first to the king of Great Britain, sovereign of the most noble order of the Garter; then to the royal highnesses the prince and princess of Wales, and all the royal family; and lastly to the knights companions of the most noble order of the Garter.

Then Sir Charles Hanbury Williams drank prosperity to the house of Brandenburg-Anspach, and the healths of the emperor and emperor's queen.