Statutes of the Order of the Garter as revised by King Edward VI. Complete manuscript on parchment with modern paper endleaves ($x + 2 + 16 + 2 + x$), currently unfoliated; parchment bifolia before and after the two main gatherings were once pastedowns and flyleaves, but codex is now rebound in modern (nineteenth century?) padded embroidered cover with four 280mm blue silk tie-ribbons. Binding is degrading such that first gathering is wholly detachable. Pages measure 220mm x 158mm; fols. 3-18 ruled in plummet, 26 lines to the page with ruled margins. Fol. 2v bears coat of arms of the Order of the Garter under Edward VI, blue and red with silver and gold illumination (silver has tarnished somewhat). Main text is written single-column by one hand in an ornamental secretary script; decorative initials at section heads alternate gold-on-blue and gold-on-red throughout, with the exception of the first initial, which is blue on gold leaf. Date of 17 March 1552, 7 Edward VI, noted in preface on fol. 4r (and embroidered on binding), indicates 17 March 1553 according to modern dating practices (Edward’s seventh regnal year began 28 January 1553 while the new calendar year was reckoned from 25 March). Text and conclusion, including date and witnesses, match the ratification of the short-lived statutes issued as a reform measure under Edward VI shortly before his death; they were abolished within the following year by Philip and Mary. Manuscript appears to match nos. 772 and 774 in the Ashmole collection, Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, and thus to be related also to versions of the Statutes in Ashmolean manuscripts nos. 812, 820 (item 1), 1119 (item 13), as well as to a draft in William Cecil’s hand included in the latter section of British Library MS Cotton Nero C.x.

Garter knights and officers named in conclusion (fol. 18v), present 17 March 1552 [1553]
Henry Grey (Duke of Suffolk), William Parr (Marquess of Northampton), John Dudley (Duke of Northumberland), Henry FitzAlan (Earl of Arundel), Edward Stanley (Earl of Derby), Frances Hastings (Earl of Huntingdon), William Paulet (Marquess of Winchester), William Herbert (Earl of Pembroke), Walter Deveraux (Viscount Hereford), Edward Clinton (Lord High Admiral), Thomas Cheney, Thomas Darcy (Baron of Chiche), George Brooke (Baron Cobham), Andrew Dudley, William Cecil (Chancellor of the Order), Philip Hobby (Usher of the Black Rod), Gilbert Dethick (Garter Principal King of Arms)

Works Consulted


**Transcription**

[fol. 3r]

Edward the Syxte by the grace of god kyng of Englaunde ffraunce and Irelande defender of the faite and in earthe of the Church of Englaunde and also Irelande the Supreme hedd / To all that shall see these presents / Gretyng /

Our moste noble auncestors king(es) of Engl- and studyeng gretly and long considering with them selues what deuoute Reuerence towards god / what naturall love to their Countrey what loving affection to theire Subjectes they owght to bere / they sone fownde that nothing was eyther fytter or more agreable with their office then to advaunce to high honor and glory good / godly valiaunte well couraged wise and noble men and to brede and manteyne a certeyne amytie fellowship and mutuall agreement / in all honest thing(es) among- ste all men but especially among equall(es) ffor they judgèd honor (as surely it is) the Rewarde of vertu / and concore / the fundacion and enlarger of comen weales / when they had wysely weyd these thing(es) they thought it beste to make a certeyn fellowshipp and as it were a Colledge of those that had very well and honestly borne them selues at home in tyme of peace and had tryed them selues

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valiant and wise abrode in martiall feates wher- fore they deuised þ(a)þ such men in a token of concorde and vnyte / shuld weare aboute their legg(es) a certeyn garter / whereby they shuld declare to all men that for their country and gods cause they wold be redy valiantly and manfully to spend / nat onely their goods / but also them selues and their lyues and for that cause they haue caullèd this fellowshypp the order of the garter / but that olde serpent Sathan
a contynuall aduersary to mankynde, had so grete envy herat for þ(a)t he espied it to be of all men, bothe in owr owne and foreyne countreys much commendid, that he busily labored, to deface and ytterly to destroyso grete an encouragement and occasion of vertue, and this he did so much the rather when he sawe so many valiante men styrrd with desyer of this honor to thatteyning of þ(er)fytte and absolute vertue, whervpon so farre furth he went (subtilly blyndyng mens eyes vpon hope of prey) that at the length he filled and stuffed, the very statutes and ordynauncys of this fellowship and order with many obscure sup(er)sticious and Repugnant opinions, we therefore to defeate this so greate malyce of that subtill ennemy haue ben gretly moved by thatauncetnes Ma(ies)tie and very godlynes of this order so that we thought

[fol. 4r]
all owr studye labor and diligence to be well be-stowed in reducyng the same to his original estate and prystyne fundacion ~

Wherfore at a solempne convocation at owr chap-ter holden at owr palace of westminster the xvij of Marche, in the yere of the lord, after the computacion of the church of Engelande 1552, and in the seventh yere of owr Reigne, where the most p(ar)te of the knightes of the same order were presente with vs. It was enacted and decreed by vs with thassent of those knightes of thorder whose names be subscribed in thende herof, that thartic-les within wrytten shalbe trewly obserued as the statutes of this order ~ ~

Thorder of the Garter / Caput .j.

First of all be it decreed that this order from hensfurth, shalbe caulld thorder of þe Garter, and nat of saynte George, lesthe thonor which is dewe to god the creator of all thing(es) mi-ght seame to be geuen to any creature

Also there shalbe of the same order twenty and five worthye and honorable knightes besyde /
the soverayne being all gentillmen borne and without Reproche

The Soverayne / Caput .ij.

The Kyng of England his heyres (and) successors king(es) shalbe soverayne of this order, as he hath euer ben heretofore / To whome also the declaracion interpretation / definicion / and as the matter shall requyre / the correction of the statutes / shall allweis belong hauyng therto þe consent of .vj. of thorder at the leaste

When so euer the Soverayn shall understand that one of the knights of thorder is ded and wolde haue another apoynited in his place / he shal sende by his l(ett)res to the reste of the knightes of thorder being in the Realme, or to so many of them as to his Ma(ies)tie shall seame expedient, being nat vnder the nombre of syx at the leaste, com(m)aundyng them to attend vpo-n his highnes at such place and tyme as he shal apoynte for the election /

The Soverayn shall haue this pryvelege that he may dispence with ceremonyes belonging to this order and as cause requyreth geue lycense to omytte the same ~ ~

None shalbe admitted into this fellowshypp except he be a gentillman of bludd of þe fathers syde from thre discents and bearyng Armes and shalbe of thorder of knighthod before his election w(i)t(h)out dew reproche of all maner of shamefull actes and deades

When so euer a Rome or moo shalbe voyde and the knightes of thorder ether all or at the leste syx of them besyde the soverayn hauyng on their ac-coustumed Robes / shalbe assemblid w(i)t(h) the soverayn evey one of them shall wryte the names of Nyne worthy p(er)sonag(es) / ffirst of pryncys / that is to saye of Emperors / kying(es) / Archidukes / Dukes / Marquyses or Erles / and thre of viscountes / barons or lordes / and thre of banneretts / knightes or knightes comenly caulled bacheler knightes / which being so wrytten
and presented, to the souerayne accordyng to thaccousted maner / his Ma jes tie / shall chose owt of them who me he thynketh moste worthye of the place voyd and if he or they which shalbe so chosen be there p(rese)nte two knights of thorder shall leade hym or them in to the place where the souerayne is the one after the other accordyng to their honore and place, and his highnes shal pute aboute his neck a coller or littell

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litle chayne or lace / hauing a Massye golden Image of a armed knighte sytting on horseback compassed with a garter of gold hanging thereat in which garter shalbe this sentence conteyned Hony Soit, quy mal / y, pense / which is the cognisaunce of thorder / And that don two other compagnions of the saide order shall fasten or tye the garter about his lefte legge / To whome shalbe deluyeered by the Chauncelor or his deputie a boke of the statutes of thorder, signed with the soueraynes hand, which after the deth of the saide knighte must be restored to garter kyng of armes

After this he shall within a moneth after this / election haue in Redynes the mantell / kyrtell hodd and Coller / with thaccousted apparell of thorder / and at the time apoynted by the soverayne shall repayre to wyndesor with two other knightes of thorder hauying comission from the Soverayne / and the reste of thofficers of thorder that may be present / and there in the chapell takyng his othe shalbe enstalled and have thabytt put on in maner and forme as hath ben accoustumed and there his hachements beyne sette vp by garter he shalbe then accom pted and reputed for a p(er)fytt knight of this order

[fol. 6r]
Neverthelesse for that it may often chaunse that some shalbe chosen to this order, being ether absent owt of the Realme / or otherwyse employed in the servyce of the kyng Ma jes tie / or els be so deteyned in sycknes / as they can nat convenyently within a monethes space after the election repaye eyther to the presence of the souerayne to receue thorder or to wyndesor to be enstalled / in that case the
election being made in chapter and knowledge
guen by the Soveraynes l(ett)res to the knight chosen
of his election / and the order of the garter being
sente to the saide knight by one of the said knight(es)
of the saide order / or by Garter the kyng of armes
the saide knighte shalbe accompted and taken as a
knight of this order / to all maner of pourpo-
eses as though he had ben present at the election
and had ben actually stalled and arayed w(i)t(h) thabytt
although he shulde chaunse to dye before any enstal
ment / or to be lenger absent after hys election
than one moneth / provyded nevertheles that as so-
ne as he may conveniently repayre to the sovera-
yne he shall ofer hym self redy to procede at the
pleasure of the soverayne / to his enstallement
in such sorte as is aboue lymyted for them which
shall within one moneth after their election be
installed / and shall there be enstalled as if he

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might within the moneth convenently have repay-
red to wyndsoe / and yet nevertheles, it shalbe lefull
for þe soverayne to dispence at his pleasor w(i)t(h) any such
knighte so chosen to this order being absent touching
any p(ar)te or ceremony of the enstalling, forseyng that
he be chosen accordyng to the manor prescribed and
that he haue thorder sente to hym from the soveray-
ne and that his hachements be sete up in dew place
by garter ~ ~

When Garter shall sett vp at wyndsoe the
hachements of any knights of this order newly
chosen in the place of anny deceased owt of this lyf
without condemnacon of any cryme / he shall
before the settyng up of the new hachements /
take downe in order and that reuerently the banner
sword / hellmet / and Crest / of hym that last decessed
in whose place the new doth succede, and shall in
the chapell present the same, one after another
to the deane or in his absence to the subdeane
or other of the principall Cannon there with
these wordes / These were the hachements of
A knight of this noble order who decessed his
lif souche a day Addying thereto this sentence
Blessed be the dead that dye in the Lorde /
which don the dean or he to whome these hache-
ments shall be presented / shall enter in writing the same to be entryd by the Register / and then shall Garter sett vp the new hachements ~

Also every knight of the said order within syx monethes after he is appoynted by the soverayne to his stall at wyndesor shall cause a plate in convinent propoortoin of some kynd of metall hauyngr therein his Armes graven to be sett vp in his proper stall

Every Whitson euen yerely / Garter the principall kyng of armes, shall cause scuchions of the armes of every knight as well p(res)ente as absent to be paynted with metall and couler and sete vp in the proper seates / at such place where the kyng(es) Ma jes tie shall kepe or celebrate / the feaste that yere / at the cost of the Soverayne ~ ~

If any Duke / Marquys Erle viscounte Baron Banneret or bacheler knight / being of hitis order shall chaunse to dye / he that succedith hym of what estate so ever he be / shall haue onely that stall which his predecessor before had nether shall he change it / without speciall apoyntment of the soverayne unles he be an Emperor or kyng or the prynce of

some Realme / or of the bludd Roiall / who shall haue allweys the stalles / accordyng the estate next to the soverayne /

Every one of the Compagnions of this order shall haue allweys remayning at wyndesor colledge in a redynes A mantle for thorder to be ever redy for such busynes as dyuers tymes chaunseth to be don abouthe thorder

No knight of this order shall departe the Soveraynes domyion without leve firste had of / the Soveraigne ~ ~

No knight of thorder shall come into counsell of this order or go abrode openly without his
garter / except it be when he rydeth booted / and as ofte as he shall mysse herof he shalbe blame worthy, and being admonyshed shall paye vnto the mynisters of the church of wyndesor a Noble

**Sum(m)es of monny payable by the knightes of thorder at the time of their election ~ ~**

By the kyng of England / fforty markes

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By a fforeyne kyng ~ Twenty pownde
By the prync of wales or an heyre aparante to our kyng ~ Thirtene pownd syx shill(ings) (and) eight pens
By a Duke ~ Tenne pownd – by a Marquys
Eight pownd syx shill(ings) (and) eight pence / By a Erle Syx pownd / thirtene shill(ings) (and) fower pence / By a viscounte ~ Fyve pownd syxtene shill(ings) (and) eight pence
By a baron ~ fyve pound ~ By a knighte – thre pownd syx shill(ings) (and) eight pence ~

**The Sum(m)es of mony folowing are such as besyds the other shalbe levyed of the Rest of thorder when so euer any knight of thorder shalbe elected ~ ~**

Of the king of Englande / eight pownd syx shill(ings)
and eight pence ~ Of a forreyne kyng syx pou(n)d thirtene shill(ings) (and) fower pence /~ Of the prync of wales or any heyer apparante to any other kyng – fyve pownd syxtene shill(ings) (and) eight pence / Of a Duke – fyve pownde/~ Of a Marques Thre pound fyftene shill(ings) ~ Of a Erle fyftie shill(ings)
Of a viscount ~ forty one shill(ings) (and) eight pence / Of a baron ~ Thirtie thre shill(ings) (and) fower pence of a bachelore knighte ~ Syxtene shilling(es)
and eight pence /

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Lett the saide Sum(m)es of mony be gathered and bestowed upon the poore and for Repayring of high wayes ~ ~

The mony that shalbe dew aforesaid by straingers elected to this order / the kyng as souerayne of this
order shall disbourse / And the rest of the Som(m)es of mony that shalbe dew by the knight(es) of this order being no straingiers / euerie of the saide knights shall paye for them selues / and if any of them refuse so to doo / then the recusant shall paye ouer and besid(es) the Sum(m) payable by hym / a thirde p(ar)te of the same som(m)e as a penaltie or payne for brekyng of this order / ~ ~ ~

**The othe of a knight of Thorder**

I N / named and chosen knight of this moste noble order of this garter / do promyse and sweare þ(a)t I will defend and manteyne all the dignities / causes Lawes and domynions of the kyng of Englande / soueraigne of this order / that I will set furthe god(es) glory and honor / and throughly observer so much as shall lye in me the statutes of this order / and finally defend and manteyne to my power the liberti-es of the same wherof I take god to wyttnes

**[fol. 9r]**

**Stranger knights of thorder**

**Caput iiiij**

When any forreyne prynce shalbe chosen into this order / the Soverayne shall send to hym one of the knightes of the saide order and Garter the kyng of Armes / with the statutes signed with the Soveraynes hand and sealed with the seale of the same order / who after the ende of the com(m)en prayers vsed in that countrye shall put vpon the p(er)son elec-ted into this company, the accoustumed Robes and apparell / of thorder that is to saye / the mantell the kertell and the hoode, also aboute his neck they shall put a coller of golde wrought with Roses hauyng the order of the garter hangyng thervnto / and about his legg they shall tye the Garter / ~

No forreyne prynce elected into this order / shalbe bounde to geue any othe or to p(er)forme thother ceremo-nyes of thorder, vnles they will them selues nor yet to leve duryng their lyves the wearyng of thimage of Saynte George which they firste receued but as hit shall please them ~
The othe of a Stranger chosen into thorder ~ ~

[fol. 9v]
I N. do promyse and sweare that I shall trewly obserue in all poyntes from article to article the statutes of the noble order of knighthod in England Cauled the order of the garter / as is conteyned p(ar)ticulerly in a booke of the same order geuen to me, so that nothing be therin specified contrary to such thing(es) as I haue heretofore sworne vnto

The depriuacion of a knight of thorder / Caput .v. m

Who so ever shalbe convicted of any capitall offence or shalbe known cowardly to haue torned their face from their ennemys in battell or shalbe spotted with any capitall cryme though they escape the paynes of deth / or haue ben receued into this company for lack of knowledge of their stock / and lynage accordyng to the ordynaunce aboue expressed / and shalbe afterward dewly proved no gentillman / shalbe removed and expelled from this order and fellowship

Be it further ordered that when a knight of this order is degraded, the vssher als provest of this order and fellowship by thappointement

[fol. 10r]
and commaundymynt of the Soverayne / shall first of all arrest the knight convict with his black rodd, and afterward he with the kyng of Armes / associate with hym / or one of them being authorised by the kyng / shall take a waye from hym the coller and garter of thorder / provyded allweys that no such Rest be executed or donne vpon any of the saide company or fellowship / without first the same be consulted upon at a chapter holden in the presence of the soue-rayne and there concluded with the number of syx at the leaste of thorder ~ ~

Furthermore after that Garter the kyng of Armes hath declared openly his offence being
treason or heresy at wyndsor accordyng to thaccou-
stumed maner one of the heraulds of armes shall
throwe downe his hachements hanging over his
seate there and contemptuously sporne them with
his feate (as he may) owt of the chappell by w(hi)ch
facte he shalbe taken euer afterward for a p(er)son
degrated / and quyte depyued of this order /

The Name of a knight of thorder condemned
of treason being entred into the Register
booke of thorder / shall afterwards haue this note
in the mergent ouer agenst the place where

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where the name shalbe wrytten / Vah traytor / the
name nevertheless remayning vnputowte

The publishing of a knighte degra
ded from thorder to be pronownced by
Garter kyng of Armes in these words
folowing

Be it knowen to all men that N. late a knight
and Compagnion of the noble order of the garter
is accused and atteynted of treason / wherefore
he hath deserued to be remoued and put from the
saide order and fellowshipp wherfore the king(es)
most exellent Ma(jes)tie Souereyne of this order
caullyng a Chapter of the Compagnions of
the same hath willed and commaundned that
these unworthy Armes / of that traiterous p(er)son
shalbe throwne downe and defaced as a manyfest
argument to depyue hym of this order / That
by his ensample all men herafter may beware
to com(m)ytte lyke offence ~ ~

Of the feaste and Ceremonyes <Caput vj>

The feaste of this order shall yerely be celebra-
te and kept on whitson euen whitsondaye

[fol. 11r]
and whitson monday / except it shalbe the kyng(es)
Ma(jes)t(es) pleasure by reason of sicknes or some other
greate cause to dyferre the same vntill some
other tyme which thing shall allweis be refer-
red to the kyng(es) Ma jes)t(es) order ~

It is also ordered, that all the knights of the saide order shalbe present at whitsonlyde at the place where the kyng(es) Ma jes)tie shall then be except they shall haue his Ma jes)(es) license to be then absent / And there wearyng the Robes of this order, shall gyve their attendaunce duri- ng the saide feaste as they haue hitherto don

Furthermore at this tyme of the feaste the compagnions of thorder shalbe p(rese)nte with the souerayne / at mornynge and euenyng prayers / and as many of them as may prepare them selues shall receue the communyon of the body and blud of Christe /

Afterward if cause shall so require, they shall go together into the Chapter to consulte of such matters as doth belong to the order

Also the knightes of thorder being there p(rese)nte

[fol. 11v]

with the souerayne shall sytte at dyner and supper in their Robes all vpon one syde of the table / ta- kynge euery man his place in such order as they be enstalled at Wyndesor ~

Also the Residew of the fellowes of the saide order that shall nat be present at the feste shall celebrate the same at the same tyme / and after lyke sorte / and fascion with Reuerence and comlynes in their owne howses wearyng on their Robes of thorder all the tyme of their fest except in case of sicknes /

Thapparell of thorder Cap(u)t .vij.

Be it ordered that the Apparell of Thorder which the knightes of thorder shall weare at the feastes and at other apoynted assemblies of thorder / shalbe such as followeth / that is to saye a syde kertell of Crymesyn veluet / a Mantell of blew purple with a hood / a coller also or a cheyne of golde / and a Garter to be tyde aboute the
The Coller shall weye xxx ownc(es) of Troye
weight / or thereaboutes / and be made by

The Coller shall haue this sentence wrytten
wrought or embrodred on the owte syde /
aboute it in french with golden l(ett)res / Hony
soit quy maly pense /

In the Rest of thapparell of thorder let the olde
fascion bothe of the makyng and wearyng of the
same be kept and obserued ~

Be it also ordered that tharmes of Thorder
shall still be as heretofore they haue ben, that
is a Red Crosse geulles paynted in a siluer feld
or Scuchion ~

The hachments also shalbe such as they haue
ben heretofore / that is to saye / a banner a
healmet / a Crest / the ornament of the hellmytt
which is caulled, the Mantell and the Sword ~

The mynisters of Thorder Cap(u) / viij

Forasmuch as it is very me ate that sume myni-
sters of honor shulde serve this so honorable
an order it is ordered / that fowre shalbe appoynted
for the same porpose / that is to wete / the chauncelor
first the Register second the vsshier or provest
thirde / and the kyng of Armes fowrth which shall
be caulled garter whose offices be herafter p(ar)ticu-
lerly declared

The Chauncellor Caput, ix /

Forasmuch as thoffice of the Chauncellor
is an honorable office and of very grete
charge, it is ordered that to thadministracion ther-
of, some man of good estimacion being a knight
and a gentillman borne / and also of good experience
and Lernyng shalbe chosen and poynted thetto

It shalbe the office of the Chauncellor vpon

The seale and signet of Thorder

The Chauncellor shall also kepe þe grete seale (and) signett
of thorder where w(i)t(h) he shall also seale þe statut(es) (and) decrees of
thorder / com(m)issions / com(m)aundiment(es) / graunt(es) certificates
(and) all op(er) instrument(es) p(er)teyning, to thorder upon þe sove
raynes com(m)aundymment (and) if he chaunse to dep(ar)te from þe
Souerayn the space of lx miles of known porpose he

[fol. 13v]
shall deleyu(er) the saide seales to þe souerayn or to anye
other appointed by the Soverayne

The Prynte of the Seale and Signett shalbe in this sorte / the Armes of England and ffraunce together with tharmes of thorder shalbe therin grauen with this brefe sentence aboute hit
Hony soit quy mal y pense /

The Chauncellers garment w(hich) he shall weare at the celebracion of þe feste, (and) all other solempne assemblies of þe compagnions of the said order, shalbe a syde gowne (w(i)t(h) sleues made of blew satyn, and for token þ(a)t he is an officer of thorder he shall weare about his neck hanging by a lace or cheyne a crosse of thorder (w(i)t(h) a Red rose in a white of gold all compassed (w(i)t(h) a garland as Red and white Roses ~ fynally þ(e) said chauncelor shall haue besyde his fee belonging to his ofice a howse at wyndsor (w(i)t(h) an allowance of mete and drynk after tholde Custome

The Register / Caput x.m

If he þ(a)t occupieth thofice of þe Register be an eccl(es)tiasticall p(er)son he shalbe then ether a doctor of dyuinitie or of þe ciuill lawe but if he be a temporall man he shall then be a knight (and) a gentill(man) of blud of experience also (and) lerning com(m)endable ~

[fol. 14r]
His office shalbe to be present at all assemblies of the companyons of thorder and at euery election to wryte the Names of such persons as are named in election / and when he hath so donne (if the chauncellor be absent) to deluyuer up the same with dew Reuerence to his soveraiyne or to his lieutenant

In the absence of the Register, the deane or the moste auncyent Cannon or prebendary of Wyndesor Colledge shall supplie his place in that poynyte for the tyme

The Register shall wryte the daye wherein any knighthe is made of this order and the tyme of his dethe /
Also what statutes are in force (and) what Repealed
Moreover he shall cronycle and put in wrytyng the Martiall feates and valiant actes of the Souerayn and knightes of thorder with credyte and memory which eyther by his owne Industry, or by informacion of the chauncellor or kyng of Armes he hath lerned ~ ~

ffor which purpose he shall prepare two grete

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bookes or Registers / thone whereof allweys remayni- ng / in the Castell of wyndesor / thereto be kept of such as shall succede in the saide office / shalbe cauled the Register of wyndesor / thother the Regist(er) shall haue allweys with hym in a redynes in the Courte to be shewed the Soverayne / when he shall call for it / shalbe cauled the Register of the cowrte

Furthermore the Register shall yerely at whitsontyde / in the begynnyng of the counsell or Chapter before the soueraigne or his lietenante and other knightes of thorder there present reherse all thing(es) don the yere past belonging to thorder noted faithfully by hym, to thentent þ(a)t if any thing be therin wrytten amysse or untrew-ly the same might be revoked and amendid ~

He shall allweys vse the Counsell and advyse of the Chauncellor, in the wrytyng and Registring of all thing(es) p(er)tyning to thorder /

The Register and Deane of wyndesor shall haue the collection and gathering of all suche sumes of mony as are apoynted by these statutes to be payde by the knightes of thorder / and shall bestowe the same vpon the pore vpon the mendyng

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of high wayes and vpon other lyke charitable deades which the soverayn shall thinke mete / of the recept and bestowing of which somes of mony / they shall ma-ke accompt ones yerely to the soverayne wherin if they doo faile they shall forfeyte x to be employed in such sorte as thother mony shalbe ~

The Registers gowne shalbe lyke the Chauncellors
and shall weare aboute his neck hangyng by a
lace a Redd Rose and a white of gold one within the other

he shall also haue a house in the castell of windesor
and meate and drynke in such sorte as hath ben
heretofore vsed / And also he shall haue his accoust-
umed fee / and of euery knight chosen into this compa-
ny at the tyme of his enstallying – xxx

**The Vssher or provest / Cap(u)t. xj**

The vssher or provest shalbe also a gentillman
and beare Armes, who if he be no knight at
the tyme of his entrye into thoffice, he shall then be
made knighte / when so euer the Souerayne and
the residew of the knightes of this order mete to
gether in counsell to consulte of any matter belong-
gyng to thorder he shall kepe the vtter dore where so

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euer the souerayne or his lieutenante shall
celebrate yerely the feste of thorder, the vssher
or provest shall cary there before hym a black
Rood / or els in his necessary absens some other
appoynted by the provest being a mete man
for the pourpose and allowed by the soverayne

He shall execute his auncyent authori
ty in dis-
gratyng knights from this order / in such sorte
as is declared in the Chapter of depryuacion

For theexecution whereof he shall receue
of euery one that shalbe so depryued
fyve pownd accordyng to thaccoustumed maner

But if he shall admonyshe any of thorder
by the Soveraynes commaundyment (and) fellows
of sume smaller faute by hym commytted
he shall then clayme of the p(ar)tye so admonyshed
but ~ xx

The Provist shall weare a lyke gowne
as the Chauncellor and Register doo, but
he shall weare about his neck hangyng at a
lace a Redd Rose, and a white of golde lyke the
Register
Besydes his yerely fee he shall haue a howse at wyndorsor / and meate and drynke in lyke sorte as / the Register

**The Kyng of Armes / Caput xijm**

Garter the king of Armes (shalbe for thonor of thorder) a gentillman of bludd as the reste of the officers are, and of a well knowen name and reputacion, the same Garter bering armes hym self, and being borne within the Realme shalbe hedd and cheff herauld of all oficers of armes w(i)t(h)-in the saide Realme ~ ~

His office shalbe, to take the names surnames and cognisauncys, of euery knight chosen into this order and to cause the boke wherin the same shall be wryten to be delyuered to his Successors /

The saide garter shall make diligent enquyry and serche for the noble and valiant actes of the Soverayne and Compagnions of thorder and shall therof make trew Reporte to the Chauncel- lor and Register to thentent they may be put in wrytyng by the saide Register as aforesaide

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He shall / either convey by hym self or procure to be conveyd all such l(ett)res as do belong to the / order / and also shall signifie to the Soverayne Chauncellor or Register of theorder / the deth of euery knight, that there may be appoynted a New electi- on / at the Soveraynes pleasure ~

Furthermore he shall doo or cause to be done what of euer the Soverayne or Chauncellor in the Soveraynes name shall com(m)aunde hym in thing(es) p(er)teyning to thorder

Also the said Garter of his deputie shall mini- ster the othe to all officers of Armes for the which he shall Receue thaccoustumed fees

The said Garter shall have of the Souerayne
his yerely fee accoustumed

Also he shall clayme and haue, as often as any Duke, Marquys Erle viscount Baron or knight are made knightes of this order thump-permmost garment, that they so elected shall weare vpon them ~ ~

He shall weare thapparell that he hath

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ben accoustumed to wear / and shall haue mete and drynke and a howse at wyndesor as the vse hath ben in tymes paste

Thoffice of all Mynisters Ioyntly Caput xiij /

The Mynisters that shall wayte on the Soueraigne and knightes at the feste of theorder and other metyng(es) touching the same shall kepe this order in their goyng ~ ~

First of all the provest and the kyng off Armes shall go together next before the Soverayne and so then before them the Chauncellor and the Register

When the knightes of thorder shall sytt in theire stalles in the quyer of wyndsor / the saide officers of thorder shall sytte on two formes sett overthua-rt in the same place vpon the one whereof shall sytt the Chauncelor and the Register / and on the other the provest and Garter the kyng of Armes

The saide Mynisters dischargyng theire office(es) well shall allweys be vnder the protection of the Souerayne / that is they shalbe kept and /

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defendid by hym from all Iniury and wrong that shalbe ofred them / and shall haue all theire causes of sewtes determyned by the Soverayne without vexacion in any other Cowrtes

And shall haue and enioye all aunayent liberties and preemyneckys heretofore apperteyning to euer
of their offices

Euery one of the said Mynisters before they be
chosen into office shall sweare they shall dily-
gently in all thing(es) discharge their office and the
maner of their othe shalbe such as foloweth

The com(m)en Othe to be Mynistred to
to the Mynisters ~ ~

Thow shalt first sweare, that thou shalt
obeye the Souerayne in all thing(es) and
after hym the knightes of this moste noble
order especially in those thing(es) which shall
aperteyne to the and agree with thy offyce

Thow shalt sweare that when thou arte called
to Chapter and shalbe made pryuye to secrets
there thou shalt kepe counsell and shall nat

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vtter nor disclose that which thou shalt there
here in Counsell ~ ~ ~

Thou shalte sweare that thou shalte defend (and)
manteyne the dignite of this order and all the com
pagnions of the same / and if anything shalbe
attempted agenst the same / thou shalte to thy
power withstand and resiste it

Finally thou shalte sweare that thou shalt
execute / discharge and faithfully doo all thing(es)
that shall aperteyne or belong to thyne office
w(i)t(h)out any maner affection / favor / hate / or feare
of any man

This othe the Register shall mynister to the chaun
cellor / provest and Garter / and the Chauncellor
lykewise to the Register

The Conclusion

Tharticles before wrytten in this booke shalbe
taken for the monyment(es) / Statutes and lawes
of this order / and all other which are contrary
to the same shalbe abolished and Repealed
Be it Remembred that at the Chapter mentioned in the begynnyng of this booke were present with the Soverayne these knight(es) of thorder folowing:

Duke of Suffolke ~ Marquys of Northampton
Duke of Northumb(er)land ~ Erle of Arrundell
Erle of Derby ~ Erle of Huntyngton
Marquys of wynchest(er) ~ Erle of pembrooke
Vicount Hereford ~ Lord Clynton Admirall
S(ir) Thomas Cheny ~ Lord Darcy of Chichee
Lord Cobham ~ S(ir) Andrew Dudley

S(ir) W(illiam) Cecill / Cancell(or)
Mynisters
S(ir) phillip Hobby Vssher
S(ir) Gilb(er)t Dethik Garter

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