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A Letter to

transmitting the Ensigns of the Order of the Garter to be deliver'd by
him to Prince William Henry.

Trusty and wellbelov'd we greet you well Whereas
at a Chapter held by Us and the rest of the Knights Companions of our
Most Noble Order of the Garter in our Palace at St. James's on Friday
the 19th day of April last in the twenty second Year of our Reign, We
have thought fit to elect and chuse our dearly beloved Son Prince
William Henry to be one of the Companions of the Most Noble Order of
the Garter and because we are well assur'd that this Respect of ours
will be very welcome unto his Noble and Princely Inclinations and be
agreeable to his heroic Education and Professions and having signified
to him our said Election Our Will and Pleasure is that you carefully
deliver to him the George and Garter*
Given at our Court at St. James's this Day of May 1782 in the
twenty second Year of our Reign

The foregoing, with the Letter to the Prince should be drawn by the Chancellor
signed by the Sovereign and sealed by the Chancellor with the Seal of the Order
Of this Letter it is presumed more modern Precedents may be found with the
Chancellor.

It does not appear that any Ceremonies have been used in the delivery of the
Ensigns of the Garter where Garter or his Deputy did not attend.

The Ceremony of the delivery used by Garter is short, consisting chiefly in
delivering the Letters of Election bearing the Ensigns on a Velvet Cushion
kneeling on the Garter and putting on the Ribbon and the Cloak or Garment
with the Star of the Order when there is a Dispensation for that purpose.

King Charles the second on 8 April 1662 issued a Warrant to Garter to send
the whole Habit to the Prince Elector of Brandenburg, dispensing at the same
time with the sending an Ambassador and Garter King of Arms to deliver the
same on account of the Installation &c.

* If any other Ensigns are sent they are also to be named.