



INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE AT THE MECHANICS' HALL NOTTINGHAM AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF THE FREEMASONS OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—SEE NEXT PAGE.



The installation of the Duke of Newcastle, Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Nottinghamshire, took place on the 7th inst., at the Mechanics' Hall, Nottingham, which was converted into a lodge-room. The occasion was one of no ordinary interest in a masonic point of view—the relation in which the Duke stands to the town of Nottingham—the respect in which he is held by all classes—his position as a Minister of the Crown—all these gave peculiar interest to the performance of the ceremony. The installation was attended by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, Sir Joseph Paxton, Grand Chaplain of the Order; Captain Boyer, Grand Master of Oxfordshire; and a great number of nobility and gentry were present, including representatives from the grand lodge, and numerous other distinguished members of the craft.

The brethren assembled at eleven o'clock, and at twelve the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire was opened for the transaction of business, the reception of the most worshipful the Grand Master, and the installation. On the lodge being closed and reopened in a lower degree, a levée was held for the presentation of mason visitors.

At three o'clock in the afternoon a banquet took place in the Corn Exchange, presided over by the Duke of Newcastle, supported by the Earl of Zetland, and a number of distinguished visitors from the most distant parts of the country.

In the evening there was a masonic ball in the Exchange Room, which was open to the general public, to commemorate the installation of the Duke.