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SAINT GEORGE

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LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR:
BARONESS ASHTON OF UPHOLLAND GCMG

It is an enormous privilege to write the foreword to this year's Annual Report – especially so for two reasons. First, I have the honour of following George Robertson as Chancellor. George took immense interest and great pride in the work of the Order and in promoting the need to ensure it was sustainable in the future. I will endeavour to continue his work, especially to encourage us all to put forward those deserving of recognition.

Second, I am aware of being the first woman to hold the position of Chancellor, having been the first woman King of Arms. In my life I have quite often carried that distinction. I have made it a factor of my success to ensure in the future there is always a second, third and so on.

As we move towards greater opportunities to be together – while continuing to exercise care and diligence for those around us – I look forward to the chance for many of us to meet. The annual lecture will take place this summer and the date has been circulated. Our Evensong and Reception at St Paul's Cathedral will be on Wednesday 28th September at 5pm. I hope to welcome many of you there.

Finally, can I offer a special welcome to all those who have recently joined us. Congratulations on the recognition of your work and role. I hope you will find great value in being part of this distinguished and extraordinary group of people.

Cathy Ashton

THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

Auspicium melioris ævi

“Token of a better age”



Figure 1: Presented by The Earl Beauchamp GCMG (1911-13) the work of HH Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig Holstein, 1913

The Order of St Michael and St George is the fourth most senior of the British Orders of Chivalry, after The Most Noble Order of the Garter, The Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle and The Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George was founded in 1818 by The Prince Regent, later King George IV, following the Napoleonic wars. The purpose of the Order was to recognise and



Figure 2: Close up of the images of St Michael and St George

reward the meritorious services of citizens in Malta and the Ionian Islands; Malta having been placed under British Sovereignty and the Ionian Islands under British protection.

Included in the founding of the Order was a set of governing Statutes overseen by a group of Officers. The Statutes enacted that the reigning Sovereign of the United Kingdom would be the Sovereign of the Order. The Office of Grand Master and Chancellor, both appointed by The Sovereign, were given to those who had experienced leadership in the Empire. The first Grand Master was Sir Thomas Maitland, an influential figure in the founding of the Order and the Governor of Malta. His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent is the current Grand Master of the Order. He was appointed a GCMG in 1967 and as of 2020 is the longest serving Principal Knight and Grand Master.

When British protection of the Ionian Islands ended in 1868, the Order went through a series of reforms to widen its reach; changing from an 'Ionian Order' to a 'Colonial Order' which was then distributed throughout the British Empire to British subjects living or serving abroad. The Order's purpose also shifted to become a way of rewarding and recognising services to the foreign affairs of the Empire.

Since its conception there have been numerous appointments to the Order from around the world, including a number of Governor-Generals and Governors of the Commonwealth. In 1965 the Order was opened to women and Evelyn Bark CMG, OBE was awarded the first female CMG in the 1967 New Year's Honours List. The Order now has over 1200 Members from across the world.

The Chapel of the Order – St Paul's Cathedral

The Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, in St Paul's Cathedral, was formally dedicated in 1906. Fifteen years earlier, the enterprising Archdeacon of London, William Sinclair, had spoken of his visionary quest to find a spiritual home for the Order. He announced his plan at the Imperial Federation Banquet.



Figure 3: Silver Gilt Alms Dish c. 1906 designed and made by William Bainbridge Reynolds

This seems to have been something of an individual campaign by the Archdeacon as there is no record of a prior consultation with the Cathedral Chapter and no known connection with the Order.

Great debates ensued about the suitability of the Archdeacon's ideals and plans for the Order. In particular, his wish that the Knights of the Order should be given Banners, which would have involved substantial costs and set a precedent.

In 1895, Robert Gregory, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, announced that he was happy to support the campaign and suggested that the Wellington Chapel could be dedicated for the purpose. The name 'Wellington' referred to the area of the Cathedral, in the South West corner, used to construct and temporarily house the monument in memory of the Duke of Wellington. It had also been the area set at one time for the Consistory Court of London.



Figure 4: Register of The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George Vol 1 - c.1918

The Dean of St Paul's expressed the view that dedicating a Chapel to the Order gave an opportunity for it to be recognised in a similar way to the Order of the Garter at St George's Chapel, Windsor, and the Order of the Bath at Westminster Abbey. After consultation with Members of

the Order, the Dean commented that: 'It would be a pleasure to us to do what we can to meet these wishes'. Furthermore, the Chapter was prepared to contribute £250 towards the estimated cost of £1,000 for 'the expense of properly fitting up the Chapel'.

The Prelate of the Order had traditionally been appointed from amongst the serving colonial Bishops. With the advent of a dedicated Chapel, it was proposed that in future, the Prelate should be a resident of the United Kingdom rather than abroad but with strong overseas

connections.

In the early years of the twentieth century, a committee was set up and an appeal was launched to further the establishment of the Chapel, raising a total of £7,200. Due to its limited size the Chapel was unable to house its inaugural Service, and so it was agreed that the Service would take place on the main Cathedral floor. The Service was held on 12th June 1906, and was attended by both King Edward VII, and the Prince of Wales, later King George V, as Grand Master, along with other distinguished participants including Members of the Order in 'full dress and insignia pertaining to their rank'. At the Service, the Prelate preached on the text of Ephesians 6:13.

It was agreed that the Service would take place annually and the liturgy written specially for the Order by Bishop Collins of Gibraltar. A Service was then established to commemorate those Members of the Order who had died during the previous year.

By 1911 the Prelate proposed the involvement of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in the Order, but this particular debate proved to be a lengthy one and it was not until 1967 that the Dean of St Paul's took up the ex-officio position of Dean of the Order.

Decoration and improvements to the Chapel continued for many years, most particularly under the patronage of Bishop Henry Montgomery who, as Prelate of the Order from 1905-1932, was a most vigorous and enthusiastic campaigner for the promotion of the Order on behalf of its Members. After his death, very few alterations

were made to the Chapel, until discussions began in 1967 to plan for a budget of £4,000 to undertake new refurbishments. A new statue of St Michael, designed in contemporary style, was dedicated in 1970 and the altar was given a new frontal.

The format of the Annual Service remained relatively unchanged for many years. The Service was traditionally held on or near to St George's Day, but from 1956 onwards the date was moved to June, as this was when the greatest number of Members were expected, with an annual dinner held at the Corona Club. In the 1960s, the Service predominantly featured the reading of lists of the deceased and the subsequent removal of Banners from the Chapel; but some felt there was too much emphasis on the dead rather than the living.

For the 1965 Annual Service, revisions were again made, the funeral march omitted, and colour was introduced to the cover of the Service



Figure 5: The Grand Master HRH The Duke of Kent at the Ceremonial Service in 2021

Order. Since 1961, attendance by The Sovereign has usually assumed a pattern of every seven or eight years. In 1990, the decision was made to hold a full Ceremonial Service every two years, and in between to invite Members of the Order to Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral on or near to the 29th September, the feast of St Michael. In 2008, it was decided to hold a full Ceremonial Service every four years, with effect from 2013.

PRAYERS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

Prayer of the Order

Grant unto us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes from living close to thee. Daily renew in all Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George the sense of joy, and let thy eternal Spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and gladness: so that, bearing about with us the infection of a good courage, we may be diffusers of life, and meet all that comes, of good or ill, even death itself, with courage and faith: giving thee thanks always for all things. **Amen.**

Prayers of Commemoration

The following prayers are suggested by the Officers of the Order for use at the Funeral or Memorial Service of a Member of the Order:

O Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, thyself unchanged abiding, we bless thy holy name for all who have completed their earthly course in thy faith and following, and are now at rest; we remember before thee this day all Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in fellowship with their families and all who mourn them, rendering thanks to thee for the gift of their friendship and for their life of service and devotion. To them, with all the faithful departed, grant thy peace: let light perpetual shine upon them: and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Commemoration

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given to mankind the sense of thankfulness and dost sustain us with the wonder of memory, we bless thy holy name for all thy servants who, being Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, have left to us the example of service and loyalty. We humbly commend the soul of thy servant,, into the hands of a faithful creator and merciful Saviour.

Through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Services in the Order's Chapel at St Paul's Cathedral



Figure 6: Interior of the Chapel of St Michael and St George - St Paul's Cathedral

Members, including honorary Members of the Order, may have the following Services in the Chapel of St Michael and St George or St Faith's Chapel, located in the Crypt in St Paul's Cathedral:

- Marriage of a Member or the child of a Member
- Baptism of a child or grandchild of a Member

All take place according to the rites of the Church of England. Step-children and step-grandchildren will be treated as children and grandchildren, so long as their parent is married to a Member of the Order.

Memorial Services for a Member of the Order may also take place. The Order's Chapel will accommodate a congregation of approximately eighty.

A Member wishing to make use of the Order's Chapel should apply to the Deputy Secretary of the Order, currently Lt Col Stephen Segrave, who will confirm with the authorities at St Paul's that the applicant is eligible to have a service in the Chapel. The service may take place only after approval from the Deputy Secretary, who will also put the Member in touch with the Weddings and Baptisms Co-ordinator at St Paul's Cathedral.

The Cathedral authorities will advise the applicant whether the Chapel of St Michael and St George or St Faith's Chapel will be better suited for the service. There are fees involved with the use of the Chapels; the Weddings and Baptisms Coordinator will advise on these costs.

It should be noted that the Chapel of the Order is not ideal for weddings as it is often noisy due to its location in the main body of the Cathedral, which is open to visitors. The Chapel also has limited seating and musical facilities.

Depending on the type of service and the availability of the Chapels, Members may be offered the use of St Faith's Chapel in the Crypt as an alternative. St Faith's Chapel is more conducive to larger ceremonies, particularly weddings, as it is situated away from the general public and offers a larger seating capacity, approximately 350 people. The final decision on which Chapel may be used, rests with the

Dean.

The Deputy Secretary of the Order can be reached at the Central Chancery at the following address:

Deputy Secretary of the Order of St Michael and St George

Lt Col Stephen Segrave

The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood

St James's Palace

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New Appointments and Promotions within the Order

The following names have been appointed to, or promoted within, the Order:

June 2021

Lord McDonald of Salford GCMG KCVO

Sir Jeremy Fleming KCMG CB

Sir Myles Wickstead KCMG CBE

Sir Roderick Liddell KCMG

The Honourable Dr. Joseph Garcia CMG

Ms Susannah Goshko CMG

Augustus Jaspert Esq. CMG

Owen Jenkins Esq. CMG

Jamie McGoldrick Esq. CMG

Mrs Juliette Wilcox CMG

Ms Alison Williams CMG

Graham Zebedee Esq. CMG

July 2022

Lord Piot KCMG

Dr Stefan Dercon CMG

January 2022

Sir Alden Mclaughlin KCMG MBE

Dame Menna Rawlings DCMG

Mrs Samantha Job CMG MVO

Professor Sir Stewart Cole KCMG

William Blanchard Esq. CMG

Daniel Chugg Esq. CMG

Daniel Craig Esq. CMG

Ms Vivien Life CMG

Benjamin Merrick Esq. CMG

Dr Alexander MacKenzie CMG

Sean Marett Esq. CMG

Ms Melanie Robinson CMG

March 2022

Her Excellency Dame Froyla Tzalam GCMG

Mr Theodor Meron CMG

THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE:

CHAPEL STALL FURNISHINGS



Figure 7: Interior of the Chapel of St Michael and St George - St Paul's Cathedral

The Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, in St Paul's Cathedral, was formally dedicated in 1906 with initial plans to decorate the Chapel with Stall Furnishings of Members of the Order.

Any Member can hold a Stall in the Chapel, with specific Stalls dedicated for GCMGs, DCMGs, KCMGs, and CMGs. The offer and acceptance of a Stall grants the Member the ability to affix a Stall Plate, which will remain in place as a permanent historical record of the Stall's tenure by a Member of the Order. Knights and Dames Grand Cross also display an Armorial Banner, bearing a representation of

their Coat of Arms, which remains above their Stall for their lifetime, after which it is removed and given to the family of the Knight or Dame.

Stalls become vacant upon the death of a Stall Holder and are offered to the next most senior GCMG, DCMGs, KCMG, and CMG in the Order. The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood oversees the vacancy process and manages all Stall offers.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

(1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022)

Knights Grand Cross

Sir Antony Acland KG GCMG GCVO

Sir Christopher Mallaby GCMG GCVO

Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG GCVO

The Honourable Dame Catherine Tizard ONZ GCMG GCVO DBE QS

Companions

Sir Martin Berthoud KCVO CMG

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John Clarke Esq. CMG

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Philip McKearney Esq. CMG

The Honourable Keith McKenzie CMG

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William Squire Esq. CMG

Companions

Ian Stewart Esq. CMG

David Thomas Esq. CMG

Kenneth Uffen Esq. CMG

2021 EVENTS

On 22nd September 2021 Members of the Order and their guests attend a Service of Commemoration at St Paul's Cathedral. The Officers were delighted to welcome the Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent to the Cathedral, who read The Lesson from Isaiah 61.1-4 during the Service. A list of those Members who had passed away was read by the Lady Usher of the Blue Rod, and the banners of Sir Hugh Cortazzi GCMG and Sir John Graham Bt, GCMG where laid upon the Altar.

A selection of images, provided by Graham Lacdao, have been included from the Service.







FUTURE EVENTS

Tea and Lecture – Monday 11th July 2022



The annual Tea and Lecture event will be hosted at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office this July. The Officers are delighted to welcome Sir Michael Palin KCMG to speak at this year's event. A well-known face from both TV and Cinema Sir Michael was appointed to the Order in 2019, he will be reflecting on his many highly successful travel documentaries of his trips around the world.

The Lecture will begin at 5.30pm with a short drinks reception to follow. Due to restricted capacity tickets for the event are limited to one guest per member.

Evensong and Reception – Wednesday 28th September 2022

This year's annual Evensong and Reception will take place at St Paul's Cathedral on the 28th September. Evensong will begin at 5pm and will be followed by a drinks reception in the Crypt. For further information on how to apply for tickets please check the Central Chancery's website.

For more information on Events taking place please check online:

www.centralchancery.org.uk

GUEST REPORT:

A HISTORY OF COLONEL SIR FREDERICK HANKEY GCMG
BY CHRISTOPHER GRECH



Image 1 Sir Frederick Hankey, unknown artist. Courtesy of the Hankey family.

Introduction

Sir Frederick Hankey served a central role in the administration of the Order of St Michael and St George from its conception in 1817 until his retirement from public life in 1837. He served as the first Secretary of the Order from 1818 to 1833 and his involvement from the very first days of the Order rendered his voice one of the most authoritative on the subject until the first Chancellor, Sir Nicholas Harris Nicolas, was appointed in 1832.

Sir Frederick's life can be divided into three phases: his early career in the Army where he eventually came into the orbit of Sir Thomas

Maitland in Ceylon. When Maitland himself transitioned from a martial role to that of a colonial administrator Hankey was subjected to his master's gravitational pull and he followed first to the Ionian Islands and finally to Malta where he served from 1824 until 1837 as Chief Secretary under three Governors: the Marquess of Hastings, Major General Sir Frederick Ponsonby and Lieutenant General Sir Henry Bouverie. This latter phase can be considered as his administrative period. The last portion of Hankey's life was passed in retirement in the UK.

Intertwined into these three phases were his involvement with the Order and his family life. It is the latter, especially his relationship with his youngest daughter Thomasina Iona, that prompted this essay.

Surprisingly no detailed biography of Sir Frederick Hankey seems to exist¹ so these notes attempt to gather information from diverse sources to create a useful composite reference on the subject.

The Hankey Family

The Hankey family name appears to originate in the county of Cheshire. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the right of bearing arms was granted to Henry Hankey, Esq., mayor of the city of Chester.² Sir Henry Hankey was also an eminent citizen and alderman of London. In 1694 he married Anne Chaplin and they had two sons, Joseph-Chaplin and Thomas. It was Thomas (d. 1770), Sir Henry's second son, who inherited him. Sir Thomas, as he later became, had three sons: Thomas (d. 1793), Robert and John. John also had three sons: John-

¹ There is, for example, no entry for Sir Frederick Hankey in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography – so far. The most detailed biographical information is to be found online courtesy of the Hankey family.

<https://www.fieldtrial.info/familytree/HTML/frederick-hankey.html>

Retrieved 24 April, 2022. Extensive use of this source has been made and is gratefully acknowledged by the author.

² *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry*, Volume 4, 1838. John Burke

Peter, Thomson and Frederick. The latter is the subject of this monograph; he was the youngest, born on 13 March 1774.

Frederick Hankey's Military Career

Frederick was educated at Charterhouse School (Samuel Berdmore's house) from June 1784 to June 1790. When Frederick's father died in 1792, the eighteen-year-old would spend a great deal of time with his cousins in Sir Thomas Hankey's house in Bedford Square. This appears to have been a lively household and the ebullient Frederick made an impression with his energy and inexhaustible fund of anecdotes. One of the jibes amongst the cousins at the time was that there was a future bride for each of John Hankey's three sons at Sir Thomas' house.

Sir Thomas Hankey was a partner in the family bank of Hankey & Co., and Frederick, it seems, was inclined to join the family business. However it was his cousin Charlotte, Sir Thomas's eldest daughter, who persuaded him to join the Army.

Reference to Hankey's *Statement of Service* completed in Colombo on 1 June 1810, in his own hand, gives us a definitive record of his service up to this date.³

Frederick states: "*I was several years in the First Regiment of Foot Guards & personally present with that Corps in Flanders & Holland in 1794 & 1795.*" The details are confirmed in the *London Gazette* where it is recorded that Frederick Hankey, Gent. was to be appointed Ensign in the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, by purchase, on 1 June 1793. On 10 March 1795 Ensign Hankey was promoted Lieutenant in the same regiment. However on 6 December 1796 the War Office announced that Frederick Hankey had retired from the army.⁴

Frederick also records that "*During the whole of this period [his second period in the Army] Viz. from 1800 to 1810, I have had the honour to serve His Majesty in India.*" The *London Gazette* verifies that Hankey

³ Statement of Service, National Archives, WO 25/746.1, pp. 174-178.

⁴ *London Gazette*, 28 May 1793, p. 442; 7 March 1795, p. 224 and 6 December 1796.

joined the 90th Regiment of Foot⁵ at the entry rank of Ensign, again by purchase, on 30 September 1800. Re-entry into the army at the lowest level, having already served for just over three years and having attained the rank of Lieutenant, was quite unusual so what might have been the reason for this change of mind? The following is pure speculation since primary sources do not enlighten us as to the actual reasons however examination of the information available seems to indicate the following probably scenario.

A short stint in one of the premier regiments, such as the First Regiment of Foot Guards, was regarded – even until relatively recently – as a vehicle for social advancement. Thus the high-spirited Frederick may have joined the Regiment precisely for this purpose.

Furthermore in July 1796 Frederick married the abovementioned first cousin Charlotte Hankey which might have been the reason for his retirement from the Army. Charlotte had received the considerable sum of £14,000 on her father's death in 1793 and so when she married Frederick three years later the couple would have been fairly well off and thus he could consider leaving the army and settling into civilian life.

The couple had a daughter Emma in 1798 and a son who died in infancy in 1801.⁶ A second daughter, Frederica, was born in 1816. Tragically Charlotte died in October 1816, aged 42 (just weeks after Frederica's birth), as a result of what was referred to as a 'lingering illness'.⁷ In fact it is recorded that Charlotte was so ill that she was barely aware she had given birth to another child. Frederica died in 1872.⁸

⁵ The 90th was raised in 1794 by Thomas Graham, later 1st Baron Lynedoch, who was to raise the Maltese Light Infantry in 1800. *London Gazette*, 23 September 1800, p. 1099.

⁶ Emma died in 1864 aged 66, *Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard*, 26 November 1864; *Morning Post*, 27 April 1801.

⁷ *London Champion*, 6 October 1816.

⁸ *Globe*, 23 October 1872.

As mentioned above Frederick re-embarked on his military career in September 1800. In October that year he transferred first to the 45th Foot as a Lieutenant, and after ten days to the 51st Regiment, which was then stationed in Ceylon. In December 1802 he was first transferred to the 88th Regiment and promoted to captain by purchase and later that month transferred to the 19th Regiment which had been based in Ceylon since 1796.

According to Hankey's *Statement of Service* he arrived in Ceylon in 1800 as he wrote that he joined the 51st Regiment immediately on being appointed to that Corps. He went on to record that from 1802 until 1810 he was on the Staff in Ceylon as Brigade Major, Secretary to the Military Board, Assistant Quarter Master General, Aide de Camp

to Sir Thomas Maitland and Acting Deputy Quarter Master General. Frederick stated that he was fluent in French and one native Indian language. He added proudly that he was never on half-pay or absent by regimental leave or off-duty except from sickness; he did undergo a long confinement due to a severe wound where the musket ball went through his hip bone.

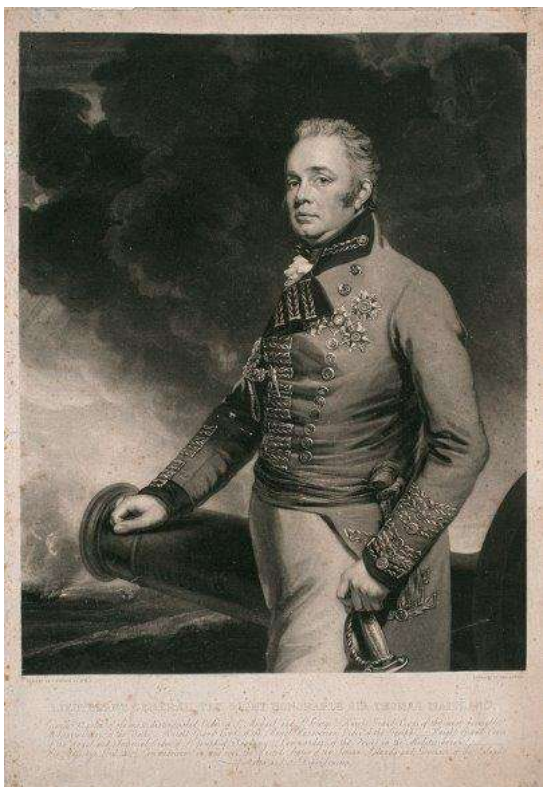


Image 2 Sir Thomas Maitland, Thomas Lupton after Sir John Hoppner, Authors Collection

Not much is known about Hankey's active service except the wound referred to above and the fact that the Governor of Ceylon offered his thanks to Captain Hankey for his support of Captain William Pollock in the actions in the vicinity of the city of Kandy in 1804.⁹

Administration

Sir Thomas Maitland, whose career was to have a great influence on Hankey, was appointed governor and officer commanding the troops in the Colony of Ceylon in 1805 and Hankey was appointed to Maitland's Staff in the same year. By 1808 Hankey had been promoted Major and his flair for administration led to his appointment to the Staff at Ceylon as an Assistant Quartermaster-General. In 1811 he was appointed Deputy Inspector-General of Colonial troops, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the Army.

In 1813 Sir Thomas Maitland was appointed Governor of Malta and two years later he was also created Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands. Hankey followed Maitland to Malta and was appointed Secretary to Maitland in 1814 and Extra Aide-de-Camp in 1815. Hankey was based in Corfu and administered the protectorate during Maitland's frequent absences. In 1818 Hankey was appointed Chief Assistant to the Secretary of the Senate of the Ionian Islands.

When in July 1818 a delegation of Deputies from the Ionian Islands travelled to London to present the Prince Regent with their recently adopted Constitutional Charter they were accompanied by Frederick Hankey and it was Hankey who returned to Corfu at the end of August bearing the newly approved Constitution.

On 8 November 1818 Hankey married Catterina Vaslamo at the Palace in Corfu with Sir Thomas Maitland acting as witness to the marriage.¹⁰ Frederick and Catterina had two children, Thomasina Iona (1819-1900) and Frederick (1821-1882). While it is Frederick who achieved

⁹ *London Gazette*, April 3-7, 1804, p. 405.

¹⁰ Various given as Valarmo or Varlamo; Abela, Albert (1991), *Governors of Malta*, Progress Press, Malta, p. 127.



*Image 3 Catterina, Lady Hankey, unknown artist.
Courtesy of the Hankey Family*

notoriety as collector and author of erotic literature it is the practically unknown Thomasina Ionia who is most relevant to this story.

When the Order of St Michael and St George was created in 1818 it was determined that the Secretary of the Order would, at least initially, be *ex officio* the secretary to the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands so Hankey logically filled that role. Hankey's involvement in the formation of the Order was central. The Rev. Peter Galloway, in his definitive history of the

Order, informs us that Hankey framed the rough draft of the original statutes under Maitland's direction; and that it was Hankey who selected the Order's motto which was subsequently approved by Earl Bathurst, Secretary of State for War and the Colonies.¹¹

When the Order was inaugurated in Corfu on 17 November 1818 the officers of the Order were nominated and immediately sworn in and invested with their respective badges. The following day a grand investiture was held when the first Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander, Hankey amongst them, were invested by Maitland.

¹¹ Galloway, Peter (2018). *The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George*, London: Spink & Son Ltd. pp. 14, 17.



Image 4 Programme of First Investiture in Malta, 16 December 1818. MCM, ACM Misc. 399, F.147A. Courtesy of The Metropolitan Chapter of Mdina, Malta

One month later, on the 19th December, the First Chapter of Investiture of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, in and for the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, was held in the newly styled Hall of St Michael and St George in the Palace of Valletta. As the dignitaries assembled in the Tapestry Room Sir Frederick Hankey led the procession through the Grand Corridor and into the Hall bearing on a crimson velvet cushion the Letters Patent, instituting and creating the Order. The Registrar, standing to Hankey's right, carried the Statutes of the Order on another crimson velvet cushion. Their progress was accompanied by military bands playing "God Save the King" and the booming cannonade of Royal Salutes fired from all His Majesty's ships in harbour.

In 1820 Hankey accompanied a deputation of delegates from Corfu who presented an Address from the United States of the Ionian Islands to King George IV on his Accession to the Throne.



Image 5 Thomasina Ionia and Frederick Hanley, unknown artist. Courtesy of the Hankey Family

In these years the Hankeys seem to have been based in Corfu; both Thomasina Ionia and Frederick were born there. A major change in the Hankeys' life came immediately following Maitland's unexpected

death in Malta in January 1824. The following April Hankey was appointed Chief Secretary to the Government of Malta on the retirement of Sir Richard Plasket.¹² Lady Hankey and family are recorded as having arrived in Malta in June 1824. The following year they are recorded as living at 86 Archbishop Street in Valletta.¹³

In May 1825 Hankey was appointed Brevet Colonel in the Army, whilst still appearing as being on half-pay with the 15th Foot.

We are fortunate to have two vignettes of the Hankeys in 1827. The first is provided by a letter written by Sir Frederick to Colonel Alexander Hamilton C.B. from Malta dated 17 May where he states that he is having difficulty writing because he is suffering from whooping cough "rather an odd thing for a man of 54". He goes on to

¹² *Malta Government Gazette*, 13 April 1824, p. 3889.

¹³ *Caledonian Mercury*, 3 July 1824; Hankey family website.

ask Hamilton if he can do anything for him and continues: “we have been most fortunate in getting General Ponsonby as our Ruler” which suggests that Hankey is offering to act as agent for any preferment towards Hamilton.¹⁴

The other, more revealing and politically incorrect reference by today’s standards, was made by Henry Edward Fox (afterwards fourth Lord Holland) in his journal.¹⁵ The 25-year-old Fox writes about a dinner party he attended in Rome on Sunday 18 November 1827:

The day was most delicious, and we drove almost to Frascati; but I was obliged to hasten to dine with the Braccianos at 4. It was a great dinner:- Orsinis, Piombino, Lady Drummond and Sir F. and Lady Hankey. Sir F. is going to England from Malta where he is second-in-command. He is clever; but noisy, vulgar, narrow-minded and hard-hearted. He lamented the victory at Navarino and rejoiced in Lord Guildford’s [sic] death. Nothing could better portray his character. He was ever the creature of Sir T. Maitland and has worthily followed his footsteps. His wife is a Greek. She is dreadfully fat, and being now with child looks fatter, but she is lovely; her eyes; her teeth, her complexion, one the finest I ever saw almost. The latter I never saw rivalled but by my mother many years ago.’¹⁶

This description is helpful in understanding how Hankey survived in Maitland’s tempestuous orbit for so many years; he evidently shared some of his chief’s most curmudgeonly characteristics!

¹⁴ Letter from Hankey to Hamilton, author’s collection. Colonel Alexander Hamilton (1765-1838) was a decorated officer who had served as Brigade Major to Brigadier-General Thomas Graham at the Siege of Malta (1798-1800) then joined the Expedition to Egypt under Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby. He also fought at the battles of Quatre Bras and Waterloo.

¹⁵ *The Journal of Henry Edward Fox, 1818-1830*, Henry Edward Vassall Fox, Thornton Butterworth, 1923, p. 243.

¹⁶ There are no records of the Hankeys having any additional children.

It was probably on this visit to Rome that Hankey was able to demonstrate his abilities as a diplomat in his negotiations with the Vatican regarding the legal immunity that the Roman Catholic Church enjoyed in Malta.¹⁷

During his lifetime Sir Thomas Maitland was able to keep a tight rein on appointments to the Order however after his death the administration of the Order was transferred to London which inevitably led to reforms. One of the major forces behind these reforms was the historian and antiquarian Sir Nicholas Harris Nicolas. When the post of King of Arms of the Order became vacant on the death of Sir George Naylor in October 1831 Harris Nicolas was successful in securing the appointment in March 1832. Harris Nicolas then set about reforms intended to assimilate the Order with its fellow Orders in the United Kingdom. In the process he established the office of Chancellor which he assumed for himself, with the dignity of Knight Commander, claiming precedence in this rank. Hankey, always polite and courteous towards Harris Nicolas, was obviously irked by the newcomer. When Hankey, still Secretary of the Order, was promoted to Grand Cross on 4 May 1833 in recognition of his services to the Order, Harris Nicolas might have reasonably assumed that the Chancellor (the most senior Officer of the Order) should also assume the highest rank however his hints of a promotion appear to have pushed the King too far and after being notified of his appointment to Knight Grand Cross on 26 June 1833 he was instructed on 4 July 1833 that this promotion would not take effect.¹⁸

This must have been a trying period for Sir Frederick. He was clearly thankful for the promotion and eager to relinquish some

¹⁷ Lee, H I (1963). *British Policy towards the Religion, ancient Laws and Customs in Malta 1824-1851*. Journal of the Malta Historical Society. 3: 1–14. Retrieved 28 April 2022.

¹⁸ Galloway, Peter (2018). pp.32-33.

responsibilities. Catterina died on 26 May, 1833, aged 38.¹⁹ Sir Frederick resigned as Secretary of the Order on 20 June 1833.

Thomasina Ionia

Thomasina Ionia didn't have to look beyond Maltese shores when it came to finding a suitable husband. When Major-General Sir Henry Bouverie assumed the governorship of Malta in 1836 he appointed his nephew, Captain Charles Francis Maxwell of the 82nd Regiment, as his Assistant Military Secretary. Thomasina Ionia took a fancy to the new Assistant Military Secretary and the couple were married in 1839.



A Minute issued on 24 May 1837 announced that Governor Bouverie had granted Hankey a six month leave of absence which allowed him to return to England on account of the state of his health and to attend to urgent private affairs. A few days later Sir Fredrick accompanied by

Image 6 Sir Frederick Hankey by Thomasina Ionia Maxwell. Author's Collection

¹⁹ Lady Hankey was buried in the Greek Orthodox Cemetery which was located on the Floriana bastions overlooking Pietà Creek opposite the Public Library. It no longer exists; the land having been built upon.

Miss Hankey and Mr Frederick Hankey left Malta aboard the fast-sailing Government Schooner *Lady Emily*.²⁰ It is likely that the Miss Hankey referred to here was Eliza and that Thomasina Ionia remained in Malta.

Sir Frederick did not return to Malta; in October that year the *Malta Government Gazette* announced his retirement. He was replaced by Hector Grieg, CMG.²¹

Thomasina Ionia and Captain Charles Maxwell were married at Marylebone Church in London on 27 July 1839. They soon returned to Malta where Captain Maxwell resumed his duties on the governor's staff. A son, William Henry, was born in Malta on 13 June 1840. The baptism took place on the same day, the sponsors being Governor Sir Henry Bouverie and Thomasina's unmarried sister Eliza.²²

Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell died in 1873. Thomasina Ionia was to have twelve children and died at 7 Cornwall Gardens, London, on 24 January 1900 in her 81st year (the same age as her father had died). She has been described as being "as clever as she was beautiful and as good as she was attractive".

Thomasina Ionia was also an amateur artist of some ability. The portrait of Sir Frederick in old age, reproduced here, was painted by her and is reputed to have been based on a miniature of her father. This watercolour portrait was painted in 1850 when Hankey would have been 76 years old. Also in that year Hankey retired from the directorship of the Ionian Bank.

The death of Colonel Sir Frederick Hankey GCMG occurred on 13 March 1855 at his residence in Montagu Square, London. He was 81 years old.

²⁰ *Malta Government Gazette*, 13 September 1837.

²¹ *Malta Government Gazette*, 25 October 1837.

²² *The Era*, 5 July 1840;

https://www.maltaramc.com/regsurg/rs1840_1849/rmo1840.html,
retrieved 29 June 2020.

Conclusion

It has been instructive to weave together Sir Frederick Hankey's professional and personal lives as we can start to understand how these two strands complemented each other. The roles played by each of his wives seem, as one might expect, particularly pertinent. Two examples stand out: Charlotte steered his career towards the army and thus consequently to his administrative vocation, and second, Catterina's death may well have precipitated his resignation from the Order.

Sir Frederick Hankey's character embodied numerous contradictions. This brief study has drawn a quick sketch of his complex personality and further research is needed to paint a more detailed portrait of a man whose influence on Malta and the Ionian Islands was profound.

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SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Speakers for Schools provides state schools with access to a network of voluntary speakers dedicated to giving inspirational and engaging talks to young people for free. Speakers for Schools was launched in October 2011 with a series of talks in state secondary schools around England. It is the idea of Robert Peston, former BBC Business Editor and now ITV's Political Editor, who wants young people in disadvantaged state schools and colleges to have the same opportunities to hear from inspirational speakers as those who attend well known independent schools. The aim is to broaden the horizons and raise the aspirations of young people. Speakers for Schools aims to have 1000 speakers who can address the big topical issues of the day: technological, scientific, political, economic, historical, cultural, artistic, ecological and ethical. Over 750 people have already agreed to participate, including many CEOs, politicians, media and arts people, scientists, entrepreneurs and academics. The initiative works as follows: Speakers kindly agree to give at least one talk per annum. Schools and speakers are matched based on the topics and areas of interest the school has selected. Once a speaker has agreed to speak, Speakers for Schools will liaise with the school to confirm dates and to send contact details and other relevant information to both. Final arrangements are then made between the speaker and the school. Members of the Order have unique experiences in a variety of fields and the Officers of the Order encourage Members willing to participate, to sign up as a voluntary speaker. If any Members are interested, please register your details with the organisation through their website: www.speakers4schools.org. When registering, please identify to Speakers for Schools that you are a Member of the Order of St Michael and St George. If you do decide to take part in the program, the Central Chancery would be very interested to know about your participation.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the financial year 2021-2022 are printed below. Further accounts can be found on the Charities Commission website.

THE MOST ENLIGHTENED ORDER OF SAINT ANNE, AND SAINT GEORGE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE CHAPEL MAINTENANCE FUND FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022						
	2021	RECEIPTS	2022	PAYMENTS	2022	2021
	8,895.48	INCOME	9,238.01	GENERAL SERVICE FEES	£16,594.57	-
	-	Subscriptions	4,017.36	LITERATURE AND BROCHURES	2,438.00	-
	-	Donations	-	REPAIRS - sign writing	466.00	-
	1,578.43	DIVIDENDS & INTEREST	-	INSURANCE	1,431.73	1,346.87
	20,457.26	Chartered Home Shares	3,651.08	Charter and Marine Insurance	-	1,254.00
	5,978.29	CCLA Income	4.92	Other Insurance	-	-
	11.03	WMA & Co LLP Income	8.28	Motor Insurance	-	-
	0.24	Crabtree Money Market A/c	-	PLATES & QUARRIES	620.79	176.00
	-	Crabtree 30 Day Notice A/c	-	Burials	-	1,112.55
	576.19	INCOME TAX CREDIT	0.58	POSTAGE	241.91	242.00
	1,452.00	net for previous years	1490.5	INDEPENDENT REVIEW	426.00	426.00
	-	2020-2021 SAGE5 Devonport	-	LEGAL FEES - governance review	2,520.00	2,780.00
	-	2021-2022 SAGE5 Devonport	-			
	17,852.86		£9,377.16	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£25,307.00	£7,238.37
	-	EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	40.00	EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER PAYMENTS	-£1,923.84	£29,924.73
	£17,852.86		£9,377.16		£18,377.16	£7,532.35

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2022					
2021	LIABILITIES	2022	ASSETS	2022	2021
			SHARES - MARKET VALUE AT 31.03.2022		
			CDLA Funds	534,150.86	
			KELL & CO	92,976.00	
			ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
			Meridian	10.00	
			Property at St. Pauls	804,751.00	
				804,771.00	804,771.00
			FUNDS AT BANK		
			Covent Street Market	26,943.20	
			Credit 30 Day, Norex	174.28	
				26,117.98	16,269.16
				<u>1,558,015.44</u>	<u>£1,504,518.16</u>
1,298,464.03	Fund at 31st March 2021	£1,506,011.99			
76,123.22	Change in Value of Shares & Property	60,015.79			
29,424.73	Funds Invested	-40,823.84			
	Excess of payments 2022				
<u>£1,596,011.99</u>		<u>£1,559,103.94</u>			
			Payments	1,496.59	1,895.86
			Accruals	-402.00	-402.00
				<u>1,559,103.94</u>	<u>£1,506,011.99</u>

Insignia Valuation

For insurance purposes, Members might be interested to know that the current replacement value of insignia is as follows:

GCMG	£3,034.19
GCMG LADIES	£2,828.48
KCMG	£3,420.65
DCMG	£2,805.67
CMG MENS	£713.51
CMG LADIES	£749.07

Register of the Order

The Register of the Order as of 31st March 2022 shows the following numbers of Members (including Additional Members but excluding Honorary Members):

Knights and Dames Grand Cross	62
Knights and Dames Commander	216
Companions	913
	1,190

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

Toye, Kenning and Spencer: Emblem of the Order

The Officers of the Order are pleased to inform Members that an Emblem is available for those who wish to purchase items related to the Order. The Emblem allows male and female Members of the Order to wear a representation of their award in their everyday life. The emblem can be purchased directly from Toye, Kenning and Spencer via www.toyekenningandspencer.co.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)24 76848800.



THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

Toye, Kenning & Spencer
are official suppliers of the
Order of St Michael & St George
emblem,
launched in June 2012.

The emblem allows
male and female members of
this Order
to wear a representation of
their honour with pride
in their everyday life.

The Order of St Michael and St George Silver Frame



As part of the celebrations for the bicentenary, the Order commissioned two sizes of silver picture frames with roundels of the Order of St Michael and St George. The frames are produced in Birmingham using high quality materials and expert craftsmanship the roundels are created by a silversmith in Edinburgh before being set within the frame.

The roundels are able to be customised with either a red, blue or plain background and '1818 – 2018" can be engraved, should you wish to add this feature.

The frames are available in two sizes at the following cost:

6x4inch - £390.00

8x6inch- £490.00

If you would like to purchase a frame, please contact Michael Shaw CMG directly to place an order. He can be contacted at the following:

Email: michael@mhshaw.co.uk

Telephone: 01428 643406

Alistair Campbell – Silverware

Alistair Campbell has created a range of silverware inspired by and using the emblem of the Order. Members are able to purchase a variety of items such as cufflinks and brooches, by far the most popular items and pictured below.



Costs for these items start from £150.00 for the brooches and £65.00 for the cufflinks.

Please contact Alistair directly on the details included should you wish to make a purchase or discuss commissions.

Alistair Campbell, Unit 14 West Calder Business Centre
6 Dickson Street
West Calder
West Lothian
EH55 8DZ

Email: afcampbell@ymail.com

Halcyon Days: Order of St Michael and St George hand-painted Enamel Box

Members of the Order now have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive enamel box, which has been specially commissioned from Halcyon Days. The insignia of St George is featured on the lid, and that of St Michael inside on the base. The hand-painted box which measures 2 ½" (6.3cm) in length, comes in a presentation case.



To order your hand-painted enamel box please contact Halcyon Days directly by emailing Henrietta Gunn on:



Gunn.Henrietta@halcyondays.co.uk

Alternatively, please check www.centralchancery.org.uk for further information.

SUPPORTING US

The Order of St Michael and St George Chapel Maintenance Fund is charged with looking after the Order's Chapel at St Paul's Cathedral. Money contributed to the Order (which is a registered charity - Charity Number: 208482) assists with the upkeep of the Chapel and supports the services held for the Order at the Cathedral. Contributions from Members is vital to the work carried out.

The Order would like to thank those Members who continue to financially support the Order. Should you wish to contribute to the Chapel fund with either a one off donation or an annual contribution, please contact the Central Chancery by post or by visiting the website.

The Officers of the Order would like to thank all Members for their support over the past year.

CONTACT US

Should you wish to see other elements included in the next Annual Report, please submit your feedback to the Central Chancery; please email info@ccok.org.uk new content is always welcomed and appreciated.

The Central Chancery would like to keep Members informed of future events and would be grateful if you would provide up to date contact details. Where we do not have an email address, information will be sent by post.

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