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"THE ROAST BEEF OF OLD ENGLAND" AT THE ST. GEORGE'S BANQUET IN THE GUILDHALL

On July 13 the postponed festival dinner of the Royal Society of St. George was held, for the first time in the history of the Society, in the Guildhall. Owing to his indisposition the Prince of Wales was unable to preside, and the Earl of Selborne in his absence took the chair. A most distinguished company assembled in the historic hall to participate in this important event, and the patron saint of England was honoured with many ancient and picturesque customs. The most impressive of these was the one our artist here depicts; the "Roast Beef of Old England," surrounded by a bodyguard of halberdiers and bowmen, is being played round the hall by drum and fife with great pomp and circumstance before the assembled diners

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