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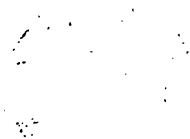
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EXHIBITING THE VARIOUS AND MOST
CORRECT MODES OF SUPERScription, COMMENCEMENT,
AND CONCLUSION OF

LETTERS

TO PERSONS OF EVERY DEGREE OF RANK,

INCLUDING THE

Diplomatic, Clerical, and Judicial Dignitaries,

WITH LISTS OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND CONSULS

ALSO,

THE FORMS NECESSARY TO BE USED

IN APPLICATIONS OR PETITIONS

TO THE QUEEN IN COUNCIL, HOUSES OF LORDS AND COMMONS,
GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND PUBLIC COMPANIES;

WITH

A TABLE OF PRECEDENCY,

AND THE ABBREVIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL BRITISH AND FOREIGN
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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PREFACE.

THERE are, perhaps, but few persons who, when about to correspond, for the first time, with those of a rank with the title of whom they are not perfectly acquainted, do not experience some degree of embarrassment respecting the form of address to which they are correctly entitled ; the utility, therefore, of this trifle will, it is hoped, be deemed a sufficient apology for its publication. Indeed, its success has given rise to more than one imperfect imitation, in which

even the very names of persons quoted by way of example have been copied, without scruple, or the slightest acknowledgment.

In presenting this, the *tenth* edition, to the Public, the compiler has used all the diligence in his power to insure its accuracy, and he has been flattered with the assurance that it will not be found deficient in any material point; yet, he is still sensible that some unavoidable errors may have escaped his attention, and for these, if any such should be discovered, he must trust to the indulgence of his readers.

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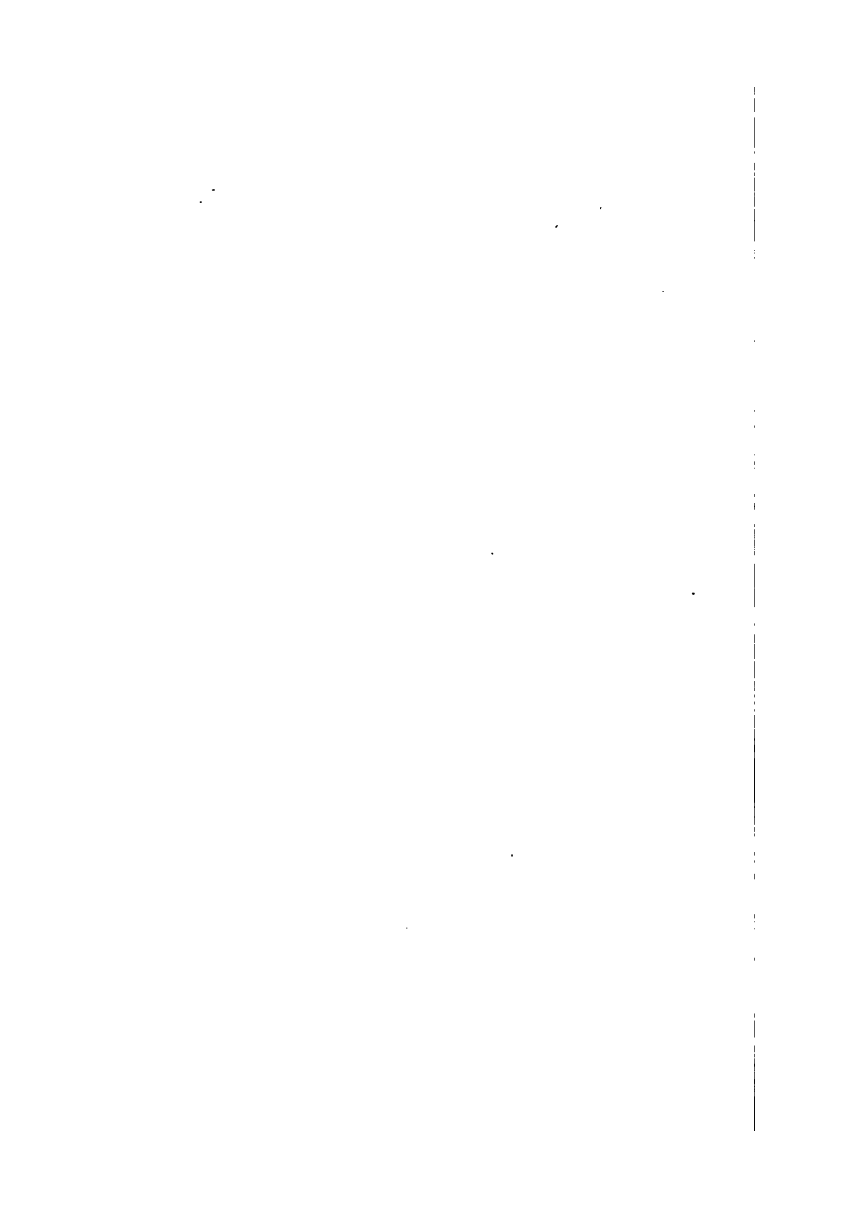
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Her Majesty and the Royal Family.

THE QUEEN.

Superscription.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the profoundest veneration,

Madam,

Your Majesty's most faithful subject,

and dutiful Servant,

PRINCE ALBERT.

**Superscription.**

To His Royal Highness
The Prince Albert.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I remain,
With the highest respect,
Sir,
Your Royal Highness's most dutiful,
most humble, and most devoted Servant,

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Sovereign's eldest Son is styled Prince
of Wales.

Superscription.

To His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the greatest respect,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most dutiful,
most humble, and most devoted Servant,

THE KING OF HANOVER.**Superscription.**

To His Majesty the King of Hanover.

Commencement.

Sire,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the highest respect,

Sire,

Your Majesty's most dutiful, most humble,
and most devoted Servant,

PRINCES of the BLOOD ROYAL.

Princes of the Blood *Royal* are the Sovereign's
Sons, Brothers, and Uncles.

Superscription.

To His Royal Highness
The Prince Alfred.

To His Royal Highness
The Prince Arthur.

To His Royal Highness
The Prince Leopold.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the greatest respect,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most dutiful,
and most obedient humble Servant,

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.



The eldest Daughter of the Sovereign is styled the Princess Royal.

Superscription.

To Her Royal Highness
The Princess Royal.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I remain,
With the greatest respect,
Madam,
Your Royal Highness's most obedient,
and devoted humble Servant,

PRINCESSES of the BLOOD ROYAL.

Princesses of the Blood *Royal* are the Sovereign's Daughters, Sisters, and Aunts.

Superscription.

To Her Royal Highness
The Princess Alice.

To Her Royal Highness
The Princess Helena.

To Her Royal Highness
The Princess Louisa.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the greatest respect,
Madam,

Your Royal Highness's most obedient,
and devoted humble Servant,

WIVES of the PRINCES of the BLOOD
ROYAL.

Superscription.

To Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Kent.

To Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Gloucester.

To Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Cambridge.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I remain,

With the greatest respect,

Madam,

Your Royal Highness's most obedient,
and devoted humble Servant,

PRINCES of the BLOOD.

Princes of the *Blood* merely, are the Sovereign's Nephews and Cousins, who do not take the style of Royal.

Superscription.

To His Highness *

The Prince George of Cambridge.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Sir,

Your Highness's most obedient,
and very humble Servant,

* Now styled Royal Highness, by Her Majesty's permission.

PRINCESSES of the BLOOD.



Princesses of the *Blood* are the Sovereign's
Nieces and Cousins.

Superscription.

To Her Highness *
The Princess Mary of Cambridge.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to remain,
With great respect,
Madam,
Your Highness's most obedient,
and very humble Servant,

* Now styled Royal Highness by Her Majesty's
permission.

Nobility and Gentry.

D U K E S.

Superscription.

To His Grace

The Duke of Norfolk *.

Commencement.

My Lord Duke,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted,

and obedient Servant,

* The *formal style* of Dukes, though not used in pistolary addresses, is "Most Noble."

DUCHESES.

*Superscription.*

To Her Grace

The Duchess of Somerset.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Madam,

Your Grace's most obedient,

and most humble Servant,

MARQUESSSES.

Superscription.

To the Most Honorable *
The Marquess of Winchester.

Commencement.

My Lord Marquess,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to remain,
My Lord Marquess,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
and most humble Servant,

* Marquesses have been very generally, for some time past, styled *Most Noble*; but this is incorrect, as the style of *Most Noble* belongs to Dukes alone; at least it was so decided by Sir Isaac Heard, the late Garter King at Arms.

When the title is taken from the name of a place, as Winchester, Shrewsbury, &c. we say the Marquess *of* Winchester, the Earl *of* Shrewsbury; if from the name of a family, as Spencer, &c. the word "of" is omitted, and we say, the Earl Spencer.

MARCHIONESSES.

**Superscription.**

To the Most Honorable
The Marchioness of Abercorn.

Commencement.

Madam *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Madam,
Your Ladyship's most obedient,
and most humble Servant,

* Tradesmen should use the words "*My Lady*," instead of Madam; and servants and other inferior persons, "*May it please your Ladyship*," in addressing all who possess that title below the rank of Duchess.

EARLS, VISCOUNTS, and BARONS.

**Superscription.**

To the Right Honorable *
The Earl of Jersey.

To the Right Honorable
The Lord Viscount Melville.

To the Right Honorable
The Lord Brougham.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
and very humble Servant,

* It has been customary of late to omit the titles of "Most Honorable," "Right Honorable," &c. and merely to write *To the Marquess of Lansdowne*, or *To the Earl of Jersey*; but the former style is the most respectful.

COUNTESSSES, VISCOUNTESSES,
and BARONESSES.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
The Countess of Jersey.

To the Right Honorable
The Viscountess Canning.

To the Right Honorable
The Lady Lyttelton.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to remain,

Madam,

Your Ladyship's most obedient,
and very humble Servant,

BARONETS and KNIGHTS.

**Superscription.**

To Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.

To Sir Joseph Paxton*.

Commencement.

Sir †,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble,

and obedient Servant,

* It is not usual to add the title of Knight, unless in formal documents.

† In addressing a Baronet or Knight *familiarly*, we do not say—"Dear Sir," but "Dear Sir Edmund," or "Dear Sir John," as may be.

WIVES of BARONETS and
KNIGHTS.

Superscription.

To Lady Bacon.

To Lady Brunel.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Madam,

Your Ladyship's most obedient,

and very humble Servant,

It is customary for the widows of all persons of rank, down to that of Knight, inclusive, to retain the title and name of their former husband, if they re-marry with a person of inferior rank; but it is by courtesy only, and is not allowed in law.

ESQUIRES.

As this title is now given to every man of respectability, the only distinction to be made in favour of persons who are considered as entitled to superior consideration, is the addition of &c. &c. &c. to the superscription.

It is also deemed more respectful to write the word Esquire in full length, as—

To Richard Cobden, Esquire, M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Westbourne Terrace,
Hyde Park.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
very humble Servant,

The persons legally entitled to this rank are the eldest sons of Knights, and their eldest

sons in perpetual succession; the eldest sons of the younger sons of Peers, and their eldest sons, in like succession; the sons of a Baronet; Esquires by virtue of their office, as Justices of the Peace; and the Esquires of Knights of the Bath, each of whom constitutes three at his installation; to these may be added all those who are styled Esquires by their Sovereign in their commissions and appointments; all, indeed, who are in any way once honoured by the Sovereign with the title have a right to that distinction for life: thus, Captains in the army are Esquires, because they happen to be so styled in their commission, which is *signed by the Sovereign*; but Captains in the navy, though of higher military rank, are not entitled to this distinction, their commissions being signed by the Lords of the Admiralty.

Barristers have long assumed this title, and Mr. Christian, in his Notes to Blackstone, relates a ridiculous anecdote of a Judge refusing to receive an affidavit, in which a Barrister was named without the title; but their legal claim to this distinction is unfounded.

WIVES and DAUGHTERS of
ESQUIRES, &c.

The wives of Esquires, or of Tradesmen, are addressed alike, being merely—

Superscription.

To Mrs. Smith.

Commencement.

Madam,

It is the same with their daughters, as—

To Miss Smith,

if the eldest ; and to the younger daughters with the addition of their Christian name, as—

To Miss Harriet Smith.

Commencement.

Madam,

The wives of gentlemen, where there are several of the same family, are not distinguished by their *own* Christian names, but by those of their husbands, as Mrs. Thomas Smith, or Mrs. William Smith, and not Mrs. Jane Smith, or Mrs. Sarah Smith.

SONS of PEERS.



The *Eldest* sons of Dukes, Marquesses, and Earls, bear a title by courtesy, and are addressed in the same manner (except in public or legal documents), as if they possessed such title by Creation.

The title thus borne by the eldest son, is not always the next degree in rank to that of the father, but the next that may be in the family: thus, the late Duke of Wellington was also Marquess of Douro, consequently, his eldest son was called the Marquess of Douro; but the Duke of Norfolk, having no Marquessate in the family, and his next title being Earl of Surrey, his son is therefore Earl of Surrey only, and not a Marquess; but this does not affect his precedence.

SONS of PEERS, continued.



When the inferior titles of the Peer are of the same name as his first, the son does not adopt them, but uses the surname, with the title of Lord prefixed: for instance, Archibald Acheson, Earl of Gosford, is also Viscount Gosford; the eldest son is, therefore, called Lord Acheson, to prevent the confusion which would arise from a similarity of title.

So also, where there are no inferior titles the son uses the surname, with the title of Lord: as in the case of Francis Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, in whose family there being neither Viscounty nor Barony, the eldest son is called Lord Hastings.

SONS of PEERS, continued.

The *Younger* sons of Dukes and Marquesses are also styled Lords, and addressed as such, with the addition of their Christian names, as—

To the Right Honorable

Lord John Russell.

The *Younger* sons of Earls, and *all* the sons of Viscounts and Barons, are styled Honorable.

Superscription.

To the Honorable Mr. Fitzroy, M.P.

or

To the Honorable

* Henry Fitzroy, M.P.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

very humble Servant,

* This is considered the most correct.

WIVES of the SONS of PEERS.

The wives of those noblemen who possess their titles by courtesy, are addressed in the same manner as if they possessed them by Creation.

The wives of the younger sons of Dukes and Marquesses have the title of *Lady*; and unless of a superior rank to the husband, are distinguished by *his* Christian name, and not by their *own*: thus the wife of Lord-John Russell, before mentioned, should be addressed—

To the Right Honorable
Lady John Russell.

The wives of such as are styled Honorable, take the same title, as—

To the Honorable Mrs. Fitzroy,

OR

To the Honorable Mrs. Henry Fitzroy, if there be several of the same name.

DAUGHTERS of PEERS.

All daughters of Dukes, Marquesses, and Earls, are styled Ladies, and addressed as such, with the addition of their Christian names, as—

To the Right Honorable

Lady Adeliza Fitzalan Howard.

In the event of their marrying with a person of inferior degree, they still retain their title and precedence, changing only their surname—thus, the wife of Mr. Henry Arbuthnott, being a daughter of the Earl of Clonmell, her address is—

To the Right Honorable

Lady Charlotte Arbuthnott.

And the wife of Sir Francis Baring, Bart.

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.



being a daughter of the Earl of Effingham, her superscription must not be merely—

To Lady Baring,

as the wife of a Baronet, but—

To the Right Honorable

Lady Arabella Baring.

So also, if the daughter of a Duke marry the eldest son of a Marquess, who is perhaps an Earl by courtesy, she is not styled Countess, but takes the name of her husband's title, reserving her Christian name—*the precedence of the daughter of a Duke being higher than that of the wife of the eldest son of a Marquess* (vide

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.

Table of Precedency). The following cases will render the subject perfectly clear :—

Earl Grosvenor, son of the present Marquess of Westminster, having married a daughter of the Duke of Sutherland, she retains her Christian name, and is addressed,

To the Right Honorable
Lady Constance Grosvenor.

And not

To the Right Honorable
The Countess Grosvenor.

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.



The late Viscount Alford, also, the eldest son of Earl Brownlow, having married a daughter of the Marquess of Northampton, his Lady is addressed—

To the Right Honorable

Lady Marianne Alford.

The exception to this rule is, where they marry a *Peer of the Realm*; in which case, the title and precedence of the Lady are merged in those of the husband, notwithstanding they might have been superior before marriage; as in the instance of Lady Cecilia Fitzgerald,

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.



daughter of the late Duke of Leinster, who having married the late Lord Foley, is addressed—

To the Right Honorable

Lady Foley.

And not

To the Right Honorable

Lady Cecilia Foley,

as would have been the case had her husband been only a Lord by *courtesy*: and although her precedency, as the daughter of a Duke, be several degrees higher than as the wife of a Baron, she is entitled to that of the latter only.

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.

The daughters of Viscounts and Barons are styled Honorable.

Superscription.

To the Honorable Miss * *

to the eldest ; and to the other daughters with the addition of their Christian name, as

To the Honorable Miss Emma * *

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Madam,

Your most obedient,

very humble Servant,

DAUGHTERS of PEERS, continued.

When the daughters of Viscounts and Barons marry, they take the name of the husband, but reserve the title of Honorable; thus, if they married a Baronet or Knight, they would be addressed—

To the Honorable Lady * *

If a Commoner,

To the Honorable Mrs. * *

PRIVY COUNSELLORS.

All Privy Counsellors are Right Honorables,
and have that title prefixed to their names,

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable

Sir George Clerk, Bart. F.R.S.

To the Right Honorable

Edward Ellice, M.P.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

very humble Servant,

In addressing a Privy Counsellor in conversation, or in the *body* of a letter, no title is given to him in consequence of his possessing that rank; nor do the wives of Privy Counsellors take any additional title or rank on that account.

Navy and Army.

ADMIRALS.

Admirals, when addressed formally, have the rank of their flag added to their own name and title, as—

To the Right Honorable
The Earl of Dundonald, G.C.B.
Admiral of the White,

or,

To Admiral, the Right Honorable
The Earl of Dundonald, G.C.B.

To Villiers Francis Hatton, Esq.
Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

Or less formally,

To Admiral Hatton,
&c. &c. &c.

Within a letter they are simply styled, "Sir" (unless titled), and familiarly, *Dear Admiral*, instead of Dear Sir.

COMMODORES, CAPTAINS, &c.

The same mode of address is adapted to Commodores as to Admirals ; but this is only a local rank, which ceases with the command that conferred it, and is seldom used, except officially. Captains are addressed—

To Captain

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Hardwicke, R.N.

To Captain

The Honorable George John Cavendish, R.N.

To Captain

Sir Thomas Maitland, R.N , C B.

To Captain Digby Marsh, R.N.

A R M Y.

All Officers in the Army, above subalterns, have their Military Rank prefixed to their names and titles, as—

To Field Marshal

His Grace the Duke of * * *

To General

The Right Honorable Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

To Lieutenant-General

Sir John Wilson, K.C.B.

Subalterns * are merely addressed as Mr. or Esq. † with the name of the Regiment to which they belong, if on service.

Officers above Captains are addressed familiarly by their rank, as Dear Colonel, Dear Major, &c. and not Dear Sir.

* Subaltern officers of the army are Lieutenants, Cornets, and Ensigns.

† This is by courtesy only.

GOVERNORS of COLONIES, &c.

Superscription.

To His Excellency
Sir George Anderson, C.B.
Governor of Ceylon.

In the event of their commanding the Forces,
thus:—

To His Excellency
General * * *
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
&c. &c. &c.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's very obedient,
humble Servant,

The following is the comparative Rank of
the Navy and Army.

NAVY.	ARMY.
Admirals of the Fleet, with .	Field-M Marshals.
Admirals	Generals.
Vice-Admirals	Lieut.-Generals.
Rear-Admirals	Major-Generals.
Commodores, and first Captains to Command- ers-in-Chief	} Brigad.-Generals.
Captains of three years' Post.	
Other Post-Captains	Lieut.-Colonels.
Commanders	Majors.
Lieutenants	Captains.

This regulation, however, is purely military; and no title, either in the Navy or Army, confers any civil rank on its possessor, except as mentioned in page 20. "The Laws and Constitution of these kingdoms," says Blackstone, "know no such state as that of a perpetual standing soldier."

WIVES of OFFICERS.



The Wives of Officers do not derive any title or precedence from the mere *military* rank of their husbands; and the assumption of any title, such as that of

Mrs. General * * *

or

Mrs. Colonel * * *

is evidently incorrect.

This remark is equally applicable to the Wives of Doctors of Divinity, Law, &c. who

WIVES of OFFICERS, &c. continued.



have, in some instances, been designated by the title of their husbands, as—

Mrs. Doctor * * *

The very idea of a *Mrs. Archbishop*, a *Mrs. Privy Counsellor*, or a *Mrs. Field-Marshal*, excites ridicule; and yet the assumption of such titles would not be more inconsistent than that before mentioned by the Wives of Doctors and Generals.

Clergy.

ARCHBISHOPS.

Superscription.

To His Grace
The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury*.

Commencement.

My Lord Archbishop,

Conclusion.

I remain,
With the highest respect,
My Lord Archbishop,
Your Grace's most devoted,
obedient Servant,

* The style of address to the Archbishop of Armagh
is—

To His Grace
The Lord Primate of Ireland.

That of the other Irish Archbishop (Dublin) is similar
to the English.

The clerical style of all Archbishops is *Most Reverend*;
but the above mode of address is that generally used,
even by the clergy.

BISHOPS.

**Superscription.**

To the Right Reverend *
The Lord Bishop of Chichester.

Commencement.

My Lord Bishop,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord Bishop,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble Servant,

* It has been customary of late to omit the title of "Right Reverend," and merely to write, *To the Lord Bishop of Chichester*; but the former style is the most respectful, and should be used by inferiors.

BISHOPS, continued.

The Bishops of Sodor and Man, and of our numerous Colonies, are addressed in the same manner as those of England.

Bishops of the Episcopalian Church in Scotland, and in the United States of America, are addressed by *name*, without the title of Lord, as—

Superscription.

To the Right Reverend
Bishop Skinner.

Commencement.

Right Reverend Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Right Reverend Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

DOCTORS (of Divinity).**Superscription.**

To the Reverend John Hume Spry, D.D.

or

To the Reverend Doctor Spry.

Commencement.

Reverend Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Reverend Sir,

Your very humble,
obedient Servant,

DOCTORS.



There are many cases where Clergymen, having taken the degree of Doctor of Laws, assume the designation of *Reverend Doctor*, a title properly belonging to Doctors of Divinity alone. The superscription should be thus—

To the Reverend • • • D.C.L.

Doctors, not being Clergymen, whether of Law, Medicine, or Music, usually have the title prefixed to their name, as Doctor Phillimore, Doctor Elliotson, or Doctor Crotch, but the following is the most correct—

To Joseph Phillimore, Esq. LL.D.

To Joseph Elliotson, Esq. M.D. F.R.S.

To William Crotch, Esq. Mus. D.

D E A N S.

Superscription.

To the Very Reverend
The Dean of Canterbury.

Commencement.

Mr. Dean,
or
Reverend Sir *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Mr. Dean,
or
Reverend Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

* An anonymous correspondent observes, that a Dean should be addressed as "Mr. Dean" only, and not "Reverend Sir," and adds, that the former style is always used by the Bishops. This the compiler was aware of, and deems such a mode of address to be correct in a *Bishop*, or in any other person of *superior* rank to a Dean; but he conceives—with due submission to the correspondent who has favored him with his remarks—that where the party is of *inferior* rank, the style of "Reverend Sir" should be used, as being more respectful than that of "Mr. Dean," and, he believes, equally correct.

These observations apply also to Archdeacons, in the following page.

ARCHDEACONS.



Superscription.

To the Venerable
The Archdeacon Hale.

Commencement.

Mr. Archdeacon,
or
Reverend Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Mr. Archdeacon,
or
Reverend Sir,
Your very obedient,
humble Servant,

CLERGYMEN.

**Superscription.**

To the Reverend Wm. Hen. Dickenson, A.M.*

Commencement.

† Reverend Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

† Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

* The Christian name in this, and indeed in every other case, should always be inserted; and even when unknown, the substitution of a dash — is deemed more polite than the use of the word Mr. : as—

To the Reverend — Dickenson, A.M.

and not

To the Reverend Mr. Dickenson, A.M.

† The word Reverend is now seldom used, except formally.

BISHOPS, &c. possessing other Titles.



Superscription.

If a Bishop, or other Clergyman, possess the title of *Right Honorable* or *Honorable*, it is prefixed to his clerical title, thus—

The Bishop of London, being a Privy Counsellor—

To the Right Honorable
and Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of London.

The present Bishop of Clogher, being the son of a Marquess—

To the Right Honorable
and Right Reverend
Lord Robert Tottenham,
Bishop of Clogher.

**BISHOPS, &c. possessing other Titles,
continued.**

The present Bishop of Killaloe being a Peer, and the present Bishops of Meath and Tuam—from being Privy Counsellors—are also Right Honorables. Meath having formerly been an Archiepiscopal See, the Bishops thereof have always assumed the title of *Most Reverend*; the address, therefore, is—

To the Right Honorable
and Most Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Meath.

The Bishop of Meath takes precedence of all Irish *Bishops*—the rest according to seniority.

BISHOPS, &c. possessing other Titles,
continued.



The Bishop of Carlisle, being an Honorable—

To the Honorable
and Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

A Peer, being in Orders—

To the Right Honorable and Reverend
The Earl of Guildford.

BISHOPS, &c. possessing other Titles,
continued.



An Honorable, being in Orders—

To the Honorable and Very Reverend
The Dean of

To the Honorable and Reverend
Henry Legge.

Baronets have their *clerical* titles placed first,
as—

To the Reverend
Sir George S. Robinson, Bart.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and BISHOPS.



No clerical dignity whatever confers any title or rank upon the Wives of the Dignitaries, who are merely addressed as *Mistress*, unless they possess a title in their own right, or through their husband, independent of his clerical rank.

The following is a list of such Archbishops and Bishops as are married, with the titles borne by their Wives.

ENGLISH ARCHBISHOPS.

YORK.

Thomas Musgrave.

Daughter of 1st Lord Waterpark.

To the Honorable Mrs. Musgrave.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.

ENGLISH BISHOPS.

LONDON. Charles James Blomfield.

To Mrs. Blomfield.

LINCOLN. John Jackson.

To Mrs. Jackson.

ROCHESTER. George Murray.

Daughter of the Earl of Kinnoul.

To the Right Honorable Lady Sarah Murray.

CHESTER. John Graham.

To Mrs. Graham.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.



ENGLISH BISHOPS.

BATH & WELLS.

Lord Auckland.

To the Right Honorable Lady Auckland.

PETERBOROUGH.

George Davys.

To Mrs. Davys.

GLOUCESTER.

James Henry Monk.

To Mrs. Monk.

EXETER.

Henry Phillpotts.

To Mrs. Phillpotts.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.



ENGLISH BISHOPS.

WORCESTER.

Henry Pepys.

To Mrs. Pepys.

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RIPON.

Charles T. Longley.

Daughter of the late Lord Congleton.

To the Honorable Mrs. Longley.

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SALISBURY.

Edward Denison.

To Mrs. Denison.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.



ENGLISH BISHOPS.

HEREFORD.

Renn D. Hampden.

To Mrs. Hampden.

LLANDAFF.

Alfred Ollivant.

To Mrs. Ollivant.

SODOR AND MAN.

**WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.**



IRISH ARCHBISHOPS.

DUBLIN.

Richard Whately.

To Mrs. Whately.

IRISH BISHOPS.

TUAM.

Honorable Thomas Plunket,

Son of Lord Plunket.

The Honorable Mrs. Plunket.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.

IRISH BISHOPS.

DERRY.

William Higgin.

To Mrs. Higgin.

DOWN, CONNOR, & DROMORE. Robert B. Knox.

To Mrs. Knox.

OSSORY.

J. T. O'Brien.

To Mrs. O'Brien.

WIVES of ARCHBISHOPS and
BISHOPS, continued.



IRISH BISHOPS.

LIMERICK.

Henry Griffin.

To Mrs. Griffin.

**SIGNATURES of the ARCHBISHOPS
and BISHOPS of ENGLAND.**

Canterbury	J. B. Cantuar.
York	T. Ebor.
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London	C. J. London.
Durham	E. Dunelm.
Winchester	C. R. Winton.
Bangor	C. Bangor.
Bath and Wells	Bath & Wells.
Carlisle	H. Carlisle.
Chester	J. Chester.
Chichester	A. T. Chichester.
Ely	T. Ely.
Exeter	Henry Exeter.
Gloucester and Bristol	J. H. Gloucester & Bristol.

**SIGNATURES of the ARCHBISHOPS
and BISHOPS of ENGLAND,
continued.**

Hereford	R. D. Hereford.
Lichfield	John Lichfield.
Lincoln	J. Lincoln.
Llandaff	A. Llandaff.
Norwich	S. Norwich.
Oxford	Samuel Oxford.
Peterborough	George Peterborough.
Ripon	C. T. Ripon.
Rochester	G. Rochester.
Salisbury	E. Sarum.
St. Asaph	T. V. St. Asaph.
St. David's	Connop St. David's.
Worcester	Henry Worcester.

Judges, &c.

LORD CHANCELLOR.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
The Lord High Chancellor,
or,
To the Right Honorable
Lord Cranworth,
Lord High Chancellor.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
very humble Servant,

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE of the
QUEEN'S BENCH.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
The Lord Chief Justice
of the Court of Queen's Bench,
or,
To the Right Honorable Lord Campbell,
Lord Chief Justice
of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
very humble Servant,

**LORD CHIEF JUSTICE of the
COMMON PLEAS.**

Superscription.

**To the Right Honorable
The Lord Chief Justice
of the Court of Common Pleas,
or,
To the Right Honorable Sir John Jervis,
Lord Chief Justice
of the Court of Common Pleas.**

Commencement.

My Lord *,

Conclusion.

**I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
very humble Servant,**

* The Chief Justices of the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas are styled "My Lord," both on and off the Bench.

MASTER of the ROLLS.**Superscription.**

To His Honor

The Master of the Rolls,

or,

To the Right Honorable

Sir John Romilly,

Master of the Rolls.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

very humble Servant,

VICE-CHANCELLOR.



Superscription.

To His Honor
The Vice-Chancellor,
or,
To Sir John Stuart,
Her Majesty's Vice-Chancellor.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
very humble Servant,

PUISNE JUDGES.

**Superscription.**

To the Honorable

Mr. Justice Wightman*.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient,

humble Servant,

* All the present Judges are Knights; but the title of Judge being superior to that of the Knighthood, it is usual to address them as above. On the Bench, they are styled "My Lord."

LORD CHIEF BARON of the
EXCHEQUER.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
The Lord Chief Baron
of the Court of Exchequer,
or,
To the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Pollock,
Lord Chief Baron
of the Court of Exchequer.

Commencement.

My Lord *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble Servant,

* The Chief Baron is styled "My Lord," both on and off the Bench.

BARONS of the EXCHEQUER.**Superscription.**

To the Honorable
Mr. Baron Parke *.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

The Wives of the Judges or Barons, whether
Chief or not, are addressed as the Wives of
Knights only, and take precedence as such.

* See note, p. 68.

SERJEANTS.



Superscription.

QUEEN'S SERJEANTS.

To Mr. Serjeant Manning,

or,

To James Manning, Esq.

Her Majesty's Serjeant at Law.

SERJEANTS.

To Mr. Serjeant Wilkins,

or,

To Charles Wilkins, Esq.

Serjeant at Law.

Commencement.

Sir,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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Etiquette Functionaries.

LORD MAYORS.

The *Lord Mayors* are those of London, York, and Dublin.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
 The Lord Mayor of London,
 or,
 To the Right Honorable
 Thomas Sidney,
 Lord Mayor of London.

Commencement.

My Lord *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
 My Lord,
 Your Lordship's most obedient,
 humble Servant,

* Some persons commence their letters with "My Lord Mayor," but the addition of the word *Mayor* is not deemed polite.

LADY MAYORESS.

**Superscription.**

To the Right Honorable
The Lady Mayoress.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion

I have the honor to be,
Madam,
Your Ladyship's most obedient,
humble Servant,

MAYORS, &c.



The Mayors of all Corporations, with the Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Recorder of London, are styled *Right Worshipful*; and the Aldermen and Recorder of other Corporations, and Justices of the Peace, *Worshipful*; but these titles are seldom or never used, except in Court, or on matters solely relating to their office.

The heads of Scottish Corporations are called *Provosts* instead of Mayors, and the Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow, *Lord Provost*: the style, in every other respect, is similar to that attached to the office in England.

The possessors of these offices do not thereby

MAYORS, &c. continued.



derive any rank or precedence out of their respective districts.

In all *County* meetings, the Sheriff takes precedence immediately after the Lord Lieutenant, and before any other person, whatever may be his rank.

Aldermen are usually addressed by their title, as—

To Mr. Alderman Thompson, M.P.

&c. &c. &c.

Ambassadors, Consuls, &c.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.

In corresponding with Foreign Ambassadors resident in this country, we merely prefix *Excellency* to their other titles, and then add their accredited rank.

List of the present Ambassadors, with their Residences.

FRANCE. Albert Gate, Hyde Park.

Superscription.

To His Excellency the Count Walewski,
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
From H.I.M. the Emperor of the French.

Commencement.

Sir *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,

* All Foreign Ambassadors are thus addressed, whatever may be their title.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

AUSTRIA.

Chandos House.

Superscription.

To the Count Colloredo *,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.I.M. the Emperor of Austria.

SPAIN. 2, Mansfield-street, Portland-place.

Superscription.

To Señor Don Xavier de Isturiz,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From Her Catholic Majesty.

* Although Envoys and Chargés d'Affaires are generally styled "*Excellency*," it is by courtesy only; as none but Ambassadors have any right to this title; at least it is never given to any other class of diplomatists at the Secretary of State's Office.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

RUSSIA. 30, Dover-street.

Superscription.

To the
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.I.M. the Emperor of all the Russias.

TURKEY. 1, Bryanston-square.

Superscription.

To Musurus Bey,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

PRUSSIA. 9, Carlton House-terrace.

Superscription.

To the Count Bernstorff,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
of H.M. the King of Prussia.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

NETHERLANDS. 10, Lowndes-square.

Superscription.

To the Baron Bentinck,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of the Netherlands.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

Superscription.

To the Baron Charles de Geer,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Sweden and Norway.

DENMARK. 2, Wilton-crescent.

Superscription.

To General d'Oxholm,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
of H.M. the King of Denmark.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

PORTUGAL. 12, Gloucester-place,
Portman-square.

Superscription.

To the Count de Lavradio,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
From Her Most Faithful Majesty.

SARDINIA. Berkeley-square.

Superscription.

To the Marquis d'Azeglio,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Sardinia.

SICILY.

Superscription.

To the Prince de Carini,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of the Two Sicilies.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

BAVARIA. 3, Hill-street, Berkeley-square.

Superscription.

To the Baron de Cetto,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Bavaria.

WURTEMBERG.

Superscription.

To the * * *
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Wurtemberg.

SAXONY.

Superscription.

To the Count de Vitzthum,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Saxony.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

HANOVER. 11, Grosvenor-place.

Superscription.

To the Count Kielmansegge,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of Hanover.

GREECE. 11, Park-square, Regent's Park.

Superscription.

To Monsieur Trecoupi,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H M. the King of Greece.

AMERICA. 7, Langham-place.

Superscription.

To James Buchanan, Esq.
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the United States of America.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

BELGIUM. 50, Portland-place.

Superscription.

To Monsieur Van de Weyer,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the King of the Belgians.

BRAZIL. 5, Mansfield-street,
Portland-place.

Superscription.

To the Chevalier S. de Macedo,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From H.M. the Emperor of the Brazils.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. 22, Manchester-square.

Superscription.

To Don Manuel Moreno,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Argentine Republic.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

NEW GRANADA. 16, Tichfield-terrace,
Regent's Park.

Superscription.

To Don Manuel Mosquera,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Republic of New Granada.

MEXICO. 10, Park-place, Regent's Park.

Superscription.

To Señor Joaquim Castello y Langos,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Republic of Mexico.

PERU. 30, Portland-place.

Superscription.

To General Don Manuel de Mendeburn,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Republic of Peru.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

BOLIVIA.

Superscription.

To General Santa Cruz,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From the Republic of Bolivia.

TUSCANY.

Superscription.

To the Prince Poniatowski,
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
From His Serene Highness
The Grand Duke of Tuscany.

WIVES of FOREIGN AMBASSADORS,
&c.

In addressing the Wives of the Foreign Ambassadors, we also prefix the word *Excellency* to their other titles; as—

Superscription.

To Her Excellency *

The Countess Walewski.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Madam,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

humble Servant,

* The Wives of Envoys, &c. are usually addressed in the same manner, although not actually entitled to it.— See note, page 78.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.

RUSSIA. 2, Winchester-buildings*.

Superscription.

To

His Imperial Russian Majesty's
Consul-General.

FRANCE. 47, King William-street.

Superscription.

To M. C. Herbot, Esq.

Consul-General of

His Imperial Majesty
The Emperor of the French.

SPAIN. 7, Gracechurch-street.

Superscription.

To Don Miguel del Bayamo,

Her Catholic Majesty's

Consul-General.

* The addresses here given are those of the Consuls' Offices.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.



PRUSSIA. 106, Fenchurch-street.

Superscription.

To the Chevalier Hebler, K.C.W.R.
His Prussian Majesty's
Consul-General.

BELGIUM.

Superscription.

To Octave Delapierre, Esq.
Consul-General of His Majesty
The King of the Belgians.

NETHERLANDS. 123, Fenchurch-street.

Superscription.

To J. W. May, Esq.
Consul-General of His Majesty
The King of the Netherlands.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.

SARDINIA. 31, Old Jewry.

Superscription.

To John B. Heath, Esq. F.R.S.

His Sardinian Majesty's

Consul-General.

SICILY. 15, Cambridge-street, Edgeware-road.

Superscription.

To Henry S. Minassi, Esq.

His Sicilian Majesty's

Consul-General.

SWITZERLAND. 24, Gresham-street.

Superscription.

To John Rappas, Esq.

Agent and Consul-General

of the Swiss Confederacy.

BRAZIL. Liverpool.

Superscription.

To Vice-Admiral J. P. Grenfell,

Consul-General

From H.M. the Emperor of the Brazils.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.



HANOVER. Circus, Minorities.

Superscription.

To Sir John Hall, K.C.H.

His Hanoverian Majesty's

Consul-General.

HANSEATIC REPUBLIC. 3, Hare-court, Temple.

Superscription.

To James Colquhoun, Esq. LL.D. K.C.M.G.

Consul-General

of the Hanseatic Republic.

AMERICA.

Superscription.

To George A. Sanders, Esq.

Consul-General of the

United States of America.

BOLIVIA. 1, London-street, Fenchurch-street.

Superscription.

To the Baron Scholey,

Consul-General

of the Republic of Bolivia.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.

CHILI. 8, Great Winchester-street.

Superscription.

To Spencer E. Dickson, Esq.
Consul-General
of the Republic of Chili.

MEXICO.

Superscription.

To
Consul-General
of the Republic of Mexico.

TURKEY. 1, Bryanston-square.

Superscription.

To Le Chevalier Edourd Zohrab,
Consul-General
of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

FOREIGN CONSULS, continued.



GREECE. 25, Finsbury-circus.

Superscription.

To Pantia Ralli, Esq.

Consul-General

From H.M. the King of Greece.

BAVARIA. 33, Great St. Helen's.

Superscription.

To Adolphus Brandt, Esq.

Consul-General

From H.M. the King of Bavaria.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. 27, New Broad-street.

Superscription.

To George F. Dickson, Esq.

Consul-General

of the Argentine Republic.

Ambassadors.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.

English, as well as Foreign Ambassadors, merely have *Excellency* prefixed to their other Titles, with the addition of their accredited rank.

List of the present Ambassadors, &c.

AUSTRIA.

Superscription.

To His Excellency
The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmoreland,
H.B.M. Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Vienna.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.



FRANCE.

Superscription.

To His Excellency

The Right Hon. the Lord Cowley, G.C.B.

H.B.M. Ambassador Extraordinary

and Plenipotentiary

to H.I.M. the Emperor of the French.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

humble Servant,

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

TURKEY.

Superscription.

To His Excellency
The Right Hon. the Viscount Stratford de
Redcliffe, G.C.B.
H.B.M. Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
to the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

Commencement.

My Lord,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.



RUSSIA.

Superscription.

The Right Hon. the *
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
at the Court of St. Petersburg.

NETHERLANDS.

Superscription.

To Sir Ralph Abercromby, K.C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of the Netherlands.

* See note, page 78.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

PERSIA.

Superscription.

To Colonel Justin Shiel, C.B.

H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Persia.

PRUSSIA.

Superscription.

To the Right Hon.

The Lord Bloomfield, K.C.B.

H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Prussia.

PORTUGAL.

Superscription.

To Sir Richard Pakenham, K.C.B.

H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to Her Most Faithful Majesty.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

AMERICA.

Superscription.

To John F. Crampton, Esq.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to the United States of America.

NAPLES.

Superscription.

To the Hon. Sir William Temple, K.C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of the Two Sicilies.

GERMANIC CONFEDERATION.

Superscription.

To Sir Alexander Charles Malet, Bart.
H.B.M. Minister Plenipotentiary
to the Germanic Confederation.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

SWEDEN.

Superscription.

To Arthur Charles Magenis, Esq.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Sweden and Norway.

DENMARK.

Superscription.

To the Right Hon.
H. B M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Denmark.

SARDINIA.

Superscription.

To James Hudson, Esq. C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Sardinia.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

BAVARIA.

Superscription.

To Sir John Ralph Milbanke, Bart.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Bavaria.

WURTEMBERG.

Superscription.

To the Hon. George Stafford Jerningham,
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Wurtemberg.

TUSCANY.

Superscription.

To the Right Honorable
Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer, G.C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.S.H. the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

SAXONY.

Superscription.

To the Hon. F. R. Forbes,
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
to H.M. the King of Saxony.

SWITZERLAND.

Superscription.

To the Hon. Charles Augustus Murray, C.B.
H.B.M. Minister Plenipotentiary
to the Confederation of the Swiss Cantons.

BELGIUM.

Superscription.

To the Right Hon. the Lord Howard de
Walden and Seaford, G.C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of the Belgians

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.

SPAIN.

Superscription.

To the Right Hon. Lord Howden, K.C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to Her Catholic Majesty.

BRAZIL.

Superscription.

To H. F. Howard, Esq.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the Emperor of the Brazils.

GREECE.

Superscription.

To the Right Hon. Thomas Wyse, C.B.
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Greece.

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Superscription.

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H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Greece.

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS, &c.
continued.



HANOVER.

Superscription.

To the Hon. John Duncan Bligh,
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to H.M. the King of Hanover.

MEXICO.

Superscription.

To
H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
to the Republic of Mexico.

WIVES of ENGLISH AMBASSADORS.



The Wives of the English Ambassadors have *Excellency* prefixed to their other titles, in the superscription of letters : the same title is likewise used in the conclusion of the letter, in lieu of their own, being superior to any other.

Superscription.

To Her Excellency *

The Right Honorable

The Lady Cowley.

Commencement.

Madam,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Madam,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

humble servant,

* See note, page 87.



Queen in Council.

All applications to the Queen in Council, Houses of Lords and Commons, &c. are by Petition, and generally drawn out in the following form, varying only in the title:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

The humble Petition of A. B. of the
City of London (*Profession*)

Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner.....

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Wherefore your petitioner
humbly prays that your
Majesty will be graciously
pleased to

And your petitioner, as in duty
bound, will ever pray.

London, August, 1854.

HOUSE of LORDS.



To the Right Honorable
The Lords Spiritual and Temporal
of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland,
in Parliament assembled,
Humbly Sheweth,

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Honorable
The Commons of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland,
in Parliament assembled,
Humbly Sheweth,

Government Departments.
SECRETARIES OF STATE.

FOREIGN.

Superscription.

To Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Foreign Department,

OR

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Clarendon,
K.G. G.C.B.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Foreign Department.

HOME.

To Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Home Department,

OR

To the Right Hon. the Lord Visct. Palmerston,
G.C.B.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Home Department.

COLONIAL.

To Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Colonial Department,

OR

To the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart.
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the Colonial Department,

WAR.

To Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the War Department,

OR

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
For the War Department.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
continued.



TREASURY.

Superscription.

To the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Commencement.

My Lords,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' most obedient,

humble Servant,

The above is the form of address to this Board by letter, but common applications to it are usually made by petition.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
continued.



ADMIRALTY.

Superscription.

To the Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty.

Or more formally,

To the Lords Commissioners
for executing the Office of
Lord High Admiral.

This Board, and that of the Treasury, are usually addressed, *by courtesy*, with the title of Right Honorable.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
continued.



ORDNANCE.

Superscription.

To the Principal Officers
of Her Majesty's Ordnance.

Commencement.

Gentlemen *,

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

* Commissioners of Government Departments are very often styled Honorable, especially by inferiors; but it is a mere matter of courtesy, as they have no right to the distinction.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
continued.**

INLAND REVENUE.

Superscription.

To the Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue.

AUDIT OFFICE.

Superscription.

To the Commissioners
for Auditing the Public Accounts.

CUSTOMS.

Superscription.

To the Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Customs.

The Excise Board, and that of Stamps and Taxes, are
now merged in the Board of Inland Revenue.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,
continued.



WOODS AND FORESTS.

Superscription.

To Her Majesty's Commissioners
of Woods and Forests.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

BANK.

Superscription.

To the Governor,
Deputy Governor,
and the Court of Directors,
of the Bank of England.

EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Superscription.

To the Court of Directors
of the East India Company.

SOUTH SEA COMPANY.

Superscription.

To the Sub-Governor, Deputy Governor,
and Committee of Directors,
of the South Sea Company.

The above is the formal address; it is usual however to say, "To the Honorable the Governor," "The Honorable the Court of Directors," &c.

T A B L E
OF
PRECEDENCY OF MEN.

Prince Albert.
The Sovereign's Sons.
The Sovereign's Brothers.
The Sovereign's Uncles.
The Sovereign's Grandsons.
The Sovereign's Nephews.
The Sovereign's Cousins.
Archbishop of Canterbury.
Lord High Chancellor.
Archbishop of York.
Archbishop of Armagh.
Archbishop of Dublin.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of MEN,
continued.

Lord High Treasurer *.
 Lord President of the Privy Council *.
 Lord Privy Seal *.
 Lord High Constable †.
 Lord Great Chamberlain of England †.
 Earl Marshal †.
 Lord High Admiral †.
 Lord Steward of the Household †.
 Lord Chamberlain of the Household †.
 Dukes, according to their Patents ‡.
 Marquesses.
 Dukes' Eldest Sons.
 Earls.
 Marquesses' Eldest Sons.
 Dukes' Younger Sons.

* If of the rank of Baron.

† Above all of their own rank, viz. if Dukes, above Dukes; if Earls, above Earls, &c.

‡ For Precedency of Scotch and Irish Peers, see page 123.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of MEN,
continued.



Viscounts.

Earls' Eldest Sons.

Marquesses' Younger Sons.

Bishop of London.

Bishop of Durham.

Bishop of Winchester.

**Other English Bishops, according to their
Seniority of Consecration.**

Bishop of Meath.

**Other Irish Bishops, according to their
Seniority of Consecration.**

Barons.

Speaker of the House of Commons.

Viscounts' Eldest Sons.

Earls' Younger Sons.

Barons' Eldest Sons.

Knights of the Garter.

Privy Counsellors.

Chancellor of the Exchequer.

**TABLE of PRECEDENCY of MEN,
continued.**



Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
 Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench.
 The Master of the Rolls.
 The Vice-Chancellor of England *.
 Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.
 Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.
 Judges, and Barons of the Exchequer, accord-
 ing to Seniority.
 Knights Bannerets Royal.
 Viscounts' Younger Sons.
 Barons' Younger Sons.
 Baronets.
 Knights Bannerets.
 Knights of the Bath Grand Crosses.
 Knights Commanders of the Bath.
 Knights Bachelors.

* The two other Vice-Chancellors rank after the Lord Chief Baron, as will the whole three after the death of the present Vice-Chancellor of England.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of MEN,
continued.



Eldest Sons of the Eldest Sons of Peers.
 Baronets' Eldest Sons.
 Knights of the Garter's Eldest Sons.
 Bannerets' Eldest Sons.
 Knights of the Bath's Eldest Sons.
 Knights' Eldest Sons.
 Baronets' Younger Sons.
 Serjeants at Law.
 Doctors, Deans, and Chancellors.
 Masters in Chancery.
 Companions of the Bath.
 Esquires of the King's Body.
 Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber.
 Esquires of the Knights of the Bath.
 Esquires by Creation.
 Esquires by Office or Commission.
 Younger Sons of Knights of the Garter.
 Younger Sons of Bannerets.
 Younger Sons of Knights of the Bath.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of MEN,
continued.

Younger Sons of Knights Bachelors.
Gentlemen entitled to bear Arms.
Clergymen not Dignitaries.
Barristers at Law.
Officers in the Navy and Army not Esquires
by Commission.
Citizens.
Burgesses.

By the 23rd Article of the Act of Union—
“All Peers of Scotland shall be Peers of
Great Britain, and have rank next after the
Peers of the like degree in England at the
time of the Union (1st May, 1707), and before
all Peers of Great Britain of the same degree
created after the Union.” The Act for the
Union of Ireland (1801) contains a similar

article with regard to the precedence of the Irish Peers and Bishops.

If any Bishop or Baron be Principal Secretary of State, he ranks above all of his degree, unless they hold any of the great offices of higher precedence.

The priority of signing any treaty or public instrument, by Ministers, is by rank of office, and not of title.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of WOMEN.

The Queen.

Daughters of the Queen.

Wives of the Queen's Sons.

Wives of the Queen's Brothers.

Wives of the Queen's Uncles.

Wives of the Eldest Sons of Dukes of the
Blood Royal.

Daughters of Dukes of the Blood Royal.

Wives of the King's or Queen's Nephews.

Duchesses.

Marchionesses.

Wives of the Eldest Sons of Dukes.

Daughters of Dukes.

Countesses.

Wives of the Eldest Sons of Marquesses.

Daughters of Marquesses.

Wives of the Younger Sons of Dukes.

Viscountesses.

Wives of the Eldest Sons of Earls.

Daughters of Earls.

TABLE of PRECEDENCY of WOMEN,
continued.

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- Wives of the Younger Sons of Marquesses.
Baronesses.
Wives of the Eldest Sons of Viscounts.
Daughters of Viscounts.
Wives of the Younger Sons of Earls.
Wives of the Eldest Sons of Barons.
Daughters of Barons.
Maids of Honour.
Wives of the Younger Sons of Viscounts.
Wives of the Younger Sons of Barons.
Wives of Baronets.
Wives of Knights of the Garter.
Wives of Knights Grand Crosses of the Bath.
Wives of Knights Commanders of the Bath.
Wives of Knights Bachelors.
Wives of the Eldest Sons of the Younger Sons
of Peers.
Wives of the Eldest Sons of Baronets.
Daughters of Baronets.

**TABLE of PRECEDENCY of WOMEN,
continued.**

**Wives of the Eldest Sons of Knights of the
Garter.**

**Wives of the Eldest Sons of Knights of the
Bath.**

Daughters of Knights of the Bath.

Wives of the Eldest Sons of Knights Bachelors.

Daughters of Knights Bachelors.

Wives of the Younger Sons of Baronets.

Daughters of Knights.

**Wives of the Companions of the Order of the
Bath.**

Wives of the Esquires of the King's Body.

**Wives of the Esquires of the Knights of the
Bath.**

Wives of Esquires by Creation.

Wives of Esquires by Office.

**Wives of the Younger Sons of Knights of the
Garter.**

**TABLE of PRECEDENCY of WOMEN,
continued.**

**Wives of the Younger Sons of Knights of the
Bath.**

**Wives of the Younger Sons of Knights
Bachelors.**

Wives of Gentlemen entitled to bear Arms.

Daughters of Esquires entitled to bear Arms.

Daughters of Gentlemen entitled to bear Arms.

Wives of Citizens.

Wives of Burgesses.

ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.



A list of all the English subjects who are members of the several British and Foreign Orders, would far exceed our limits; however, as it is considered a mark of respect to place the initials of the Order after the name of the possessor, in the superscription of letters, a list of the abbreviations in use will probably prove serviceable.

It may be necessary to premise, that no British subject is allowed to wear the insignia of any *Foreign Order*, without first obtaining Her Majesty's permission, and having the same duly registered at the Heralds' Office; and, that no permission granted *subsequent* to March, 1813, authorizes the assumption of any Style, Rank, Precedence, or Privilege appertaining to that of a Knight Bachelor of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The following Notice respecting Foreign

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.



Orders appeared also in the London Gazette of December 6, 1823 :—

“ 1st. That no British subject shall accept a Foreign Order, or wear its Insignia, without having previously obtained a warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, (directed to the Earl Marshal of England,) granting him His Majesty’s permission to accept and wear the same.—2nd. That the intention of a Foreign Sovereign to decorate a British subject with the Insignia of such Order shall be notified to His Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, either through the King’s Minister abroad, or through the accredited Minister of the Foreign Sovereign resident at this Court.—3rd. That when His Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall have taken His Majesty’s pleasure, and obtained his consent upon the occasion, he shall then signify the same to His Majesty’s Principal

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.



Secretary of State for the Home Department, in order that he may cause the usual Warrant to be prepared for the Royal Sign Manual, and take such other steps as may be necessary for carrying His Majesty's pleasure into effect accordingly.—4th. That when the Warrant is signed by the King, it shall be announced in the Gazette in the usual manner, and registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.—5th. That no subject of His Majesty could be allowed to accept the Insignia of a Foreign Order from any Sovereign of a Foreign State, except they shall be so conferred in consequence of active and distinguished services before the enemy, either at sea or in the field, or unless he shall have been actually employed in the service of such Foreign Sovereign.—6th. That His Majesty's licence and permission doth not authorize, and shall not be deemed or construed to authorize, the assumption of any style, appella-

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.



tion, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining unto a Knight Bachelor of these realms.

“N.B. Before the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs takes the King’s pleasure on any application for an *Officer in the Army* to be permitted to accept a Foreign Order, he causes the same to be referred to the Commander-in-Chief, through his Lordship’s Secretary, to know whether or not his Lordship sees any objection to His Majesty’s pleasure being taken thereon.”

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.

*List of the Orders, and their Abbreviations.*

BRITISH.

K.G.	Knight of the Garter.
K.T.	Knight of the Thistle.
K.P.	Knight of St. Patrick.
G.C.B.	Knight Grand Cross of the Bath.
K.C.B.	Knight Commander of the Bath.
C.B.	Companion of the Bath.

FOREIGN.

HANOVER.

G.C.H.	Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order.
K.C.H.	Knight Commander of the Guelphic Order.
K.H.	Knight of the Guelphic Order.

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.



AUSTRIA.

- K.L. Knight of Leopold.
K.M.T. Knight of St. Maria Theresa.

RUSSIA.

- K.A. Knight of St. Andrew.
K.A.N. Knight of St. Alexander Newski.
K.S.A. Knight of St. Anne.
K.S.G. Knight of St. George.
K.S.W. Knight of St. Wladimir.

SPAIN.

- K.G.F. Knight of the Golden Fleece.
K.C.S. Knight of Charles the Third.
K F. Knight of Ferdinand.

PORTUGAL.

- K.B.A. St. Bento d'Avis.
K.T.S. Knight of the Tower and Sword.

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.**PRUSSIA.**

- K.B.E.** Knight of the Black Eagle.
K.R.E. Knight of the Red Eagle.
K.M.M. Order of Military Merit.

SWEDEN.

- K.G.V.** Knight of Gustavus Vasa.
K.P.S. Knight of the Polar Star.
K.S. Knight of the Sword.

POLAND.

- K.S.P.** Knight of St. Stanislaus.
K.W.E. Knight of the White Eagle.



- K.C.** Knight of the Crescent, in Turkey.
K.E. Elephant, in Denmark.
K.S.F. St. Ferdinand and of Merit, in Sicily.
K.J. St. Joachim, of Naples.

ORDERS of KNIGHTHOOD, continued.

M.K.	Knight of Malta.
K.M.H.	Merit, in Holstein.
K.M.J.	Maximilian Joseph, in Bavaria.
K.S.E.	St. Esprit, in France.
K.S.L.	Sun and Lion, in Persia.
K.W.	William, in the Netherlands.
K.S.M.G.	St. Michael and St. George, of the Ionian Islands.

It will be observed, that those Foreign Orders, only, are enumerated, which are actually conferred upon British subjects.

THE END.

