PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, February 21, 1874.

This day the oath of office of Lord Chamberlain was taken by the Most Honourable Francis Hugh George, Marquess of Hertford; the oath of office of Lord Steward by the Right Honourable Frederic, Earl Beauchamp; the oath of office of President of the Board of Trade by the Right Honourable Sir Charles Bowyer Adderley; K.C.M.G.; and the oath of office of President of the Local Government Board by the Right Honourable George Sclater-Booth.

At the Court at Windsor, the 2d day of March 1874.

Her Majesty having been gracionally pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Thomas Edward Taylor, the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was, this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, March 2, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Elizabeth, Duchess of Wellington, to be Mistress of the Robes, in the room of Anne, Duchess of Sutherland (Countess of Cromartie), resigned.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, March 2, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Francis Hugh George, Marquess of Hertford, to be Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of John Robert, Viscount Sydney, G.C.B., resigned.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George William, Viscount Barrington, to be Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of Richard de Aquila Grosvenor (commonly called Lord Richard Grosvenor), resigned.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Alleyne, Marquess of Exeter, to be Captain of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, in the room of Henry Edward, Earl of Ilchester, resigned.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Edward Lord Skelmersdale, to be Captain of Her Majesty's Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, in the room of William Amelius Aubrey de Vere, Duke of St. Albans, resigned.

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- Charles Adolphus, Earl of Dunmore, in the room of Gavin, Earl of Breadalbane, resigned.
- Robert, Earl of Roden, in the room of Valentine Augustus, Earl of Kenmare, resigned.
- Cornwallis, Viscount Hawarden, in the room of Albert Edmund, Earl of Morley, resigned.
- William, Lord Bagot, in the room of Thomas, Lord Camoys, resigned.
- Dudley Charles, Lord De Ros, in the room of Charles, Lord Lurgan, resigned.
- William Buller Fullerton, Lord Elphinstone,

in the room of Frederick Henry Paul, Lord Methuen, resigned.

Thomas, Lord Walsingham, in the room of Arthur, Lord Wrottesley, resigned.

BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH, March 2, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Frederick, Earl Beauchamp, to be Lord Steward of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable John George Brabazon, Earl of Bessborough, resigned.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint the Honourable Henry George Percy (commonly called Earl Percy), to be Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable William John, Lord Monson, resigned.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint the Honourable Henry Richard Charles Somerset (commonly called Lord Henry Somerset), to be Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable Otho Augustus Fitzgerald (commonly called Lord Otho Fitzgerald), resigned.

WHITEHALL, February 26, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to grant the office of Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland to Edward Strathearn Gordon, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Counsel, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates.

WHITEHALL, February 28, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of an Earl of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the Right Honourable John Robert, Viscount Sydney, G.C.B., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Earl Sydney of Scadbury, in the County of Kent.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Viscount of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Cardwell of Ellerbeck, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the undermentioned persons, and the respective heirs male of their bodies lawfully begotten :---

- The Right Honourable Chichester Samuel Parkinson-Fortescue, by the name, style, and title of Baron Carlingford of Carlingford, in the County of Louth.
- The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Francis Fremantle, Bart., by the name, style, and title of Baron Cottesloe of Swanbourne and of Hardwick, in the County of Buckingham,
- The Right Honourable Edmund Hammond, by the name, style, and title of Baron Hammond of Kirkella, in the Town and County of the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull.