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THE ROLL OF THE BARONETS.

ON the 3rd of November, 1905, the Right Honourable Aretas Akers Douglas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (now Viscount Chilston) appointed a Departmental Committee to consider and report whether any, and, if so, what, steps should be taken to safeguard the status of the holders of Baronetcies, and to prevent the assumption of the title Baronet by persons who have no right thereto. The Committee was presided over by the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery and issued its Report on the 12th December, 1906. The Report and Appendices were presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of His late Majesty King Edward : (Cd. 3445. 1907).

This Committee was satisfied on the evidence brought before them that a certain number of persons had assumed the title of Baronet, either wrongfully, or on a very doubtful basis : they considered various schemes which were submitted to them with the object of dealing with the evil ; and they finally recommended the preparation by the Home Office of a Roll of Baronets to include all persons who should for the future be officially recognised and entitled to the dignity.