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Earl Marshal's Office,

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THE EARL MARSHAL'S NOTICE TO PEERS AND PEERESSES CONCERNING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE SOLEMNITY OF THE CORONATION OF HER MOST SACRED MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY ON JUNE 2ND NEXT.

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty having been pleased to command me, as Earl Marshal of England, to prepare and countersign Letters of Summons to be passed under the Royal Sign Manual, requiring the attendance of Peers and Peeresses of Great Britain at the Solemnity of Her Majesty's Royal Coronation, and the Queen having been further pleased to command me to prepare such Letters also for those Peers of Ireland whose right to vote at the election of a Representative Peer for Ireland has, on claim made on their behalf, been admitted by the House of Lords and who are not now Members of the House of Commons, I do hereby request that all those Peers who, in conformity with the above regulations, desire to attend at the Solemnity of the Royal Coronation of Her Majesty, will be pleased to transmit their respective addresses to me at this office; and that the Peeresses who may desire to attend at the said Coronation, will also be pleased to transmit their respective Christian names and addresses to me, in order that their applications may be considered.

NOTE.—1. Only the applications of those Peers and Peeresses who reply to the above intimation before the 18th day of December will receive consideration. A reasonable margin of time will be allowed in the case of those Peers and Peeresses who are at present residing overseas.

2. Owing to the shortage of space in the Abbey, and the necessity of providing seating for Representatives of the Commonwealth and Empire, the number of Peers and Peeresses who will receive summonses to attend may have to be curtailed.

No guarantee can therefore be given that the receipt of applications as requested above will ensure summonses to attend, and it may be necessary to arrange distribution by ballot or by other similar means.

3. It is regretted that owing to the reasons mentioned in Note 2 above, the Widows of Peers will not receive Her Majesty's Summons upon this occasion, excepting those who are Dames Grand Cross of the Orders of Knighthood.

NORFOLK,
Earl Marshal.

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THE EARL MARSHAL'S ORDERS CONCERNING THE ROBES AND DRESS TO BE WORN BY PEERS AND PEERESSES ATTENDING THE SOLEMNITY OF THE CORONATION OF HER MOST SACRED MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

PEERS.

Those Peers taking part in the Processions or Ceremonies in Westminster Abbey will wear Robes of State, with coronets, over full Dress Civil Uniform or No. 1 Full Dress Naval Uniform, Full Dress Military Uniform or Full Dress Royal Air Force Uniform to which they may be entitled or, if not entitled to any uniform, then over full velvet Court Dress, or one of the alternative styles of Court Dress, as laid down in the Regulations for Court Dress in the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

Those Peers not taking part in the processions or ceremonies will be expected to wear the same if possible. Alternatively, they may wear mantles of Orders of Knighthood to which they may be entitled, or Parliament Robes, over any dress which they wore at a previous Coronation, or over evening dress (knee breeches optional) or a black suit with white shirt, wing collar, white bow tie and waistcoat (as for evening dress). Peers below the rank of Earl who are not in possession of coronets may wear, as an alternative to coronets, Caps of State of a pattern similar to those worn inside coronets, details of which will be available on application to the Earl Marshal's Office after January 15th.

The Robe of State of a Peer is to be of crimson velvet, edged down the front with miniver pure, with a full cape also of miniver pure with rows or bars of ermine tails (or the like) according to degree:—

A Baron—two rows of ermine tails.

A Viscount—two rows and a half.

An Earl—three rows.

A Marquess—three rows and a half.

A Duke—four rows.

The coronet of a Peer is to be of silver gilt, the cap of crimson velvet turned up with ermine, with a golden tassel on the top, the circlet having on its rim, in the case of:—

A Baron—Six silver balls on the rim of equal size and at equal distances.

A Viscount—Sixteen silver balls on the rim, all of equal size.