



Shire Sheriffs

Mr. Churchill Presides over the Ceremony

The annual ceremony for nominating the sheriffs for the various counties of England and Wales took place yesterday afternoon in the Lord Chief Justices Court. Mr. Winston Churchill, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, presided, wearing the black and gold ceremonial robes of his high office. He was accompanied on the Bench by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) and Justices Avery, Sankey, McCardle, Arton, Finlay and Mackinnon. Mrs. Churchill and other ladies were seated in the jury box. The Kings Remembrancer Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, read out the list of Sheriffs for last year, and when a vacancy occurred, the judges were in turn called upon to nominate a name for the vacancy. The excuses put forward by gentlemen who asked on various grounds to be relieved from serving were submitted by Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary to the Privy Council, to the Chancellor and the judges for approval and were generally acceded to. Some gentlemen were excused by reason of want of means and others because they were over 70.

The nominations were as follows:

West Country

Gloucestershire:- Sir Anselm William Edward Guise, Bart., of Elmore Court, near Gloucester; Major Charles Penrhyn Ackers, of Huntley Manor, near Gloucester. Lieut.-Col. Sir Gilbert Alan Hamilton Wills, Bart., C.B.E. of Batsford Park, Moreton-in-the-Marsh

Somersetshire:- Col. Sir Frank Beachim Beauchamp, C.B.E. of Woodborough House, near Bath; Lieut.-Col. Walter Hanning Speke of Jordans, Ilminster; Sir William James Peake Mason, Bart., of Compton Castle, Compton Pauncefoot

Wiltshire:- Major Robert Fleetwood Fuller, of Great Chalfield, Melksham; Sir Arthur Henry Read Kt., of Lucknam, Colerne, Chippenham; Sidney Richardson Christie Miller, of Clarendon Park, Salisbury

Dorsetshire:- Major Hugh Highfield Nicholson, D.S.O. of Mappercombe Manor, Melplash, Dorset; Capt. Sir Richard Fitzgerald Glyn, Bart., D.S.O. of Gaunt's House, Wimbourne; Capt. Guy Montagu Marston R.N., of Rempstone Hall, Corfe Castle, Dorset

Monmouthshire; Charles Leigh Clay, of Wyndcliffe Court, Chepstow; Lionel Digby Whitehead, of Goytre Hall, Abergavenny; Major Albert Adams-Williams, O.B.E. of Llangibby Castle, Mon.

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