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THE PEERS, BARONETS, AND KNIGHTS, AND THE
COMPANIONS OF THE SEVERAL ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,
PLACED ACCORDING TO THEIR RELATIVE RANK,

TOGETHER WITH

A SCALE OF GENERAL OR SOCIAL PRECEDENCE; A LIST OF THE MAIDS OF HONOR TO
THE QUEEN, WITH THEIR RELATIVE PRECEDENCE; PRECEDENCE OF
DIPLOMATIC AGENTS; RELATIVE RANK OF THE OFFICERS OF THE
NAVY AND ARMY; AND TABLES OF PRECEDENCE IN
THE COLONIES, THE DOMINION OF CANADA,
AND THE INDIAN EMPIRE.

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PREFATORY NOTICE.

THE Law of Precedence, when strictly adhered to, regulates to general satisfaction everyone's proper position in Society. "Stand upon the order of your going" is so punctiliously enforced, that it is very desirable that the relative rank of all titled persons should be readily ascertained. The Scale of Social Precedence to be found at page 10 indicates at a glance the position of the various grades, but individual precedence is far more difficult to be determined. The plan adopted in the following lists of prefixing numbers, is a simple and sure guide in the matter. For instance, if the relative precedence of Sir Duncan Cameron, G.C.B., and of Sir Nevile Chamberlain, also G.C.B., has to be ascertained, it will only be necessary to refer to those names in the alphabetical list at page 63. The prefix number attached to Sir Duncan Cameron is 13, to Sir Nevile Chamberlain, 16; consequently, the lower number showing the higher precedence, Sir Duncan Cameron has the higher rank.

To enable a reader to become acquainted with the principles of precedence he should carefully study the "General Remarks" introducing the lists, and consult likewise the subsequent "Regulations of Precedence among Diplomatic Agents, Consuls, and Naval and Military Officers," and also the precedences in the Colonies, the Dominion of Canada, and the Indian Empire at pages 80-84.

The whole of the following Lists will form part of the next edition of BURKE'S PEERAGE AND BARONETAGE, it being the Author's anxious endeavour to render that work as comprehensive and as perfect as possible.

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