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Dear Mr. Rubinstein

I was delighted to get your nice card - posted in New York - about a couple of months ago & to hear of your visit to the Far East, etc.

You must have been, as you said, greatly shocked to hear of the death of your old friend, Lady Cholmondeley & now one is sad to learn that her son has

passed away.

It is encouraging to hear of
your travels as it would, I hope,
suggest you are in remarkably good
health! As a nonagenarian friend
of ours wrote from America recently:
"One thrives on activity" -!

It would be lovely to meet you
again. I will telephone hope long
in the hope of speaking to you

with our affectionate regards.

Robert Dickinson

P.S. During the past few weeks,
on a Sunday, there have been recordings
of your husband's playing.

Constricted role

THE 6th Marquess of Cholmondeley, who has died aged 70, inherited the office of Lord Great Chamberlain with much reduced powers.

His father, who died in 1968, brought so autocratic a manner to his administration of the Palace of Westminster that the Commons rebelled.

MPs rightly resented having to seek his permission to take photographs at their Commons dinner parties and even to park their cars at Westminster when Parliament had risen.

So in 1965 each House was allowed to assume control of its own accommodation and services, leaving the Lord Great Chamberlain with little more than such ceremonial duties as the State Opening.

These the 5th Marquess continued to perform with immense dignity — though when new peers took their seats he declined to turn out for what he called “mere lifers”.

His amiable son was no less stylish. Before each Opening of Parliament he would diet for two or three weeks to show his scarlet and gold encrusted uniform to advantage.

THE MARQUESS OF CHOLMONDELEY

Master of Ceremonial

The Marquess of Cholmondeley, GCVO, MC, DL, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, who was born on April 24, 1919, died on March 13. He was 70.

Hugh Cholmondeley succeeded his father "Rock Cholmondeley as sixth Marquess of Cholmondeley and as joint hereditary Lord Great Chamberlain of England in 1966.

Hereditary right could not have produced a better man for the office of Lord Great Chamberlain. Cholmondeley loved his duties. He was, like his father, devoted to uniforms and the whole panoply of State Ceremony.

As Lord Great Chamberlain he was entrusted with the care of certain parts of the Palace of Westminster, namely the Robing Room and the Royal Gallery and also, together with the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament, of Westminster Hall and the Crypt Chapel.

Cholmondeley served in the 1st Royal Dragoons during the last war in Italy, France and Europe and retired in 1946 as a Major and with the Military Cross.

His concern with the other ranks was always manifest and when he became Lord Great Chamberlain he was well known for his interest in the



soldiery, door keepers and staff of the House of Lords. He was a born courtier who enjoyed the admiration and esteem of a wide circle of friends in all walks of life.

As Lord Great Chamberlain he was entitled to take part in the ceremony of the introduction of new peers into the House of Lords.

Although he seldom exercised this right he took great pleasure in assisting, with the Earl Marshal, at the introduction of the Duke of York.

He was a good squire to his tenants and a firm friend to the many who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, son, three daughters and is succeeded as both Marquess of Cholmondeley and as Lord Great Chamberlain (until the end of the present reign) by his son David George Philip.

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