



MR. DISRAELI MADE A PEER.

13th April 1876
On Saturday morning it was officially announced that the Queen had been pleased to summon the Prime Minister to the House of Lords, where he will sit as Earl of Beaconsfield. The patent, we are informed, runs thus:—"Earl of Beaconsfield and Viscount Hughenden, with no remainders" that is, failing issue, the title becomes extinct.

The same morning it was stated that the Earl of Malmesbury had resigned the office of Lord Privy Seal, in consequence of protracted illness, and in the afternoon, at a meeting of the Privy Council, her Majesty delivered the Seal of Office of Lord Privy Seal to the Earl of Beaconsfield, who took the oath and kissed hands on his appointment.

The Premier left London on Tuesday on a visit to the Earl of Bradford.

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The *Times* says:—"Nothing beats an Earl. The best form of English nobility is the old Earldom, Saxon and Danish as well as Norman. That stage reached, the rest is superfluity. This is the proud title which, incredible as it would have been thirty years ago, the Premier takes so appropriately that a lower rank would hardly have fitted him. It will be replied with no little warmth that a coronet is a trifle, the House of Lords a banishment, a title an eclipse of honour, and the whole apotheosis a funereal pageant. The statesmen who will be remembered by the names they bore in the battle of life were wiser and happier, we shall be told, than the man who hastens to forget what he has been. As it happens, Mr. Disraeli shows a very sound estimate of himself and of his position. He will make a capital peer."