## ROBES FOR THE CORONATION

Coronation Robes to be worn by Peers and Peeresses at the
Coronation in Westminster Abbey on 2nd June will be on show at
Morman Hartnell's, 26 Bruton Street, W.l. from tomorrow, Tuesday, until
next Saturday, January 10th by arrangement with the Earl Marshal's
Office. The Robes are shown as worn by a Marchioness, a Baroness
and a Baron. The one shown for the Baroness is the appropriate
example of the alternative Robes which may be worn by Viscountesses
and Baronesses, including the Cap of State which is permitted as an
alternative to a Coronet. The approximate price for the alternative
Robe for a Viscountess or Baroness is from £30. to £40. The Cap of
State for these Peeresses costs between £4 and £5.

Examples of head coverings which are to be worn with evening or afternoon dress by ladies attending the Coronation are also being displayed.

## Alternative Robe

The alternative Robe for Viscountesses and Baronesses represents the first major change in Peeresses Coronation Robes probably since the reign of Queen Anne.

Between the Coronation of Queen Anne and the present Coronation there have been very slight changes, as for instance the scalloging of the edges to the Kirtle instead of having it festooned as in Queen Anne's reign.

The width of the fur trimming is the same both for Viscountesses and Baronesses, and so is the length of the train. The only indication of rank is the number of rows of ermine tails, as in the normal Robe of State.

## Peers Capt of State

The Cap of State for Viscounts and Barons which can be worn instead of the Coronet for those who do not possess Coronets does not represent a change as far as the Barons are concerned but a reversion to earlier practice.

Up to the middle of the reign of Charles II, Barons had no Coronets or Robes of State and wore Parliament Robes and Caps of State.

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