STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1071

CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY

The Crown Office (Writs of Summons) Rules 1969

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At the Court at Arundel Park, the 31st day of July 1969

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas, by the Crown Office Act 1877(a), it is (among other things) enacted that Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, make rules prescribing the form in which documents to which the said Act applies, or any of them, may be worded :

And Whereas the said Act applies to, among other documents, writs of summons to the House of Lords issued to Lords Spiritual on the summoning of a new Parliament :

And Whereas such writs currently in use are in a form commanding each such Lord Spiritual to forewarn the Dean and chapter of his cathedral church and the Archdeacons and all the clergy of his diocese, the Dean and Archdeacons in their proper persons and chapter and clergy by their authorised proctors, to be present at the day and place ordered for the holding of the new Parliament :

And Whereas it is no longer appropriate for such writs of summons to contain such a command:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 3 of the said Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crown Office (Writs of Summons) Rules 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

2. The form set out in the Schedule to these Rules shall be used for writs of summons to the House of Lords issued to Lords Spiritual on the summoning of a new Parliament.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To [*here insert the name of the Archbishop or Bishop*] Greeting WHEREAS by the advice and assent of Our

(a) 1877 c. 41.

Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs concerning Us the State and defence of Our United Kingdom and the Church We have ordered a certain Parliament to be holden at Our City of Westminster on the day of next ensuing and there to treat and have conference with the Prelates Great Men and Peers of Our Realm We strictly enjoining COMMAND you upon the faith and love by which you are bound to Us that the weightiness of the said affairs and imminent perils considered (waiving all excuses) you be at the said day and place personally present with Us and with the said Prelates Great Men and Peers to treat and give your counsel upon the affairs aforesaid And this as you regard Us and Our honour and the safety and defence of the said Kingdom and Church and dispatch of the said affairs in nowise do you omit.

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the day of in the year of Our Reign.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

The Rules prescribe the form to be used for writs of summons to the House of Lords issued on the summoning of a new Parliament to those Archbishops and Bishops who are members of the House. The form replaces the form in use since before the Crown Office Act 1877: it omits the traditional "praemunientes clause", which is no longer appropriate.