



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 July, 1980.

Dear James,

Thank you for writing to me on 2 July about your status at Lloyds.

I confirm that, as in the case of a number of our colleagues, I am content for you to remain a "name" at Lloyds. I am sure you are aware that this can only be on the basis that you take no active part in the management of the syndicate to which you belong while you continue in office.

Yours ever,

(SGD) MT

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP.

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Lord James Douglas-Hamilton has belatedly noted that he requires your permission to remain a "name" at Lloyds.

There is an absolute bar on the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Trade being "names" while they hold office. For other office holders, there is no objection, provided they take no active part in the management of the syndicate to which they belong.

Would you like to reply to Lord James as in the attached draft?

8 July 1980

*Blind copy to Mr Wright,  
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M.A.*

MHP has seen.

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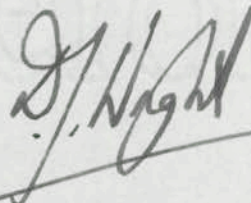
MR. PATTISON

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"Names" at Lloyds

In your minute of 4th July, you asked whether the Prime Minister could agree to Lord James Douglas-Hamilton remaining a "name" at Lloyds.

2. I can confirm that the Prime Minister can agree to this. Only the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Trade are barred from being "names" while they hold office. It seems from Lord James's letter that he realises that according to Questions of Procedure he should have sought the Prime Minister's approval when he first took office. Since he omitted to do this, it might be advisable to remind him that in giving her permission, the Prime Minister assumes that Lord James realises that while he continues in office he should not take an active part in the management of the syndicate to which he belongs.



(D.J. Wright)

7th July, 1980

Ministers <sup>SS</sup>

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MR. WRIGHT  
CABINET OFFICE

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I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP, belatedly seeking authority to remain a "name" at Lloyds.

As with the various applications previously received from members of the Government, I take it that there is no reason to advise the Prime Minister against agreeing to this request?

MAP

4 July 1980

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JS

4 July 1980

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for your letter of 2 July seeking her authority for you to remain a "name" at Lloyds.

I will bring this to the Prime Minister's attention as soon as she returns from her current visit to Scotland, and she will be replying to you shortly.

MAP

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP.

JB



From: James Douglas-Hamilton  
House of Commons  
SW1.

2/7/1980

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Dear Prime Minister,

Under the heading "Notes on Procedure  
for Ministers", I understand I am  
required to request permission to remain  
a "Name" at Lloyd's.

As several other Whips are Names  
this requirement escaped my notice <sup>earlier</sup> and  
I should be most grateful if permission  
to remain a "Name" could be granted,  
which I have been since about 1966 or 1967.

Yours ever  
James