

BATH, 5th Marquess of (*cr.* 1789), **Thomas Henry Thynne**; Bt. 1641; Viscount Weymouth and Baron Thynne, 1682; H.M.'s Lieut. for Somerset; *b.* 16 July 1862; *e. s.* of 4th Marquis and Frances Isabella Catherine, *e. d.* of 3rd Viscount de Vesci; *S.* father 1896; *m.* Violet Caroline, *d.* of Sir Charles Mordaunt, 10th Bt., 1890; two *s.* three *d.* *Educ.:* Balliol Coll. Oxford; M.A. 1888. M.P. (C.) Somerset Frome Div. 1886-92, 1895-96; Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for India, 1905; Chairman, Wilts C.C.; Lt.-Col. Wilts Yeomanry. Owns about 56,000 acres. *Heir:* *s.* Viscount Weymouth, *q.v.*

July 12. 1900.

3. Hereford Gardens,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Major Simpson,

I am in some diffi:
culty about answering your letter.

I should have been most happy
to have accepted your kind invi:
tation to give away the prizes at

Bath Colley on the 30th; but I

find myself rather tied. —

I have promised to sit on a private

Bill Committee in the House of
Lords and fully expect my services
will be required just about that
time. -

If I could, I would have suggested
to leave the matter open, but I
know you have your arrangements
to make, so I am afraid that under
the circumstances I must write to
decline your invitation, consoling

myself with the reflection
that I am setting a good example
to the younger generation in
placing duty before pleasure.

Believe me,

yours very truly

Bath.