

CHAMPION OF THE KING OF ENGLAND,
(most honourable), an ancient office, since 1377 has
been attached to the manor of Scrivelsby, held by
the Marmion family. Their descendant, sir Henry
Dymoke, the seventeenth of his family who held
the office, died 28 April, 1865; succeeded by his
brother John; he died, and his son Henry Lionel
succeeded, who died Dec. 1875. At the coro-
nation of the English kings, the champion used to
challenge any one that should deny their title.

in haste
yours very truly
Henry Dymoke

Senielsby Court
Nov. 4. 1733.

My dear Sir,

We are sorry that a previous Engagement will
prevent us accepting your kind invitation on
Thursday the 14th Instant. Mrs. Dyvocke myself
regret very much that we cannot come
on early day, for the pleasure of seeing
you at Senielsby but trust we may yet
be fortunate enough to see you here that
pleasure be for Mrs. Eden & yourself from
Harrington for the Lent,
Mrs. Dyvocke begs to unite with me in
kind love to you and Belates the

Very dear Sir
Yours very Truly

Wm. Dyvocke

At the coronation of William the 4th the steed of the Champions
of England, having been taught to move backwards out of Westminster
Hall, as a respect due to royalty, unfortunately mistook his lesson, and moved
backwards with his head towards the door and his tail towards the tables

Ms. A. 9. 3

The Champion of Captains
Henry Dymoke