



In The News

Compton Chamberlayne

DEPUTY-LIEUTENANTS

COMMISSIONS SIGNED BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT

The following gentlemen to be Deputy-Lieutenants:-

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Charles Penruddocke, Esq., Compton Park, Salisbury

Alexander Pitts Elliott Powell, Esq., Hurdcott House, Salisbury

William Wyndham, jun., Esq., Dinton, Salisbury

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(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 22 December, 1860)

*In the United Kingdom, a **Deputy Lieutenant** is a military commission and one of several deputies to the Lord Lieutenant of a lieutenancy area; an English ceremonial county, Welsh preserved county, Scottish lieutenancy area, or Northern Irish county borough or county.*

In titles, the postnominal letters DL may be added; e.g. John Brown, CBE, DL. However, it is generally omitted if the subject has many honours and titles. Deputy Lieutenants are chosen by the local Lord-Lieutenant, to assist them with any of their duties as may be required. They receive their commission only when the appropriate Minister communicates that Her Majesty The Queen does not disapprove of the appointment.

DLs must live within the county, or within seven miles (11 km) of the boundary. Their appointment does not terminate with the changing of the Lord Lieutenant. They usually retire at age 75.

One of the serving Deputy Lieutenants is appointed as Vice Lord Lieutenant, and under most circumstances will stand in for the Lord Lieutenant when he or she cannot be present. The appointment as Vice Lord Lieutenant does, however, end when the Lord Lieutenant who made the appointment leaves his or her post.

Unlike the position of Lord Lieutenant, which is an appointment (gift) by the Sovereign, the position of Deputy Lieutenant is an appointment of the Sovereign's appointee, the Lord Lieutenant, and not a direct appointment of the Sovereign.