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Lady Aberdeen

Styles of Address:

Excerpts from "Titles and Forms of Address: A Guide to their Correct Use" (1932)

1. Dowager Marchionesses

A dowager marchioness is so called when she is the widow of the preceding marquess, although it is more usual in these days to distinguish her from the reigning marquess's wife by using her christian name before her title. Either of the following examples is therefore correct:

The Social Manner

(used by friends)

Address of envelope -

- (a) The Dowager Marchioness of A,
- or
- (b) Ishbel, Marchioness of A.

Manner of Address - Dear Lady A.

The Formal Manner

(used by inferiors, or  
on ceremonial occasions)

Address of envelope

- (a) The Most Honble. the Dowager Marchioness of A.
- (b) The Most Honble Ishbel, Marchioness of A.

Manner of Address - Madam:

2. The Order of the British Empire

Two of the classes for women:

- Dames Grand Cross - G.B.E.
- Dames Commanders - D.B.E.

When the recipient of this honour already enjoys a higher title, either by birth or marriage,