

To the Liverymen of the City of London



Candidature of

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**ELECTION OF SHERIFFS
FOR THE CITY OF LONDON
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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On Monday, 24th June 1991 in COMMON HALL at GUILDHALL it is the right of every Liveryman to attend and elect two Sheriffs. With the support of many friends in the Livery, I offer myself as a candidate for this "High Office" and, in accordance with custom, please use one vote in favour of the Aldermanic candidate and I trust you will give me your second vote.

Born in Richmond-on-Thames in 1931, I went to Feltonfleet School during World War II and then to Stowe. I received a National Service Commission and was posted to Germany. I returned to join a Gunner TA unit which later merged with the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Bn.). In 1963, following the year when my father was Lord Mayor of this City, I was invited to become one of Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London.

Since 1951 I have worked in my family furnishing business, becoming Chairman in 1981 and handing over to a younger cousin in 1988. During my business career I have been very involved in trade bodies being, among other things, President of the National Association of Retail Furnishers and a Council Member and Hon. Treasurer of the Retail Consortium in whose representation to government I have played a part for twenty years.

Through apprenticeship I became a Freeman of Merchant Taylors' Company taking my Livery in 1955 and serving the office of Master in 1988-1989. I was a member of the Furniture Makers' Guild when it was granted Livery in 1963 and became Master in 1978. I have been a member of the City Livery Club and the Bishopsgate Ward Club for over 25 years and have recently joined the Royal Society of St. George, City of London Branch.

Ten years ago I became involved in the management of the Ranyard Memorial Nursing Home becoming a Trustee and, in 1989, Chairman.

My wife, Ella, has involved herself in both years when I have been Master and wholeheartedly supports me. She retires this summer after fourteen years teaching in a Wimbledon nursery school. Ella has also been Chairman of the Wimbledon Committee of the Children's Society for four years and sits on their central appeals body. Our two sons and two daughters are grown up and pursuing their own careers but happily support our interests.

I am my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen your obedient servant.

John R. Perring
Citizen and Merchant Taylor