

**MODES OF ADDRESS
IN THE
JAMAICAN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

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MODES OF ADDRESS IN THE JAMAICAN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Head of State of Jamaica

The King

The full Royal Style and Title of the King is: ‘Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of Jamaica and of His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth’.

In formal announcements, The King should not be referred to as ‘he’ or ‘him’. After the initial mention the King should be addressed as: ‘His Majesty The King’ or ‘The King’ or ‘His Majesty’.

The Governor- General

The Governor-General is The King’s representative and performs most of the functions of Head of State.

The Mode of Address in

Writing/Formal Settings:

His Excellency the Most Honourable
Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
Governor-General
King’s House
Kingston 6

*ON	Order of the Nation
GCMG	Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George
CD	Commander of the Order of Distinction
KSt.J	Knight of the Order of St. John

Opening Salutation:

(For the Foreign Service)

‘Your Excellency,
I have the honour to inform/invite/etc.....’

Closing:

I avail myself of the opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my highest consideration.’

Name
Title

or

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.’

Name
Title

(For Others)

Opening Salutation:

‘Your Excellency

Closing:

Yours faithfully,’

Name

Title

Verbal Address/Subsequent Referrals

‘Your Excellency’ or ‘Governor-General’

Semi-formal Address:

‘Governor-General’

‘Sir Patrick’ (senior colleagues and personal friends)

Introduction:

Your Excellency, may I present

The initials H.E. (The abbreviation for His Excellency), are not for formal usage, but may be used in informal and third person usage.

The wife of the Governor-General is formally styled: ‘Her Excellency the Most Honourable Lady Allen’

She may be addressed formally as ‘Your Excellency’ and informally as ‘Lady Allen’.

The first name should never be used.

Place Card:

The Governor-General

The Most Honourable Lady Allen

Note

Normally place cards are not used for the Governor-General nor the Prime Minister as, at this level, their seats would have been designated and carefully noted by those doing the seating.

The formal joint description of Their Excellencies is:

‘Their Excellencies The Governor-General and the Most Honourable Lady Allen’ or
 ‘Their Excellencies, the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD. KSt.J and the
 Most Honourable Lady Allen’

At official functions where the Governor-General is present, the National Anthem should be played on his arrival. All persons, present should stand silently with heels together and preferably with hands at sides

Invitation Card:

Placing the title before the name of the host is correct when addressing an invitation card,
 eg. Their Excellencies **The** Governor-General
 and the Most Honourable Lady Allen
 request the pleasure of the company of

.....

The Head of Government

The Prime Minister

In many Commonwealth countries, the Prime Minister is formally styled ‘The Honourable’. If he/she becomes a member of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom (an office held for life), then he/she is styled ‘The Right Honourable’.

If the Prime Minister of Jamaica is a member of the Privy Council he/she is formally styled: ‘the Right Honourable, PC, MP’. Although it has become a tradition in Jamaica to use the postnominal letters ‘PC’, the British and other Commonwealth Countries generally do not use these letters, as it is considered implicit in the title ‘Right Honourable’. It is therefore optional. However, if a Prime Minister becomes a member of the Order of the Nation, he/she is styled the Most Honourable and if he/she becomes a member of the British Privy Council, the letters PC must be placed after the name as the prefix ‘Most Honourable’ subsumes the prefix ‘Right Honourable’ eg. The Most Honourable P.J. **Patterson, ON, OCC*, KC.**

* Mr Patterson was also awarded the Order of Caribbean Community, CARICOM’s highest honour

At formal official functions if the Governor-General is not present and where the Prime Minister is present, the National Anthem should be played to announce the arrival of the Prime Minister. All persons present should stand silently with heels together and preferably with hands at sides

The Mode of Address in:

Writing:

Dr. the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
1 Devon Road
Kingston 10

Opening Salutation:

‘Mister/Dear Mister/Dear Mister Prime Minister/Dear Prime Minister

I

Closing:

.....
Yours faithfully (formal usage)

Yours sincerely (semi-formal usage)

Signature’

Verbal Address/Subsequent Referrals:

‘Mr Prime Minister’ (formal) /‘Prime Minister’ (semi-formal)

Introduction:

Prime Minister, may I introduce

Informally:

Only if you are a personal friend, the first name may be used in a private setting

Place Card:

The Prime Minister

Note

Normally place cards are not used for the Governor-General nor the Prime Minister as, at this level, their seats would have been designated and carefully noted by those doing the seating.

Invitation Card:

Placing the title before the name of the host is correct when addressing an invitation card, eg.

The Prime Minister
Dr the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP and
The Most Honourable Juliet Holness, MP
request the pleasure of the company of

.....

MINISTERS OF GOVERNMENT

The Deputy Prime Minister, Other Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State

The Deputy Prime Minister and all other Ministers of the Cabinet are styled: ‘The Honourable’

The Mode of Address in:

Writing:

Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of _____
Ministry of _____

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Deputy Prime Minister/Mr Minister/Sir
.....’

Yours faithfully (formal usage)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal usage)

Signature’

OR

The Honourable Dr Horace Chang, **OJ**, CD, MP
Minister of National Security
Ministry of National Security

‘Dear Minister/ Dear Minister/Dear Minister Chang

OR

Honourable Juliet Cuthbert Flynn, OD, MP
Minister of State
Minister of National Security

‘Dear Minister /Dear Minister Cuthbert Flynn

If the Minister is also a Member of the Senate, he/she should be formally styled as 'Senator the Honourable':

Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Opening Salutation:

Dear Senator Johnson Smith/Hon. Minister/Mrs Minister

.....

Yours faithfully,
Signature'

The Leader of the Opposition

The former Leader of the Opposition, as a member of the Order of the Nation, and was therefore formally styled: 'The Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, ON, MP'.

The present Leader of the Opposition, was not conferred with the Order of the Nation and is therefore styled as follows

in:

Writing:

Mr. Mark Golding, MP
Leader of the Opposition
1 West King's House Close
Kingston 6

Opening Salutation:

'Dear Sir,

.....

Yours faithfully
Signature'

'Dear Mr. Golding/Leader of the Opposition

.....

Yours sincerely
Signature'

Formal speech/subsequent to the initial mention:

‘The Leader of the Opposition Mr Mark Golding

Informally:

‘Mr. Mark Golding

THE SENATE

The President of the Senate

The President of the Senate is formally addressed ‘Senator the Honourable’.

The mode of address in:

Writing:

Senator the Honourable Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, KC
President of the Senate
Address

‘Dear President Tavares-Finson/Dear Mr President/Dear Madam President

.....

Yours sincerely
Signature’

Formal speech/Subsequent referrals

‘(Mister) President’

‘(Madam) President’

If the holder of this office is a Minister of Religion, the preferred form of address is ‘The Reverend Senator.....’.

The Deputy President of the Senate & All Other Members of the Senate

The Deputy President of the Senate and all other Senators are referred to as ‘Senator’, without the use of ‘Mr/Mrs/Miss’ both formally and informally.

Senators who are members of the Order of Jamaica or are Ministers of Government are addressed ‘Senator the Honourable.....’

The mode of address in:

Writing:

Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith
Deputy President of the Senate
c/o The Houses of Parliament
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)

‘Dear Senator (Surname-optional) (semi-formal)

.....

Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

OR

Senator Kavan Gayle, CD

OR

Senator Lambert Brown, CD
Houses of Parliament
Address

Opening Salutations:

‘Dear Senator (Surname-Optional)

.....

Yours sincerely
Signature’

Formal Speech:

‘Senator (Surname)’ or ‘Senator’

Informally:

‘Senator’

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Speaker of the House is formally referred to as: ‘Mr/Madam Speaker’, within the precincts of the House.

The formal Mode of Address in:

Writing:

The Most Honourable Juliet Holness, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Houses of Parliament
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)

‘Dear Mr/Madam Speaker (semi-formal)

.....

Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Formal Speech

‘The Most Honourable Juliet Holness/ ‘Mrs Speaker’

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives is formally addressed in:

Writing:

Mr Heroy Clarke, MP
Deputy Speaker of the House
c/o Houses of Parliament

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)

‘Dear Deputy Speaker (semi-formal)

.....

Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Members of the House of Representatives

Members of Parliament are usually referred to as ‘Mr/Ms/Mrs....., MP’ during their period in Office. If they are recipients of any state honours, the relevant post-nominal letters should be included before MP, for example, if a Member of Parliament is a member of the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander, he/she would be styled: Mr Robert Montague, CD, MP. If a Member of Parliament is the recipient of more than one state Order, the highest Order is placed first behind the surname, junior orders follow in succession.

The formal manner of address in:

Writing:

Miss Rhoda Moy Crawford, MP
Member of Parliament for Manchester Central

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir (formal)

‘Dear Member of Parliament/Dear Miss Crawford (semi-formal)

.....

Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

The Attorney General

The Attorney General is referred to as Mr. or ‘the Honourable (if also a Minister of Government)’ on first reference, and ‘The Attorney General’ or ‘Mr/Mrs/Miss.....’ on subsequent referrals.

This title is not hyphenated (neither is that of Solicitor General)

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

Mr. Derrick McKoy, CD, KC
Attorney General
Attorney General’s Department
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)
‘Dear Attorney General (semi-formal)

.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Former Governors-General

Former Governors-General are usually styled ‘The Most Honourable Sir’. They would not however, be styled as ‘His/Her/Your Excellency’. The formal Mode of Address is in:

Writing:

The Most Honourable Professor Sir Kenneth Hall, ON, GCMG, OJ
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)
.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

His wife is referred to as ‘The Most Honourable Lady Hall’.

Writing:

The Most Honourable Professor Sir Kenneth Hall, ON, GCMG, OJ

Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir/Madam (formal)

.....

Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

His wife is referred to as ‘The Most Honourable Lady Hall’.

Widows of former Governors-General would be referred to in the same manner.

Former Prime Ministers

The former Prime Minister is formally styled ‘The Most Honourable’ when he/she is a member of the Order of the Nation and ‘Mr’ when he/she is not.

The Mode of Address in:

Writing:

The Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, ON
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Mrs Simpson Miller I

Closing:

.....

Yours faithfully (formal usage)

Yours sincerely (semi-formal usage)

Signature’

His/Her spouse is referred to as ‘The Most Honourable/‘The Honourable Mrs/Mr’ depending on his/her prefix. The widows/widowers of former Prime Ministers would also be referred to in the same manner.

THE JUDICIARY

The Chief Justice & The President of the Court of Appeal

The Chief Justice and the President of the Court of Appeal are formally referred to as: ‘The Honourable Mr/Mrs/Miss Justice (surname only), Chief Justice’ or ‘The Honourable Mr/Mrs/Miss Justice (surname only), President of the Court of Appeal’. Subsequently the Chief Justice may be referred to as, ‘The Chief Justice’, and the President of the Court of Appeal as ‘The President’.

In court, The Chief Justice and the President of the Court of Appeal are referred to as ‘My Lordship/Ladyship’ or ‘My Lord/Lady’. It is customary to appoint the Chief Justice and the President of the Court of Appeal to membership in the Order of Jamaica; once appointed, the formal mode of address is ‘The Honourable....., OJ’.

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

The Honourable Mr Justice Bryan Sykes, OJ, CD
Chief Justice
Supreme Court

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Chief Justice/Madam/Sir
.....
Yours faithfully
Signature’

Verbal Address:

‘Chief Justice’, ‘Mr Justice Sykes’

Semi-formal:

‘Justice Sykes’

(i) The Honourable Mrs Marva McDonald Bishop, OJ, CD
President of the Court of Appeal
The Supreme Court

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop
.....
Yours faithfully

Signature'

Verbal Address:

'President', 'Mr Justice Brooks',

Semi-formal

'Justice Panton'

A Judge of the Court of Appeal/High Court

A Judge of the Court of Appeal/High Court is formally styled, 'The Honourable Mr/Mrs/Miss Justice' on first reference, and 'Mr/Mrs/Miss Justice' subsequently. In court he/she may be referred to as 'My Lord/My Lady' or 'Your Lordship/Ladyship'.

Note that the first name of a judge should be used only where there are two or more judges with the same surname, in which case the first name of the junior one(s) is used as well as the surname at all times.

A Puisne (pronounced pu'ni-with a long 'u') Judge is merely a term used to describe a member of the High Court other than the Chief Justice.

The Master rules on civil cases in Chambers and is styled 'The Master' (whether male/female).

A Resident Magistrate is 'His/Her Honour Mr/Mrs/Miss, Resident Magistrate' (or 'RM'). Subsequently he/she is referred to as: 'the Magistrate or the Resident Magistrate'. In court he/she is referred to as 'Your Honour'. Outside court circles the latter referral would only be used in the salutation of a formal letter or in formal introduction as a speaker.

A Justice of the Peace (JP) is styled 'Your Worship' on the bench, otherwise he/she is addressed by name in the usual manner.

When a judge of the Court of Appeal/High Court retires from service, he/she retains his/her judicial style, and this is written, 'the Honourable Mr/Mrs/Miss Justice Black (ret'd)'.

If an Attorney-at-Law who is a Member of the King's Counsel (KC), becomes a judge of the High Court or the Court of Appeal, he/she drops the 'KC' after their name. Use of these postnominals may be resumed upon retirement.

Members of the Privy Council of Jamaica

The Members are styled ‘Honourable’. The post nominal letters ‘PC’ are not used as this is reserved for members of the UK Privy Council for example, ‘The Honourable David Muirhead, OJ, CD, KC’

The Honourable Mrs Justice (Ret’d) Zaila McCalla, OJ
Member of the Privy Council of Jamaica
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Privy Councillor,
.....
Yours sincerely
Signature’

President of the Jamaica Council of Churches

The President of the Jamaica Council of Churches is formally addressed in:

Writing:

Bishop the Rev’d Christine Gooden-Benguche, OD
President of the Jamaica Council of Churches
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir (formal)

‘Dear President (In his capacity) (semi-formal)
.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Verbal Address:

‘Dear Bishop/President’ (according to her preference)

Semi-formal:

‘Reverend Gooden-Benguche/Archbishop Reece’

Head of the Civil Service

The current Head of the Civil Service/Cabinet Secretary is formally addressed in:

Writing:

Honourable Audrey V. Sewell, OJ, CD, JP
Head of the Civil Service and Cabinet Secretary
Cabinet Office

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Cabinet Secretary/Mrs Sewell

.....

Signature’

Verbal Address:

‘The Cabinet Secretary’, ‘Honourable Audrey V. Sewell, OJ, CD, JP’, ‘Mrs Sewell’

Head of the Foreign Service

The current Head of the Foreign Service is formally addressed:

Writing:

Ambassador Sheila Sealy-Monteith, CD, JP
Permanent Secretary and Head of the Foreign Service
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Ambassador Sealy-Monteith,

.....

Yours sincerely
Signature’

Verbal Address:

‘Ambassador Sealy-Monteith’/ ‘Permanent Secretary’

Semi-formal:

‘Ambassador’

Heads of Missions in Jamaica

Ambassadors are formally addressed as: ‘His/Her Excellency’

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

His Excellency Nickolas Perry
Ambasador of United States of America
Embassy of the United Staes of America
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Your Excellency,
.....

Closing Remarks:

I avail myself of the opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my highest consideration.’

or

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.’

or

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.’

Name
Title

Verbal Address:

‘Your Excellency’ or ‘Ambassador’

The informal manner in:

Writing:

Opening Salutation:

‘Your Excellency/Ambassador Gala

.....

I have the.....’

Verbal Address:

‘Your Excellency’ or ‘Ambassador (Surname)’

High Commissioners

High Commissioners are Heads of Diplomatic Missions of Commonwealth Countries.

The formal manner of address in;

Writing:

Her Excellency Lumka Yengeni
High Commissioner
South Africa Commission
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Your Excellency,

.....

Closing Remarks:

I avail myself of the opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my highest consideration.’

Name

Title

or

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.’

or

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.’

Name

Title

The informal manner in:

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear High Commissioner Yengeni or ‘Dear Mrs Yengeni

.....
Yours sincerely
Signature’

Speech:

‘Ambassador (Surname)’/ ‘Your Excellency’

Head of the Delegation of the European Union

The Head of the Delegation of the European Union is ranked at an Ambassadorial level and is referred to as ‘Her Excellency’.

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

His Excellency Piotr Byczkowski
Head of Delegation
Delegation of the European Union
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Ambassador Byczkowski
.....
Yours sincerely
Signature’

Charge d’Affaires, Acting High Commissioners, Consuls-Generals

The above-mentioned individuals are usually referred to as ‘Mr/Mrs/Ms (Surname), Title’

Closing Remarks in writing from the Foreign Ministry to a Consul General:

‘I avail myself of the opportunity to renew the assurances of my high consideration.’

Name
Title

Chairman of the Public Services Commission

The Chairman is referred to as ‘Mr/Mrs/Ms (Surname), Title’

Financial Secretary/Permanent Secretary

The Financial Secretary and the Permanent Secretaries are referred to as ‘Mr/Ms/Mrs Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of’ If the holder of this office has been awarded the Order of Jamaica, the person is referred to as the Honourable....., OJ. If awarded any other distinction, the post-nominals identifying the distinction/award are placed after the person’s name, for example if conferred with the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander he/she should be referred to as ‘Mr/Mrs/Ms (name), CD’.

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss
Financial / Permanent Secretary
Ministry of

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Financial Secretary/ Permanent Secretary’

Verbal Address:

‘Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss _____’

Solicitor General

The current Solicitor General is formally referred to in:

Writing:

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss
Solicitor General
c/o The Attorney General’s Office
address

Governor of the Bank of Jamaica

The formal mode of address:

Writing:

Mr Richard Byles
Governor of the Bank of Jamaica
Bank of Jamaica
address

Opening Salutation:

Dear Governor/ Dear Mr Byles
.....
Yours sincerely
Signature'

Verbal Address:

'Governor'/ 'Mr Byles'

Auditor General

The current Auditor General is formally referred to in:

Writing:

Mrs Pamela Monroe Ellis
Auditor General
The Auditor General's Department
Address

Director of Public Prosecutions

The Director of Public Prosecutions is usually referred to as 'Mr/Mrs/Ms'. The current DPP is formally addressed in:

Writing:

Mrs Paula Llewelyn
Director of Public Prosecutions

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Madam/Sir (formal)
Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (semi-formal)
.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Chief of Defence Staff

The title accorded to the Chief of Defence Staff is dependent on whether the Officer served previously in the Army/Air Wing element of the JDF or the Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard

The current Chief of Defence Staff is formally styled in:

Writing:

Vice-Admiral Antonette Wemyss-Gorman, CD, JP, psc
Chief of Defence Staff

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Madam (formal)
Dear Chief of Defence Staff/ Dear Vice-Admiral (semi-formal)
.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Informal /Subsequent Referrals:

‘Vice-Admiral Wemyss-Gorman or ‘Chief of Defence Staff’

Commissioner of Police

The Commissioner of Police is referred to as: Mr/Ms/Mrs unless he or she has a prefix deriving from previous military service (Rear Admiral, Colonel)

The current Commissioner of Police is formally styled in:

Writing:

Dr. Kevin Blake, CD, JP
Commissioner of Police
Office of the Commissioner of Police
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Dear Sir (formal)
Dear Commissioner Blake/Dear Commissioner (semi-formal)
(after the initial form of address, we abbreviate ‘Rear Admiral’ to ‘Admiral’)

.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Verbal Address/Subsequent Referrals:

‘Commissioner Blake’ or ‘The Commissioner’

Mayors

The formal mode of address in:

Writing:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Andrew Swaby
Mayor of Kingston & St. Andrew
Address

or

His Worship the Mayor Leon Thomas
Mayor of Portmore
Address

Opening Salutation:

‘Your Worship (formal)
Dear Mayor (last name) (semi-formal)

.....
Yours faithfully (formal)
Yours sincerely (semi-formal)
Signature’

Verbal Address:

‘His/Her/Your Worship’; ‘Mayor last name, ‘Councillor first name last name’

Semi-formal:

‘Mayor/Councillor (Surname)’

Custodes of Parishes

All custodes are referred to as ‘The Honourable’. A Custos on first mention is the Honourable John (Jane) Brown. Subsequently, he/she is referred to and addresses as ‘Custos’ and/or by name.

Writing:

The Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD, JP
Custos of Kingston
Address

If the holder of this office is a Minister of Religion or has been accorded a Doctor of Philosophy, the title in referral to this position would precede ‘The Honourable’ for example,

‘The Very Reverend Canon the Honourable Dalton Perrin, CD’

If the person is a medical doctor, ‘the Honourable’ would precede the professional title, eg. ‘The Honourable Dr Jean Black’.

Verbal Address:

‘The Honourable Custos (Surname)’ or ‘Custos (Surname)’

Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies

The Vice-Chancellor is formally referred to in:

Writing:

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles
Vice-Chancellor
University of the West Indies
Mona Campus
Kingston 7

President of the University of Technology

The President of the University of Technology is formally referred to:

Writing:

Dr. Kevin Brown
 President
 University of Technology
 237 Old Hope Road
 Kingston 7

**Chairman of Secretaries of the Political Parties having Representation
 in Parliament**

The above-mentioned individuals are usually referred to as ‘Mr/Mrs/Ms (Surname), Title’

HOLDERS OF JAMAICAN NATIONAL HONOURS

The Order of Merit

The honour of the Order of Merit (OM), ranked fourth in order of precedence, may be conferred upon any citizen of Jamaica or distinguished citizen of a country other than Jamaica (an honorary member) who has achieved eminent international distinction in the field of science, the arts, literature or any other endeavour. Members of the Order are styled ‘Honourable’ and entitled to place the letters ‘OM’ after their name. For example ‘Professor the Honourable Abraham Chen, OM’

The Order of Jamaica

The honour of the Order of Jamaica (OJ), ranked fifth in the order of precedence, may be conferred upon any Jamaican citizen of outstanding distinction or upon any distinguished citizen of a country other than Jamaica (honorary member). Members of the Order are styled ‘Honourable’ and entitle to place the letters ‘OJ’ after their name. For example ‘The Honourable Christopher Blackwell, OJ’

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