

# Call for a super skivvy for

## Charles has no say on succession

PRINCE CHARLES has been told he cannot use his special royal veto over a new Bill to ensure women have equal rights to the throne, writes Ted Jeory. The Cabinet Office confirmed that despite the Prince's deep reservations over consequences of the reforms, his consent is not required. The Succession of the Crown Bill will be debated by MPs on January 22.

The Cabinet Office said: "The Prince's consent is only needed in certain restricted circumstances, principally for provisions affecting the Duchy of Cornwall." The spokesman said any consent from the Queen would be given on the second reading of the Bill on January 22. David Cameron hinted last week that consent would be granted. The Bill, which also



DOUBTS: Prince of Wales

proposes to remove the bar on royals marrying Roman Catholics, is causing concern at Westminster, with many MPs agreeing with Charles that it is being rushed through. Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who is driving on the reform, has said it is important the Bill becomes law before the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's first child is born later this year.

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### EXCLUSIVE

By Camilla Tominey ROYAL EDITOR

WILLIAM and Kate have advertised for a "super servant" to help them in their new life as parents.

The "housekeeper" at Kensington Palace will need to be more than just a Mr or Mrs Mop.

An internal advertisement at Buckingham Palace calls for someone: "To provide a high standard of house-keeping for TRH [their royal highnesses] The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge."

"Main duties included: ensuring all areas of the residence are cleaned and maintained to a high standard at all times. Caring for and maintaining TRH personal clothing, cleaning silver-ware and glassware and in-house laundry."

The all-singing, all-dancing servant will also be ready to run errands, prepare basic meals when required and care for and exercise dogs. A current valid UK driving licence is "essential".

The advert comes after the couple took on a new "Man Friday" at the end of last year. The young Fijian-born lance corporal from the Parachute Regiment is the couple's first orderly, whose role includes chauffeuring, logistics, and even

## \*must be discreet

Picture: LUCY RAY



CAR DUTIES: Kate's new housekeeper will need a driving licence

organising the Prince's wardrobe. A royal insider said the advert has already attracted a great deal of interest: "Obviously the prestige of working for the world's most famous couple is an incentive."

"But it is unheard of for one person to be asked to perform so many duties. Clearly the Duke and Duchess are going to get their money's worth out of whoever gets the job.

About 15 people have already applied despite everyone wondering how anyone will be able to carry out all these duties in just 37 hours a week.

"The advert states that they'll be required to work extra hours and you can bet your life they will."

"Most people employed as housekeepers expect to do a bit of cooking on the side, but walking dogs and driving too? And there's also going to

# elegant royal newlyweds\*

## and loyal

Picture: NICOLAS ASFOURI



HERE'S TO US: William and Kate have been doing most of their own cooking and shopping but hired help should give them more time to relax

be a baby to factor into the equation. It's unprecedented."

Applicants do not need to have previous relevant housekeeping experience but must demonstrate a "willingness to learn".

"Attention to detail, together with a flexible and pro-active approach is essential," says the advert.

"The candidate must also be able to demonstrate strong organisational skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work on their own, and as part of a multi-disciplined team."

As William and Kate are fiercely protective of their privacy, "discretion, loyalty and reliability are paramount".

In 2011 an advert appeared for a Kensington Palace housekeeper but one was never hired because the couple were spending most of their time in a rented farmhouse in Wales.

Their private secretary Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton said he had advertised the post without consulting William and Kate.

"The post of housekeeper/dresser is being put on hold because we don't think there is a requirement for it, given that the couple are living a farmhouse lifestyle," he said in June 2011. "There will be no major posts created until we've had time to suck it and see."

St James's Palace has always stressed the couple prefer to keep their entourage as small as possible, insisting Kate has no plans to employ a dresser or lady-in-waiting and that the couple largely do all their own cooking and shopping.

The change of heart adds further weight to the theory that William is poised to give up his military career to become a full-time working royal.

The Prince, 30, is coming under growing pressure to devote his life to royal duty once his tour of duty at RAF Valley in Anglesey comes to an end this year.

In an interview to mark last year's Diamond Jubilee he said: "I'm still trying to decide. It's a really difficult one because I really enjoy my time in the Air Force. But the pressures of my other life are building. And fighting them off or balancing the two of them has proven quite difficult."

With Kate expecting their first child in the summer and the Queen and Prince Philip not getting any younger, it is thought the time has come for William to focus on family

matters. The couple's new apartment at Kensington Palace is undergoing a £1million renovation with a view to them moving in with their new baby in late summer or early autumn.

Princess Margaret's former lavish four-storey, 20-room apartment, 1A, has a walled garden, extensive staff quarters and a nursery.

Last week, it also emerged that the Queen had earmarked Anmer Hall, a 10-bedroom mansion on the Sandringham estate, as a country retreat for the couple and their children.

A planning application for a "major development" of the grade II listed Georgian property was submitted last week.

● Buckingham Palace is recruiting a £55,000-a-year Privy Purse Accounts Manager to help the Queen manage her money.

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## Housekeeper to the Household of TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

Main duties include: Ensuring all areas of the residence are cleaned and maintained to a high standard at all times. Caring for and maintaining TRH personal clothing, cleaning silverware and glassware, and in-house laundry.

The role will also involve running errands and the preparation of basic meals when required, as well as caring for and exercising dogs.

The successful candidate will have previous relevant housekeeping experience or the desire to pursue a housekeeping career and a willingness to learn.

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The candidate must also be able to demonstrate

strong organisational skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work on their own, and as part of a multi-disciplined team. Discretion, loyalty, and reliability are paramount. A current valid UK driving licence is essential.

The position requires an average of 37 hours a week to be worked 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, with the flexibility to work additional hours if required.

To apply for this position please send your CV with a full covering letter explaining your suitability and salary expectations.

As a matter of courtesy, please inform your manager if you wish to apply for an internal vacancy.

# I bonded with Dylan swinging a Samurai sword says folk star



RADIO DATE: Carthy

FOLK singer Martin Carthy has revealed how he bonded for life with Bob Dylan... while wrecking an old piano with a Samurai sword.

Carthy, 71, who performed with Dylan, denied ever sharing a flat with the American superstar.

But their friendship was cemented over firewood. "The piano was a wreck, half the keys were missing. It was a very cold winter and my

By Jane Clinton

wife and I decided we would chop up the piano," Carthy tells BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs today.

"I had been given a Samurai sword for my birthday. Bob (Dylan) came around to have a cup of tea. I got the sword and he stood between me and the piano and said, 'You can't do that, that's a musical instrument!' I

said, 'It's a piece of junk'. Before I could swing at it he whispered in my ear, 'Can I have a go?' He chopped the firewood."

Carthy is convinced that Dylan's visits to England in the Sixties had a big influence on his music. "He started writing really anthemic tunes and I think he picked up on that notion in England."

On the show Carthy tells of his 35-year feud with another

American great, Paul Simon. The dispute was over Simon using Carthy's version of Scarborough Fair for the album to the film The Graduate.

"It is very silly, it is a traditional song. It doesn't belong to me, it belongs to everybody," he said.

The pair reconciled in 2000 when Simon asked Carthy to join him on stage at the Hammersmith Apollo. "We

played Scarborough Fair as his encore. It was a really lovely thing to do."

Despite the friendships, Carthy does not choose music by Dylan and Simon for his desert island. But he singles out the song Joseph Locke by Norma Waterson, saying she is "one of the great singers around at the moment and she happens to be my wife".

● Desert Island Discs is on today at 11.15am on Radio 4.



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