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Hereditary peers' by-election, November 2023: result

In the by-election following the death of Lord Brougham and Vaux, 259 valid votes were cast. All members of the House of Lords who had taken the oath or made the solemn affirmation and were not on leave of absence, disqualified or suspended from the service of the House, were eligible to vote.

At the first count all 14 candidates received one or more first-preference votes. After 8 transfers of votes, the votes for the final three candidates were:

Marquess of Bristol	52
Lord Camoys	133
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell	51

The successful candidate was therefore **Lord Camoys**.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate. The left-hand column lists all candidates. The penultimate row shows the total number of votes. The last row shows the number of votes required for a candidate to be elected – i.e. half the total (rounded up if necessary).

Note on the voting system

- The election was conducted using the alternative vote system (also known as preferential voting).
- Under this system, voters rank in order as many candidates as they wish.
- Initially only first-preference votes are counted.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds the votes for all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise, the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest votes (or, in the event of a tie, fewest first-preference votes) are transferred to whichever of the continuing candidates is marked by that voter as their next available preference, and the votes thus transferred are added to the first-preference votes of those candidates. The process is repeated until one candidate has as many votes as all the other remaining candidates combined.
- Any ballot on which no further preference is marked is non-transferable.

The poll was conducted using electronic means and the count was conducted by Civica Election Services (formerly Electoral Reform Services).

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SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

Distribution of Votes

	First-preference votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annaly, L. (Conservative)	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	X	-
Ashbourne, L. (Conservative)	3	3	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baillieu, L. (Conservative)	6	7	7	7	7	7	X	-	-
Bristol, M. (Conservative)	39	39	39	40	40	41	42	46	52 X
Camoys, L. (Conservative)	97	97	97	97	99	102	104	117	133
Eglinton and Winton, E. (Conservative)	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	X	-
Elibank, L. (Conservative)	1	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falmouth, V. (Conservative)	6	6	6	6	7	X	-	-	-
Hamilton of Dalzell, L. (Conservative)	34	34	34	35	35	37	37	45	51 X
Hazlerigg, L. (Conservative)	13	13	13	14	14	15	16	X	-
Mountgarret, V. (Conservative)	3	3	3	X	-	-	-	-	-
Napier and Ettrick, L. (Conservative)	1	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rossmore, L. (Conservative)	37	37	37	37	38	38	38	43	X
Windlesham, L. (Conservative)	4	4	5	5	X	-	-	-	-
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE		1	2	2	3	3	4	8	23
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE		258	257	257	256	256	255	251	236
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED	130	129	129	129	128	128	128	126	118