

# Sex change for cousin of Duchess

OLD ETONIAN and former wealthy stock-broker Jeremy Charles Peel, 37-year-old descendant of Robert Peel, founder of the police force, and second cousin to the Duchess of Gloucester, is changing sex.

He is working as a woman in the Civil Service, undergoing hormone treatment and hoping to have a surgical operation.

His marriage to 32-year-old Mrs Sheila Peel, member of a wealthy French cognac family and cousin of Lord Windlesham, Minister of State at the Home Office, was ended last week.

The couple were married at fashionable St James Church, Spanish Place, Westminster, in 1960.

## Separated

Mrs Peel, who was educated at a convent, is living with the two children of the marriage at their 13th century, five-bedroom country home, which stands in three acres of grounds, at Bentley, Hants.

The couple have been separated since May and Mr Peel is living in Lon-

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don using the name Caroline.

Granting the wife a decree in the London Divorce Court, Judge Leslie said the husband, who offered no defence, was so anxious to become a woman that the whole foundation of the marriage had been destroyed.

It had broken down irretrievably and Mr Peel had behaved in such a way that the wife could not reasonably be expected to live with him, said the Judge.

He went on: "It is a very sad case in which she has established, beyond any shadow of doubt, that for many years the respondent has been interested in transvestisism, and that his outlook has become so abnormal that he is anxious