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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Baroness Philippine de Montaguery of the Chateau Villedouze, France.

One of her ancestors, namely Charles Louis de Montaguery fled France at the time of the Revolution. He settled in England in the village of Bridge, where he died in 1824. He was buried in the church at Bridge Hill, and a tablet on the wall commemorates his ~~death~~ <sup>grave</sup>.

Yr Hble Honor

The Baroness has asked me to make the following enquiries, and I should be most grateful for any help you may be able to afford.

Charles Louis was baptised in the Roman Catholic faith. He was, however, buried in an Anglican church and his burial marked by a wall tablet. Did he,

- 1) Have to change his faith?
- 2) Did he become Anglican?
- 3) Would he have been so buried regardless of his faith?
- 4) Was a special exception made for him because of his ethnic and ? position?

This information would help in the publication of a history of the family due to appear in January 1984.

I enclose a stamped, addressed envelope, and hope that you may be kind enough to reply to these questions.

Yours truly,

Peter F.S. Cantwyrth

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In a vault north this tablet  
are deposited the remains of

Baron de Montesquieu

of this parish  
who departed this life

19<sup>th</sup> July 1824

aged 74 years