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Sir William Hordres lost of his line: left lands to Lord Lady Hordres "To her he bequeathed the inheritance which for 7 centuries had followed his name, same idea of the extent and value of which may be found from the fact, that one of the fortunate slaves in the spoil of this exhausted race realised £3000 a year for 4 or 5 years in succession, by selling the soils in the estate. This was never done than the Baron de Montesquieu, the grandson of the great President who explored the causes of the decadence of an empire - a significant coincidence - for the failure of a family as of an empire may have the same causes...."

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Your ancestor's role in clearing up after the Meier scandal is not in Smith's book. He was David Downes who told me about it - & much else about the history of 'Williamson & Barnes' of which he is partner