

Dering road in Bridge commemorates Colonel Cholmeley Dering, younger brother of Sir Edward Dering, the seventh baronet. He is well known in Kentish annals as commander of The New Romney Fusiliers Cavalry (Duke of York's Own), which he raised at East Kent in 1794 and with which he served in Ireland for three years, receiving the thanks of the Lord Lieutenant and both Houses of Parliament in that country for his eminent services during the rebellion of 1798. The regiment was disbanded in October, 1800, on its return from Ireland. One year before, probably in anticipation of this event, Colonel Dering had bought Howletts [in Leitham] from its builder, Isaac Baugh, and was in consequence the second owner of that most distinguished house, one of the best of its size and style in England. On the death of his elder brother in 1811 he became guardian of the infant eighth Dering baronet and had to remove to Severnham from Howletts,

which he sold about 1816 to George
Gipps, Esq., son and heir of one of the founders
of the Canterbury Bank. In 1817 he was
returned as M.P. for New Romney. He d
in 1836 and was buried at Pluckley. Howletts
remained in the Gipps family until about ~~the~~
forty years ago.