

Sarah Goodes and lastly I nominate and appoint the said Sarah Goodes Executrix
of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at
any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and twenty one & I have hereunto subscribed my names as witnesses at his
request and in the presence of said other &c. Henry 28 Aban Street Saint Lukes
St. Hillson Southampton.

Witnessed at London 7th Augt 1824 before the honorable Charles Coote
Doctor of Laws & Serjeant at Law by the oath of Sarah Goodes wife of Henry
the sole Exor to whom admⁿ was granted having been first sworn duly to admⁿ
Dorset Street July 22 1824

Mary
Daniel

It is my wish that my dear sister Sarah Ann Goodes should receive at my
decease the sum of five pounds now in the London Provident Institution or out for
savings in the said Institution established 1816 for the support and maintenance
of my infant children signed by me & Mary Daniel witness Henry Holt Scott
& Mr Thomas Hoies.

Witnessed the 9th August 1824 admon with the Will annexed of the Goods
 Chattels & Credits of Mary Daniel late of 21 Dorset Street Sutton Street Westminster
in the County of Middlesex &c &c was granted to Sarah Ann Goodes Spinster the
lawful and next of kin & Guardian lawfully assigned to Elizabeth Mary
Wife of Thomas Hoies Sarah Ann Daniel & Charles Hoies Daniel &c
Daniel & Mary Daniel &c respectively & in the said Will &c &c
Sarah Ann Daniel Spinster respectively & in the said Will &c &c
of the said &c &c for the use & benefit of the said &c &c
them shall attain the age of 21 years having been first sworn duly to admⁿ
the said Thomas Hoies having first renounced the Guardianship of the said
Elizabeth Mary Wife &c &c &c &c &c &c

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Charles
de
Secoudat
Baron
de Montesquieu
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Bridge Hill →

This is the last Will and Testament of me Charles de Secoudat
Baron de Montesquieu a Denizen of England I desire that I may be buried in the
parish Church of the place where I shall happen to die and that the expenses
of my funeral may not exceed seventy pounds Sterling I give and devise all that
my Dwellinghouse or Dwellinghouses at Bridge Hill in the County of Kent together
with the outwards Garden Lands and Tenements thereto belonging remaining
by estimation twenty two acres and omphred tithes and all other my Estate
at Bridge Hill aforesaid to my dear wife Maria Anna Baronesse de Montesquieu
and she assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and
immediately after her decease I give and devise my said Dwellinghouse or Dwelling
house and Estate at Bridge Hill aforesaid to my Cousin Charles Montesquieu
Baron de Secoudat son of Sir Edward de Secoudat of Berwick in the County of
Dorset in Ireland Baronet to hold to him the said Charles Montesquieu Baro
and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for default of issue I give and
devise my said Dwellinghouse or Dwellinghouses and Estate at Bridge Hill aforesaid
to the Reverend George Fabian of Epsom in the said County of Kent to hold to
him the said George Fabian his heirs and assigns for ever and I do hereby charge
my said Dwellinghouse and Estate at Bridge Hill aforesaid with the payment of
the following sums that is to say to the said George Fabian the sum of three
hundred pounds to Admiral and Mrs Whitlock jointly the sum of three hundred

pounds to Thomas Barnardall Esquire my Executor hereinafter appointed the
 sum of three hundred pounds to Mrs. Barbara Widow Sister of the said George
 Fabian the sum of two hundred pounds to John Simon Esquire of Adinstan the
 sum of fifty pounds to my Bailiff James Spina the sum of one hundred pounds
 to my servant William Aquiliter the sum of two hundred pounds and in case
 he shall die in my life time then I give that sum to all his Children actually
 to be divided among them to my Sonnetter Lewis Gibbin the sum of two hundred
 pounds to my Cousin Thomas Carobon the sum of one hundred pounds to
 my Sonnetter Sarah Greer the sum of one hundred pounds to my Baggage
 Allen Da. of the sum of one hundred pounds and in case he shall die in my
 life time then I give that sum to his wife to my Sonnetter and Sister Elizabeth
 shall be living with me at the time of my death twenty five pounds each to the
 for more or further of the Cantabury Hospital the sum of one hundred pounds
 for the benefit of that Institution or Charity and I hereby order and direct that all
 the said sums of money amounting in the whole to the sum of two thousand
 two hundred pounds shall be raised and paid out of my said Dwellinghouse and
 Estate at Bridgetill aforesaid within six months after the decease of my said wife
 and for that purpose that my Executors shall receive the same for any term of years
 to any person who shall advance and lend them the said sum of two thousand
 two hundred pounds who shall not be answerable for the due application thereof
 done and executed the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds three per cent
 considered and annuities now standing in my name in the said Bond to the
 said Thomas Barnardall and George Fabian upon trust to pay the dividends or
 interest to my said dear wife for and during the term of her natural life and from
 and immediately after her decease that the said Thomas Barnardall and
 George Fabian do transfer the said sum of two thousand five hundred pounds three
 per cent Bonds in the following manner one half to my Cousin Elizabeth Junior
 of Bourne in France and the other half to my Goddaughter Elizabeth de
 Stons of Bourne aforesaid for their own use and benefit and I do hereby declare
 my will and intention to be that the debts hereinafter contained of my Dwelling
 house and Estate at Bridgetill and the dividends of two thousand five hundred
 pounds three per cent Bonds together with an annual sum of two hundred and
 twenty five pounds together with the sum of my said wife shall receive during her life from my
 said in France together with all the residue and remainder of my personal
 Estate in England of what nature or kind soever after payment of all my just debts
 personal and Testamentary expenses together with such other charges as shall be incurred in
 full payment and satisfaction of all servants on my said estate in the
 settlement made previous to my marriage with my said wife I give that after my
 decease one year wages may be paid to all my servants I give that all my
 manuscripts together shall be found after my decease may be carefully packed up
 and sent to Prosper de Montequien of Bourne aforesaid if then alive but if
 he shall be dead then that he be buried immediately I give to my friend William
 Cuisse Esquire of Lincolns Inn all the books together shall be in my library at
 Bridgetill to be delivered to him by my Executors or their condition and appoint
 my said dear wife Elizabeth Baronesse de Montequien and the said Thomas
 Barnardall of Coleman Street Buildings in the City of London joint Executors
 of this my last will and Testament and hereby revoking all former wills I do
 publish and declare this to be my only last will and Testament in which I do
 I have named yet my hand to the two first acts and my hand and seal to the
 last act this fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty two
 - Charles de Secondat Baron de Montesquieu signed sealed and published by the said
 Baron de Secondat Montequien in the presence of us who in his presence and in
 the presence of each other have remained set our hands as witnesses thereto
 Bellayoribank - Edmund Antrobus Junr. & Richard Bond.

my
 Coaches
 £100
 my
 baggage
 £100
 my
 Coaches
 £100

This is a Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated February the 4th 1822

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I give to my wife Etienne Barons de Montoquien for her life all the money
I have in Extorquer bills or other Government Securities after the payment of
the Legacies I have left to my Servants and I appoint my Executor Thomas Barnevall
Esquire and the Executors George Harbarr of Biltmore in Kent my trustees to pay
to my wife every year the interest of the said Extorquer bills or Government
Securities unto her life and after her death to pay the Capital to my Cousin Prosper
de Montoquien of Bordeaux and to his sister Emily de Montoquien in two
equal parts as to what remains of my personal property I give the said to my wife
unto by my will is residue legatee and you dispose of it as she pleases the Legacies
that I have given to my Servants and retained by my will being the sum of eight
hundred and fifty pounds are directed to be paid at the death of my wife & to
be paid by my Executor to the said Servants only for six months after
my death out of my personal property in Extorquer bills or other Government
Securities I give also to Andrea my second daughter fifty pounds the said Legacy
is not mentioned in my will the Legacies bequeathed to William Aquilata my
Servant in my will I direct to be paid to him within six months after my death
but if he should die first then I direct the said Legacy be divided equally amongst
his children the eight hundred and fifty pounds Legacies to my Servants being
to be paid out of my personal property in Extorquer bills or other Government
Securities I direct my Cousin Charles Barnevall after the death of Etienne de Montoquien
to pay eight hundred and fifty pounds to my Cousin Prosper de Montoquien
of Bordeaux or his personal representatives and also the several Legacies bequeathed
to the Canterbury Hospital to Admiral Robert Clive to Thomas Barnevall
Esquire my Executor to the Rev George Harbarr to Mr Harbarr the Attorney
and to Henry Dilnot as mentioned in my will one half only shall be
paid to my Servants after my death instead of two mentioned in my will the said
by this Codicil directed that the said Legacies shall be the furniture of my
house of Bridge Hill must stand as it is as well as the Iron and the rolls
Chagnon to be with the house to my Cousin Charles Barnevall according to my will
London Decemb^r the 27. 1823. 44 upper Saffron Street & Charles de Secondat
Baron de Montoquien

Canterbury
Hospital →

APPEARED personally Dean Barnevall of Coleman Street Buildings
in the City of London Esquire and Henry Barnevall of the same place Esquire
and made oath that they knew and were well acquainted with Charles de Secondat
Baron de Montoquien late of upper Saffron Street in the parish of Saint
Martin le Grand in the County of Middlesex and of Bridge Hill Esquire
in the parish of Kent in the County of Middlesex and also with the manner and character of
handwriting and subscription having frequently seen him write and write
and subscribe his name and having more carefully viewed and perused the paper
writing therein annexed purporting to be and contain a Codicil to the last
will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus "this is a Codicil to my
last will and Testament dated February the 4th 1822 ending thus London the
December the 27. 1823. 44 upper Saffron Street and thus subscribed Charles
de Secondat Baron de Montoquien" their deponents have made oath that they
truly and in their consciences believe the aforesaid body and contents of the said
Codicil and the subscription thereto to be of the proper handwriting and subscription
of the said deceased & Dean Barnevall on the 4th day of August 1824 the said Dean
Barnevall was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me John
Dum^r pt. 7^m Esq. Not pub. & Henry Barnevall on the 9th day of August 1824
Henry Barnevall named in the annexed affidavit was duly sworn to the truth
thereof before me John Daubeny Dum^r pt. Esq. Not pub.

PROVED and sworn to a Codicil the 11th Aug^r 1824 before the above
John Daubeny Esq. Not pub. by the oath of Thomas Barnevall Esq.
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by Montesquieu. In 1818, Montesquieu's grandson Joseph-Cyrille (the son of his daughter Denise) dispatched to his cousin Charles-Louis de Montesquieu, son of Jean-Baptiste de Secondat and then living at Bridge Hill near Canterbury, a vast collection of manuscripts. The catalogue of these survives, and one item listed is described thus:

Carton contenant:

Un *Voyage en Italie et dans quelques parties de l'Allemagne, Voyage en Angleterre* mis au net, prêt à imprimer, pouvant former un vol. in-octavo.¹

Charles-Louis died at Canterbury in July 1824. His will, drawn up on 4 February 1822, contains the following clause:

I desire that all my manuscripts which shall be found after my decease may be carefully packed up and sent to Prosper de Montesquieu of Bordeaux . . . if then alive, but if he shall be dead, then that [they] be burned immediately.²

Prosper (or Charles-Louis-Prosper) was the son of Joseph-Cyrille. He was alive when his cousin died at Canterbury, and in fact survived until 1871. To the catalogue of 1818 is appended a note in the hand of Prosper:

Tous les manuscrits (*deleted and amended to une partie de ces manuscrits*) ont été brûlés par mon oncle à très peu d'exception. Je n'ai rapporté de Londres que quatre volumes reliés . . . , deux cartons ou portefeuilles, l'un intitulé *Voyages*, contenant divers matériaux . . .³

This surviving portfolio cannot be other than the manuscript of the *Voyages*, published in 1894-6, sold in 1939, and now in the possession of M. Robert Schuman. The wording of the two lists does not make it flatly impossible that the dossier which came back to France contained also the manuscript account of the travels in England; but it is exceedingly improbable, and it must be held well-nigh certain that Montesquieu's account of his travels in England was burned, in England, by his grandson.

Nor are compensating sources other than exiguous. Fifteen pages of *Notes sur l'Angleterre*, first published in the Lefèvre edition of 1818 with the remark 'Il est inutile de dire comment le

¹ Nagel III, p. 1575.

² Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House.

³ Nagel III, p. 1581, corrected from the original manuscript at La Brède.

morceau suivant but fragmentary Montesquieu with English sources, and Chesterfield stay in England collections containing Hervey are intended published and un and Richmond, day maintain an

It is not to be In the *Lettres per* the English conc view that unlimi in England liber sedition.² Alread don.³ He has be tatives in Paris Horatio Walpole grave. Berwick h had met and pe known the Britis patron of the I scientist Sully. H Abbé Dubos, of *terre mal entendu*

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Of the English

¹ The most useful *Rousseau in England*, comings (some of the crepancies in dating and New Style), this

² *L.P.* 104, 136.

³ Nagel III, p. 44 1723.

⁴ Montesquieu to

⁵ B.N., MS., fr. 12