

(VIVIAN), 3rd BARON VIVIAN, by Louisa Alice, only da. of Robert George DUFF, of Ryde, Isle of Wight. She was *b.* at the British Legation, Brussels, 3 Feb., and *bap.* there 19 Apr. 1890, Queen Alexandra (by deputy) being one of her sponsors.]

Family Estates.—These, in 1883, consisted of 3,460 acres in the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, worth £2,573 a year. *Principal Residence.*—Oran House, near Tadcaster, co. York.

CONYNGHAM and CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES^(a)

BARONY [I.]

I. 1753
to
1781.

VISCOUNTCY [I.]

I. 1756
to
1781.

EARLDOM [I.]

I. 1781
Jan. to Apr.

BARONY [I.]

I. 1781.

I. HENRY CONYNGHAM, 2nd and posthumous s. of Major Gen. Henry C., of Slane, co. Meath, and of Mount Charles, co. Donegal (slain in battle in Spain 1705/6), by Mary, widow of Charles (PETTY), BARON SHELBURNE [I.], only da. and h. of Sir John WILLIAMS, 2nd Bart., of Minster, in the Isle of Thanet, was *b.* 1705, *suc.* his elder br., William C., in the family estates [E. and I.], 26 Oct. 1738; was M.P. for Killybegs [I.], 1727-53; for Tiverton [E.] 1747-54 (Whig); for Sandwich, Kent, 1756-74; Gov. of co. Donegal 1746, and of co. Londonderry 1754; P.C. [I.] 27 May 1748; Vice Admiral of Ulster, 1748-79. On 3 Oct. 1753, he was *cr.* BARON CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES, co. Donegal [I.], but never took his seat as such. He was, 20 July 1756, *cr.* VISCOUNT CONYNGHAM in Ireland [I.], taking his seat, as such, 22 Oct. 1765; finally, 4 Jan. 1781,^(b) he was *cr.* BARON AND EARL CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES, co. Donegal [I.], with a spec. rem. as to the Barony (only), failing the heirs male of his body, to (his nephew) Francis Pierpoint Burton. He *m.*, Dec. 1744, Ellen, only da. and h. of Solomon MERRETT, of St. Olave's, Hart Str., London, merchant, by Rebecca, da. of Charles SAVAGE, of the same parish, a packer. He *d. s.p.*, aged about 76, at Bath,

^(a) His Arms recorded in Ulster's office on his elevation to the Peerage were:—Argent a shakefork between 3 mullets Sable, quartering Williams, *viz.* Quarterly 1st and 4th Vert, 3 eagles displayed in fess Or, 2nd and 3rd Gules 3 lions passant in pale Argent (the Arms *ascribed* to Griffith ap Cynan, King of North Wales). Crest. A Unicorn's head erased Argent, armed and maned Or. Supporters. Dexter, a horse Argent, maned, hooped, and charged with an eagle displayed Or. Sinister, a stag attired, unguled, and charged with a griffin's head erased Or. Motto. "Over fork over." (*ex inform.* G. D. Burtchaell). V.G.

^(b) For the profuse creations and promotions in the Irish peerage at this date see Appendix H to this volume.

3 Apr. 1781, and was *bur.* in the church at Slane, when the Earldom and Viscounty, as also the Barony of 1753 became *extinct.*^(a) Will pr. Apr. 1781. His widow, who inherited the estate of Hughenden, Bucks, *d.* 15 June 1816, aged 91, in Lower Grosvenor Str., and was *bur.* at Hughenden afsd. M.I. Will pr. July 1816.

II. 1781. 2. FRANCIS PIERPOINT (BURTON, afterwards CONYNGHAM), BARON CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES [I.], h., according to the spec. rem. in the creation (Jan. 1781) of that Barony. He was nephew and h. of the last Peer,^(b) being s. and h. of the Rt. Hon. Francis BURTON, of Buncraggy, co. Clare, by Mary, only surv. da. of Major Gen. Henry CONYNGHAM, and sister of Earl Conyngham abovenamed. He was M.P. for Killybegs, 1753-60; and for co. Clare, 1761-76. By Royal lic., 3 May 1781, he took the surname of *Conyngham*, in lieu of that of *Burton*,^(c) and was introduced into the House and took his seat 29 Apr. 1782. He *m.*, 19 Mar. 1750, Elizabeth, sister of Robert, 1st EARL OF LEITRIM [I.], da. of the Rt. Hon. Nathaniel CLEMENTS, by Hannah, da. of the Rev. William GORE, Dean of Down. He *d.* 22 May 1787, at the Hot Wells, Bristol. His widow, who was *b.* 18 Aug. 1731, *d.* 31 Oct. 1814, at Ramsgate, Kent, in her 84th year. Will pr. Nov. 1814.

III. 1787. 3 and I. HENRY (CONYNGHAM), BARON CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES [I.], s. and h., *b.* 26 Dec. 1766, in London.^(d) F.S.A. 1 May 1789. He served in the army; Major Gen. 1808; Lieut. Gen. 1812; Gen. 1830. On 6 Dec. 1789^(e) he was *cr.* VISCOUNT CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES, co. Donegal [I.], and, on 27 Dec. 1797, VISCOUNT MOUNT CHARLES and EARL CONYNGHAM^(f) [I.]. REP. PEER [I.] 1801-32, being one of the original 28 so elected at the time of the Union; K.P., 22 Jan. 1801; G.C.H., 1821; a Gov. of co. Donegal 1803-31; Custos Rot. co. Clare 1808 till his death. On

II. 1789. VISCOUNTCY [I.]

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II. 1797. MARQUESSATE [I.]

I. 1816.

^(a) He appears in 1774, "Lord C . . . gh . . . m and Miss F . . . r," in the notorious *tête-à-tête* portraits in *Town and Country Mag.*, vol. vi, p. 519. See Appendix B in the last volume of this work.

^(b) His Arms, Crest and Supporters were the same as those of his uncle the 1st Earl, but without the Williams quartering. V.G.

^(c) At the same date his only br., the Rt. Hon. William Burton, received a similar licence, he having inherited the estates in co. Donegal, as also Slane Castle, &c., co. Meath, from Lord Conyngham, who devised those in co. Limerick and in England to his successor in the peerage. This William *d.* unm., 31 May 1796, aged 63, when the late Earl's estates became again reunited with the Peerage.

^(d) Twin with his br., the Hon. Sir Francis Nathaniel Burton Conyngham, G.C.H., Lieut. Gov. of Lower Canada 1808-25, who *d.* 27 Jan. 1832.

^(e) See note "b" on preceding page.

^(f) See note *sub* Charles, EARL CADOGAN [1800].

15 Jan. 1816 he was *cr.* VISCOUNT SLANE, EARL OF MOUNT CHARLES and MARQUESS CONYNGHAM [I.],^(a) and 17 July 1821, was *cr.* BARON MINSTER OF MINSTER ABBEY,^(b) co. Kent [U.K.]. During almost the whole reign of George IV, 1821 to 1830, he was Lord Steward of the Household, and as such, Judge of the Marshalsea Court and of the Court of the King's Palace; P.C. 10 Dec. 1821. Constable of Windsor Castle 1829 till his death. He *m.*, 5 July 1794, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (spec. lic.), Elizabeth, 1st da. of Joseph DENISON, Banker, of St. Mary Axe, London, and of Denbies, in Dorking, Surrey, by his 2nd wife, Elizabeth, da. of William BUTLER, Merchant, of Lisbon. He *d.*, after a lingering illness, aged 66, in Hamilton Place, Midx., 28 Dec. 1832, and was *bur.* 4 Jan. 1833, at Patricbourne, Kent.^(c) Will pr. June 1833. His widow, who was sister and eventually sole h. of William Joseph Denison, of Seamer, in the East Riding of co. York, and who, in her husband's lifetime, had been notorious as mistress^(d) of George IV, *d.* 11 Oct. 1861,

^(a) See note *sub* Charles, EARL CADOGAN [1800].

^(b) This was one of the "*Coronation Peerages*" (19 July 1821) of George IV, for a list of which see vol. ii, Appendix F. As to the choice of this title, see note *sub* John, EARL OF ENNISKILLEN [1803].

^(c) He voted in the Parl. [I.] for the Union, and in that of the U.K. generally with the Tories, though he supported Cath. emancipation. The account of him in *Sketches of Irish political character*, 1799, though written by a political opponent, is favourable. "To the advantage of a good voice, but with some tendency to a lisp, he adds a pronunciation perfectly accurate . . . His language is precise, and unites elegance with force . . . His manner is warm and spirited . . . In reasoning he is condensed and argumentative, pointed and powerful. His speeches are full of instruction; apposite, solid, well digested. He has ever been a steady supporter of administration, and has always deserved the thanks of the minister, though, *perhaps not always*, those of his country." V.G.

^(d) She succeeded Isabella, Lady Hertford, in that position, who had ousted from it Frances, Lady Jersey. It is said that she had received jewels worth £80,000 from the King. Anyhow, Greville, in his *Memoirs*, states (1821) "she comports herself entirely as Mistress of the Household," "lives in one of the houses in Marlborough Row," "has presents of enormous value," and (1829) "the wealth Lady C. must have accumulated by savings and presents must be enormous; the King continues to heap all kinds of presents upon her, and she lives at his expense. They [*i.e.* the Marquess and herself] do not possess a servant; all [such] have situations in the King's household from which they receive their pay, while they continue in the service of the Conynghams. They dine every day, while in London, at St. James's, and when they give a dinner, it is cooked at St. James's, and brought up to Hamilton Place." G.E.C. "It is said that two waggon loads of jewellery, plate, &c., were sent away from the Castle [at Windsor] by Lady Conyngham during the last months of the King's illness. All the time she professed the greatest distress, and prayed with unction for his recovery:—

First she packed and then she prayed
And then she packed again."

(*Mrs. Fitzherbert and George III*, by W. H. Wilkins, 1905, vol. ii, p. 210). Lord Houghton writes from Rome, 28 Feb. 1834, "One of the latest converts to Protestant

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aged 92, at Bifrons, near Canterbury.^(a) Will pr. 30 Dec. 1861, under £200,000.

[HENRY JOSEPH CONYNGHAM, styled EARL OF MOUNT CHARLES, 1st s. and h. ap., *b.* 5 Apr. 1795; ed. at Trin. Coll. Cambridge 1813.^(b) M.P. (Tory) for co. Donegal, 1818-24. He *d. unm.* and *v.p.*, 26 Dec. 1824, at Nice, and was *bur.* there, aged 29. Will pr. June 1825.]

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II.

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IV.

2 and 4. FRANCIS NATHANIEL (CONYNGHAM), MARQUESS CONYNGHAM, &c. [I.], also BARON MINSTER, 2nd but 1st surv. s. and h., *b.* 11 June 1797, in Dublin. Page of Honour to the Prince Regent till 1820, when he entered the Army; Major Gen. 1858; Lieut. Gen. 1866; Gen. 1874. M.P.^(c) for Westbury, 1818-20, for co. Donegal, 1825-31; Groom of the Bedchamber and Master of the Robes, 1820-30; Under Sec. of State for Foreign Affairs, 1823-26; G.C.H. (civil), 1823;

one of the Lords of the Treasury, 1826-30; K.P., 27 Mar. 1833; Postmaster Gen., July to Dec. 1834, and, again, for three weeks in May 1835; P.C. 20 May 1835; and Lord Chamberlain, 1835-39; Vice Adm. of Ulster 1849; and Lord Lieut. of co. Meath 1869, both till his death. He was also Commodore of the Irish Yacht Club and Vice Commodore of the Royal Yacht Club.^(d) He *m.*, 24 Apr. 1824, at the house of the Duke of Argyll, in Brook Str., St. Geo., Han. Sq., Jane, 2nd da. of Henry William (PAGET), 1st MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY, by his 1st wife, Catherine Elizabeth, da. of George (VILLIERS), 4th EARL OF JERSEY. She, who was *b.* 13 Oct.

monasticism is no less a person than Lady Conyngham, who has been living here the whole winter, in such absolute seclusion that hardly ten people are aware of her existence." V.G.

^(a) The yr. of their 2 surv. sons, Lord Albert Denison Conyngham, by Royal lic. 1849, took the surname of *Denison* on inheriting the estates of that family, and was in 1850, *cr.* Baron Londesborough.

^(b) His fellow collegian, Lord Teignmouth, calls him "a tall, stout, good humoured fellow of exuberant spirits." V.G.

^(c) He was a pro-Catholic Tory till 1830, and thereafter a Whig. V.G.

^(d) "I hear [he] makes a great fool of himself and is always showing off his favour with the King, displaying watches, snuff-boxes, and rings which he receives from him." (Harriet, Countess Granville, 18 Aug. 1820). "Il est jeune, beau, élégant, homme à bonnes fortunes." (Duchesse de Dino, *Chronique*, 17 June 1834). V.G.

1798, *d.* 28 Jan. 1876, at 14 Marine Crescent, Folkestone. He *d.* within six months, 17 July 1876, at 5 Hamilton Place, Midx., after an operation for lithotomy, aged 79. Will pr. 25 Aug. 1876, under £500,000.

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3 and 5. GEORGE HENRY (CONYNGHAM), MARQUESS CONYNGHAM, &c. [I.], also BARON MINSTER, s. and h., *b.* 3 Feb. 1825, and *bap.* at St. James's, Westm. Entered the Army, 1st Life Guards, 1844, becoming Lieut. Col. of that regt. 1861 to 1868; Major Gen. 1877. Lieut. Gen. in the Army 1881; State Steward to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland 1847-52; Equerry to the Queen 1870 to 1872, when he was made an extra Equerry. Vice Admiral of the coast of

1876.

Ulster. A Liberal. He *m.*, 17 June 1854, at the Chapel Royal, Whitehall, Jane St. Maur Blanche, only da. and h. of Charles (STANHOPE), 4th EARL OF HARRINGTON, by Maria, da. of Samuel FOOTE, of Exeter. He *d.* in Belgrave Sq., Midx., 2 June 1882, aged 57, and was *bur.* at Patricbourne, Kent. Will pr. 15 Aug. 1882, under £118,000. His widow, who was *b.* 14 May 1833, *d.* at "The Mount," Ascot, 28 Nov., and was *bur.* 3 Dec. 1907, at Bifrons. Will pr. Dec. 1907, under £70,000 gross.

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VI.

4 and 6. HENRY FRANCIS (CONYNGHAM), MARQUESS CONYNGHAM, &c. [I.], also BARON MINSTER, s. and h., *b.* in London 1 Oct. 1857, and *bap.* at Patricbourne afsd.; ed. at Eton; Lieut. Rifle Brigade, 1879-80; Scots Guards, 1880-82. He was a Conservative. He *m.*, 21 Mar. 1882, at All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, Midx., Frances Elizabeth Sarah, 1st da. of Dayrolles Blakeney (EVELEIGH DE MOLEYNS), 4th BARON VENTRY [I.], by Harriet Elizabeth Frances, da. of Andrew

1882.

WAUCHOPE, of Niddrie Marischal, Midlothian. He *d.* after a short illness, 28 Aug. 1897, at Slane Castle, and was *bur.* at Slane, aged 39. Will pr. at £19,755 net. His widow, who was *b.* 30 Dec. 1862, at Niddrie House, Edinburgh, *m.*, 27 Apr. 1899, at St. Bartholomew's, Dublin, John Russell Bedford CAMERON. She was living 1913.

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5 and 7. VICTOR GEORGE HENRY FRANCIS (CONYNGHAM), MARQUESS CONYNGHAM [1816], EARL CONYNGHAM [1797], EARL OF MOUNT CHARLES [1816], VISCOUNT CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES [1789], VISCOUNT MOUNT CHARLES [1797], VISCOUNT SLANE [1816], and BARON CONYNGHAM OF MOUNT CHARLES [1781], in the peerage of Ireland, *also* BARON MINSTER [U.K. 1821], 1st s. and h., *b.* in Charles Str., Berkeley Sq., 30 Jan., and *bap.*

17 Mar. 1883, at the parish church of Patricbourne, near Canterbury, the Queen being a sponsor by proxy; *styled* EARL OF MOUNT CHARLES till he *suc.* to the peerage. Sometime Lieut. 3rd batt. Wilts regt. A Conservative.

Family Estates.—These, in 1883, consisted of 9,737 acres in Kent, worth £17,432 a year, besides 122,300 acres in co. Donegal, worth £15,166 a year; 27,613 in co. Clare, worth £10,808, and 7,060 in co. Meath, worth £6,670 a year. Total, 166,718 acres,^(a) worth £50,076 a year. *Principal Residence.*—Slane Castle, co. Meath.

COOLAVIN

See "DE FREYNE OF COOLAVIN, co. Sligo," Barony (*French*), *cr.* 1851.

COOMB BANK

i.e. "SUNDRIDGE OF COOMB BANK, Kent," Barony (*Campbell*), *cr.* 1766, see "ARGYLL," Dukedom [S.], *cr.* 1701, under the 5th Duke.

COOPER OF PAWLETT

See "COOPER OF PAWLETT, Somerset," Barony (*Cooper*), *cr.* 23 Apr. 1672 with the Earldom of Shaftesbury, which see.

COOTE OF COLOONY^(b)

BARONY [I.]

I. 1660.

I. RICHARD COOTE, 3rd s. of Sir Charles C., Bart. [I.], Provost Marshal of Connaught (slain by the rebel Irish, May 1642), by Dorothea, da. and coh. of Hugh CUFFE, of Cuffe's Wood, co. Cork, was *b.* 1620; he was of Coloony, co. Sligo; was one of the Commissioners in the precinct of

^(a) The Marquess Conyngham is one of the 28 noblemen who in 1883 possessed above 100,000 acres in the U.K., being in point of acreage the 12th, but in point of yearly value the 23rd or 24th. See for a list of these, vol. vi, Appendix H.

^(b) Arms. Argent, a chevron Sable between 3 coots Proper. Crest. A coot Proper. Supporters. Two wolves Ermine, gorged with a collar Or. (*Not* as in *Burke's Gen. Armory*); *ex inform.* G. D. Burtchaell. V.G.