

The Complete Peerage
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~~i.e. "BOTTESFORD OF BOTTESFORD, co. Leicester," Barony (Manners-Sutton), see "CANTERBURY," Viscounty of, cr. 1835.~~

~~BOUGHTON~~

~~See "MONTAGU OF BOUGHTON, co. Northampton," Barony (Montagu), cr. 1621, extinct (together with the Dukedom of Montagu) 1749.
See "MONTAGU OF BOUGHTON, co. Northampton," Barony (Montagu, formerly Brudenell), cr. 1762, extinct 1770.
See "MONTAGU OF BOUGHTON, co. Northampton," Barony (Montagu, formerly Brudenell), cr. 1786, extinct 1845.~~

BOURCHIER or BURGCHIER



BARONY BY WRIT.

I. 1348.

1. ROBERT BOURCHIER, s. and h. of John BOURCHIER, BURGCHIER, or BOUSSER.⁽¹⁾ of Stansted, in Halstead, Essex, one of the Judges of the Common Pleas (1321), by Helen, da. and h. of Walter of COLCHESTER, of Stansted afsd., was a "Man at Arms" as early as 1324; was M.P. for Essex 1329, 1330, 1332, and 1339; *vic.* his father in 1329, and in July 1334 is said to have been made Ch. Justice of the King's Bench [I.], but does not appear to have accepted the office. In 1337 he was in the French Wars, at the battle of Cadsant. He was appointed LORD CHANCELLOR⁽²⁾ by the King (being the 2nd layman ever so appointed), and sworn in 14 Dec. 1340, with a grant of £500 a year beyond the accustomed fees. His appointment was unpopular, and he resigned it 28 Oct. 1341.⁽³⁾ He was one of 96 persons sum. to a Council (which, though often so regarded, was not a regular Parl.) 25 Feb. (1341/2) 16 Edw. III,⁽⁴⁾ and was sum. to Parl. 20 Nov. (1348) 22 Edw. III to 10 Mar. (1348/9) 23 Edw. III, by writs directed *Roveris Burgchier*, whereby he may be held to have become LORD BOURCHIER or BURGCHIER. He again distinguished himself as a warrior, and fought at the battle of Crécy 26 Aug. 1346, and was twice (1347 and 1349) engaged as one of the Embassy to treat for peace. He m. Margaret, da. and h. of Sir Thomas PRAYERS, of Sible Hedingham, Essex, by Anne, da. and h. of Hugh of ESSEX. He d. of the plague, 1349, and was bur. at Halstead.

⁽¹⁾ The name is written so variously as to render its etymology very doubtful. *Burser* is one of its numerous forms. The latinization *De burgo charo* (of the dear borough) affords us no clue. It is sometimes confounded with *Boucher*, O. Fr. for *Butcher*. (Lower's Family Names).

⁽²⁾ For this and other great offices of state see Appendix D to this volume. V.G.
⁽³⁾ He was succeeded in the office by 3 laymen, *viz.* Sir Robert Parving 1341-43; Sir Robert Sadington 1343-45; John Offord 1345-49, when an ecclesiastic was again appointed, namely Bishop John Thoresby. V.G.

⁽⁴⁾ As to this Writ see Preface: as to how far these early Writs of Summons did in fact create any Peerage title, see Appendix A in the last volume. V.G.

II. 1349. 2. JOHN (BOURCHIER), LORD BOURCHIER, s. and h. In 1355 he was with Prince Edward in Germany; in 1364 at the battle of Auray, which restored the Duke of Brittany to his inheritance; in 1370 was one of the Council to the King's Lieut. in France; in Dec. 1379 was with the fleet (whereof so many perished) intended to convey succour to the Breton army; in 1380, being then a Banneret, was with Thomas, "of Woodstock," Duke of Buckingham, in France, and from 16 July (1381) 5 Ric. II to 30 Sep. (1399) 1 Henry IV, was sum. to Parl.⁽¹⁾ the King, by patent, 14 Feb. following, dispensing with his future attendance there owing to his age and infirmities. He was sent in 1384 as Governor in Chief ("Ruzward") of Flanders, to assert the right of Richard II (as Lord Paramount) to homage for that territory, and remained as such for 18 months at Ghent, when that city was evacuated by the English and submitted to the Duke of Burgundy. In 1392 he was nom. K.G., and had robes of scarlet issued to him at the gorgeous celebration of that Order in 1399. He m. Elizabeth, da. of Sir John COGGESHALL. He d. 21 May 1400.
Sir William Bouchier (d. p. 1375) in *Elisabeth de Lorraine*

III. 1400. 3. BARTHOLOMEW (BOURCHIER), LORD BOURCHIER, only s. and h. He was sum. to Parl. 9 Sep. (1400) 1 Hen. IV to 26 Oct. (1409) 11 Hen. IV,⁽²⁾ the last writ being dat. more than 5 months after his death, but he also, like his father, obtained exemption from Parl. 16 Nov. 1405. He m., 1stly, before 5 July 1396, when she was living, Margaret, widow of Sir John SUTTON, but had no issue by her. He m., 2ndly, Idoine,⁽³⁾ widow of John GLEVANT, and formerly of Edmund BROOKSBURN, and da. of (—) LOVEY. He d. s.p.m., 18 May 1409, and was bur. at Halstead. His widow d. 12 Sep. 1410.

IV. 1409. 4. ELIZABETH, according to modern doctrine, *suo jure* BARONESS BOURCHIER, da. and sole h. by 2nd wife, aged 10 in 1409. She m., 1stly, before Sep. 1410, Sir Hugh STAFFORD, who, doubtless in consequence of such marriage,⁽⁴⁾ was sum. to Parl.⁽⁵⁾ from 21 Sep. (1411) 12 Hen. IV to 22 Mar. (1412/3) 1 Hen. V, by writs directed *Hugoni Stafford*.⁽⁶⁾ Nom. K.G. while serving with the King in Normandy in 1418 or early in 1419. He d. s.p., 25 Oct. 1420. She m., 2ndly, Sir Lewis ROBESSART, K.G. (so nom. 3 May 1421), Standard Bearer to Henry V, who similarly was sum. to Parl.⁽⁷⁾ from 24 Feb. (1424/5) 3 Hen. VI to 3 Aug. (1429) 7 Hen. VI, by writs directed *Ro/2 d. Sep. 1431*

⁽¹⁾ There is proof in the Rolls of Parl. of his sitting.
⁽²⁾ For some discussion on mediæval English names see vol. iii, Appendix C. V.G.
⁽³⁾ For a list of persons who have been sum. to Parl. in right of their wives, see vol. v, Appendix A. V.G.
⁽⁴⁾ See note *sub* Elizabeth, BARONESS LE BOTELER [1369].

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If Cf IV En is correct, then this sentence should read: "m. Elizabeth, da. and h. of Sir John Coggeshall."

Elizabeth d. s. p. (a widow) in 1433