

**LEGER PELTERET, FROM GRACEY LE CHATEAU IN THE BISHOPRIC OF LANGRES IN CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE, AND SIR JAMES BURGES (later Sir James Bland Lamb, 1st Baronet) OF BEAU PARK NEAR BATTLE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX.**

The following is correspondence with the Bodleian Library Oxford. It is self-explanatory.

AS at 28 June 2020, being without an option, the matter has not been pursued.

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**Catalogue of the papers of Sir James Bland Burges**

**2014/06/22, 9:17 am**

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Dear Madam / Sir

RE: Catalogue of the papers of Sir James Bland Burges

(<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/online/1500-1900/burges/burges.html>).

1. THE FAMILY PELTERET in SOUTH AFRICA had its origins in Gracey le Chateau in the Bishopric of Langres in Champagne, France.

2. OUR FOREBEAR PELTERET, Leger baptised Gracey le Chateau 25 March 1723 was buried 19 June 1814 St George, Hanover Square, London.

2.1 His will seemingly is one of the few to survive in the London Metropolitan Archives and Guildhall Library Manuscripts London, England. [Wills and Probate, 1507-1858].

2.2 Though he died without estate, his declared wealth at the time of creating his holographic will suggests to me that he may have been a house guest rather than an employee  
([http://www.pelteret.co.za/pdf/genealogy/pelteret\\_family\\_tree\\_-\\_england.pdf](http://www.pelteret.co.za/pdf/genealogy/pelteret_family_tree_-_england.pdf) .... see page 6).

2.3 PAGE 6 contains the following entry : "I the undersigned Leger Pelteret now residing with Sir James Burges 18 of Beau Park near Battle in the County of Sussex being by the Grace of God in the perfect enjoyment of my senses do in order to secure my son Leger Pelteret bequeath to him all I possess after my Decease ....".

3. I AM SEEKING to understand the relationship between Leger PELTERET and Sir James BURGES (later Sir James Bland Lamb, 1st Baronet).

3.1 Living in Cape Town, South Africa, I am not in a position to examine the papers of Sir James Bland Burges in the Bodleian.

3.2 I perfectly understand that the Bodleian would not offer a research service.

3.3 However, having examined the **Catalogue of the papers of Sir James Bland Burges** housed in the Bodleian and presented on the internet, I wonder whether there may be a general index of names of persons mentioned in those papers, and if so does Leger PELTERET get a mention.

3.3.1 Were this so, I should ask my graduate-brother of Merton College to pursue the detail on my behalf .

My thanks in anticipation of a response.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr. Pelteret,

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded to this Department as we administer manuscripts and special collections, including the Bland Burges deposit.

I regret to inform you that there is no fuller catalogue of the Bland Burges papers other than the one on the internet and in addition the published '*Selections from the letters and correspondence of Sir James Bland Burges, Bart...*' by James Hutton (London, 1885), with a very detailed index, makes no mention of Leger Pelteret either. With regard to our indexing policy, we normally only index individuals whose names appear in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, thus ensuring accuracy with attributions. I say this because, it is not impossible that within the Bland Burges papers there is mention of Leger Pelteret or letters, but only lengthy research would determine this.

As you have rightly surmised, we cannot undertake research on behalf of others, we simply do not have the staff nor the time, even for a fee. Your brother would, however, be very welcome to conduct the research for you by prior appointment. Being at our busiest time of the year you should be aware that we are virtually full for the whole of July in our temporary reading room. Note also the Bland Burges papers are not ours, but remain the property of the depositor, Sir Richard Head, 6 Viscount Gardens, West Byfleet, England KT14 6HE, whose permission would be required to make further use (other than simple consultation), including copying requests.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Harris

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Sir James Bland Lamb (* 1752 – † 1824), 1st Baronet, born James Burges and known as Sir James Burges, Bt, between 1795 and 1821, was a British author, barrister, Member of Parliament. Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, William Pitt the Younger Prime Minister (1783-1801).
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R M Pelteret      Sunday, 28 June 2020