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DEAR SIR

Dear Mr. Munby

Many thanks for yours of the 27th inst. and particularly for the dates and names from Lady Mordaunt's Diary. I read your letters in the Beds Standard with much interest. As regards the supposititious case of Margaret Mordaunt I do not think 125 years between the birth of a parent and the death of a child by any means a very unusual length of time, to revert again for a moment to the instance within my own knowledge which I cited in my last letter to you one of my Gt. Gt. Grandfathers was baptized 7 May 1682 bur. 22 March 1751 NB. the very year that the present arrangement

of the year commencing Jan 1 instead
of March 25 as theretofore came into
force & was settled by Act of Parliament
24 Geo. II. cap. 23, this is a digression
but I venture to insert as I have
found that many clergymen and
even lauzers are ignorant of the
fact, I have even met with parish
registers before 1751 that have been
"corrected" (!) by the Incumbent. Besides
which it really does seem rather
doubtful whether my ancestor was bur.
in 1751 or 1752 i.e. I do not know
whether the Act came into force on
1 Jan 1751 or 1 Jan 1752. Anyhow
22 March 1751 is the date in the
Parish Register so that he would be 69
or in his 69th year, his youngest dau
my gr^d Grandmother was b. 11 Feb.
1738 bur 31 Aug. 1812 age 74 or in
her 75th year (not an extraordinary old
age) 130 years between birth of

father and death of daughter.

born 13 years before her father died.

So that I think you will agree with me that there is even a likelihood that Margaret Mordaunt was a daughter of Lt Gen Henry M. by his first wife whose name was Margaret.

If her Will could be found it might clear up the point, the date & place of her death might be in the Obituary of the Genl. Mag: for ~~17~~ 1788, her Will might be at Somerset Ho. at Lincoln or Northampton

Yours very Truly

Wm Harvey

Margaret Har^r's wife was the daughter of Sir Tho. Spencer of Yarmton, Oxon, Bart.

Mr. Harry Mordaunt, her husband, was born in 1663

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