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Dear Mr. Munby

I am just as keen as ever on the subject of genealogy although in different health &c. &c. prevent my being able to devote so much time to it as formerly. I cannot absolutely clear the point up at present as to Margaret Mordaunt's parentage, all the authorities that I have consulted agree that Henry, son of Chas. 3rd Earl, died unmarried, I think therefore that Margaret who presented the Communion Plate was probably younger dau. of Lieut. Genl. the Hon Henry (Harry) Mordaunt, brother of Chas. 3rd Earl, by Penelope Tipping his 2nd wife. The only dates I can get at which lead me to this conclusion or rather conjecture

are in the Cope pedigree, of Bramshill
Hants. Sir Monnoux Cope 7th Bart. m.
Penelope dau of 1st Lt Gen. Henry Mordaunt
Sir Monnoux C. is said to have d. 1763,
his widow might I should say, as
in other instances, have survived
her husband 20, 30, or 40 years, I
know a case in my own family when
the widow of an ancestor of mine not
100 years ago survived her husband
43 years, he d. 1751^{at 69}, she d. 1794^{at 90}, I
merely mention ^{this} to show what is
possible, what the Cope case may
actually have been I do not know.
I assume therefore for the present
that Lady (Penelope) Cope ^{survived or might have} survived her
husband by some 20 years and that
her younger sister? Margaret lived
till 1788. I was puzzled at the
time when I was working up the
Mordaunts pedigree & still am so.
It does not appear to be known

in what year Lt Genl H. M. died
but he was doubtless living after the
younger Henry, his nephew, was dead.
I regret that I am unable to send
you anything more definite

Yours very truly
Wm Harvey

Harry b. before 1678

Willoughby pedigree

according to the 'Diary'.

Charles b. 1657.

John b. 1659.

Cory b. 1661.

Harry b. 1663.

Solomon b. 1664.

Lewis b. 1665.

James b. 1666.

Robert b. 1668

Osmond b. 1669.

George b. ~~1670~~ 1676.