43. Rivers, of ChafFord, Kent.

Created Baronet, July 19, 1621.

Of this name of Rivers have been many eminent persons, in former ages.

Richard de Ripariis, by his wife, Maud, daughter of Sir Richard Lucy, had a son, Richard, a noble Baron, in the reign of King John, (and by descent from his mother, was Lord of Angue, in Essex,) whose grandson and

heir, John de Rivers, was summoned among the Barons, from 25 Edw. I (1298) to 9 Edw. II. Nicholas de la Rivera was summoned, in 22 Edw. I 1295, to appear with horse and arms.

The first we find mentioned in a pedigree of this family, is,

Richard Rivers, father of Thomas, whose son, John, was

father of Richard Rivers, living temp. Edw. IV. and had a

son William, father of Edward, who had two sons ; i. Richard,

of Penshurst, in Kent, and 2. Sir John Rivers, of ChatFord,

in Kent, Knt. Lord-Mayor of London, 15 Eliz. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Barnes, Knt. Lord-Mayor of London, and had several sons, and daughters.

Sir George Rivers, Knt. his eldest son, was Member of Parliament for East-Grinstad, in Sussex, 39 Eliz. and married

Frances, daughter and coheir of William Bowyer, of Suflex,

Efq; by whom he had three fons ; i. John; 2. George Rivers,

of Hadlow, in Kent, Efq; 3. William, Citizen of London,

who, by Elizabeth, daughter of the Reverend Mr. Thomas

Cobbet, of London, left iflue,

John Rivers, Efq; the eldeft fon, who was advanced to the

dignity of a Baronet, 19 Jac. L and by Dorothy, his wife,

daughter arid heir of Thomas Potter, of Wefterham-parifli, in

Kent, Efq; had iflue four fons ; i. James; 2. John, who died

iflTuelefs ; 3. George, who married the daughter of Bar-

rineton, but had no iflue ; 4. Nizell, of Oakham, near Lewes^

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2ia RIVER S, of ChafFord.

in SufTex, who married the widow of Culpepper, Efq;

and died without ilFue : Sir John had alfo three daughters j

Jtlizabeth, married to John Baker of Mayfield, and Dorothy^

to William Newton, of Southovcr, both in Suflex, Efqrs. and

Cicely, to Sii Robert Goodwin, of Fairleigh, near Ealt-Grin-

fted, in the fame county, Knt.

James Rivers, Efq; the cldeft fon^ married Charity, daugh-

ter of Sir John Shirley, of IsHeld, in Suflex, Knt. by whom

he had four fons, and eight daughters; i. Sir Thomas, fuc-

ccflbr to his grandfather ; 2. Sir John, fuccelTor to his brother;

3, James, who died ifluelefs ; and another fon who died young:

of his daughters, Elizabeth, married — — 'Bodenham ; Charily,

to John Eldred, .of Saxham, in Suffolk; another, to

Hambden ; another to — — Brid^r, of Well-ftrect, in Wefter-

ham, in Kent, Efqrs.

Sir Thomas Riveis, Bart, cldcfl fon and fucccflTor to his

grandfather, dying unmarried, was fucceeded in tide and eilate,

by his next brother.

Sir John Rivers, Bart, who marninl Anne, daughter of Sir

Thomas Hcwct, of Pifhiobury, in Hertfordfliire, Bart, and

filler to the Lord Vi count Hewet, by whom he had four fons;

I. Sir George, his fucceiTor ; 2. John, who died ifTuelcis ;

3. Thomas Rivers, LL.D. Prebendary of Wincheiler, and

Kcdor of Eafton, in Hampfbire, who. married Mary, daugh-

ter of Richard Holbrooke, of the Ifle of Wight, Gent, and

died Sept. 8, 1731, leaving three fons 5 Sir John, of whom

hereafter 5 Peter, and James ; and had one daughter, AnnCi

who died youi\g -, 4. Colonel James Riviers, who died before

Barcelona, having rendered himfelf famous at that fiege, as

well as at the fiegc of Gibraltar ; but left no ifiuc: Sir John

h.;d alfo two daughters, Margaret, and Anne.

Sir George Rivers, Bart, ekicft fon and fuccelTor to hil

f:!thcr, married Dorothea, daughter of Sir William Bcvcr-

fhani, of Holbrooke-hall, in Suffolk, Knt. one of the Matters

o; the High Court ot Chancery ; by whom he had four fons

:••£} icvcn daughters ; of which, Beverdiam, died unmarried,

." l/j ag:c of twenty- three ; George, married Ifabella, daughter

X . iMiiiip Packer, of Groombridge, in Kent, Efq; by whom

t. had no ifTuc ; Thomas, and William, both died infants;

or\* tlic daughters, Dorothea, married Thomas Goodall, of

Dukc-ftreet, St. James's, Efq; Anne, died unmarried; Phila-

delphia, married George Baker, of Mayfield-place, in Suflex,

Ell]; Heniictta-Maria, married Jof. Webb, Surgeon ; Char-

lotte, died, aged twelve ; Mnrgarct, married John Groom-

bridge, of Tunbridge, Gent, and Elizabeth, died young. Sir

George Rivers, Bart, leaving no iflue male, was fucceeded by.

his

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bis nq)hew. Sir John, eldeft fon of his brother. Dr. Rivers,

Which Sir John Rivers, dying unmarried, was Aiccccded by

bis next brother,

The Rev. Sir Peter Rivers, the prefent Baronet, who has

lately taken the name of Gay, and married, 1768, the daugh-

ter of Cox, Efq;

Arms. Quarterly, firft and fourth. Or, a Fefs, Sable, charg-

ed with five Lozenges, Argent, between three Efcallops, Azuie.

Second and third. Azure, two Bars, dancette. Or ; in Chief,

three Befants, quartering, as an Augmentation, Azure, on a

Fefs, engrailed, "between three Swans, Argent, a Bar, Gules,

charged wi.h three Rofcs of the fcconJ.

Crest. On a Wreath, an Arm, cmbowed, in Armour,

proper, holding an Arrow.