

Titles (Foreign)

General guidance

1. George V took the view that the use in this country of foreign titles of nobility should in due course be discontinued and, in 1932, he revoked the Royal Warrants listed in the fourth column of the attached Annex which had allowed the use of the foreign dignitaries and titles set out in the second and third columns of the Annex. The current holder, his son and grandson where named could continue to use the title for his own lifetime.

2. Apart from these exceptions official recognition is not given to the use of foreign titles by British citizens and care should be taken not to address any British citizen (whether by naturalisation or otherwise) by such a title.

Foreign titles held by applicants for naturalisation

3. While there is nothing to prevent a British citizen in the United Kingdom from using a foreign title for private purposes, such a title cannot be officially recognised. When an application is received from a person who appears to hold a foreign title, the caseworker should:

- seek confirmation of its authenticity from the Honours Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and
- write, as below, addressing him by his title, to warn him that it will not receive official recognition

"The Secretary of State thinks it right to point out that if you become a British citizen your foreign title will not receive official recognition in this country and that in accordance with the established practice it will be omitted from the certificate. I am to request that you will specifically acknowledge your acceptance of this position."

4. Enquiries should not be put in hand until the applicant has acknowledged his acceptance of the position.

5. Similarly, if an alien who uses a foreign title enquires about becoming naturalised and appears to be residentially qualified, the answer to his enquiry should include a warning about the use of his title if naturalisation is granted and a request for a letter confirming that he accepts the position

ANNEX – ROYAL WARRANTS

PRESENT HOLDER	DIGNITY	TITLE	DATE OF WARRANT	SON OF HOLDER	GRANDSON OF HOLDER
Walter Guy <u>Bentinck</u>	Baron of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Baron Bentinck	12.9.1911	Walter Thomas Bernard Ramsey Bentinck	
Henry Robert Visart <u>de Bury</u>	Count of Austria	Count de Bury and de Bocarme	19.11.1910		
Richard Frederick John Donough Le Poer Trench, <u>Earl of Clancarty</u>	Marquis of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Marquis of Heusden	16.8.1824		
Thomas Francis Fremantle, <u>Lord Cottesloe</u>	Baron of Austria	Baron Fremantle	22.1.1822	John Walgrave Halford Fremantle	John Tapling Fremantle
Sir Robert William Charlier <u>Dillon</u> , Baronet	Baron of the Holy Roman Empire	Baron Dillon	24.4.1800		
Thomas Edward <u>Dimsdale</u>	Baron in Russia	Baron Dimsdale	29.7.1813		
Elbert Adrian William <u>de Hochepped Larpent</u>	Baron and Magnet of Hungary	Baron de Hochepped	27.9.1819		
Oliver George Paul Louis <u>Gordon de Reuter</u>	Baron in Saxe-Coburg and Gotha	Baron de Reuter	6.11.1891		
Lionel Walter, <u>Lord Rothschild</u>	Baron of Austria	Baron de Rothschild	16.6.1938		
John Frederick Foley <u>de Rutzen</u>	Baron of the Kingdom of Poland	Baron de Rutzen	23.5.1918		
Geoffrey Fitzherbert Foley <u>de Teissier</u>	Baron of the Kingdom of France	Baron de Teissier	16.9.1905	Ivor Geoffrey Dykes de Teissier	
Arthur Charles Wellesley, <u>Duke of Wellington</u>	Count in Portugal	Conde de Vimiera	18.10.1811	Arthur Charles Wellesley, Marquess Douro	Henry Valerian George Wellesley Earl of Mornington
Sir John Francis Charles <u>de Salis</u> , K.C.M.G	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count de Salis	4.4.1809		
John Eugene <u>de Salis</u>	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count John de Salis	4.4.1809		

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Anthony Denis Rodolph de Salis	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Anthony de Salis	4.4.1809		
Helen Clare de Salis	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Helen de Salis	4.4.1809		
Joan Mary de Salis	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Joan de Salis	4.4.1809		
Charles John de Salis	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Charles de Salis	4.4.1809		
Peter Francis de Salis	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Peter de Salis	4.4.1809		
William Frederick Charles Henry Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Charles Henry Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Charles Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Arthur William Douglas Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Arthur Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Norah Ida Emily Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Robert Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Henrietta Eliza Gathcart Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Henry Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Victoria Mary Frederica Mechtild Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Victoria Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Ursula Victoria Henrietta Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Ursula Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Naomi Mechtild Henrietta Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Naomi Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Brydgytte Blanch Bentinck	Countess of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Brydgytte Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Henry Noel Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Count Henry Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Sophy Mechtild Mary Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Sophy Bentinck	22.4.1886		
Isabelle Adrienne Bentinck	Count of the Holy Roman Empire	Countess Isabelle Bentinck	22.4.1886		