Harriet Murray (1813-1854)

First daughter of George Murray. There is little recorded of her life, and she died young at the age of 41. She is described as having become a Lady of the Bedchamber, but this is not listed on Wikipedia¹



George Murray was born in Farnham, Surrey, the second son of the Rt Revd Lord George Murray (Bishop of St David's), second son of John, 3rd Duke of Atholl, Chief of Clan Murray.

The Dukes of Atholl, as massive landowners, were initiators of and primary participants in the Highland Clearances, the eviction and forced removal of families from their homes, to be replaced by sheep.

On 29 September 1808, Murray was installed, like his father, as the Archdeacon of Man; on 22 May 1813 he was nominated as Bishop of Sodor and Man by his cousin the Duke of Atholl and consecrated on 6 March 1814.

On 24 November 1827 he was elected Bishop of Rochester, and on 19 March 1828 was appointed Dean of Worcester, being succeeded in 1845 by John Peel (whose eldest brother was the Prime Minister.)

Murray married, on 5 May 1811, Lady Sarah Hay-Drummond, second daughter of Robert, 10th Earl of Kinnoull, Lord Lyon (by his wife Sarah Harley, daughter and co-heiress of the Hon Thomas Harley MP, Lord Mayor of London), by whom he had five sons and six daughters,

Harriet Murray born 1813 married George Pratt 1835. (of male children...)

1: Pratt, John Charles, Marquess Camden 3rd, b. 30 JUN 1840

2: Pratt, George Murray, b. 14 JAN 1843

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3: Pratt, Charles Robert, b. 31 JUL 1847

There is a 'Statement was drawn up by Lady Sarah Murray on the subject of the riots in the Isle of Man in 1825.²

A memorial of the Isle of Man, 1825

"... we will not live in this Island to be again subject to the anxiety, the terror, and the insults we have endured for the last six months, or trust our lives, our friends, and our property any longer to the mercy of a lawless mob, and to the nominal protection of this insular Government, powerless and iniquitous as it is."

George Murray died, after a protracted illness, at his town residence in Chester Square, London, on 16 Feb. 1860, aged 76, and was buried in the family vault at Kensal Green.

George Murray (1784–1860), Bishop of Rochester by Benjamin Rawlinson Faulkner Date painted: c.1829 Collection: Christ Church, University of Oxford³



² http://isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/fulltext/mem1825.htm

³ http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings/paintings/george-murray-17841860-bishop-of-rochester-229038