

THE HON. WILLIAM CLEMENT FINCH R.N.

Born - May 27th.1753

Died - Sept.30th.1794

The third son of Heneage Finch, 3rd. Earl of Aylesford. He was educated at Westminster School & afterwards pursued a career in the Royal Navy, being promoted Captain in 1777. In 1779 he came into a fortune as a result of his capture of a Spanish ship.

After service in the American War of Independence, he purchased Albury Park from his brother, the 4th. Earl of Aylesford. He refurbished the house & bought land to enlarge the plantations, obtaining Magistrates Orders in 1784/5 to divert roads through the park & enclose the village green.

In August 1789 he married Mary Broucher, daughter of Henry Broucher of St.Kitt, West Indies.

His last commission was H.M.S.Excellent (a three decker with 74 guns). He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (Blue) in Aug. 1794 and died one month later, leaving 4 children, for whose benefit, with the consent of his widow, the estate was sold by the Trustees in 1800.

Regrettably, there is no known image of him.