

of India, the former methods of governing that country being severely censured in England at the time. He went to India determined to enforce public honesty and to make himself personally acquainted with the country which he was called upon to rule.

As the Hon. Robert Burke, Lord Connemara had sat for many years in Parliament for an English constituency, where he made a reputation as a clear-sighted and capable man of affairs. He became, in 1875, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office, displaying much industry and tact. In 1877 he was created Baron Connemara, and in 1888 appointed governor of Madras, as much from a feeling of gratitude on the part of the government for the services of his ill fated brother, as in recognition of his own sagacious judgment, fine knowledge of men and management of English foreign affairs during his term of office. Lord Connemara was born at Palmerstown house, County Kildale, in 1827, and was married to the daughter of the Scotch Marquis of Dalhousie in 1863.

I was born in America, educated at an American school, have consequently imbibed American principles, but it is a pleasure to me to know that my far-off ancestors were noble, intellectual people. I have been taunted by some for being of Irish lineage, but I glory in bearing the name of Burke. I here append a family record of the Bourkes, of Queen Anne's County, who changed the orthography of their name by inserting an "o" before the "u." This record is taken from an old paper, partly in the handwriting of my grandfather, William Young Bourke, who was a handsome and elegant gentleman, a man of splendid physique, intelligent and courteous to all. He was the first one of the family who wrote his name with an "o." There is an old record, presumably in the handwriting of his father, Edward Burke.

Edward Burke, son of Tobias Burke, was born May 1, 1752, and married Elizabeth Stockeley, January 21, 1777, widow of George Stockeley. Elizabeth Stockeley Burke was born September 25, 1744, and died October 11, 1792, at 9 o'clock in the evening. William Young Burke, son of Edward Burke and Elizabeth Stockeley, was born Saturday, 19th June, 1779, at 9 o'clock in the evening. Elizabeth Stockeley, previous to her marriage to Edward Burke, had a daughter, Arabella Stockeley, who married Aaron Hardcastle, grandfather of Gen. Edmund LaFayette