



Their Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of Calabria are pleased to announce the betrothal of their eldest son, His Royal Highness Prince Don Jaime de Borbón-Dos Sicilias, Duke of Noto, to Lady Charlotte Diana Lindesay-Bethune, youngest daughter of The Right Honourable the Earl and Countess of Lindsay, for which His Royal Highness the Duke of Calabria has given his consent under the provisions of the Royal Acts of 1829 and 1836.

The Lindesay or Lindsay family is of Danish, or Viking, origin having arrived in Britain before the Norman conquest and came to prominence with Sir Walter de Lindsay, a member of the Council of Scotland of King David I in 1116. His grandson, Sir David Lindsay of Crawford and the Byres, was High Chamberlain of Scotland in 1256 and later died on the Crusade to Tunisia led by Louis IX of France in 1270. Sir David's son, Sir Alexander de Lindesay, was a leading supporter of Sir William Wallace and Robert the Bruce against Edward I of England. Alexander's son David, feudal Baron of Crawford and of the Byres, was the ancestor of David Lindsay, created Earl of Crawford in 1398, who was married to Elizabeth, daughter of King Robert II of Scotland, and of John Lindesay, whose maternal grandfather was Sir William Keith, Marischal (Marshal) of Scotland, created Lord Lindsay of the Byres in 1444 and was married to a daughter of Lady Joan Stewart, a granddaughter of King Robert II. The 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Crawford was created Duke of Montrose in 1488 but the title was forfeited and only later returned for his lifetime.

John Lindsay, 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Lindsay of the Byres, was an adviser to King James V and was in command of the Scottish forces at the battle of Ancrum Muir (1545); his wife, Lady Helen Stewart, was closely related to both the Scottish and English royal houses. John, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord Lindsay of the Byres, who later held the post of Treasurer of Scotland, was created Earl of Lindsay and Lord Parbroath in 1633 and succeeded as 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Crawford in 1644; the Crawford title continued to be held by the Earls of Lindsay until 1808 when it passed to Alexander Lindsay, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Balcarres. The right to the Earldom of Lindsay then passed to a cousin, and was conformed for the 10<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1878, and thence to the present Earl, James Lindesay-Bethune, who served as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland from 1995-97 and was president of the National Trust for Scotland from 2012-17; he sits as an elected Conservative hereditary peer. He succeeded his father in 1989 as 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, 15<sup>th</sup> Viscount Garnock, 25<sup>th</sup> Lord Lindsay of the Byres, 15<sup>th</sup> Lord Parbroath and 15<sup>th</sup> Lord Kilburnie, Kingsburn and Drumry, having married in 1982 Diana Mary Chamberlayne-Macdonald, great-granddaughter of Sir Alexander Bosville Macdonald of Sleat, 16<sup>th</sup> and Premier Baronet of

Scotland. Lord Lindsay's mother was a descendant of the Dukes of Buccleuch and Queensberry and therefore of King Charles II.

The family assumed the additional name Bethune as heirs of that family by the marriage of George Lindsay of Wormiston to Margaret Bethune (died 1782), eldest daughter and heiress of Thomas Bethune of Kilconquhar. This Scottish branch of the Béthune family (now extinct in the male line), originally from Flanders, was founded by Robert VI, Lord of Béthune, who had been granted lands in Scotland circa 1192. His brothers, who remained in France, were ancestors of the Dukes of Sully and Chârost and other branches of the Béthune / Bethune family.

Lady Charlotte was educated at St Mary's School, Calne, and has a M.A. in Arabic and Persian from Oxford University (2015), and after she joined Citibank where she has been working for five years and is currently an Assistant Vice-President on the trading floor.

The Duke of Noto was educated at the Centro Universitario Villanueva (with a degree in law), and then has a Master's degree in Management from the IE University Business School. Since 2018 he has been a Director of the Plug and Play Tech Center (a leading global company specializing in early stage investing, and as an accelerator and corporate innovator), in Paris and also since July 2019 in Spain.