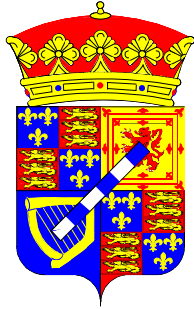


## Grafton



### *Description of Arms :*

The royal arms of Charles II, viz. Quartely : 1st and 4th, France and England quarterly ; 2nd, Scotland ; 3rd, Ireland : the whole detruised by a baton sinister-compy of 6 pieces, argent and azure.

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**Principal Title :** Duke of Grafton.

**Creation :** England, 1675.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Baron of Sudbury, Viscount Ipswich and Earl of Euston (1672).

**Family Name :** Fitz-Roy.

**Family History :** Henry Fitzroy was the second son of Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland. She claimed that the father was Charles II, King of England. At first he denied fatherhood although when Barbara Villiers threatened to kill the boy, he came round to acceptance. His name reflects this change of heart, as do the coat-of-arms accorded.

In 1672, a marriage was arranged with the daughter of the Earl of Arlington. Following this, Henry was awarded the titles listed above. In 1675, he was further raised to the rank of Duke of Grafton. Euston Hall, one of the country's finest mansions is still the family seat. He was Lord High Constable at the coronation of James II.

His grandson, Augustus Henry became Prime Minister (though his capacity for this post has been questioned). And the family has continued to take a prominent part in the country's affairs ever since.

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Charles II (1630-1685), King  
with Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland

