

**Derby, Edward Geoffrey Smith Stanley,** fourteenth earl of (*b.* 1799, *d.* 1869), English statesman, was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and was elected member for Stockbridge in 1820. In 1830 he was appointed Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland under Earl Grey, in 1833 Secretary of State for the Colonies, but the following year left the Whig party, and for some years remained an independent member. He again became Colonial Secretary in 1841, and in 1844 was called up to the Lords in his father's barony of Stanley. In 1845 he resigned on account of Sir Robert Peel's determination to repeal the Corn Laws, and henceforward led the Tory party. In 1852 he was Premier for a short period, and again in 1858. He returned to office in 1866, and carried the Reform Bill of 1867, and resigned the following year. He was one of the greatest parliamentary debaters.

**Derby, Edward Henry Smith Stanley,** earl of (*b.* 1826), son of the above, educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge, entered Parliament in 1848 as member for King's Lynn. In 1852 he was Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and in 1855 Secretary for India, when he arranged the transfer of the Indian Government from the Company to the Crown. In 1866 he was Foreign Secretary, and succeeded his father in the earldom in 1869. In 1874 he resigned his post as Foreign Secretary, and seceded to the Liberal party in 1880, being appointed Secretary to the Colonies in 1882. In 1886 he left Mr. Gladstone, differing from him on the Home Rule question.



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Mr. Stanley  
to Mr. P.

Earl of Derby.

E. G. Stanley  
Premier

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Dublin Castle  
Jan. 15. 31

My dear Lord,

I need not say to you  
Andi altuam partem - I have enclosed  
a Document, which I wish through your  
Lordship to return, giving rather a  
different account from that of Mr.  
Lyons. However I am far from thinking  
that this renders it less expedient to  
send Major Carter into that District,  
and the rather, as I think it is very



important to have full information regarding  
the prospects of impending famine. Several reports  
concur in representing as  
most alarming.

Col. Stanhope here I believe wishes to  
say the Lord Lieutenant is very anxious  
to see your lordship as early as possible  
on Monday morning, to discuss the question  
of the great distress.

Believe me

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> <sup>my dear lord</sup>  
your faithfully  
The Lord Chancellor Stanhope  
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