

Extract from "A Tour through the Whole
Island of Great Britain", by Daniel Defoe.
c. 1724

"Near Chelmsford, hard by Boreham,
lives the Lord Viscount Barrington, who
tho' not born to the title, or estate, or
name which he now possesses, had the
honour to be ~~twice~~ made heir to the
estates of gentlemen, not at all related
to him, at least one of them, as is very
much to his honour, mention'd in his
patent of creation. His name was Shute,
his uncle a linen draper in London,
and served Sheriff of the same city, in
very troublesome times. He changed the
name of Shute, for that of Barrington, by
an Act of Parliament, obtain'd for that

purpose, and had the dignity of a baron of the Kingdom of Ireland confer'd on him by the favour of King George. His Lordship is a Dissenter and seems to love retirement. He was a Member of Parliament for the town of Berwick upon Tweed."

Note from Appendix.

Lord Viscount Barrington. John Shute (1678-1734) first Viscount Barrington, third son of Benjamin Shute, a London merchant. He was an influential spokesman in the Presbyterian interest.