

# JAMES ST. VINCENT DE SAUMAREZ

## AND THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

James St. Vincent De Saumarez was born in July 1843. He was the 4th Baron de Saumarez and grandson of Admiral Lord de Saumarez. He joined the Grenadier Guards and reached the rank of Captain. In 1867 he joined the British Diplomatic Service and was promoted to the position of Second Secretary in November 1874. In this position he was permitted to serve in any of the British Embassies or Legations abroad.

Over his eighteen year career he mostly served in various British embassies across Europe.

However in 1876 he was sent to work at the British Embassy in Tokyo and his time in Japan left an indelible impression on him.

James remained in Japan until 1879 at which point he left and travelled into China for two months. He then remained serving in the British Diplomatic Service at the Embassies in Rome and then Brussels. He retired in 1885 and returned to Guernsey to focus on developing and running the family estate.



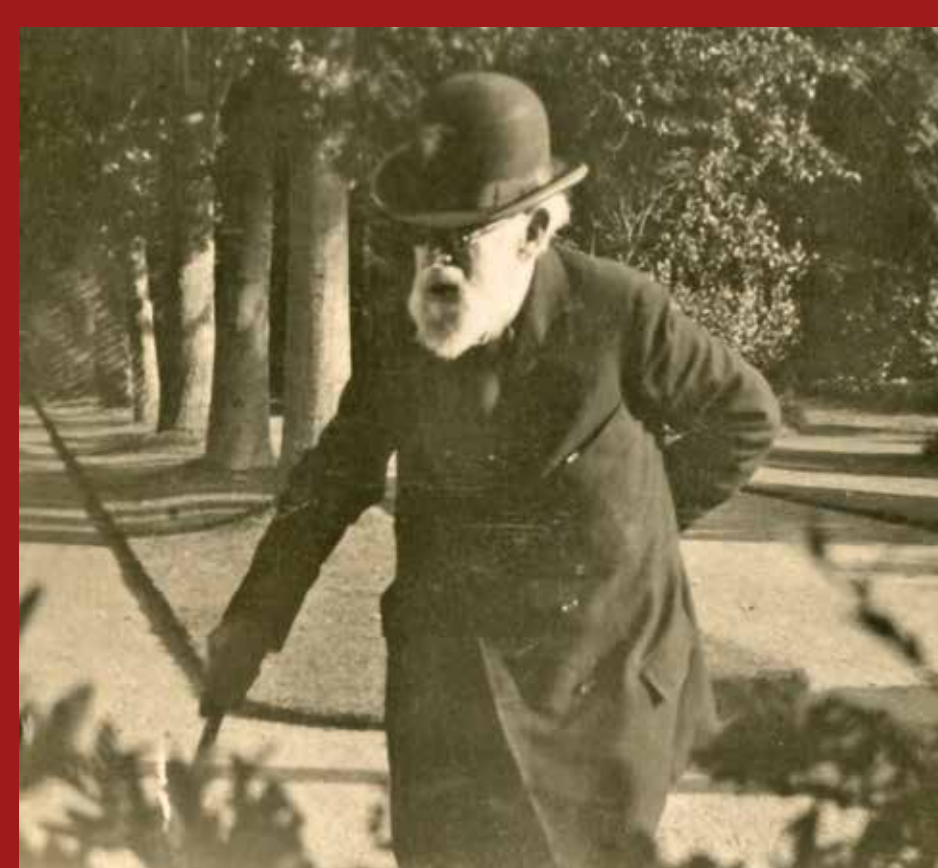
James in his Grenadier Guards uniform.  
Circa 1863-67.

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James and his wife, Jane Anne Broke, newly married standing in front of the west wing of the manor house in the de Saumarez estate, now St. John's Hostel in Saumarez Park.  
Circa 1882-83.

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James, aged in his 90s, in the grounds of the estate in Guernsey. Circa early 1930s. .

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James St. Vincent de Saumarez in his sitting room, circa early 20th century.

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