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Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland

Profile & Legacies Summary

10th Apr 1766 - 19th Feb 1839

CLAIMANT OR BENEFICIARY

Biography

Eldest son of Sir Thomas Dundas, 2nd Bt., 1st Baron Dundas and Lady Charlotte Fitzwilliam (1746–1833), daughter of the third Earl Fitzwilliam and a niece of the marquess of Rockingham. They had fourteen children, eleven of whom reached adulthood. Left £113,781 (Scottish probate) at death.

Lawrence's brothers included the Hons. Charles Lawrence Dundas, George Heneage Lawrence Dundas, and Robert Lawrence Dundas.

Lawrence succeeded his father as the 2nd Baron Dundas, 14 June 1820 and was created Earl of Zetland, 2 July 1838.

His descendents included Lawrence John Lumley Dundas, second marquess of Zetland (1876–1961), administrator in India (including Governor of Bengal, 1917–1922), politician, and author.

The Dundas family dynasty owed its rise to, above all, Sir Lawrence Dundas of Kerse, first baronet (1712–1781), who started as a wine merchant, became an army contractor and then one of the most powerful and richest of landowners in Britain, owning extensive tracts of land in Scotland, Orkney and Shetland, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire and London, as well as having extensive commercial and financial interests and political influence. He also acquired two slave estates in the West Indies - in Dominica and in Grenada.

Sources

T71/880 Grenada claim no. 604 (Dougalston Estate); T71/881 Dominica claim no. 576A & B (Castle Bruce); W.D. Rubinstein, *Who were the rich? A biographical directory of British wealth-holders* Vol. 1 1809-1839 (2009), p. 504 reference 1839/27.

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Further Information

Absentee?	British/Irish
Name in compensation records	Laurence Lord Dundas
Spouse	m. 21 Apr. 1794, Harriot, daughter of General John Hale
Children	4 sons, 3 daughters
Wealth at death	£113,781
School	Harrow 1775-80 [1775-1780]

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Inventories

University	Trinity College, Cambridge [1784]
Rubinstein	1839/27

Associated Claims (2)

Dominica 576A & B (Castle Bruce) (/lbs/claim/view/9862)	£3,317 4s 0d	Awardee (Owner-in-fee)	DETAILS (/LBS/CLAIM/VIEW/9862)
Grenada 604 (Dougalston Estate) (/lbs/claim/view/11231)	£4,818 0s 6d	Awardee (Owner-in-fee)	DETAILS (/LBS/CLAIM/VIEW/11231)

Associated Estates (1)

The dates listed below have different categories as denoted by the letters in the brackets following each date. Here is a key to explain those letter codes:

- **SD** - Association Start Date
- **SY** - Association Start Year
- **EA** - Earliest Known Association
- **ED** - Association End Date
- **EY** - Association End Year
- **LA** - Latest Known Association

1817 [EA] - 1834 [LA] → JOINT
OWNER [Castle Bruce \[Dominica \]](/lbs/estate/view/1232) (/lbs/estate/view/1232)

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Cultural (2)

PRINTS, DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS **Print, group portrait of Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland, his wife Harriot (née Hale) and their youngest son the Hon. John Charles Dundas. Mezzotint by Charles Turner after Charles William...** [DETAILS](#)
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notes → Full details at: [Victoria & Albert Museum Collection: Prints, Drawings](http://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O568546/harriot-lady- Dundas-lawrence-lord-print-turner-charles-ara/)
(<http://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O568546/harriot-lady- Dundas-lawrence-lord-print-turner-charles-ara/>)...

PRINTS, DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS **Print, full-length portrait of Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland, when 2nd Baron Dundas, and wearing robes of office as mayor of York. Mezzotint by William Ward after John Jackson, 1820s....** [DETAILS](#)
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Political (1)

MP **Whig** [DETAILS](#)
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election → **Richmond** Yorkshire
1790 - 1802

election → **York** Yorkshire
1802 - 1807

election → **Richmond** Yorkshire
1808 - 1811

election → **York** Yorkshire

Relationships (3)

Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland (/lbs/person/view/11279)	BROTHERS	Hon. George Heneage Lawrence Dundas (/lbs/person/view/721746990)	DETAILS (/LBS/RELATIONSHIP/VIEW/2058761623/11279)
Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland (/lbs/person/view/11279)	SON → FATHER	Sir Thomas Dundas 1st Baron Dundas (/lbs/person/view/2146660919)	DETAILS (/LBS/RELATIONSHIP/VIEW/2058789257/11279)
Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland (/lbs/person/view/11279)	GRANDSON → GRANDFATHER	Sir Lawrence Dundas 1st Bart. (/lbs/person/view/2146656113)	DETAILS (/LBS/RELATIONSHIP/VIEW/2058796155/11279)

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1761 - ????

"Free quadroon woman" and mother of eleven children; independently wealthy, perhaps through legacies left her by her partners James Tierney (died 1784) and Ebenezer Robertson (died 1825).

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Details in the life of Quamin, head boilerman on Palm Estate.



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