

Sir Thomas David Gibson-Carmichael, 11th Baronet (1859-1926) (created Baron Carmichael in 1912)

Sir Thomas David Gibson-Carmichael, 1st and last Baron Carmichael was born on 18 March 1859 at Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. He was the son of Reverend Sir William Henry Gibson-Carmichael, 10th Baronet, and Eleonora Anne Anderson. He married Mary Helen Elizabeth Nugent, daughter of Albert Llewellyn Nugent, 3rd Baron Nugent and Elizabeth Baltazzi, on 1 July 1886 at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London.

Sir Thomas graduated from St. John's College Cambridge in 1881 with a Bachelor of Arts, and in 1884 with a Master of Arts. He was Private Secretary to Sir George Trevelyan and Lord Dalhousie the Secretaries for Scotland and was Chairman of the Scottish Board of Lunacy from 1894–1897. He succeeded to the title of 11th Baronet Gibson-Carmichael on 19 December 1891 and held the office of Member of Parliament (Liberal) for Midlothian between 1895 and 1900 succeeding William Gladstone.

Sir Thomas was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1902 and was listed as Politician, Administrator, Art Connoisseur. He was a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery from 1904–1908, and of National Gallery from 1906–1908 and from 1923–1926. He was invested as a Knight Commander, Order of St. Michael and St. George (K.C.M.G.) in 1908 and held the office of Governor of Victoria between 1908 and 1911. He was invested as a Knight Grand Commander, Order of the Indian Empire (G.C.I.E.) in 1911 and held the office of Governor of Madras between 1911 and 1912 then the office of Governor of Bengal between 1912 and 1917. He was created 1st Baron Carmichael, of Skirling, co. Peebles on 7 February 1912 and was invested as a Knight Grand Commander, Order of the Star of India (G.C.S.I.) in 1917.

He "was called, as the first Governor of Bengal, to administer a newly-reconstituted province at a time of supreme difficulty. He was not—and would not have claimed for himself that he was—one of the great Indian rulers; but he is remembered there with affection for his natural kindness of heart and the versatility of his interest." He died on 16 January 1926 at age 66 at 13 Portman Street, London, England, and on his death, his Barony became extinct.

He was buried on 21 January 1926 at Skirling, Biggar, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

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