

ADAM, Major AUGUSTUS WILLIAM (1865-19) ~~MP~~ MP
Woolwich Jan - Dec. 1910; contested 1906, Dec. 1910. Unionist
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1st Earl of Montbello; (2) 1928 Queenie da. of Sir Stephen Penfold.
Educ., Harrow, and Sandhurst = Dublin, MA (Honours, Classics
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Salisbury at the Albert Hall, the best he heard; and he loved to
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(1) Foot-note (?)