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DEATHS.

1758, Dec. 17. Hon. Lady Tynte, at Farley, near Winton. Her jointure of 2,000l. per Annum comes to Sir Charles Kenney Tynte, Bart.

Mr. Paulet St. John was not created a baronet until nearly fourteen years after her death, viz., Sept. 9, 1772. Lady Tynte's being designated "Hon." is of course a mistake.

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