Edward Montagu, first Earl of Sandwich, was the only son of Sir Sidney Montagu. Sir Sidney had passed his life in the household service of James and Charles I. He was at the time on good terms with Cromwell, and probably owed this.

Edward Montagu, 2nd Earl of Manchester, KG, KB, FRS was an important commander of Parliamentary forces in the First English Civil War, and for a time Oliver Cromwell's superior.