

mere accident of birth regardless of personal worth and culture, British peoples do not want and will not have. British "nobility," are those of baronial or higher rank: the term "lesser nobility" is sometimes applied to baronets and some others. "Plebeians" are not known in the British Empire, where persons of inferior social status are classed according to their personal or social condition, and not by the supposed tint of the blood which runs in their veins.

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### **Eberts, otherwise von Ebertz, U.E.L.**



Sixth in descent from Caspar Ebertz, knighted by the Emperor Charles V. *circa* 1535 for valour against the Turks, was

Jacob-Friedrich Ebertz to whom a patent of nobility, "to himself and his heirs lawfully begotten, male and female, forever," was granted at Vienna by the Emperor Leopold, 27 Novr. 1658, with the coat of arms of his ancestor "confirmed and augmented," and the

right to use the prefix "von;" and from whom was descended

Hermann-Melchoir von Eberts, b. 1753, d. 1819, Surgeon in the Regiment of Prince William of Hanau, in the British service under command of Col. von Gall in the American Revolutionary War, from which regi-