

I refused his proposal.

In 1929 Pierre de Bosmelet was introduced to my grandmother by his friend and fellow law student John Mathias. John was my grandmother's eldest brother. Pierre did propose to Diana. That first time Diana refused Pierre's proposal of marriage. She later said that it was because women in Britain had just received the vote on the same terms as men. That meant that they could vote when they turned 21. Diana was 20 at that time and had no interest in getting married. Also in her journals of the time she also mentions that she was in love with an Englishman that she code named "Richard." Richard married another woman, so that might have also factored into the equation.

Interestingly women only got the vote in France after the Second World War.

