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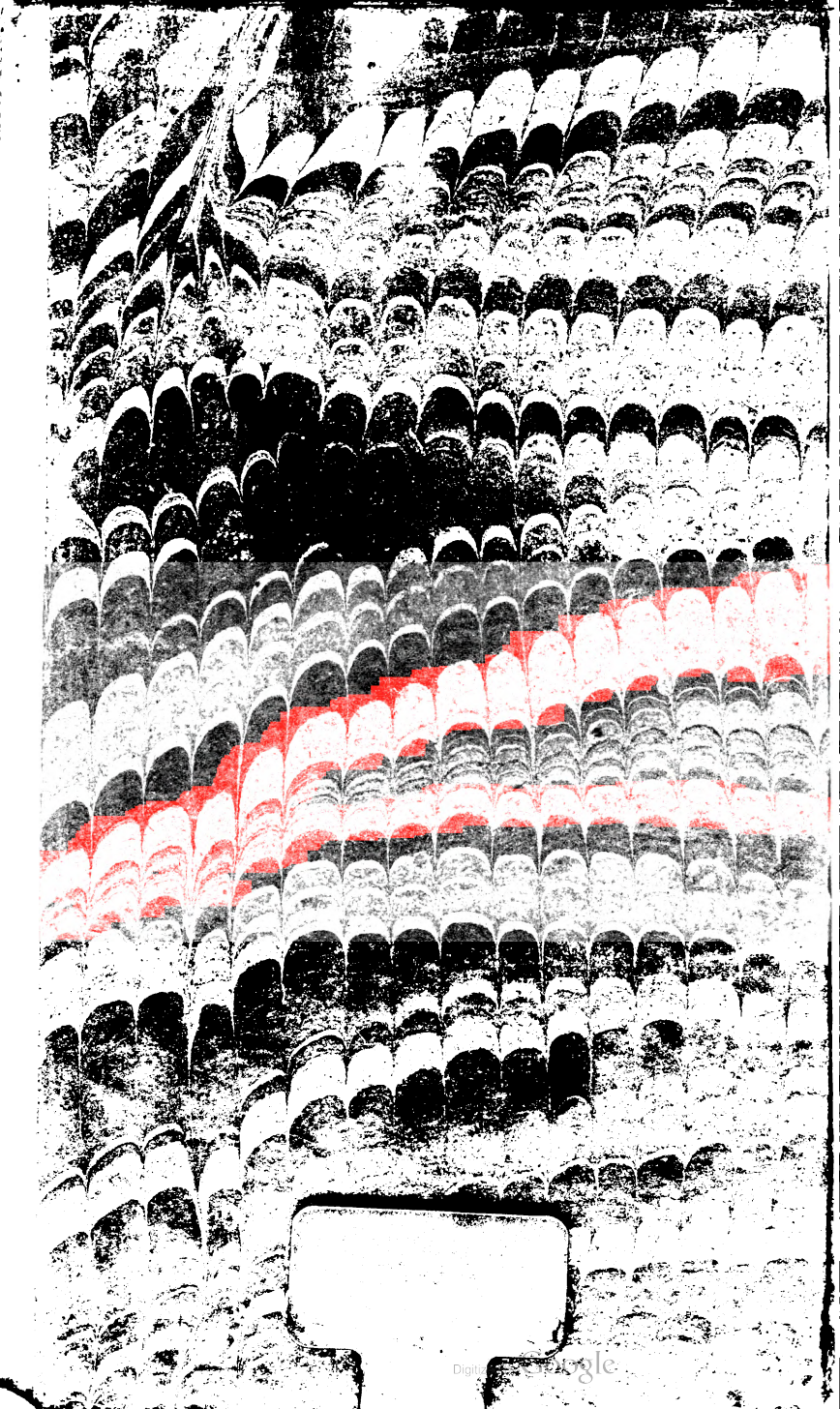
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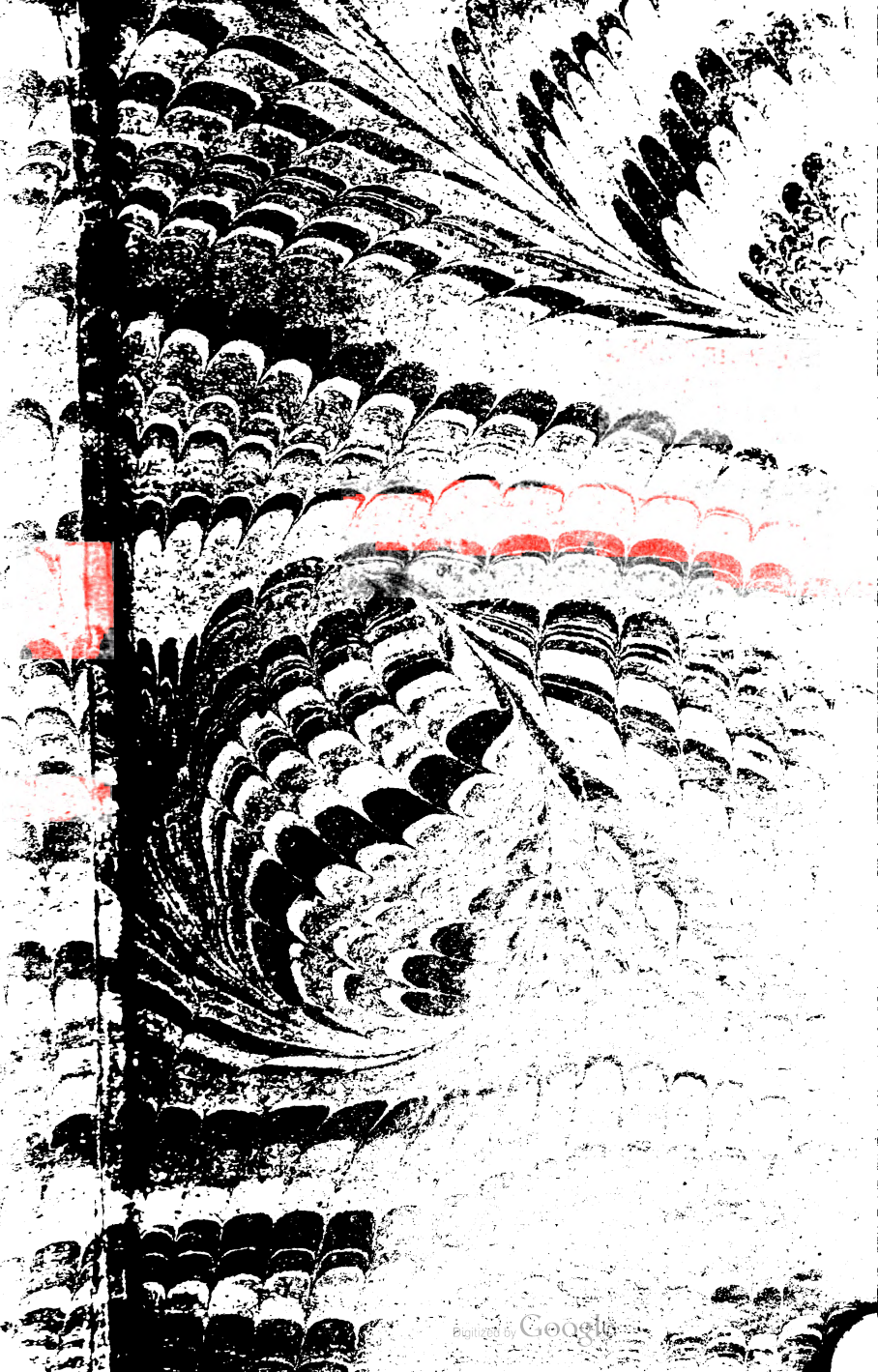
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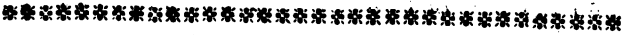
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Sir MATTHEW BOYNTON of  
BARMSTON, Kt. Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 101

[*Maii 25 A. D. 1618. R. Jac. 16.*]



**T**HAT *Boynton*, a Town in the East-Riding of *Yorkshire*, denominated this Family, is not to be doubted; the first of which, that I meet with, is *Bruis de Bointon*, (a) a Witness with the Prior of *Tinmouth*, and others, to a Donation in frank *Almoigne*, made by *Ranulf de Merley*, in 30 *H. I.*  
B A. D.

(a) *Mon. Angl. Vol. 1. p. 49. b.*

A. D. 1129, confirming to the Monks of *Durbam Morvic* with the Appurtenances, that his Father *Will. de Merley* had before granted them: To whom succeeded *Sir Ingram de Boynton*, Kt. seated at *Aclam* in that County, who had Issue *Sir William*, his Son and Heir, living in the Reign of *K. Edward 1.* Father to another *Ingram de Boynton*, who left Issue by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter to *Sir Walter Grindal*, Kt. *Walter*, his Son and Heir.

Which *Walter de Boynton* was knighted, and in 30 *Edw. 3.* (1356) being in the Service of *Edward*, Prince of *Wales*, in *Britany*, had the King's (b) Letters of Protection, dated the 8th of *Feb.* the same Year. He had Issue *Sir Thomas Boynton* of *Aclam*, who had in Marriage *Catharine*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Sir Gifford Rossells* of *Newton* under *Gundsborough* in *Cleveland*, and is the same Person who, joyntly with *Thomas de Ingelby*, had a Grant from *K. Edw. 3.* in the 39th Year of his Reign, for free Warren (c) in *Aclam* (in *Cleveland*) *Aresome*, *Rouseby*, *Neuton*, *Swaynton*, and *Boynton*, in *Com. Ebor.* He was succeeded by a Son of his own Name, *Thomas de Boynton*, who was likewise a *Knight*; and by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of ——— *Sawcock*, left a Son *Henry*.

Contemporary with the said *Sir Thomas* was *Robert de Boynton*, Governor of *Berwick-Castle*; (d) and in 1 *R. 2.* a Commissioner, among others, for receiving at *Berwick* 4000 Marks from *Robert King of Scots* (in Part of 56000 Marks) which he had Orders to pay to *Will. de Melton*, Chevalier, Mayor of the City of *York*.

*Henry de Boynton* (Son and Heir of *Sir Thomas*) was suspected to be in the Interest of *Henry (Percy) Earl*

(b) *Rymers Feod.* Tom. 5. p. 844. (c) *Cart. 39 & 40 Ed. 3.* N. 23, 24. (d) *Rymers Feod.* Tom. 7. p. 197.

Earl of *Northumberland*, and his Son, who had taken Arms against King *Henry 4.* For in the fourth Year of the Reign of that (e) Prince (when the Battel of *Shrewsbury* was fought) *John Woke- rington*, *Gerald Heron*, and *John Mitford*, were commision'd to tender an Oath to this *Henry de Boynton*, and others, to be true to the King, and renounce *Henry Earl of Northumberland* and his Adherents; yet three Years after this (f) he was concern'd with the said Earl, *Thomas Mow- bray*, Earl-Marshal *Richard Scroope* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and others, who had taken Arms in 7 *Hen. 4.* and flying to *Berwick*, was apprehended on the Surrender thereof to the King, and with seven others executed, being then a Knight. He had Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife (afterwards marry'd to *John Felton*) (g) two Daughters, viz. *Elizabeth*, Wife to *Thomas Marton* of *Marton* in *Cleveland*, and *Fennet*, Wife to *John Widisworth*; likewise two Sons, (h) *Thomas de Boynton*, who dy'd without Issue, and *Walter*.

Which *Walter* liv'd in the Time of *K. Henry 6.* and by his Wife, the Daughter of — *Harding*, left Issue *Sir Thomas Boynton*, Kt. his Son and Heir; who by Marriage with *Isabel*. Daughter to *Sir William Normanvile* of *Kilnwick* in *Com. Ebor.* Kt. had Issue two Sons, *Henry*, hereafter mention'd, and *Christopher*, Progenitor to the *Boyn- tons* of *Sadborough*; the eldest Line whereof expir'd in one Daughter and sole Heir, *Isabel*, marry'd to *Henry*, 2d Son to *Sir William Gascoigne* of *Galtbrop*: And from a second Son of this Branch descended the *Boyn- tons* who were settled at *Wil- lerby*, and afterwards at *Rawcliff*; which likewise expir'd in Heirs Females, one of whom was Mo-

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(e) *Ryner Tom. 8. p. 322.* (f) *H. H. H. Chron. Vol. 2. p. 1145.* (g) *Esch. 10. H. 5. N. 23.* (h) *E. Stemmata.*

ther to *Boyn-ton Appleyard*, Esq; who now bears the Name of *Boynton-Boyn-ton*, by Right of Substitution and Adoption.

• *Henry Boynton*, Esq; Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas*, encreas'd his Fortune very considerably, by marrying *Margaret*, Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *Martin del See*, Lord of *Barmston* in *Yorkshire*, by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir of *Christopher Spencer*; for thereby he enjoy'd a large Estate of her Inheritance, and principally the Manour of *Barmston*, anciently possess'd by *John Mouceux*; whose Daughter and Heir, *Margaret*, marry'd to *Brian at See*, brought it to Sir *Mertyn del See*, Son of the said *Brian*; and from the aforesaid Marriage with *Boynton*, it accrued to this Family, and has been their principal Seat ever since. The said *Henry Boynton* had a Daughter *Isabel* espous'd to *Brian Tonstall*, and two Sons, *Thomas* and *Martyn*.

*Thomas Boynton*, Esq; the eldest, succeeded at *Barmston* and *Aclam*, and taking in Marriage *Cecily*, Daughter to Sir *James Strangeways* of *Smeton*, Kt. had Issue two Daughters (*Anne*, marry'd to *Robert Haldenby* of *Haldenby*; *Jane*, to *Thomas Goldseborough* of *Goldseborough*) and a Son *Matthew*.

Which *Matthew Boynton*, Esq; had a Grant for Life from King (b) *Henry 8.* (in the 29th Year of his Reign) of the Office of High-Steward of all his Lordships, &c. in the Cities of *Lincoln* and *Tork*, that were forfeited by the Attainder of *William Wood*, late Prior of *Bridlington*. He marry'd *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *John Bulmer*, Kt. and had Issue a Son *Thomas*, and three Daughters, viz. *Margaret*, Wife to *William Frobyser*; *Anne*, to *William*,

(b) *Privat. Sigill. 5. Maii 29. H. 8.*

liam, 4th Son to *Richard Norton* of *Norton* in *Com. Ebor.* and *Cecilie*, Maid of Honour to *Q. Elizabeth*, and afterwards marry'd to *Edmund Norton*, 3d Son of *Richard*.

*Thomas Boynton* (Son and Heir of *Matthew*) was Sheriff of *Torkshire* in 18 *Eliz.* and afterwards had the Honour of *Knighthood* from the *Queen* at *Hampton-Court*, in *Jan.* 1577. He had two Wives, *Frances*, Daughter of *Francis Frobyser* of *Doncaster*, by whom he had his Son and Heir *Francis*, and *Anne*, who marry'd *Francis Vaughan* of *Sutton Darwent* in *Com. Ebor.* By his second Lady *Alice*, Daughter of *Nicholas Tempest* of *Holmside* in the Bishoprick of *Durham*, he had no Issue; and she afterwards marrying *Christopher Place* of *Halnaby* in *Com. Ebor.* Esq; had, among other Issue, *Dorothy*, (at length sole Heir of that Family) who marry'd the aforesaid *Francis Boynton*, eldest Son and Heir of *Sir Thomas*.

Which *Francis* was Sheriff of *Torkshire* in 28 *Eliz.* and receiv'd the Honour of *Knighthood* at *Tork* the 17th of *April* 1603, when *King James* past thro' that City in his Way from *Scotland*. He leit Issue a Daughter, *Dorothy*, marry'd to *Sir Henry Bellingham* of *Levinz*, Kt. and a Son nam'd *Matthew*.

This *Matthew Boynton* succeeding to the Inheritance of *Barmston* and a good Estate, was knighted by *King James I.* at *Whiteball*, *May* the 9th, 1618, and on the 25th of *May* following was farther advanc'd to the Dignity of a *Baronet*. He serv'd in Parliament for the Borough of *Heydon* in the Reign of *King Charles I.* and was one of those the Rebels chiefly entrusted in *Torkshire*; for when *Sir John Hotbam*, and his Son *Capt. Hotbam*, were contriving the Surrender of *Hull* to the King, this *Sir Matthew Boynton* had

Orders (i) from the Parliament to have an Eye on them, and endeavour to preserve the Town, if he perceiv'd it in Danger; pursuant to which he contriv'd the seizing of him; and Coll. *Boyn-ton*, his Son, actually took Sir *John* Prisoner. He dy'd in the Year 1646, and by *Frances* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Henry Griffith* of *Agnes Burton*, Kt. and Bart. (and Heir to her Brother Sir *Henry*) had four Sons and four Daughters, of whom *Mary* dy'd unmarried; *Dorothy* was Wife to *John Anlaby* of *Eston* in Com. *Ebor.* Esq; *Elizabeth* to *John Heron*, Son of *Richard Heron* of *Bockenfield* in Com' *Northumb.* and *Margaret* to *John Robinson* of *Ritber* in Com. *Ebor.* Esq; Of the Sons, *Francis* will be mention'd hereafter; *Matthew*, 2d Son, marry'd *Isabel*, Daughter to *Robert Stapleton* of *Wigbill*, Esq; and was slain at *Wigan*, in the Advance of the Army of King *Charles 2.* out of *Scotland* towards *Worcester*. He left Issue two Daughters, one of them marry'd to the nominal Duke of *Tirconnel*, when Colonel *Talbot*, and the other to the celebrated Earl of *Roscommon*; *Marmaduke*, 3d Son, and *Gustavus*, 4th Son, dy'd unmarried.

Sir *Francis Boynton*, Bart. (Son and Heir of Sir *Matthew*) aged 47 Years, *A. D.* 1665, (k) had to Wife *Constance*, Daughter of *William* Viscount *Say* and *Seal*, who bore him a Daughter *Frances*, marry'd to *George Whitecote* of *Harpwell* in Com. *Linc.* Esq; and three Sons, 1. *William*, 2. *Nathaniel*, who dy'd unmarried; 3. *Henry*, Rector of *Barmston*, who wedded *Dorothy*, Daughter of — *Hampcote*, and hath Issue *Francis Boynton* of *Beverly*, Esq; in whom the Dignity of Baronet is expectant.

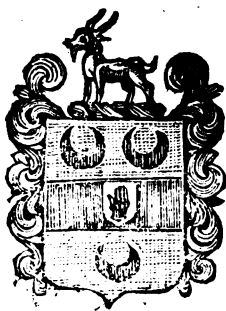
*William*

(i) *Rushworth's Collections*, 3d Part, Vol. 2. p. 275, 276.  
 (k) *Viz de Com' Ebor. per Sir Wm. Digdale.*



*William Boynton*, Esq; (eldest Son and Heir apparent to Sir *Francis*) dy'd in the Life-time of his Father, about the Year 1689, and by *Elizabeth* his Wife, (Daughter and Co-heir of *John Bernard* of *Kingston upon Hull*, Esq;) left Issue the present Sir *Griffith Boynton*, Bart. and a Daughter *Constance*, marry'd to *Richard Kirshaw*, D. D. Rector of *Ripley in Com. Ebor.*

Sir *Griffith Boynton* of *Barmston*, now living, hath marry'd *Adriana*, Daughter of Mr. *John Sykes*, Merchant at *Dort*, but hath no Issue.



## A R M S.

Or, a Fess between three Crescents, Gules; but anciently there was a *Lyon passant on the Fess.*

## C R E S T.

A Goat passant Sable, guttee & Argent, barbed and unguled; Or.

THOMAS LITTLETON of FRANKLEY, Esq; Wigorn. N<sup>o</sup> 102.

[Julii 25. A. D. 1618. R. Jac. 15.]

OF this Family of *Littleton* (denominated from a Town of the same Name in the County of *Worcester*) was (a) *Thomas de Littleton*, living in 24 H. 3. who by his 2d Wife *Ancelin Fitzwaren*, (b) had Issue three Sons, *Edmund*, *Thomas*, and *John*; and by his 1st Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *Frankley*, a Daughter *Emma*, marry'd 1st to *Augerus de Tatlington*, (mention'd in 40 H. 3.) and 2dly, to *Nicholas Wethamstead*. By her 1st Husband she had two Sons, *Nicholas de Tatlington*, Lord of *Frankley* in *Com. Wigorn*. Father to *Thomas de Tatlington*, Lord of the said Place, who dy'd without Issue.

*Thomas* (Brother of *Edmund Littleton*) had Issue two Sons, whereof *John* the youngest (by his Wife *Beatrix*, Daughter of *John Frevile*, Esq;) left only a Daughter and Heir *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Jeffrey Frere*. *Thomas* the eldest, was Squire of the Body to King H. 4. and H. 5. inherited the Manor of *Frankley* after the Death of his Cousin *Thomas de Tatlington*, and having taken to Wife *Matildis*, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Quatermains de Com. Oxon.* Esq; (by *Joane* his Wife, Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Grey*, a 2d Son of the *Greys* of *Rotherfield*) had by her only a Daughter *Elizabeth*, who was his sole Heir.

Which *Elizabeth* marrying *Thomas Westcote*, Esq; a Gentleman of ancient Extraction in *Com. Devon.*  
and

(a) *Seager's Baronagium* in *Bib. Cotton.* in *Stem. Wujms Fam.*  
(b) *Abington's Ant. of Worcestershire*, MS.

and the King's Servant in Court, oblig'd him before Marriage to continue the Honour of her Name, by consenting that her Children inheriting should be call'd *Littleton*; and she had by him five Daughters, and as many Sons; from *Nicholas* the 2d, who marry'd *Agnes* Daughter and Heir of *Edmund Vernon*, Esq; (by *Joane* his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *William Handsacre* of *Handsacre* in *Com. Staff.*) descend the modern *Westcotes*; and from *Guy* 4th Son, the *Westcotes* of *Westcote-House* in *Com. Devon*.

*Thomas* the eldest Son, enjoying his Mother's Estate, took the Name of *Littleton*, (according to Stipulation) and bore her *Coat Armour*, which his Descendants now continue. He was brought up in the Study of the Laws in the *Temple*, and read learnedly upon the Statute of *W. 2. de donis Conditionalibus*: He was afterwards call'd to the Degree of *Serjeant* at Law 1 Feb. 31. H. 6. (a) was *Steward* of the Court of the *Marshalsea* of the King's Household; and, for his Merit, in the 33d Hen. 6. made King's *Serjeant*, (b) and rode Justice of the Assize the Northern Circuit; which Place he held under K. *Edw. 4.* till the 6th Year of his Reign, when he was constituted one of the Judge or Justices in the Court of Common Pleas: (c) And then he rode the *Northampton-shire* Circuit: The same King, in the 15th Year of his Reign, honour'd him (together with the Prince and others) with Knighthood, about which Time he compos'd his *Book of Tenures*. Unto which Treatise, (says *Cambden*) the Students in the Common Law are no less beholden than the Civilians to *Justinian*: And *Coke* the Commentator thereupon says, *Littleton* is not the Name of the Author only, but the Law itself.

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(a) *Clarf. ejusd. Ann. M. 13.* (b) *Rot. Pat. 33 H. 6. p. 1. M. 6.* (c) *Rot. 6 E. 4. p. 1. M. 15.*

He marry'd *Joane*, one of the Daughters and Co-heirs, of *William Burley* of *Bromescroft-Castle*, Esq; descended of a younger Brother to *Sir Simon Burley*, Knight of the Garter; and he bore her Arms, viz, the *Lyon and chequer'd Fefs*, for *Burley*, alias *Mylde*, according to the Custom of the Times. This *Joane* was the Widow of *Sir Philip Chetwind*, Knt. and by her Husband *Littleton*, alias *Westcote*, had Issue 2 Daughters, *Ellen* and *Alice*, and 3 Sons, *Sir William*, *Richard* of *Pillaton-Hall* in *Com. Staff.* and *Thomas*; for whom, as a loving Father and wise Man, he provided Matches in his own Life-time, and made his last Will on the 22d of *August*, in 21 *Edw. 4.* whereof he made his three Sons, a Parson, a Vicar, and one of his Servants, Executors; and constituting his Friend *John Alcock*, L. L. D. then Bishop of *Worcester*, his Supervisor, left this Life, in a good old Age, the Day after: And the Will was prov'd the 8th of *Novemb.* following, in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, for that he had *bona notabilia* in divers Diocesses.

His Body was interr'd in the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*, under a fair aral Monument of Marble, (which he himself caus'd to be made and finish'd in his Life-time) on which is fix'd his Portraiture of Brass; out of his Mouth proceeding a Scrole inscrib'd, *Fili Dei miserere mei.* Over his Head, in a Triangle, are 3 brass Shields, Baron and Femme impal'd, the Arms of *Littleton* and *Quartermain's*, *Westcote* and *Littleton*, and *Littleton* and *Burley*, alias *Mylde*; likewise on the Verge this Inscription;

*Hic jacet Corpus Thome Littleton de Frankley,  
Militis de Balneo, unius Fufficiarii de Communi  
Banco, qui obiit Die 1481.*

His

His Lady surviv'd him, and at her Death left a great Estate (descended from her Father, and from *Ellen* her Mother, Daughter and Heir to *John Grendon* of *Staffordshire*, Esq;) to her eldest Son *William*.

Which *William Littleton* resided at *Frankley*, and bringing Forces to the Aid of *K. Henry 7.* against *Lambert Symnel*, the Earl of *Lincoln*, and their Adherents, receiv'd the Honour of (a) Knighthood at the Battel of *Stoke* near *Newark* upon *Trent*, the 11th of *June*, 2 *Hen. 7.* He had Issue by his 1st Wife *Ellen*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Thomas Welsh*, Esq; one Daughter *Joane*, who inherited her Mother's Lands (marry'd to Sir *John Aston* of *Tixball*, Knt;) and by his 2d Wife *Mary*, one Son *John*, and a Daughter *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Thomas Rouse* of *Worcestershire*, Esquire.

This Sir *William Littleton* departed this Life in 23 *Hen. 7.* as appears by his last Will and Testament, (b) which bears Date the 2d of *December*, 1507, and the Probat thereof the 2d of *February* following. He bequeath'd his Body to be bury'd within the Monastery of *St. John the Evangelist* of *Halys Owen*, before the Image of our blessed Lady *St. Mary*, nigh the Place and Grave where his 1st Wife lieth bury'd: Settles on *Mary* his Wife the Manours, Lands, &c. of *Frankley*, *Colsdon*, and *Rigeakur* in *Com. Wigorn.* likewise *Areley* in *Com. Staff.* to enjoy during her natural Life: Desires his Executors to find an honest Priest, or Priests, for seven Years immediatley after his Death to sing and pray for his Soul, and the Souls of his Father and Mother, and the Soul of his Grandfather *William Burley*, and all Christian Souls: Likewise

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(a) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton. Claudius, c. 3.*

(b) *A Dean qu. 32. in Cur. Prerog. Cant.*

to say *Placebo* and *Dirige* the Day of his Anniversary, with a Mass of *Requiem* on the Morrow; and once every Week, during the 7 Years, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, &c. for which the said Priest or Priests should have yearly for their Sallary, out of the Profits of his Lands, 8 Marks. The said Divine Service to be done in the Chapel of St. Leonard at Frankley, by Edward Gabetty, and Ralph Bowdon, his Chaplains: Settles his Lands in Trust for John his Son and Heir apparent, and appoints him 20 l. yearly towards his Exhibition and Finding, till he come to his Land and full Age; and 500 Mark to his Daughter Elizabeth in Marriage: Moreover, that his Feoffees ordain and provide for his Obit once in the Year for ever, in the said Monastery of Halys Owen, and pay yearly for it, 13 s. and 4 d. viz. 10 s. for the Dirige and Mass, and 3 s. and 4 d. to be distributed in Alms to poor People: Wills, that John Smith his Servant should have the keeping of his Park at Frankley, during Life, and that all his Servants should have a Years Wages at their departing, to provide them of new Service. Makes Executors, Dame Mary his Wife, his Brother Edward Ferrers, his Brother Richard Littleton, and Richard Saunders; and Supervisors, his belov'd Son Sir John Ashton, Knt. and his Trusty and Well-belov'd Brother John Whyttington, Esq;

John Littleton, (Son and Heir of Sir William) succeeded to the Estate at Frankley, was elected one of the Knights for Worcestershire, (c) in the Parliament that met at Westminster, 5 Octob. 1st of Queen Mary; and having in Marriage Elizabeth, Daughter and Co-heir of Sir Gilbert Talbot of Grafton, Knt, (Brother's Son to John Talbot, Earl of

(c) MS. penes Brown Willis Arm.

of *Shrewsbury*, and Unkle to *John Talbot of Abrighton*, in *Com. Salop.* Esq; and afterwards of *Grafton*, lineal Ancestor to the late Duke of *Shrewsbury*) had Issue divers Children, among them, *John* his Successor at *Frankley*; *Edward*, call'd *Long Edward*, who marry'd the Lady *Elizabeth Talbot*, Widow to Sir *John Talbot of Grafton*; *Roger Littleton of Groveley*, in *Com. Wigorn.* from whom (by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *John Stanley of West Bromwich*, Esq;) the *Littletons of Short Naunton*, in *Com. Wigorn.* descended; and *George Littleton*, who dy'd *A. D.* 1610, and was bury'd under a fair Monument in the Church of *Brooms Grove*, with this Inscription;

*Qui legit hac Leges fatorum disce tuorum  
 Quas ipsi nequeunt Legum vitare periti  
 Ecce Littletonus tumulo concluditur isto  
 Qui Legum Patri Lytellono sanguine junctus  
 Junctior ingenii est studiis & dotibus iisdem  
 Judicis ut titulo pariter junctissimus esset  
 Non incerta fides & spes certissima mansit  
 Invida surgenti si vivere fata dedisset.*

Sir *John Littleton*, Knt, Son and Heir of the last *John*, in the 5th Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, was constituted Sheriff for the County of *Worcester*; also, in the 8th Year of that Queen, he receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood, and 6 Years after was again in the same Office: He marry'd *Bridget*, Daughter and Co-heir to Sir *John Packington of Hampton Lovet*, Heir General of *Washborne*, and by her had Issue 4 Daughters and 6 Sons: Of the Daughters, *Elizabeth* was Wife to Sir *Francis Willoughby of Wollaton* in *Com. Nott.* Knt; *Margaret* to *Samuel Marrow of Barks-well* in *Com. Warw.* Esq; *Amphilice* to *William Barnaby of Pocklington*, in *Com. Wigorn.* Esq; and *Frances* dy'd without Issue. The Sons were, 1st *Gilbert*,

*bert*, 2. *William*, who marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to *Richard Smith*, Son and Heir to Sir *Walter Smith* of *Shelford* in *Com. Nott.* Kt. but dy'd without Issue; 3. *George*, seated at *Holbeach* in *Com. Staff.* The three other Sons dy'd without Issue.

*Gilbert Littleton*, Esq; (eldest Son and Heir of Sir *John*) serv'd in Parliament for the County (a) of *Worcester*, in 13 and 14 *Eliz.* and was Sheriff for that County in 26 *Eliz.* his Father then living. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Humphry Coningsby* of *Hampton*, Esq; and departing this Life, was bury'd at *Hales Owen*, leaving Issue *John*, his Son and Heir.

Which *John* was a Gentleman of singular Parts, (b) and much esteem'd in his Country. He was elected one of the Knights in Parliament for *Worcestershire*, in 27 *Eliz.* as also in two other Parliaments in the same Reign, viz. in 28 and 39 *Eliz.* He took to Wife *Muriel*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Bromley*, Kt. Lord Chancellor of *England*, by whom he had three Sons, 1. *Thomas*, 2. *John*, who was Ensign-bearer to the Earl of *Southampton* in the *Netherlands*, and dy'd *A. D.* 1624; and 3. *Edward*: Also four Daughters, of which *Elizabeth* and *Joan* dy'd without Issue; *Bridget* was Wife to Sir *Robert*, Son of Sir *John Tracey* of *Toddington* in *Com. Glouc.* and *Anne* marry'd *Edward Littleton* of *Henley* in *Com. Salop*, Esq; (his first Wife) afterwards Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, and created Baron *Littleton* of *Mountslow*, a Descendant from *Thomas*, 3d Son of Judge *Littleton*.

*Thomas Littleton* (Son and Heir of *Gilbert*) was knighted at *Whitehall*, *Nov.* 2. 1618. having the same Year (the 25th of *July*) been advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet. He serv'd in the two  
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(a) *E. Coll. Browne Willis, Arm. Abington's Antiq. of Worcester-shire, M. S.*



last Parliaments of King *James I.* for the County (c) of *Worcester*; as also in three Parliaments in the Reign of King *Charles I.* and in the Time of the Rebellion he was a very great Sufferer, his House at *Frankley* being burnt to the Ground by the Rebels, and his Estate (according to the Usage of those Times) sequestred for his Loyalty.

He marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter and Heir of *Sir Thomas Compton* of *Hounslow* in *Com. Middlesex*, Kt. by *Muriel* his Wife, Sister to *Henry* Vicount *Falkland*, Lord Deputy of *Ireland*, and had Issue by her four Daughters, who all dy'd unmarried, and twelve Sons, six of whom liv'd to Mens Estate, viz. *Sir Henry Littleton*, Bart. who was the 5th Son: He marry'd two Wives, 1. *Philadelpha*, eldest Daughter and Co-heir of *Thomas Cary*, Son to *Robert* Earl of *Monmouth*; and *Elizabeth*, eldest Daughter to *Francis* Vicount *Bradford* (now Wife of *Edward Harvey* of *Comb* in *Com. Surr.* Esq;) He lyes bury'd at *Arley* in *Com. Wigorn.* (where for the most Part he resided) but having no Issue by either of his Ladies, *Charles*, his next surviving Brother, succeeded him in Title and Estate; *William* and *Arthur Littleton* dy'd unmarried; *Ferdinand* commanded a Regiment in the *French* King's Army on the *Rhine*, in the Reign of *K. Charles 2.* and lost his Life there; *George*, the youngest Son, Major of Foot in *Prince George's* Regiment, marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Sir Thomas Browne* of *Norwich*; without having Issue.

*Sir Charles Littleton* (Brother and Heir to *Sir Henry*) took to Arms in his Youth, during the Rebellion against King *Charles I.* was in *Colchester* (d) when the Rebels besieg'd it, and soon after the Surrender thereof went into *France* to the King,

(c) E. Coll. prædictæ  
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(d) Ex Inform. Dom. Tho. Littleton,

King, where he staid 'till about the Time of Sir *George Booth's* rising; and embarking in that Enterprize, was taken Prisoner, and for some Time confin'd in the Gatehouse; but getting his Liberty, he went again to the King, with whom he continued till his Restoration, and soon after was knighted. In the Year 1662, he went Deputy-Governor (under the Lord *Windsor*) to *Jamaica*, and at his Return was left chief Governor, where he continued about two Years; and soon after his Arrival in *England*, was made Colonel of the Duke of *York's* Regiment, distinguish'd himself in the great Fight at *Solebay* in the *Dutch War*; as also under the Duke of *Monmouth* in *Flanders*, commanding the said Regiment in the Attack on *Maestrich*. In the Year 1679 he was constituted Governour of *Sheerness*, and afterwards Governor of *Landguard Fort*; was likewise in the Reign of King *Charles 2.* Commissioner of Prizes, and had other Places of less Note. In the Reign of King *James 2.* he had the Command of the Prince of *Denmark's* Regiment, and was declar'd a Brigadier-General; but at the Revolution he thought fit to quit his Commands, tho' his elder Brother was then alive, and retiring to his Seat at *Hagley* in *Worcestershire*, liv'd to the 87th Year of his Age, retaining his Understanding and all his Faculties to the last, almost to a Miracle, and departed this Life the 3d of *May A. D. 1716.* He had two Wives, 1. *Catharine*, Daughter to Sir *William Fairfax* of *Steton* in *Com. Ebor.* (by whom he had Issue a Son *Henry*, who dy'd with his Mother in *Jamaica*) 2dly, *Anne*, Daughter to *Thomas Temple* of *Frankton* in *Com. Warw.* Esq; (and Co-heir to her Brother *Richard Temple*, Esq;) by whom he had four Sons and eight Daughters, 1. *Henry*, who dy'd unmarried soon after he came of Age; 2. *Charles*, who dy'd an Infant; 3. another *Charles*,  
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a very fine Gentleman, who took to Wife *Anne*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Saunders*, Esq; and Widow of Sir *Edward Sebright*, Bart. (Mother to the present Sir *Thomas Sebright*) but dy'd soon after without Issue; and 4. *Thomas*, his Successor. Of the Daughters, the three eldest dy'd young; *Catharine* is now living, unmarried; *Cary* wedded *Theophilus Biddulph*, Esq; Son and Heir apparent to Sir *Michael Biddulph* of *Elmburst in Com. Staff.* Bart. *Anne*, *Joseph Amplet* of *Clent. in Com. Staff.* Esq; *Mary*, *William Plowden* of *Plowden in Com. Salop.* Esq; and *Octavia*, youngest Daughter, dy'd unmarried.

Sir *Thomas Littleton*, Bart. now living, has taken to Wife *Christian*, Daughter of Sir *Richard Temple*, Bart. and Sister to the present Lord *Cobham*, and hath Issue *George*, *Thomas*, *Charles*, *Christian*, *Anne*, *Mary*, *Penelope*, and *Hester*, now living; and had also a Son *Richard*, deceas'd.

## A R M S.



*Argent*, a Cheuron between three Escallops *Sable*: But *Westcote's* Arms are *Argent*, two Bends *Sable*, a Border ingraill'd, *Gules besante*; and the Judge used the Arms of *Burley*, alias *Mylde*, viz. *Argent*, a *Lyon rampant*, *Sable*; over all a *Fess Checquy Or and Azure*.

## C R E S T.

*A Moors Head in profile, couped proper, wreath'd about the Temples Argent and Sable.*

## M O T T O.

Ung Dieu & ung Roy.

## S U P P O R T E R.

*A Tritonefs with her Trident, all proper.*

*Sir FRANCIS LEIGH of NEWNHAM, Kt. Warw. N<sup>o</sup> 103*

[Feb. 25. A. D. 1618. R. Jac. 16.]

*Englsh Earl, viz. Earl of Chichester.*

*THOMAS BURDET of BRAMCOTE, in Com. Warw. Esq; N<sup>o</sup> 104*

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**T**HE first of this Name, mention'd in our Records, is *Robert Burdet*, one of the Witnesses to that notable Charter made by *Geffry de Wirce* to the Monastery of *St. Nicholas at Angiers*, which beareth Date at *Monks Kirby in Com. Warw.* in the 12th Year of *William the Conqueror's* Reign; (a) after whom I find *Sir William Burdet*, (b) Lord of *Newton-Burdet in Com. Leic. Kt.* who, in the Reign of *King Stephen*, had a Grant from the *Marmions* of the Lordship of *Pooley in Com. Warw.* in Fee Farm for the Rent of ten Shillings. He left Issue a Son after his own Name,

*Sir William Burdet*, who founded that little Cell at *Ancote near Sekingdon in Com. Warw.* in 5 H. 2. to expiate the Murder of his Wife, committed at his Return from the Holy Land; being (as is suggested)

(a) Ex Autogr. in Bibl. Cotton. . . (b) *Burton's Leicest.* p. 201.

suggested) falsely and revengefully accus'd by his Steward, that in his Absence had, in vain, solicited her to unlawful Embraces.

Of this Story, related by Sir *William Dugdale*, (c) tho' there is nothing but Tradition, yet that he was Founder of the Monastery at *Ancote* is most certain; and doubtless that Monument is for him, which was under an Arch in the Wall on the North Side of the Church at *Ancote*, a plain Free-stone covering the Coffin, (wherein his Body resteth) curiously emboss'd, with the Sculpture of a large Cross. In 12 *H. 2.* he was certify'd to hold half a Knight's Fee of *William de Beauchamp* (d) (of *Elmsley*) *de vet Feoffment*. He was also a Witness to a Charter of *Robert Earl of Leiceſter* to the Monks of *Comb*, whereby he confirm'd the Foundation of that Monastery, (seated within his Fee) and gave to the Nuns of *Poleſworth* certain Lands call'd *Coppenbull*; which *Hugh*, his Son, confirm'd, who marry'd *Matilda de Sumari*, and was Father to another *Sir William Burdet*, Kt. (e)

Which *Sir William*, with *Richard de Mundevile*, and the Sheriff of the County, were in 36 *H. 3.* Commissioners for assessing a Tallage upon all the King's Demesnes within the Counties of *Warwick* and *Leiceſter*; and bore for his Arms *Azure two Bars Or*, as by the Impression of his Seal and other Authorities appeareth, within the Compass whereof the *Crescent* and *Star* are put as a Badge of his Service in the Holy Land.

He gave to the Monks of *Ancote* 12 *d.* yearly Rent, issuing out of a Tenement there, for the Maintenance of a Lamp in the Church of *our Lady* and *St. Blaze* at *Ancote*, before the Altar of

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(c) *Dugd. Warw.* p. 815.  
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(d) *Lib. Rub. f.* 99. b.

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the blessed Virgin, for the Health of his own Soul, of his Wife *Alice*, and their Ancestors; and when he lay upon his Death-bed, bestow'd on them half a Yard Land, with a Water-Mill, lying in *Radchive*.

This *William* had Issue four Sons, 1. *Richard Burdet* of *Newton-Burdet* and *Louseby* in *Com. Leic.* who dy'd 6 *Edw. 1.* (Father to *William*, slain at *Dundee* in *Scotland*, 11 *Edw. 1.* (f) Father to *John*, Father to *Elizabeth*, who, as Heir general, convey'd by Marriage the Manour of *Louseby* (g) to her Husband, *Tho. Asbby*, whose Descendants possess'd the same) 2. *Robert Burdet*, one of the Justices for the Goal Delivery at *Warwick*, from 11 *Edw. 1.* to the 20th of that King's Reign, who dy'd without Issue, in 31 *Ed. 1.* and left his Manour of *Huncot* in *Com. Leic.* to his Nephew (h) *Robert*, hereafter nam'd. 3. *Hugh*. 4. *William Burdet* of *Shepey* and *Cosby* in *Com. Leicest.* one of the Knights of that Shire in the Parliament held in 25 *Edw. 1.* (i) whose Heir general, *Agnes*, about the Reign of *H. 4.* or *H. 5.* became the Wife of *William Shepey*.

As for *Hugh*, last nam'd, he bore for his Arms the *Martlets charg'd upon the Bars*, as a filial Distinction, leaving Issue *Robert Burdet*, his Son and Heir.

Which *Robert* was the first that settled at *Arrow* in *Com. Warw.* a Manour which came to him in Right of his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir to *Sir Gerard de Camville*, with whom he had also a large Inheritance, as the Lordship of *Sekingdon*, and divers other Lands. In 14 *Edw. 2.* he serv'd in the Parliament held at *Westminster*, as one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Warwick*; and in 17 *Ed. 2.* was one of the Commissioners

(f) *Burton's Leicest.* p. 202. (g) *Ibid* p. 183. (h) *P.* 141.  
(i) *P.* 202.

sioners for the Goal Delivery at *Warwick*; in 18 *Edw.* 2. one of the Knights for *Leicestershire* in the Parliament then held; (k) in 19 *Edw.* 2. again Kt. for *Warwickshire* in the Parliament held at *Westminster*; as likewise in 1, 2, and 4 *Ed.* 3. for *Leicestershire*; (l) in the former of which Years he had free Warren granted to him and his Heirs in all his Demesne Lands at *Arwe* and *Sekingdon* in *Com. Warw.* as also for those at *Huncote* and *Mitbe* in *Com. Leic.* by (n) Charter bearing Date at *Worcester* 25 *Dec.* He was before the End of the following Year of the last mention'd King, constituted Sheriff for both Counties; being also a Commissioner for the Goal Delivery at *Warwick*. In 7 *Ed.* 3. he was again Commissioner for the Goal Delivery; also by a special Patent, bearing Date at *Tork* 4 *Feb.* the same Year, had Licence to impark his Woods at *Arewe*, and so to hold them to himself and his Heirs for ever. He left Issue *Gerard* and *Robert Burdet*, both Knights; which Sir *Robert* was of *Burton super Dunsmore*, in *Com. Warw.* in Right of his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir to Sir *Robert Garshale*, Kt. and likewise of *Huncote* in *Com. Leic.* by Gift of his Father, (o) whose Posterity continued Lords thereof in the Male Line 'till *H.* the 4th's Time, that the Heir general, *Eliz.* marrying Sir *Humphry Stafford* of *Grafton*, Kt. brought them to that Family.

*Gerard* had his principal Seat at *Arrow*, so call'd from the adjacent River, (probable from its Swiftness, as the *Tigris* of the Ancients.) In 20 *Ed.* 3. he serv'd in the Wars of *France*, being then of the Retinue to *Maurice de Berkley*, an *English* Baron; and departed this Life about the 33 *Edw.* 3. leaving

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(k) *M. S. penes B. Willis, Arm.* (l) *Frym's Brief. Reg. Pol.*  
4. p. 73, 80, 93, 105. (n) *Cart. 1. E. 3. N. 2.* (o) *Bur-*  
*ton's Leicest. p. 141.*

by *Eleonor* his Wife (Sister and Heir to *John Vale* of *Compton Scorfin*) *John* his Son and Heir, under Age; the Custody of whose Lands, together with his Marriage, was granted 33 *Ed.* 3. by Sir *Rich. Stafford*, Kt. to *Richard de Clodsbale* of *Saltby* in *Com. Warw.*

Which *John Burdet*, by the Death of *John de Vale* (his Uncle by the Mother's Side) without Issue, in 34 *Ed.* 3. was found to be one of his Cousins and next Heirs; and in 1 *Rich.* 2. being then a Knight, serv'd in Parliament for *Warwickshire*. (a) In 2 *R.* 2. was constituted one of the Commissioners of the said County, for taxing a Subsidy at that Time granted the King; and having marry'd *Margaret*, (b) Daughter to *Thomas Fitton* of *Gausworth* in *Com. Cest.* was succeeded by

Sir *Thomas Burdet*, Kt. his Son and Heir, a Person honour'd with divers great Employments. He was constituted one of the Commissioners for the Array in 5 *R.* 2. serv'd in Parliament as one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Warwick* in 16 *R.* 2. as also in 2 and 8 *H.* 4 (c) In 3 *H.* 5. he was made Sheriff for the Counties of *Warwick* and *Leicestershire*. In 6 *H.* 5. he was again one of the Commissioners of Array in *Com. Warw.* and the Year following jointly intrusted with the Sheriff and others, to treat with the People for a Loan of Money to the King; and was in Commission for assessing and collecting a Subsidy in 9 *H.* 5. He left Issue, by *Anne* his Wife (Daughter and Coheir to *John Waldet*) *Nicholas*, his Son and Heir.

Which *Nicholas* being one of those who bearing Arms from his Ancestors, as the Writ and Return thereof specially intimates, had Summons to

(a) *Frynn ibid.*, p. 342.  
(c) *Frynn ibid.*, p. 421, &c.

(b) *Burton's Leicest.*, p. 202.



to attend the King in Person 7 *H.* 5. for Defence of the Realm; and shortly after he was retain'd to serve the said King in his Wars, having receiv'd of *John Salvaine*, Treasurer at War to the D. of *Bedford*, for himself, two Men at Arms, and 7 Archers, 19 *l.* 11 *s.* and 6 *d.* for one Quarter's Wages. And continuing in those Wars, in 3 *H.* 6. he was one that defended the Town of *St. James de Beuvron* in *Normandy*, (d) upon the Frontiers of *Britany*, on the Siege thereof by *Arthur* Earl of *Richmond*, and *Tueric*, Constable of *France*; and making a couragious Sally, 7 or 800 of the Enemy were slain, 50 taken Prisoners, with 18 Standards and one Banner. In 15 *H.* 6. he was a Knight, and was afterwards slain in the Battle of *Pontoise*, 18 *H.* 6. (e) at which Time he was Chief Butler of *Normandy*, and Governor of *Eurieux* in that Dutchy. By his Wife *Joan*, Cousin and Heir of *Henry Bruu*, he had *Thomas Burdet*, Esq, his Son and Heir.

Which *Thomas* in 28 *H.* 6. was employ'd in his Country about levying the Subsidy then granted to the King. He purchased the Manour of *Bramcote* (6 *Ed.* 4.) of *Wm. Charneles*, Esq, and from the 7th to the 14th of *Ed.* 4. was in Commission for conserving the Peace: But *Anno* 17 *Ed.* 4. having incur'd the King's Displeasure, for his good Affections to the Duke of *Clarence*, so strict were the Eyes and Ears of his Enemies, (f) that an Advantage was soon taken to take away his Life; for hearing that the King had kill'd a white Buck in his Park at *Arene*, which Buck he set much Store by, he passionately wish'd the Horns in his Belly that mov'd the King so to do; for which Words he was arraign'd and convicted of High Treason, upon Inference of a mischievous Meaning

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(d) *Holing. Chron.* p. 618. Col. 1. (e) *Ibid.* (f) *Fuller's Worths in Com. Leic.* p. 141. *Burton's Leic.* p. 201.

ing to the King himself, and was beheaded for the same. His Body lyes bury'd in the Chapel of *All-Souls* within the *Grey Fryers*, near *Newgate*, in whose Martyrology was this Memorial for him, viz. *Valens Armiger Domini Georgii Ducis Clarentia.*

After the Death of this *Thomas*, there grew great Suits for his Manour of *Arrow*, and other Lands, betwixt *Richard Burdet*, his Son, by *Agnes* a former Wife, that had been for Nearness of Kindred divorc'd from him, *A. D.* 1464, and *John Burdet*, his Son by *Margaret*, a later Wife, Daughter of *John Rodney*: For the said *Thomas* (by Licence obtain'd from the Crown (12 *Ed.* 4) had alienated his Lands to his younger Son, to the Disherison of his elder; of which he became afterwards so sensible, that as he was drawn (*b*) from the *Tower* to the Place of his Execution, espying his eldest Son in *Westcheap*, over against *St. Thomas Becket's Hospital*, (now *Mercers Chappel*) he caus'd himself to be stay'd, and there ask'd his said Son Forgiveness, and acknowledging the Wrong he had done him, concluded that to be the Cause of God's Vengeance then against him.

But in the Suit afore-mention'd, the said *John* (the younger Son) prevail'd; for *Margaret*, his Mother, (*i*) held her Estate therein for Life, and marry'd, 2dly, *Thomas Woodbill*: However, the said *Richard Burdet* so wrought with his Brother *John*, as also with the said *Margaret* and her Husband, that they levy'd a Fine of the Manour of *Arrow*, *Compton-Scorfen*, with other Lands, and generously gave the said *Richard* the present Possession thereof; whereby he became vested in the said Inheritance, with the Remainder to *Thomas* his Son; and for want of Issue by him, to *Robert*, other Son, and the Heirs of his Body; and for his lack

(*b*) *Stow's Ann.* p. 430. (*i*) *Dudg. Warw.* p. 624.

lack of such Issue, to the right Heirs of the said *Richard* for ever.

Which two Sons dy'd young in their Father's Life-time, and *Richard* himself left no Heir Male: The Consideration whereof much moving the said *John*, forasmuch as the Manor of *Arrowe* and the rest of the entail'd Estate was like to be transferr'd into another Family, by *Anne* the Daughter and Heir to the same *Richard*, he exhibited a Petition in Parliament to K. *Hen.* 8. about the Beginning of his Reign, wherein, the better to ingratiate himself, he set forth his Adherence to *Henry D.* of *Bucks.* in the Behalf of *Henry E.* of *Richmond*, (afterwards King by the Name of *Hen.* 7.) against K. *R.* 3. alledging, that upon the Miscarriage of that Duke in his said Attempts, he himself was taken at *Gloucester*, and there kept Prisoner; and mov'd, that the said Fine should be made void, so that himself and his Heirs might enjoy that Estate in such Sort as he and they should and ought to have done, had it not been levy'd.

This *John Burdet* (a) was one of the Retinue to Sir *Edward Howard*, Admiral, in 4 *H.* 8. for scouring the Seas on the Southern Coast of *England*, and in no small Favour at Court; for his Petition took such Effect, that he pursu'd his Claims to the said Lordship, and all other the Lands whereof his Father was seised, against *Edward Conway* and *Anne* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to the afore-said *Richard Burdet*, as if there had been no such Entail as before specify'd; which Suits continued many Years, to a very great Expence between them, and ended not in the said Sir *John's* Days, (for he was a Knight) who dy'd in 20 *H.* 8. leaving Issue by *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Wm. Harewell* of that County, *Thomas* his Son and Heir. Which

(a) *Stow's Ann.* p. 490.

Which *Thomas Burdet*, as also *Edward Conway*, and *Ann* his Wife, submitted the Difference about the Estate (in 22 H. 8.) to the Arbitration of *Clement*, then Abbot of *Evesham*, *William*, Prior of *Worcester*, *Roger Winter*, and *John Russell*, Esquires; who made their Award, That the said *Thomas Burdet* should quietly enjoy to himself and his Heirs all the Lands in *Longdon-Travers* and *Newbold* in *Com. Wigorn.* and *Conway*; and his Wife, and their Heirs, those in *Lodington* in *Com. Warw.* as also in *Belne* and *Ablench* in *Com. Wigorn.* But this Award did not quiet them, so that new Suits began again; and about two Years after they made Choice of Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert* and Sir *William Shelley*, Kts. then Justices of the *Common Pleas*, to determine the Business; who taking upon them the Decision thereof, thus stated it, *viz.* That the said *Thomas Burdet*, and his Heirs, should have the Manours of *Bramcote*, *Sekington*, *Compton-Scorfen*, and *Welmeccot* in the County of *Warwick*, *Longdon-Travers*, *Little Longdon*, *Arminscote*, and *Newbold*, in *Com. Wigorn.* with *Larkstoke*, *Myculton*, *Pebworth*, *Quinton*, and *Kyrmscote*, in *Com. Gloucest.* as also 200 Marks in Money; and the said *Conway*, and *Ann* his Wife, and their Heirs, the Manour of *Arrow*, with those of *Lodington*, *Kingley*, *Alymore*, and *Camyl-hill* in *Com. Warw.* *Belne*, *Ablench*, *Clodshall*, *Upton-Warryn*, *Upton upon Severn*, with *Beeley* and *Elmbrigge* in *Com. Wigorn.*

This *Thomas Burdet* dy'd about the 31st of H. 8. leaving by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter to Sir *Robert Throckmorton*, Knt, *Robert Burdet*, Esq; his Son and Heir; which *Robert* made his usual Residence at *Bramcote*; was elected one of the Knights of the Shire for the County (a) of *Warwick*, in the Parliament 1 *Edw.* 6. departed his Life, 11 Jan. 2 *Ed.*

(a) MS. *prad. penes B. Wills's Arm.*

2 Ed. 6. and by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter to *Sir Tho. Cockaine* of *Ashburne* in *Com. Derby*. Kt, had Issue, *Tho. Burdet*, Esq; his Son and Heir, who dy'd 15 July, 33 *Eliz.* and having marry'd *Bridget*, Daughter of *Thomas Curson* of *Crox-hall* in *Com. Derby*. Esq; was succeeded by *Robert Burdet*, Esq; his Son and Heir, who took to Wife, *Mary*, Daughter of *Thomas Wilson*, Esq; one of the principal Secretaries of State to *Q. Elizabeth*; and deceasing 27 March, 1603, lies bury'd at *Sekindon* in *Com. Warwick*: A fine mural Monument on the North Side of the Church being erected to his Memory, representing (under a Canopy supported by two Pillars) the Figures of a Gentleman in Armour, and his Lady in the Dress of the Times, kneeling on Cushions, with a Table between them; behind him, three Sons habited like their Father, in Armour; behind her, the Figures of as many Daughters, in praying Postures, habited in the Dress of the Times; and underneath a Latin Inscription in Roman Capitals, importing, that he was in the Commission of the Peace, and a Gentleman of Piety and Probity, a faithful Patriot to, his Country, a Friend to the Poor, and that his Wife, surviving him, rais'd the said Monument.

*Thomas Burdett* of *Seckinton* and *Bramcote*, Esq; eldest Son of the said *Robert*, born the 3d of Aug. A. D. 1585, was by his Majesty *K. James* advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet, the 28th of Feb. A. D. 1618. He added to his Possessions the Manour of *Formark*, and a good Estate in *Derbyshire*, by Marriage of *Jane*, Daughter and Heir of *William Frauncys*, Nephew and Heir to *John Frauncys* of *Formark*, aforesaid, Esq; Which Seat has, since that Time, been the chief Residence of this Family.

This *Sir Robert* was a good Housekeeper, charitable to the Poor, and ever ready to do all friendly

ly Offices. His Lady was a very ingenious and learn'd Person, as well as a Pattern of all Goodness; she kept Correspondence with some of our most eminent *Divines*, particularly the most famous Archbishop *Sheldon*, who found an agreeable Sanctuary and comfortable Subsistence at *Bramcote*, during the great Rebellion and Exile of K. *Charles* the II<sup>d</sup>. She surviv'd her Husband, and was bury'd by him, in the Chancel belonging to the Family in the Church of *Repton*. They had Issue three Sons, 1. Sir *Frauncis Burdett*, Bar. 2. *Robert*, a Merchant and Alderman of the City of *London*, (who, by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of Alderman *Wright*, left Issue.) 3. *Leicester*, who dy'd at *Aleppo*, unmarried. Likewise seven Daughters, *Catherine*, marry'd to *Seabright Repington* of *Amington* in *Com. Warwick*, Esq; *Isabel*, Wife of *Francis Merick*, Merchant of *London*; *Lettice*, espous'd to *William Houncel*, Merchant of *London*; *Mary*, wedded to *George Bowes* of *Elford* in *Staffordshire*, Esq; *Fano*, betroth'd to *Gilbert Thacker* of *Repton* in *Derbyshire*, Esq; *Dorothy*, who dy'd unmarried; and *Bridget*, Wife to *Thomas Gresley*, Esq; Son and Heir of Sir *George Gresley* of *Drakelow* in *Com. Derb.* Bar.

Sir *Frauncis Burdett*, Bar. born the 10th of September 1608; took to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John Walter*, Knt. of *Sarsden* in *Oxfordshire*, Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, a Lady of exemplary Prudence and Behaviour; and both have left an admirable Character for their Charity and Hospitality, which proceeded from a Principle of Goodness, and not the least Ostentation; for they were known rather to be austere than affected with any Desire of Shew or Applause. The building from the Ground, and endowing the Church of *Formark*, is likewise a lasting Monument of their Piety and Regard for Religion; which Church, call'd

call'd (a) *St. Saviours*, was consecrated in the Year 1662. This *Sir Francis* and his Lady both liv'd to be very aged: She was born in *Septemb.* 1613, and dy'd the 17th of *April* 1701; (b) and his Death and Sepulture is commemorated by the following Inscription on a plain Stone upon the Ground in the aforesaid Church, *viz.*

“ The Body of *Sir Francis Burdett*, Baronet,  
 “ Founder of this Chapel, is here interr'd:  
 “ Who dy'd the 30th of *Decemb.* MDCXCVI.  
 “ in the 89th Year of his Age. Was 61  
 “ Years Husband to *Elizabeth*, Daughter of  
 “ *Sir John Walter*, Lord Chief Baron: By  
 “ whom he had nine Children, all surviving  
 “ him.

These were, 1. *Robert* his Successor. 2. *Francis*, who dy'd, unmarried, the 18th of *April*, A. D. 1709. 3. *Walter*, who was of the *Inner Temple*, *London*, and is now of *Knowl-Hill* in *Com. Derby*. (to whom the Title of Baronet devolv'd for a Time, by Reason his Nephew, *Robert Burdet*, Esq; left no Heirs Male, as hereafter is shew'd.) 4. *John*, now of *Donisthorpe* in the Counties of *Derby* and *Leicester*. 5. *Thomas*, who dy'd, unmarried, the 12th of *August* 1698. Likewise four Daughters, *Dorothy*, who dy'd, unmarried, *Septemb.* 4. 1718. *Mary*, born *January* 23, 1643, and dy'd the 15th of *April* 1701. *Elizabeth*, Wife to *Edmund Fodrell* of *Eardsley* and *Twamlow* in *Cheshire*, Esq; and *Jane*, marry'd to *Edward Hopegood*, Esq;

*Sir Robert Burdet*, Bar. born the 11th of *Jan.* 1640, was, in his Father's Life-time, elected Kt. of the Shire for the County of *Warwick*, (c) in two Parliaments in the Reign of *Charles* the 2d. Likewise for the City of *Litchfeild* in 1 *W. M.* 2 *W. M.* and 7 *W.* 3. He dy'd the 18th of *Jan.* 171½, in the  
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(a) *Inscrip. apud Ffermark.* (b) *Ibid.* (c) *Willis's MS.*

76th Year of his Age, having had three Wives: 1. *Mary*, Daughter of *Jervas Pigot* of *Thrompton* in *Nottinghamshire*, and Heir of *John St. Andrew* of *Gotbam* in the same County, Esq, who dy'd in the 27th Year of her Age, (the 31st of *August*, 1658.) leaving an only Daughter *Elizabeth*, who marry'd *Charles Fenens* of the *Middle-Temple*, and of *Copshall* in *Com. Leicester*, Esq. 2. *Magdalen*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Aston* of *Aston* in *Com. Cest.* Bar. And, lastly, *Mary*, Daughter to *Mr. Thomas Brome* of *Crox-hall* in *Derbyshire*, who surviv'd him without Issue; but *Magdalen*, his 2d Wife, bore him four Sons and four Daughters, whereof *Magdalen*, *Leticie*, and *Dorothy*, dy'd Infants, and *Jane* marry'd *John Cotton* of *Gedding* in *Com. Hunt.* Esq. Of the Sons, *Frauncis*, the eldest, born *Septemb. 3*, 1666, dy'd the 25th of *May* 1667; *John*, 3d Son, dy'd an Infant; and *Henry*, youngest Son, was unfortunately drown'd at *Oxon*.

*Robert*, 2d Son, (and Heir apparent of *Sir Robert Burdett*, Bar.) born the 25th of *June* 1680, dy'd about a Fortnight before his Father, viz. on the 7th of *January* 171½, leaving *Elizabeth* his Lady (Daughter to *William Lord Viscount Tracy*, Father of *Thomas-Charles* the present Lord) with Child, who was deliver'd the 28th of *May* 1716, of a Son nam'd *Robert*, now the present Baronet; she likewise had by him six Daughters now living, viz. *Elizabeth*, *Jane*, *Mary*, *Frances*, *Anne*, and *Dorothy*.



## A R M S.

*Azure*, on two Bars Or, six Martlets Gules.

## C R E S T.

On a Wreath, a Lion's Head eras'd, Sable, Langued, Gules.

GEORGE



GEORGE MORTON of St. ANDREWS MILBORN. Dorſ. N<sup>o</sup> 105

[*Mart. 1. A. D. 1618. R. Jac. 1. 16.*]

**T**HIS Family take their Sir-name from *Morton*, (anciently written *Marthon*) an Hamlet in the Parish of *Harworth*, on the Edge of *Nottinghamshire*, in the utmost Bounds whereof, near *Bautrey Town* in *Yorkshire*, (a) is an Hospital of their Foundation, and a Chapel yet standing, wherein the *Mortons* were used to be bury'd; on which Account they have heretofore been stiled indifferently of *Bautrey* as well as *Marthon*.

The first Person we meet with is *William de Morton*, whose Son *Peter* gave to the Monks of *Blithe* one Carucat of Land in *Marthon*, with all Appurtenances, and Timber in his Wood, to make them Lodging, and for Fireing; as likewise a Toft in the same Town, and free Multure in the Mill thereto belonging, on Condition they would receive him into their Society, when God should give it into his Heart. (b) To whom succeeded *Nicholas*, who, by *Agnes* his Wife, was Father of *Roger*; which *Agnes* did Fealty to the Prior of *Blyth* the Friday next after the Ascension of our Lord, 1289, (17 Ed. 1.) in the Name of *Roger* her Son, then under Age, for two Bovats of Land in *Marthon*, which the said *Roger* claim'd to hold of the said Prior, and acknowledg'd to owe 4s. per Ann. and gave for Relief 8s.

To *Roger de Marthon* succeeded *Thomas*, concerning whom, I conceive, there was a Fine levy'd, 5 Edw. 3. between *Hugh de Hercy Chevalier Quer.* and

(a) *Thoroton's Nottinghamshire*, p. 478. b. (b) *Ibid.*

and *Thomas de Marton* of *Kirketon*, *Cbevalier Deforc.* of the Manour of *Marton*, near *Bautre*; which *Gerard de Sekinton* and *Joan* his Wife held as Dower of the said *Joan*; which *Thomas.* is the first we find in an authentick Pedigree, drawn 9 *Hen.* 8. said to hold Lands in *Little Assby*, of the Manour of *Peverell*, 20 *Ed.* 3. who had Issue *Robert.*

This *Robert de Morton* serv'd in Parliament for the County of *Nottingham* in 35 *Ed.* 3. (c) as likewise in 39, 40, and 43 *Ed.* 3. In which Year a Fine was levy'd between the said *Robert* (stiled of *Bautre*) *Joan* his Wife, and *William Street Quer.* and *Hugh de Hercy Cbr. Deforc.* of the Manour of *Marton* by *Bautre*; which the said *Hugh* acknowledg'd to be the Right of the said *Robert*, and was, after the Death of *Joan* the Wife of *Gerrard de Sekinton* aforementioned, who held it in Dower, (and had demis'd it to *Anna le Despencer*) to revert to the said *Robert*, and *Joan* his Wife, [probably her Daughter] and *William*, and the Heirs of the said *Robert*. In 45 *Ed.* 3. he was again return'd for *Nottinghamshire*, in the Parliament then held; at which Time he is mention'd as a *Knight*; and in 50 *Ed.* 3, (d) constituted *Escheator* of *Nottinghamshire* and *Derbyshire*; as likewise in 1 *R.* 2. He was also again elected one of the *Knights* for *Nottinghamshire*, 3 *R.* 2. (e) and 17 *R.* 2. to whom succeeded his Son and Heir,

*Charles Morton* of *Morton*, who had Issue two Sons *Robert* (from whom, after six Generations, descended *Anth. Moreton* of *Moreton*, Esq; who wasted the Estate (f) in the Reign of *Q. Elizabeth*, and his Son, *Robert Moreton*, sold *Hareworth* to *Mr. William Saunderson*) and *William*.

Which

(c) *Fyn's Brief Regist.* 4th Pt. in iisd. *Ann.* (d) *E. Lib. MS. O.* 22. *Dugdale in Mus. Ashmol. Oxon.* (e) *Fryn. ut sup.* (f) *Thereton, prad. p.* 477.

Which *William Moreton* (2d Son of the aforesaid *Charles*) settled at *St. Andrews Milborne in Com. Dorf.* and had two Sons, *Richard*, of *St. Andrews Milborne*, and *William*, of *Cerne in Com. Dorf.* a Burgess for *Sbaftsbury*, (g) in the Parliaments held in 8, 13, and 15 H. 6. Grandfather to *Robert Morton*, a Burgess for *Sbaftsbury* in 17 Ed. 4. from whom the *Mortons of London* descended; whereof *Sir Albertus Morton* was one of the Principal Secretaries of State to K. *James* the 1st.

The said *Richard* (eldest Son of *William*) had Issue five Sons; 1. *John*, hereafter mention'd; 2. *William*, who had Issue two Sons, *Robert Morton*, elected Bishop of *Worcester*, 3 H. 7. (h) and *Thomas Morton* of *Lechlade in Com. Glou.* whose Grandson, *Sir Anthony Morton* of the said Place, left two Daughters and Co-heirs; *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Sir George West*, Kt. 3d Son of *Thomas le Lawarr*, Knight of the Garter; (whose Son and Heir, *Sir William West*, was Lord *De la War*) and — Wife of *Ralph Johnson* of *London*; 3. *Richard*, of whose Descendants I am principally to treat; 4. *Thomas*, Archdeacon of *Ely*; 5. *Sir Rowland Morton* of *Thwining in Com. Glou.* from whom the *Mortons of Herefordshire* descended.

*John Morton*, (eldest Son of *Richard*) the greatest Ornament and Glory of this Family, was born at *St. Andrews Milborne*, saith *Cambden*, (i) but others, (k) at a little Market-Town call'd *Bere in Com. Dorf.* which seems to be most likely; for by his last Will and Testament he left Maintenance for a Priest to celebrate Mass for twenty Years in the Church of *Bere*, for his own Soul, and the Souls of his Relations and Parents bury'd there. (l) He was first educated among the Religious. (m) in

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(g) *Willis's Not. Par. Vol. 2. p. 481.* (h) *Heylin's Help to Hist. p. 158.* (i) *Brit. in Com. Dorf.* (k) *Budden in vita ejus.* (l) *Wood's Athena, Oxon. Vol. 1. p. 549.* (m) *Ibid. p. 541.*

*Cerne* Abby, and from thence going to *Baliol* College, made great Progress in Academical Learning; took his Degrees in Laws, without Regard to those in Arts; and in 1446, (23 *H.* 6.) became one of the Commissaries [the same now with Vice-Chancellor] of the University of *Oxon*, and afterwards Principal or Moderator of the Civil Law-School in that City; and about 1453; was Principal of *Pecwater's-Inn*, and Advocate in the Court of *Arches*. These Preferments, with his Parts and great Learning, rendring him conspicuous, he was taken Notice of by *Thomas Bouchier*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and by his Means had, in 1548, the Prebendaries of *Fordinton* and *Writlington* in the Church of *Salisbury* conferr'd on him, with other Spiritualities, as they became vacant; in all which comporting himself with great Wisdom and Prudence, he was promoted in 1473 (14 *Ed.* 4.) to the Office of *Master of the Rolls*, and the Year following to the Archdeaconry of *Winchester*. In 1475 he was collated to the Prebendship of *S. Dacuman* in the Church of *Wells*. In 1476 made Archdeacon of *Berkshire*; and on the 9th of *August*, *A. D.* 1478, elected Bishop of *Ely*. This last bringing him Credit and Interest at Court, he was sworn of the Privy Council to *K. Ed.* the 4th; but after his Death, incurring the Displeasure of *K. Richard* the 3d, for his Inclinations to the *Lancastrian* Family, he was committed Prisoner to the *Tower of London* in the 2d Year of that Reign, and, 'tis probable, had continu'd there, during the Life of that King, had not the Reverence of the Man, or Undeservedness of his Wrongs, mov'd the Affections of the Members of the University of *Oxon* to stir in his Behalf: For knowing that Prince profess'd much seeming Love to them, they [the University] directed to him an Epistle in Latin, no less eloquent and pithy, than cir-

circumspect and wary, wherein they much pleaded his Liberty; which had so good Effect with the King, that he was releas'd from the *Tower*, and committed to the Custody of *Henry Duke of Buckingham*, at his Castle of *Brecknock* in *Wales*. In which Confinement he found Liberty to steal to the *Isle of Ely*, and by Money procur'd himself a safe Passage into *France*, resolving to joyn with the Earl of *Richmond* to dethrone that Tyrant *K. Richard* the 3d.

On his Arrival, the Earl of *Richmond* took him into his Favour, made him privy to all his Designs, and after he had obtain'd the Crown by the Name of King *Henry 7.* having experienc'd his Vigilancy, &c. loaded him with Honours. He was sworn with the first that were of the Privy Council to him; and Archbishop *Bouchier* dying in the Beginning of the Year 1486, (2 *Hen. 7.*) he was elected, on the King's Intercession, with the Monks of *Canterbury*, to that *See*; and the Pope forthwith confirm'd it. The next Year he was made Lord Chancellor of *England*; in which high Office acting very beneficial for the King, he grew more and more in his Esteem, who got him, in 1493, to be declar'd a Cardinal, by Pope *Alexander* the 6th, under the Title of *St. Anastasius.* (a) The Year after (10 *Hen. 7.*) he was elected Chancellor of the University of *Oxford*, to which he was a considerable Benefactor; for, by his last Will and Testament, (b) he left Maintenance for twenty poor Scholars in *Oxon* and in *Cambridge*, during twenty Years, and, in his Life-time, repair'd the *Canon Law School*, finish'd the Re-edification of *St. Mary's Church*, and the Edification of the *Divinity School*: In all which Places his Arms were set up; but such is the Vicissitude of Time, that nothing

(a) *Wood's Athen. Oxon.* p. 549. (b) *Reg. Meon. qu. 10.*

of them remains, those Places being alter'd many Years ago. Mr. *Wood* (a) says, that (in his Time) the Memory of this Archbishop was fresh among some Men, who reported, "That he was a wise and eloquent Man, but in his Nature harsh and haughty; that he was much accepted by the King, but envy'd by the Nobility, and hated by the People. He won the King's Mind with Secrecy and Diligence, chiefly because he was his old Servant in his less Fortunes, and for that also he was in his Affections, not without an inveterate Malice against the House of *Tork*, under which he had been in Trouble." Notwithstanding this, I don't find in our Historians any Grounds for it; and he deserves an honourable Mention, in that (as the aforesaid Author owns) he was the principal Means of joyning the two *Roses*, which likewise shews he was not so inveterate as would be insinuated by that *Writer*, who rarely gives an entire good Character of any.

After he had liv'd to a great Age (about 90) in strong Health and sound Constitution, he left this World the latter End of *September*, in the Year 1500, (16 *H.* 7.) and was bury'd in the Cathedral Church of *Canterbury*, in a Stone Coffin or Sepulcher; which being only just deposited in the Ground, and a Marble Stone laid over it, even with the Surface of the Pavement, afterwards crack'd, and being broken, several Parts of his Body, wrapp'd in Sear-Cloths, were taken away by many People that came there. At length, his Head only in a Manner remaining, was begg'd, out of a pious Mind, (purposely to save it) of Dr. *Sheldon*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in 1670, by that worthy Gentleman and studious Antiquary, *Ralph Sheldon* of

(a) *Athene Oxon.* Vol. 1. p. 549.

of *Beoly* in *Worcestershire*, Esq; who esteeming it a choice Relique, provided a leaden Box to preserve it, with its Sear-Cloths about it, and kept it to his dying Day, *Ann.* 1684.

To return from whence I digress'd. *Richard Morton* (3d Son of *Richard*, and Brother to this Cardinal *Morton*) marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Richard Turbervill* of *Bere Regis* in *Com. Dorset.* and had Issue *John Morton*, who resided at *Sturminster-Marshal* in *Com. Dorset.* and by a Daughter of—*Hussey* left Issue *Thomas Morton* of *Milborn St. Andrews*, who marry'd *Warborough*, 3d Daughter and Co-heir of *George Delaline*, and left Issue one Son and a Daughter *Margaret*, the Wife of *George Lovell* of *Tarrant* in *Com. Dorset.* and *George*, who (by his Wife *Joan* Daughter of—*Holloway* of *Welton* in *Com. Devon.*) was Father to a Son of his own Name, *George Morton* of *Milborn St. Andrews*, who was knighted, with several others, at the *Tower*, *Ann.* 1603, preceeding the Coronation of *K. James I.* and having marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter of *Sir Artbur Hopton* of *Witham* in *Com. Somers.* had Issue three Sons, *George*, *William*, *John*, and a Daughter *Dorothy*.

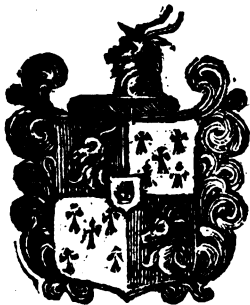
Which *George Morton* succeeding to the Estate at *St. Andrews Milborn*, was created a Baronet by Letters Patent bearing Date the 1st of *March*, *A. D.* 1618. He serv'd in Parliament as one of the Knights for *Dorsetshire* (a) in 1 *Car. I.* and having marry'd *Ann*, Daughter of—*Wortley* of *Wortley* in *Com. Ebor.* from them descended, *Sir John Morton*, Bar. who was elected one of the Burgesses for *Melcomb Regis* in the Parliament (b) that met at *Oxford* in the 32d Year of the Reign of *King Charles 2.* likewise for *Weymouth*, in 1 *Fac. 2.* also for those Places in two other Parliaments in

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(a) *Willis's Not. Parl.* Vol. 2. p. 402. (b) *Ibid.* p. 457 & 454.

in the Reign of K. *William* and Q. *Mary*. He took to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Dr. *Culm*, Dean of *St. Patricks-Dublyn*, by *Deborab* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Charles Pleydell* of *Mudg-hall in Com. Wilts.* and having Issue no Heir Male, the Title of Baronet ceas'd in this Family. *Elizabeth*, his only Daughter and Heir, marry'd *Edmund Pleydell*, now of *Mudg-hall* aforesaid, Esq; who hath Issue by her several Children now living, whereof *Edmund Morton Pleydell*, Esq; is the present Possessor of the Estate at *St. Andrews Milborn*.



## A R M S.

Quarterly Gules and Ermin in the 1st and 4th Quarters a Goat's Head erased, Arg. attired Or.

## C R E S T.

On a Wreath Argent and Gules, a Goat's Head coup'd, Argent, attired and bearded Or.

Sir WILLIAM HERVEY of KID-  
BROOK, Kt. N<sup>o</sup> 106.

[May 31. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

English Baron, viz. Lord Hervey.

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THOMAS MACKWORTH of NOR-  
MANTON, Esq; Rutl. N<sup>o</sup> 107.

[Julii 4. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

**M**ackworth in Derbyshire gave Name to this ancient Family, seated there for many Generations; one of which was of the Retinue to the famous James Lord Audley, Knight of the Garter, who was very instrumental in obtaining the glorious Victory at Poitiers under the Black Prince, in 20 Edm. 3. where the French, tho' much superior, receiv'd an Overthrow, the King, and Dauphin of France, many of his Nobles, and innumerable common Soldiers being taken Prisoners, as our Historians write; and that this Lord Audley acquainting the Prince, before the Fight, with the Vow (a) he had made to be the first in the Battel, crav'd his Licence that he might accomplish it; to which the Prince accorded, and said, *Sir James, God give you this Day that Grace to be the best Knight of all (b) others*: And thereupon departing with his four Esquires, (Mackworth being one of them) went to the foremost Front of the Battel, and with great Prowess fought with Sir Arthur Dandrgber, who was there fore-handled by him. His four Esquires being with him in the chief of the Battel, &c. And Walsingham adds this (c) farther of him, *That by his extraordinary Valour he broke through the French Army, and caus'd much Slaughter that Day to the Enemy*.

His noble Conduct and Valour so infinitely pleas'd the brave Prince, that, as a Testimony

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(a) Dug. Bar. Vol. i. p. 749. (b) Froissard, Fol. 81. (c) Tho. Walsingham, Ann. 1357. p. 864.

thereof, he settled 500 Marks in Land upon him in *England* of annual Revenue, (a considerable Estate in those Days) which this Lord presently and frankly settled on his four (a) Esquires; whereof the Prince being acquainted, demanded whether he lik'd not his Bounty, or thought the Gift beneath his Acceptance; to which when Answer was given, That they deserv'd the same as well as himself, without whose Assistance, says he, *I a single Man could have done but little*; the Prince thereupon thank'd him for so doing, and gave him 600 Marks *per Ann.* more. The Posterity of all the four Esquires have, in Memory of this Victory, added the said Lord's Coat Armour to their own, as plainly appears by the *Cheveron Gules, Frettè Or*, bore by this Family of *Mackworth, Delves, Haukeston, &c.*

*John Touchet Lord Audley*, Son-in-Law, and at length Heir of the aforesaid *James*, in (b) Consideration that *John* and *Thomas Mackworth* were valiant Men, and of the good Services done by them and their Ancestors to the said Lord *Audley's* Family, and for their farther Honour, grants Part of their Arms to be born by them and their Heirs, with due Difference, *viz. Party per Pale indented Sable and Ermin, a Cheveron Gules, Frettè Or.* In Testimony to which Grant (whereof this is an Abstract) he put his Seal of Arms, *viz. Quarterly, 1 and 4 Frettè, and 2 and 3 Ermin, a Cheveron, circumscrib'd, SIGILLUM JOHANIS D'AUDLEY.* Dated at at his Manour of *Marketon.* the 1st of *Aug. 1404.*

A Descendant of this Family was *John Mackworth*, Dean of *Lincoln* in the Reign of *K. Hen. 6.* to whom did formerly belong the Messuage in *Holborn*, now known by the Name of *Bernard's Inn*, but

(a) *Froissard. F. 84.* (b) *Differences of Arms, MS. per Ralph Brook, York Herald, penes Fra. Hougham.*

but anciently call'd (a) *Mackworth's-Im.* But the chief of this Line, who first settled in the County of *Rutland*, was *Thomas Mackworth* of *Mackworth*, who serv'd in Parliament as one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Derby* in (b) 3 and 4. *Hen.* 6. and marrying *Alice*, Sister and Heir to Sir *John de Basings*, (that dy'd Issueless in 24 *H.* 6.) became possess'd of a fair Inheritance, and principally of the Towns and Manours of *Normanton*, *Empingham* and *Hardwick*, in *Com. Rutland*. which first Place from thenceforth became their capital Mansion. This *Alice* was Daughter to another Sir *John*, Son of *Thomas*, Son of *William de Basings*, by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas de Normanville*, Son of *Ralph*, Son of *Thomas de Normanville*, *Temp. Hen.* 3. whose Ancestors, soon after the Conquest, were Lords of *Normanton*, and were also seated at *Kenerton* in the Hundred of *Blackborne* in *Kent*, till their Male Issue failing, both that Estate and this in *Rutland*, went by Match to the *Basings*, a Family of great Account and Antiquity, descended from *Adam de Basing*. Lord Mayor of *London* in 26 *Hen.* 3. (1251,) whose Habitation was where *Blackwel-Hall* now stands, and from whom the Street and Ward thereunto adjoining had the Denomination of *Basing's-ball-street*, and *Basing's-ball Ward*.

To the said *Thomas Mackworth* succeeded *Henry* his Son and Heir, who fixing in the County of *Rutland*, was (c) Sheriff thereof in 18 *E.* 4. and (*John* his Son and Heir dying in his Life-time) was succeeded by his Grandson *George Mackworth*, Sheriff of the County of (d) *Rutland* in 12 *Hen.* 7, and 8, 14, 22. and 26 *H.* 8. departing this Life two Years after, viz. in 28 *H.* 8. *A. D.* 1536. leaving by *Anne* his Wife *Francis* his Son and Heir.

Which

(a) *Stow's Survey of London*, p. 430. (b) *Willis's Notit. Parl. Vol.* 2, p. 220. (c) *Fulter's Worthies in eodem Com.* (d) *Ibid.*

Which *Francis Mackworth* of *Normanton*, Esq; took to Wife *Hellen*, one of the eight Daughters of *Hump. Hercy* of *Grove* in *Com. Nott.* Esq; (Sister and Co-heir to Sir *John Hercy*) whereby he shar'd a great Inheritance. He was Sheriff of (a) *Rutland* in 30 and 35 *H. 8.* also 3 *Q. Mary*; and dy'd in 1 *Eliz.* leaving *George* his son and Heir, who was thrice Sheriff in the Reign of *Q. Elizabeth*, and by *Grace* his Wife, Daughter of *Ralph Rookbey*, Esq; Serjeant at Law, had Issue

*Thomas Mackworth* of *Normanton*, (c) Sheriff of *Rutland* in 41 *Eliz.* and 7 *Jac. 1.* who was created to the Dignity of Baronet by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 4th of *June, A. D. 1619.* He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of—*Hall* of *Gretford* in *Com. Linc.* who bore him four Sons and a Daughter, which last dy'd young. The Sons were 1. Sir *Henry*. 2. Sir *Francis*, who dy'd unmarried. 3. *Peregrine*, who took to Wife — Widow of—*Moor* of *Grantham, Com. Lincoln.* Esq; Barrister at Law, but had no Issue; and, 4. *Noel Mackworth*, who dy'd unmarried.

Sir *Henry Mackworth* (Successor to his Father in Title and Estate) rebuilt the Manour-House at *Normanton*, as it now stands, and having marry'd *Mary*, Daughter of *Robert Hopton* of *Wittam* in *Com. Somerset.* Esq; second Sister and Co-heir of *Ralph Lord Hopton* of *Stratton* in *Com. Cornub.* had Issue by her two Daughters and five Sons. 1. Sir *Thomas*. 2. *Robert*, who resides at *Empingham* (and marry'd twice; 1st *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Hatcher* of *Empingham* aforesaid, Esq; and 2dly, *Martha*, Daughter of *Edward Corbet*, D. D. of the

*Edgmond*

(a) Fuller's Worthies, ut antea. (b) Ibid.

*Edmond* Line in *Com. Salop.* by both which he had Issue, but none surviving him by the last) 3. *Henry*, who dy'd unmarried. 4. *Edmund*, a Merchant, who deceas'd at *Aleppo*. 5. *Gustavus*, youngest Son, marry'd *Dorothy*, Widow to *Thomas* Lord *Grey*, eldest Son and Heir apparent to *Henry* Earl of *Stamford*, and Daughter and Co-heir to *Edward* *Bouchier*, Earl of *Bath*. Sir *Henry's* two Daughters were *Margaret*, Wife of Sir *Philip* *Young* of *Keniton* in *Com. Salop.* Esq; and *Fane*, of *Hugh Underwood* of *Witlesey* in the *Isle of Ely*.

Sir *Thomas Mackworth*, Bart. (eldest Son and Heir of Sir *Henry*) had all the Advantages of Education, which, together with an excellent Temper, good natural Parts, and a Readiness to do all friendly Offices, won him the Esteem of all that knew him, and render'd him highly valu'd in his Country. He was chosen one of the Knights for the County of *Rutland* in all Parliaments, from the 31st Year of the Reign of K. *Charles* 2. to the Time of his Death, *A. D.* 1694; and having marry'd two Wives, 1. *Dorothy*, Daughter of Captain *George Darrell* of *Calc-hill* in the County of *Kent*, had Issue by her one Son *Thomas*, who dy'd in the Lifetime of his Father, and two Daughters, *Dorothy*, who wedded *John Wingfield* of *Tikencote* in *Com. Rut.* Esq; and *Utrechia*, who dy'd unmarried: But by *Anne* his 2d Lady, Daughter of *Humphry Mackworth* of *Betton* in *Com. Salop.* (a Cadet of this ancient Family,) he had Issue four Daughters, *Mary*, *Anne*, *Elizabeth* and *Fane* living *A. D.* 1712; likewise three Sons, *Humphry* and *Hopton* that dy'd unmarried, and *Thomas*, who, upon his Father's Death, succeeded to the Title and Estate.

Which Sir *Thomas Mackworth* of *Normanton*, Bart. (unmarry'd, *A. D.* 1712.) was return'd by Indenture (*17 Dec.* 1694.) as one of the Knights in Parliament  
for

for the County of *Rutland*, in the Room of his Fa-  
ther deceas'd, and was likewise elected for the  
said County in the 1st and 4th of *Q. Anne*.



A R M S.

*Party per pale indented, Sable and Ermine, a Cheveron Gules, Fretté Or.*

C R E S T.

*On a Wreath, a Wing Sable and Ermine. But the Arms and Crest has been usually born as here is shewn, viz. Argent instead of Ermine.*

WILLIAM GREY, Esq; Son and Heir  
of Sir RALPH GREY of CHIL-  
LINGHAM, Kt. Northum. N<sup>o</sup> 108

[June 15. A. D. 1619, Jac. 1. 17.]

English Peer, viz. Earl of Tankerville and  
Lord Grey.

Sir WILLIAM VILLIERS of BROOKESBY,  
Kt. Leicest. N<sup>o</sup> 109

[19 Julii, A. D. 1619. 17 Jac. 1.]

THIS Family, whose Name was variously  
written *Villers, Villiers, Vileres, Vylers, &c.* is  
doubtless descended of the ancient noble House  
of *Villers Seigniors of Lile-Adam in Normandy,*  
and

and came into *England* at the Time of the Conquest, for soon after, *Pagan de Villers* was Lord of *Crosby* in *Com. Lancast.* and was also possess'd of *Newbold* in *Com. Nottingb.* which his Posterity held 'till the Reign of *K. Edw. 3.* (a) but *Crosby* went away to the *Molineuxes* by *Beatrix*, a Daughter and Heir of the elder Line, marry'd about the Time of *K. John* to *Robert Molineux* of *Sephton.* (b) This *Pagan* was a Witness to the Foundation-Charter of *Roger* of *Poictou* to the Monastery of *Lancaster*, and flourish'd *temp. William 2.* and *Hen. 1.* *Gilbert de Villers*, probably another younger Son of *Pagan*, (c) and *William Villers*, were Witnesses, with *Roger* Bishop of *Chester*, to a Charter of *Robert* Son of *Nicholas de Stafford.* (d) After him I meet with another *Gilbert Villers*, to whom, 2 *Job.* the King granted for Homage and Service all the Mediety which he possess'd in the Vicaridge and Mill of *Mesnacel.*

Contemporary with him was *Roger*, or rather *Robert*, living 9 *Job.* who had Issue *Robert*, Father of *William* in 7 *Ed. 1.* who together with *Robert Pierpont*, *Roger de Lewknor*, *Roger de Covert*, and many more, were, by a *Quo warranto*, (e) to deliver to the Abbey of *Bec Herlowin* the Manour of *Preston*; and soon after, 13 *Ed. 1.* *William de Villers* was a Witness to a Deed *sans date*, whereby Master *Wm. de Montfort* grants to *John de Montfort* the Manours of *Preston* and *Uppingham* in *Com. Rutland.*

This *William* was Son of *Alexander*; for 14 *Ed. 1.* he impleaded *Andrew de Nevil* for the Manour of *Riggesby*, &c. whereof his Father *Alexander* dy'd seiz'd; whereunto Answer was made, that the said *Alexander* had an elder Son nam'd *Richard.* (f)

Of

(a) *Thoroton's Antiquities of Nottinghamsh.* (b) *Ex Stem. Familie Molineux.* (c) *Dudg. Baron. Vol. 1. p. 731.* (d) *Ex Lib. Prioratus de Kenilworth.* (e) *Quo Warw. Com. Suffex. 7 Ed. 1.* (f) *De Banco Trin. 14 Ed. 1. Rot. 57. de Com. Line.*

Of this Family also was *Benedict le Vilar*, who dy'd seiz'd of the Manours of *Borshall* and *Breball* of the Honour of *Wallingsford*, leaving *John* his Son and Heir, then three Years old, (b) as appears by Inquisition in *Com. Bucks.* taken 20 and 21 *Ed. 1.* But the first that was written of *Brokefby*, was another *Alexander de Vylers*, a Descendant from the former, who by his Attorney appeared against *Gilbert de Glen*, Chaplain, in a Plea against him, that he should pay eight Marks, the Arrears of an annual Rent of four Marks then owing. (c)

This *Alexander* was Father to Sir *Nicholas de Villers*, who bore for his *Coat Armour*, (upon the Account of some Crusade) five *Escallops* upon the *Cross* of *St. George*, and had Issue two Sons, Sir *Francis* and *Geffry* hereafter mention'd.

Sir *Francis de Villers* serv'd *K. Ed. 2.* and *3.* in their Wars, and dy'd without Issue, leaving *Agnes* his Wife surviving, whom *K. Ed. 3.* in Consideration of the Services of her Husband, (stiling him *Franciscus charæ memoria*) recommended to the Abbess (d) of the Convent of *Barking* for her Provision.

*Geffry* succeeded to the Estate at *Brookesby*, 20 *Ed. 3.* and in the 26th Year of that King's Reign was one of the Knights of the Shire for the County (e) of *Leicester*, in the Parliament held at *Westminster*.

His Son, *John de Villers*, had two Wives, 1. *Joan*, one of the three Sisters and Co-heirs to *Simon Pake-man* of *Kirkby* in *Com. Leicest.* by whom he had Issue a Daughter *Beatrix*, marry'd to — *Bagot*, and 3 Sons, *Richard*, *John*, and *Alexander*; 2dly, *Margaret*, living 15 *R. 2.* at which Time *Richard*, eldest Son of the said *John*, dy'd, viz. on the Sunday

(b) *Esc. de iisl. Ann. N<sup>o</sup> 14 & 20.* (c) *De Banco Hill. 25 Ed. 1. Rot. 95.* (d) *Claus. 5 E. 3. p. 2.* (e) *Pryn's Brief Regist. p. 218.*



day next before the Feast of the *Nativity* of *St. John Baptist*, Anno 15 R. 2. and was then seiz'd of the Manour of *Brookesby*, and half a Pound of Pepper, Rent of Assize issuing out of one Virgate in *Brookesby*; which Rent was Parcel of the said Manour: And also of the Advowson of the Church held of the King, as of the Honour of *Chester*, by the Service of half a Knight's Fee, leaving Issue *John*, his Son and Heir, aged (f) eleven Years and a half.

The said *John* marry'd *Joan*, Daughter to *Wm. Meering*, and dy'd on the Feast of *St. Catharine*; 4 H. 5. seiz'd of a Messuage call'd *Pakeman's Place*, seven Cottages, four Virgates and an half of Land in *Kirby*, held of the King in Capite; a Messuage and two Virgates in *Barton*, of *Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthyn*, of a Moiety of a Messuage and one Virgate in *Ravinston* of the Honour of *Tutbury*, held of the King in Capite; and one Cottage in *Wiggesson*, the Manour of *Brookesby*, with the Advowson, the Manours of *Anthon*, and *Houby*, by Knights Service, and a Pair of gilt Spurs; leaving *John* his Son and Heir, twelve Years old, and above, at the Time of the Inquisition. (a) This *John* dy'd in Ward to the King, and *William*, his Brother and Heir, succeeded.

Which *William* marry'd *Joan*, Sister and Co heir to *John Belers*, Esq; and dy'd 20 H. 6. having Issue by her, among others, *John*, and *Bartholomew Villers*, who marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Wystonstyn*, and lyeth bury d at *Wyssendine in Com. Rutland*.

*John*, the eldest Son, dy'd in his Father's Lifetime, having marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *John Southill* of *Everingham in Com. Ebor.* and had Issue a Daughter *Elizabeth* and four Sons, 1. *John*, 2.  
Thomas,

(f) *Es. b. 15 R. 2. N. 64.* (a) *Inquis. 4 H. 5. n. 22.*

*Thomas*, who made his Will 6 *H.* 7. and dy'd without Issue; 3. *Christopher*, who was seated at *Burstal*, was Sheriff of the Counties of *Leicester* and *Warwick* 22 *H.* 8. and dy'd without Issue, 5 *Aug.* in the 29th Year of that King, seiz'd of the Manours of *Kilby*, and *Cowdon Magna*, and Lands in *Harborough*, having settled in Trustees the said Manours after his own Life upon his younger Nephews, *George* and *Thomas*, and their Heirs Male for ever; (d) as also the Manour of *Houby*, upon them and their Brother *William*, by a like Entail; *William Villers*, Clerk, was the 4th Son of the said *John*.

*John Villers*, Esq; (Son and Heir of the aforesaid *John*) succeeded his Grandfather in the Lordship of *Brokesly* 20 *H.* 6. and in 6, 10, and 15 of *H.* 7. was Sheriff of *Leicestershire* and *Warwickshire*, was afterwards made Knight, at the Marriage of Prince *Arthur* the King's Son; (e) and dy'd 2 *Decemb.* Ann. 22 *H.* 7. leaving Issue, by *Agnes* his Wife, Daughter to *John Digby* of *Colshill* in *Com. Warwick.* a Daughter *Winifrid*, to whom her Father gave Lands for Life, 36 *H.* 8. and 7 Sons; 1. *John*; 2. *George*; 3. *Thomas Villers*; 4. *William*, of whom hereafter; 5. *Edward*, who dy'd possess'd of Lands at *Flower* and *Howthorp* in *Com. Northton.* 26 *June* 5 *H.* 8. and is the Progenitor to the *Villers* of *Howthorp*, and to those of *Dowsby* and *Grobby*; *Leonard* and *Bartholomew*, 5th and 6th Sons, dy'd without Issue; and *Anthony Villers*, 7th Son, was of *Cotness* in *Com. Ebor.* and dy'd possess'd of that Manour (a) 1 *E.* 6.

*John*, the eldest Son and Heir of Sir *John*, enjoy'd the Inheritance of *Brokesby*, and having been Knighted, was Sheriff of *Leicestershire* and *Warwickshire*

(d) *Inq.* 30 *H.* 8. (e) *Nom. Equit.* in *Bib. Cotton. Claudius* C. 3. (a) *Inq.* 2 *E.* 6. *Com. Ebor.*



Issue; so that *Thomas* 3d Son of Sir *John*, and Brother to the said *George*, mention'd in the Entail, became possess'd of *Brookesby*; but leaving only one Daughter *Dorothy*, marry'd to *William Smith in Com. Leicest. Esq;* the entail'd Estate devolv'd on

*William Villers, Esq;* his Brother, 4th Son of Sir *John*, who likewise became possess'd of *Brokefby* as the next Heir Male, and having marry'd *Colletta*, Daughter and Heir to *Richard Clarke* of the County of *Huntington, Esq;* Widow to *Richard Beaumont* of *Coloverton in Com. Leicest. Esq;* dy'd the 1st Day of *Novemb. 5 and 6 Phil. and Mary;* and the Inquisition taken 1 *Eliz. (c)* at *Leicester*, mentions, that Sir *John Villers*, long before his Death, was seiz'd of *Brookesby* and *Howby*, and of 40 Messuages, 20 Cottages, 20 Totts, 2 Water-Mills, 1000 Acres of Land, 500 of Meadow, 2000 of Pasture, and other Lands and Possessions in *Brokefby, Howby, and Siwolby*, in that County, and in the Advousons of the Churches of *Brokefby* and *Howby*, reciting the said Entail made 32 *H. 8.* and also a Settlement made by *Christopher Villers, Esq;* on himself for Life; Remainder to his Nephews, *George, Thomas*, and this *William*, of the Manours of *Kelby, Great Bowdon*, and of Lands in *Harborough*; all which descended to the said *William*, who was likewise possess'd of the Manour of *Howby in Com. Leicest.* with other Lands there; and left Issue

*George Villers* his Son and Heir, aged 14 Years, or more, at his Father's Death; who was Sheriff of *Leicestershire* in 33 *Eliz.* and having receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood, departed this Life 4 *Jan. 3 Jac. 1. A. D. 1605. (d)* He was seiz'd of the  
Manours

(c) *Inquis. 1. Eliz.* (d) *Inquis. 4. Jac. 1.*

Manours of *Brokeſby, Howby, Godby-Marward*, and the Grange of *Godby*, which he ſettled, with the Capital Meſſuage call'd the Farm of *Howby*, upon his firſt Wife and her Iſſue Male by him, &c. and being likewise ſeiz'd in all the Tythes of Herbage, Grain, and Hay, and all other Tythes ariſing in *Cadewel* and *Wikebam in Com. Leiceſt.* he ſettled the ſame on himſelf for Life; Remainder to *John, George, and Chriſtopher*, (Sons by his 2d Wife) and their Heirs Male; Remainder to his own right Heirs.

His two Wives were *Audrey*, Daughter and Heir to *William Sanders* of *Harrington in Com. Northamp. Eſq.* Which Lady dy'd 29 *Eliz.* and had by him three Daughters, *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *John Lord Butler* of *Bramfield*; *Anne*, to *Sir William Waſhington*, and *Frances*; alſo two Sons, *Sir William*, hereafter-mention'd, and *Sir Edward Villers*, Kt. who was Prefident of *Munſter in Ireland*; and marrying *Barbara*, Daughter to *Sir John St. John*, Kt. (Neice to *Oliver St. John* Lord Vicount *Grandiſon* in that Kingdom) from them deſcend the Vicounts *Grandiſon* of the Sur-name of *Villers*; as alſo by a younger Son, the Earls of *Jerſey*; and from *Barbara*, a Daughter and Heir of *William* Lord *Grandiſon*, created Dutcheſs of *Cleveland*, &c. by King *Charles 2.* deſcends the preſent Duke of *Cleveland*, the late Duke of *Northumberland*, and the Duke of *Grafton*. The 2d Wife to *Sir George*, was *Mary*, Daughter to *Anthony Beaumont* of *Glenfield in Com. Eſſex. Eſq.* who ſurviving him, was created Counteſs of *Buckingham* 16 *Jac. 1.* and became, 2dly, Wife to *Sir William Rayner*; and, laſtly, to *Sir Tho. Compton*, Knight of the *Bath*. *Sir George* had Iſſue by her a Daughter *Suſan*, marry'd to *William Fielding*, Earl of *Denbigh*, and three Sons; 1. *John*, created

Baron *Villers* of *Stoke*, and Vicount *Purbeck*; 2. *George*, who was, 1st, Cup-bearer to King *James*, afterwards, Gentleman of the Bed-chamber, Master of the Horse, and, at length, Duke and Marquess of *Buckingham*, Earl of *Coventry*, Vicount *Viliers*, Baron of *Whaddon*, Knight of the Garter, &c. and a Favourite of two Kings successively, viz. King *James* 1. and King *Charles* 1. the greatest Ornament and Glory of his Family. *Christopher*, youngest Son, was created Earl of *Anglesey* and Baron of *Daventry*.

*William*, eldest Son of Sir *George Villers*, succeeded to the Estate of *Brookesby*, was Sheriff of *Leicest.* 6 *Jac.* 1. and having been honour'd with Knight-hood by that King, was advanc'd to the Degree of a Baronet 19 *July*, *A. D.* 1619. He marry'd three Wives; his 1st was *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Edward Griffin* of *Dingley*: His 2d, another *Anne*, Daughter to *Richard Fines*, Lord *Say*, Widow to *Henry Cave* of *Ingarsby in Com. Leicest.* and burying her, he afterwards marry'd — Daughter to — *Roper*.

Sir *George*, his only Son, succeeded him in Title and Estate, dy'd towards the Close of the Reign of King *Charles* 2. and having marry'd *Penelope*, Daughter and Co-heir to Sir *John Denbam* of *Blechingly in Com. Oxon.* left Issue a Daughter *Penelope*, married to Sir *William Jesson*, and *William*, who succeeded him.

Which Sir *William Villers* of *Brokesby*, Bart. serv'd in several Parliaments as Knight of the Shire for the County of *Leicester*; he marry'd the Daughter and Heir of — *Potts*, but dying without Issue 27 *Feb.* *A. D.* 1711, aged 67 Years, the Title became extinct, and his Sister's Daughters, viz. *Penelope*, marry'd to *George Hewet* of *Stretton in Com. Leicest.*  
Esq;

Esq; and *Anne*, to Sir *James Robinson*, Bart. became his Heirs. The Manour of *Brokesby*, &c. he dispos'd of to Sir *Nathan. Wright*, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, in the Reigns of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Anne*.



## A R M S.

*Argent*, on a *Cross Gules*, 5 *Escallops Or*; the ancient Coat was, *Sable*, a *Fess between 3 Cinquefoils Argent*. The Line of *Crosby* bore *Argent*, 6 *Lions Rampant*, 3, 2, 1 *Gules*.

## C R E S T.

On a *Wreath*, a *Lion Rampant Argent*, crown'd *Or*.

Sir JAMES LEY of WESTBURY, Kt.  
Wilts. N<sup>o</sup> 110.

[*Julii* 21. A. D. 1619. *Fac.* 1. 17.]

*English* Earl, viz. Earl of *Marlborough*.

WILLAM HICKES of BEVERSTON, Esq;  
*Gloucest.* N<sup>o</sup> 111.

[21 *Julii*, A. D. 1619. R. *Fac.* 1. 17.]

THIS Family is descended originally out of the County of *Gloucester*, where some of them have been anciently seated, tho' they bear different *Arms*. *Robert Hicks* was, I suppose, a younger

ther, as appears by an old Fine in *Edward* the 6th's Time, wherein *Thomas Hickes* is mention'd to hold Lands at *Barkley* in the County of *Gloucester*, for which there was a Contest in Law, but concluded by the Judges, (*Edward Montagu, William Shelley, Humphrey Brown, and John Hynde*) *Robert Hickes* to pay 20 l. to the said *Thomas*; on which Consideration, he and his Wife *Margaret*, (Daughter and Heir of *James Atwood*, and *Alice* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *William Payne*) releas'd and quit-claim'd all their Pretence, to a certain House and Lands. This *Robert* was a wealthy Citizen and Mercer of *London*, living in *Cheapside* in *St. Pancrace Soper-Lane* Parish, where by his Trade and Business he rais'd a considerable Estate, and by *Julian* his Wife, Daughter to *Arthur Chapbam* in *Com. Somers.* Esq; had Issue three Sons; *Michael*, born 21 Octob. 35 H. 8. *Francis*, born 36 H. 8. and *Baptist*.

Which *Baptist* being brought up in his Father's Business, and having great Dealings with the Court, (by his Brother *Michael's* Means) for his rich Silks and Commodities fetch'd from *Italy* and foreign Parts, came afterwards to be knighted by King *James I.* and advanc'd to far greater Honours; for, 4 Car. 1. he was created a Peer of the Realm, by the Title of Baron *Hickes* of *Ilmington* in *Com. Warw.* as also Vicount *Camden* of *Camden* in *Com. Glouc.* with Remainder, for Default of Issue Male, to *Edward* Lord *Niel*, and his Heirs Male, who had marry'd *Julian* his eldest Daughter, A. D. 1605, from whom descend the Earls of *Gainsborough*, enjoying now, by Virtue of the Entail, those Titles of Honour granted to this Sir *Baptist*, whose 2d Daughter and Co-heir, *Mary*, was match'd wth Sir *Charles Morison* of *Cashibury* in *Com. Hertford.* Kt.

Sir



Sir *Michael Hikes*, (the eldest Son of *Robert*) another Advancer of his Family, was bred up by his Father to Learning, and having spent some Time at *Trinity-College* in *Cambridge*, remov'd, for the Study of the Law, to *Lincolns-Inn*: From thence he was taken into the Service of the Lord *Burgbley*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, that great and just Statesman, and chief Counsellor to Queen *Elizabeth*, the *Nestor* of his Age, that govern'd all his Rules of Policy by Justice, Integrity, and the Principles of Religion; by whose Means chiefly and primarily all the happy Successes of the Queen's Reign, were brought to pass: To that Lord he was prefer'd to be one of his Secretaries, and so continu'd during the Treasurer's Life; by whose Influence, undoubtedly, and the Observations made of him by Sir *Michael*, he also became wise and religious: He was well skill'd in Philological Learning, and had read over the polite *Roman* Historians and Moralists; out of which Authors he made large Collections, especially of their moral and wise Sentences, with which he fill'd divers Paper-books, still remaining in the Family. The other Secretary to the Lord *Burgbley*, was *Henry Maynard*, whose Son *Sir William Maynard*, was created Lord *Maynard*.

By his ingenious Education and good Parts he became very fit and agreeable, to be admitted into the Conversation of a Society of the best learn'd and most eminent Persons, having the Accomplishment, of a facetious Wit to recommend him. Some of his Acquaintance and Friends were Sir *Fulk Grevil*, Sir *Henry Glemham*, Sir *John Smith*, (Cousin-German to the Queen) Sir *Francis Bacon*, Sir *Walter Raleigh*, Mr. *Cambden*, and others: But he was most dear to Sir *Robert Cecyl*, his Lord and Master's Son, both when he was the Queen's Chief Secretary of

State, Master of the Wards and Liveries, and Earl of *Salisbury*, and Lord High Treasurer, succeeding in his noble Father's Office; Sir *Michael* was ever at his right Hand, and he was never well but when he had his Company and pleasant Conversation; he also employ'd him in many of his Busineses, and committed many of his Secret Affairs to him, knowing, by long Experience, his Faithfulness; and not a few well knowing what Interest he had with Sir *Robert*, both when Secretary and Lord High Treasurer, made him their Friend, at any Rate, to solicit their Causes with him, who was ever (except necessarily obstructed) ready to gratify Sir *Michael*, especially where Benefit was like to accrue to him.

It will not be unacceptable to specify some of the familiar Letters written to him, both for the Sake of the Great Men the Writers, 'as to shew of what Account Sir *Michael* was with them. Thus friendly Sir *Walter Ralegh* writ to him:

*Worthy Mr. Michael,*

“ I Am most earnestly to entreat you for this  
 “ Gentleman, Captain *Spring*, that partly for  
 “ Love, partly for honest Consideration, you will  
 “ further him with my Lord Treasurer for a  
 “ Debt of 300 *l.* which her Majesty doth owe  
 “ him: It hath been long due, and he hath good  
 “ Warrant for it. Besides, he hath serv'd her Ma-  
 “ jesty very long, and hath receiv'd many Wounds  
 “ in her Service. These Reasons deliver'd by a  
 “ Man of your Utterance, and having his good  
 “ Angel at your Elbow to instruct you, I doubt  
 “ not but it will take good and speedy Effect.  
 “ [And in the Conclusion] I never wrote unto you  
 “ for any Man, or in any Matter wherein you  
 “ shall

“ shall more bind me unto you than for this  
 “ Bearer; and so not doubting of your assur’d  
 “ Friendliness, I leave you to God, and remain

*Your most assur’d loving Friend,*

W. RALEGH.

P. S. “ Always remember you must deal con-  
 “ scionably for my Sake, and I will requitè it.

*From Sherburn, the  
 12th of July.*

Sir *Francis Bacon*, (*March 19. 1602.*) upon Oc-  
 casion of Queen *Elizabeth’s* dangerous Sicknes,  
 dying five Days after, thus writ to him:

*Mr. Hickes,*

“ **T**He Apprehensions of this threatned Judg-  
 “ ment of God, (*Percutiam Pastorem, & dis-*  
 “ *pergentur oves gregis*) if it worketh in others as it  
 “ worketh in me, knitteth every Man’s Heart  
 “ more unto his true and approv’d Friend, which  
 “ is the Cause why I now write to you, signifying  
 “ that I would be glad of the Comfort of your  
 “ Society and familiar Conference, as Occasion  
 “ serveth. And withal, tho’ we Card-Holders have  
 “ nothing to do but to keep close our Cards, and  
 “ to do as we are bidden, yet as I ever used your  
 “ Mean to cherish the Truth of my Inclination  
 “ towards Mr. Secretary [*i. e.* *Sir Robert Cecil*];  
 “ so now again I pray you find Time to let him  
 “ know that he is the Personage in this State  
 “ which I love most; which containeth all that I  
 “ can do, and expresth all which I will say at this  
 “ Time; and this, as you may easily judge, pro-  
 “ ceedeth not out of any Streights of my Occa-  
 “ sions,

“ sions, as mought be thought in Times past,  
 “ but meerly out of the Largeness and Fulness  
 “ of my Affections: And so, for this Time, I  
 “ commend me to you.

*Tour assur'd Friend,*

*From my Chamber at Grays Inn,  
 this 19th of March, 1602.*

FR. BACON.

When Sir *Robert Cecil* was advanc'd in Honour and Office under King *James*, he wrote to Sir *Michael*, from the Court at *Ashby*, (being with the King in his Progress) to be his Proxy in standing Godfather to a Son of Sir *Thomas Smith*, in this Tenor:

*Sir Michael Hickes,*

“ I Have been invited by Sir *Thomas Smith* to  
 “ christen a Son of his, with my Lady *Knollys*,  
 “ which I am most willing to do; and therefore  
 “ do now desire you not to fail, but to advertise  
 “ him that I have sent you Commission for the  
 “ same, and likewise to assure him and my Lady,  
 “ if I had not been doubtful of receiving some  
 “ Letters here concerning the Dispatch of *Spanish*  
 “ Business now upon the Departure of the *Conte de*  
 “ *Villa Mediana*, and the Refusal of the States to  
 “ give Passage to his *Spaniards* at *Dover*, I would  
 “ have cast a Journey so as to have perform'd  
 “ it my self, upon Colour of some other Journey  
 “ to *London*: Which Opportunity failing me, do  
 “ you recommend my good Wishes of Happiness  
 “ to the Child; but forget not, I pray you with-  
 “ al, to discharge me of that Burthen which is  
 “ incident to a Godfather; namely, that I do  
 “ deliver him to them, to take Care for me that  
 “ he be so brought up, as he may perform those  
 “ Promises, which in your Person I do make  
 “ for him.

“ The

“ The Time is short, and *Sunday* I take to be  
 “ the Day at *Fulham*; I pray you therefore pre-  
 “ sently send him Word of my Direction, that  
 “ there may be no mistaking; and for as much  
 “ as neither my Steward is at *London*, nor any  
 “ Plate in my House fit for such a Matter, use  
 “ your Credit for me, to take up a Bason and  
 “ Ewer of 40 Mark, or thereabouts, to give  
 “ him; lay out also 40 Shillings to the Nurse,  
 “ and 20 Shillings to the Midwife. And so much  
 “ for that Business, &c.

Court at Ashby,  
 14 Aug. 1605.

And upon a New-Years-Gift that *Sir Michael* sent him, *Anno 1607*, the Earl gave him this short and kind Letter.

*Sir Michael Hicks,*

“ TIme and Society have taught us so well to  
 “ understand each other, as I do not re-  
 “ fuse your Present, because I know with what  
 “ Mind it is offer'd; I will therefore, for this  
 “ Time, only return you Thanks, wishing you  
 “ and yours good Years, and assure you that I  
 “ am

*Your Loving Friend,*

SALISBURY.

P. S. “ Tho’ I know no better Token for you  
 “ than I use you to, which is a Caper and an O-  
 “ live, yet I will come out of your Debt, by some  
 “ Token to her that is your best Half.

When *Sir Robert Cecil* became Lord High Treasurer of *England*, and was created Earl of *Salisbury*, which was about the Year 1605, *Sir Michael* congratulated

gratulated his Preferment, in a Letter to him, where, among the rest of his Wishes, he wish'd him *Otium cum Dignitate*; which the Earl took particular Notice of, in a short Answer, as an Happiness seldom befalling Persons in great Place, thanking him for his Congratulation, and especially for his good Wish, tho' he fear'd, he said, he should not be so happy.

And for his witty and jocose Temper, which made him so acceptable in Conversation, I shall give another Piece of a Letter from Sir *Robert Cecil* to him, occasion'd by the Meeting of several of his Friends, on an Invitation at his House, where Mr. *Hicks* was with them, and afterwards wrote some merry Letter, to which Sir *Robert* gave him this Answer:

Mr. *Michael*,

I have not Leisure to answer the Fruits of your  
 " Idle bald Pate, which hath been read by  
 " those you left together, till our Bellies burst  
 " almost with Laughter; for, more cogging De-  
 " scriptions, more knavish Constructions, more  
 " wicked Interpretations, or ingrateful Accepta-  
 " tions of our honest gentlemanly and friendly  
 " Entertainment, could no Pen express.

The Queen being in her Progress, took Occasion once to talk with her Secretary (who she knew was Mr. *Hicks's* Friend) concerning certain witty Verses of Mr. *Hicks's* Writing, (that had come to her Ears) burlesquing some of the grave Members of Parliament: And what Entertainment it found with her Majesty, the Secretary, in his Correspondence, imparted, viz. *That she excus'd him as much as any; and that when he told her he could not tell what Mr. Michael said for himself, but that what he had writ, was, in his Fancy, as pretty and pithy as ever*

ever he saw. *Ay, marry,* (said the Queen) *but he wrote them not himself.* To which the Secretary said, (swearing to her) *he knew he did.* Well, saith she, *when I see him next, we shall have good Sport* — The Account of this Matter the Secretary wrote to Mr. *Hickes*, who having heard, with some Concern, that the Queen had seen his Rhimes, desir'd to know the Truth of this Business; and thereupon he wrote to him, according to the Tenor abovesaid, asserting, for his Satisfaction, That he ly'd not, and that, that, was the Truth, and the whole Truth, as he assur'd him faithfully. The Verses, as I find them written by his own Hand, were as follow:

*De Crepitu in Parlamento.*

*Down came Sir John Croke,  
And said his Message on his Book;  
Sir William Norris nodded so so,  
But William Ludlow's Bum cry'd no.  
Up stood one fuller of Devotion  
Than Eloquence, and cry'd a good Motion.  
I doubt of that, quoth Sir Harry Jenkyn,  
I like the Motion, but for the stinking,  
And before this Business be transacted,  
I think this Fart must be enacted.  
Excellent Sport. by this Light,  
Quoth Mr. James of the Isle of Wight:  
Nay, quoth Sir Harry Powle, 'tis a mad Trick  
To fart in the Nose of a Body Politick.  
Quoth Mr. Bennet, this young Man was very bold,  
This Privilege belongeth to us that be old.  
Quoth Mr. Bond, it's a Sign of Wind,  
When any Man gives his Vce behind.*

He was not hasty to marry, insomuch that his Mother-in-Law, one Mrs. *Pen*, being desirous to see him match'd befor eher Death, told Sir *Rebere Cecil*,

*Cecil*, when she once sent him a Suit of Hangings, that she had kept them thirty two Years expecting her Son's Marriage, and that unless he would make Haste and marry, she promis'd Sir *Robert* to give him also her House, and all the Stuff belonging to it. But being fifty four Years old, or upward, at length he met with a very worthy Gentlewoman, for Prudence as well as Wealth; she was *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of Mr. *Colston* a Merchant, whose Country-Seat was a fair House upon the Forest of *Waltham* in the Parish of *Low-Leyton* in *Com. Essex.* call'd therefore the *Forest-House*, now in the Possession of Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Kt. Alderman of *London*; she was the Widow and Relict of *Henry Parvish*, or *Parvise*, (Son of *Thomas Parvise* of *Guilford* in *Com. Sur.*) an eminent Merchant of *London*, whose Country-House was *Ruckbolts*, a Manour in the said Parish of *Low-Leyton*, so call'd from an Holt, or Grove, replenish'd with a-bundance of Rooks, that render'd it a very pleasant Seat, which coming by this Marriage to Sir *Michael*, he there liv'd and dy'd, and his Posterity are now Lords of it. Such were the good Accomplishments of this Lady, that soon after Marriage, Sir *Robert Cecil*, in one of his Letters, written in *July*, about 1595 or 1596, told him, that he even envy'd him; for, sending him a Piece of Venison, he gave his Commendations to Mrs. *Hicks*; In whom, as he added, *I envy your good Fortune, but rest for all that, your loving Friend, Robert C.*

He should have been knighted at the Coronation of K. *James I.* (when great Numbers of Gentlemen were) as I conclude from a Postscript of a Letter to him from his Friend the Secretary, in these Words, *At the Coronation I will have you knighted.* But he refus'd it then, as appears by another Letter from his said Friend, wrote in

*September,*



September, beginning; *Good Mr. Hicks, that would not be Sir Michael.* But the next Year, it seems, he took the Honour; for in *Aug. 1604*, I meet with the Secretary giving him the Title of *Sir Michael.*

By this Lady aforesaid *Sir Michael* had Issue (beside *William* his eldest) a Daughter *Elizabeth*, so nam'd from *Elizabeth*, Countess of *Darby*, one of her Godmothers, (the other being the Countess of *Warwick*) marry'd to *Sir William Ærmin*, Bart.

He had also a second Son, nam'd *Michael*, born *Decemb.*—1600, whose Godfathers were *Mr. Alderman Low*, with *Mr. Baptist Hicks* his Brother.

He deceas'd at his House at *Ruckholt*, *A. D.* 1612, aged 69 Years, and was bury'd in the old Chancel of the Parish-Church of *Low-Leyton*, where was erected, by his Widow, a graceful and costly Monument, with two Arches against the East-Wall, extending the full Length thereof. Which Monument, when the new Chancel was built, was taken down and set up against the South-Wall, where it now stands: The Figures in Stone, both of him and the Lady *Elizabeth* his Wife, lying in full Proportion on their Sides, leaning on their Hands, their Feet opposite to each other, and under the Arch, over him, is this Inscription;

*In obitum Clarissimi Viri D. MICHAELIS HICKES  
Equis aurati, &c.*

*Quæ volui in vita vidi, dulcissima nuper  
Pignora, Consortem charam, sortemq; beatæ  
Prolis: Erant nati gemini nata una Parenti  
Optabam Christum: hinc morti succumbo, labensq;  
Consortem, sortem, natos natamq; relinquo.*

*Obiit decimo quinto Die Augusti,  
Anno Dom. 1612. Ætatis 65.*

Under

Under the other Arch, over the Lady *Hickes*, these Verses,

*Ut tua mors viduam fecit tu jam viduatus  
Connubium Christi (non viduandus) babes  
At junctam hoc tumulo me sponsam rursus habebis  
Sic tua semper ero qua tua nuper eram.*

She was bury'd the 14th of *Feb. Anno Dom. 1634.*

*William*, Son and Heir of Sir *Michael*, was so nam'd from the Lord Treasurer, his Father's old Master, (*William*, Lord *Burgbley*) who, in Esteem for the Father, gave his own Name *William* to the Son, being Godfather, and present at the Baptism, at Sir *Michael's* London House on *St. Peter's-Hill* (which still belongs to this Family, tho' since the great Fire divided into two Tenements) when this Passage happen'd, that the old Lord pulling out his Purse to take out some Gold to give the Servants, one or two Pieces dropp'd down, and fell some where under the Bed; which he would not suffer to be taken up again, saying, Let the Sweepers have it. His other Godfather was the Lord *Cobbam*, Lord Warden of the *Cinque-Ports*, and Lord Chamberlain: And his Godmother, the Lady *Lumley*.

And as Sir *Michael* had a good Education himself, so, reckoning Learning a suitable Ornament to Honour, he bred up *William* his Son to it; who having acquir'd a competent Knowledge of Grammar-Learning with the Minister of *Morton* in *Essex*, was sent by his Father to the University of *Cambridge*, and admitted into the same College whereof his Father once was a Member. Succeeding to his Inheritance, he was created a Baronet on the 21st of *July, 17 Jac. I.* being written of *Beverston* in *Com. Gloucest.* (an Estate still in the

the Family) tho' he elected *Ruckbolts* still for his usual Mansion, which his Descendants now use as their capital Abode. In the difficult Times of the Civil Wars he was always true to the Royal Cause and the Church of *England*, on which Account he was watch'd by some of his Neighbours that favour'd the other Side: But by his Caution he preserv'd himself pretty clear of Trouble, till the Siege of *Colchester*; when he, with several other Loyalists of the County of *Essex*, privy to, and concern'd in, that Business, were kept in Prison about six Weeks; and for farther Punishment, his ancient Grove adjacent to his House, which was very dear to him, was determin'd by those that then govern'd, to be cut down for Timber to supply the Navy, lying so near and convenient for the Ship-Yards; but by the Means and Intercession of his Friend the Earl of *Holland*, he at last obtain'd the Favour to let it stand: Which Grove, Sir *Harry*, the present Possessor, finding the Trees decaying at the Tops, hath thought fit to fell, sending the vast Numbers of Rooks to find some other Colony.

This Baronet match'd with *Margaret*, one of the Daughters of *William Lord Paget of Beaufort*; by whom he had Issue, *Baptist, Elizabeth, William, Letitia, Katharine, Francis, Michael, and Elizabeth*, whereof only three surviv'd. He dy'd at his Seat at *Ruckbolts*, and was bury'd honourably, according to his Quality, with Heralds attending his Herse to the Parish-Church, where he was interr'd the 22d Day of *October*, 1680. Aged 84.

Sir *William Hicks's* second Son, surviving, was Sir *Michael Hicks*, Kt. who marry'd *Susan*, youngest Daughter to Sir *Richard How*, Kt. some time Sheriff and Alderman of *London*, and Widow of *Samuel Beaumont-Everard* of the *Middle-Temple*, Esq; by whom he had ten Children, but two only sur-

viv'd, viz. *How Hicks*, Esq; and *Alice*, marry'd to *William Somerford* in *Com. Wilts*, Esq;

Sir *William Hicks*, Kt. and Bart. (Son and Heir of Sir *William*) receiving University Learning also in *Trinity-College*, liv'd many Years, in Honour and Reputation, at his ancient Seat of *Ruckbolts*; was Sheriff of the County of *Essex*, and serv'd that Office with much Credit and Splendour, the Lord Chief Justice *Vaughan*, and Sir *Job Charleton*, then Judges of the Assize at *Chelmsford*: He was knighted by King *Charles 2.* at *Ruckbolts*, and so was his younger Brother *Michael*; (but at several Times) when their Father Sir *William* entertain'd his Majesty at Dinner after Hunting in the Forest. This Sir *William*, at a great Expence, cas'd his Seat at *Ruckbolts* with Brick, much improving and beautifying it in the Condition it now appears. He dy'd A. D. 1703, aged 73 Years, having marry'd *Martbagnes*, (eldest Daughter to Sir *Harry Conysby*, Kt.) now surviving.

This second Sir *William* had a numerous Issue by his said Lady *Martbagnes*, viz. *Mary*, *Harry*, *Michael*, *Margaret*, *William*, *Robert*, *John*, *Michael*, *Elizabeth*, *Charles*, and some others; whereof four surviv'd, viz. Sir *Harry*, *Charles*, *Mary*, and *Margaret*. The former became Wife to *James Darcy* of *Sedburgh* in the County of *York*, Esq; and the latter to *Anthony Wharton* of *Gillingwood* in the same County, Esq; by whom the said *Wharton* hath Issue *Anne*, *Margaret*, *William*, and *Mary*.

Sir *Harry*, eldest Son and Heir, succeeded his Father in Title and Estate, and is now living at *Ruckbolts*. He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to Sir *John Holmes*, Kt. Brother to Sir *Robert*, some time Admiral of the Royal Navy; by whom he had Issue *Margaret* and *Harry*, now Heir apparent. The said *Margaret* his first Wife deceasing, he afterward marry'd *Barbara*, the Daughter of

of ——— *Johnson of Walthamstow*, Gent. by whom he hath Issue, *Ardina*, *Robert*, *Martba*, and *Elizabeth*.

Against the North-Wall of the New Chancel of the Parish-Church of *Low-Leyton*, opposite to the sepulchral Monument of *Sir Michael Hicks* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, is a stately Monument erected by the second *Sir William Hicks* in his Life-time, for his Father, himself, and Lady; shewing three Figures in full Proportion, that is, the said *Sir William*, Kt. and Bart. and his Lady, standing up on each Side, and between them *Sir William Hicks*, Bart. the Father, lying along, leaning with his left Arm upon a Cushion, a Truncheon in his right Hand, as Lieutenant of the Forest: All artificially insculp'd, with these Inscriptions following, above them, thus;

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*H. M. Pie uti par est Memoriis dicator, D. Gulielmi Hickes, Bart. Filii unici ex Elizabethâ Colstonorum stemmate prognata Michaelis Hickes Equitis aurati viri probi ac prudentis D. Gulielmo Baroni Burghleao summo Angliæ Thesaurario quondam à secretis Qui VII. Idus Octobris Anno Domini MDCLXXX obiit cum octogessimum quartum compleisset Annum.*

And under him, this;

*Sir William Hickes, Bart. Lieutenant of the Forest of Waltham, one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of the County of Essex, and an ancient Justice of the Peace for the said County, who for his Loyalty to King Charles 1. in the great Rebellion, underwent much Trouble and Danger. Married Margaret, eldest Daughter of William Lord Paget of Beaufort, by whom he had*

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Issue

*Issue, besides others that dy'd young, Sir William Hickes, Kt. and Bart. and Dame Lætitia, match'd to Arthur, Earl of Donegal in the Kingdom of Ireland. The said William dying full of Days and Honor, was bury'd with a Decency due to his Quality, and lieth in the old Chancel, having liv'd 28 Years after the Decease of his Lady, who dying at Westminster, was interr'd in the Abbey-Church there.*

*D Gulielmi Hickes Equitis aurati & Baronetti præfati D Gulielmi filii natu maximi ac hæredis Qui postquam Vicicomitis Essexien. munus splendide ac fideliter obiisset Ecclesiæ, Patriæ, Principi suis constanter studuisset, annos LXXIII plus minus honorabiliter vixisset, die Aprilis 22 Anno Dom. MDCCIII Fato cessit*

For her :

*D. deniq; Marthagnetes D. Gulielmi Hicks Conjugis lectissima juxta ac piissima D. Harrei Conysby de North Mimms in Comitatu Hertfordien. Equitis aurati ex antiqua Conysbæorum in Comitatu Hertfordien. Prosapia oriundi Filia natu maxima Et quæ numerosam suscepit prolem Osto scil. natos natusq; quinque Equibus Harreius & Carolus Maria & Margareta adhuc supersunt Illa degens annum suæ Ætatis—— Anno Domini—— ad superos evasit*

J. S.



ARMS.

*Gules a Fess Undee, between three Flower-de-luces Or.*

CREST.

*On a Wreath of his Colours, a Buck's Head coup'd Or, gorg'd with a Chaplet of Roses Gules.*

Sir

Sir THOMAS BEAUMONT of COLE-  
ORTON, Kt. Leicest. N<sup>o</sup> 112.

[Septemb. 16. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. 1. 17.]

THE Person above-mention'd was lineally descended from Sir *Thomas Beaumont*, Kt. 2d Son of *John Lord Beaumont*, (a) (and Kt. of the *Garter*) who dy'd in 20 R. 2. of which *John* and his Predecessors much might be said; but Sir *William Dugdale* (b) having treated of them from their first Access into *England*, I shall only interpose a brief Account of the Original of the Family, and mention no more of the *Work*, than is necessary to deduce the *Descent*, and give an Idea of the Grandeur of the Noble Persons therein mention'd.

The Sir-name of *Beaumont* is deriv'd from a City of the same Name in *France*, on the River *Sarte*, in the Province of *Maine*, now the Title of a Dutchy, but heretofore of a Vicounty (whence, for Distinction of other synonymous Places, it had the Adjunct of *Le Vicomte*;) the Heir Female of which Honour and Seignury, nam'd *Agnès*, marrying *Lewis* 2d Son of *Charles* King of *Jerusalem* and *Sicily*, younger Brother of *Lewis* the 9th, King of *France*, (who were both Sons of *Lewis* the 8th, [of the House of *Monpensier*] King of *France*) brought him that Inheritance; and the Sons of the said Marriage took the Name of *Beaumont*, and bore the *Lyon* (the *Arms* of their Mother) with the *Flower-de-Luces*, the *Arms* of (c) *France*.

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(a) *Burton's Leicestershire*, p. 217. (b) *Baron. of England*, Vol. 2. p. 50. (c) *E. Coll. S. Segar in Bibl. Cotton.*

The eldest of the Sons of the said *Agnes* and *Lewis* enjoy'd the Vicounty: *Theobald* was Archbishop of *Paris*; *Lewis*, Bishop of *Durham* in *England*, (and lies bury'd in that Cathedral, near the high Altar at (b) the upper End of the Choir, under a flat Tomb curiously inlaid with Brass, 15 Feet long and 10 broad) and *Henry*, 4th Son, had likewise Grants of several Honours in *England*, and bore many eminent Employments in the State. This *Henry Beaumont* is generally suppos'd to come from *France* on the Instance of Q. *Eleanor*, Wife of King *Edward 1*; for *Isabel* his Sister (Wife of *John* Lord *Vesei* of *Alnwick*, one of the greatest Barons of the North) is stil'd in our Records Kinswoman to that Queen; and the said *Henry* himself (in 1 Ed. 2.) is stil'd *Consanguineus Regis*; (c) at which Time (in Consideration of his eminent Services to King *Ed. 1.*) he had a Grant in Fee of *Folkingham*, with several other Manours in *Com. Linc.* and of all the *Knights Fees* belonging to *Gilbert de Gant*, which his Widow then held in Dower. In 2 Ed. 2. he was join'd in Commission with others for guarding the Marches of *Scotland*; and the next Year being made Constable of *Roxborough-Castle*, he was again sent with the Earl of *Hereford*, and *Robert de Clifford*, to guard the Marches; likewise on the Death of *Alexander*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, the Custody of the Castle of *Somerton* was given him for Life, (being at that Time Constable of the Castle of *Dumfrecze*) also the same Year had a Grant of the *Isle of Man* for Life, by the same Tenure its Lords usually perform'd to the Kings of *Scotland*. In 7 Ed. 2. he was a Commissioner, to whom the Seneschal of *Gasgoin* was to attend on Matters agitated in the Parliament of *Paris*; before the End of which Year, being again imploy'd in *Scotland*,

(b) *Willk's Not. Parl. Vol. 2. p. 530.* (c) *Dugd. Bar. pred.*



land, he was at the Siege of *Strivelin*, and the fatal Battel of *Bannockborne*. In 10 *Ed. 2.* he was the King's Lieutenant for the *North*, and the next Year Governour of the Castle of *Montandre* in *Gasgoigne*; and the Year following, join'd with *Andrew de Harcla*, Earl of *Carssile*, to restrain the Incursions of the *Scots*, for which People he had so little Kindness (notwithstanding he had a great Estate amongst them, by marrying one of the Co-heirs to *Alexander* Earl of *Boghan*, Constable of *Scotland*) that tho' he was a Baron of the Realm, and sworn both of the Great and Privy Council, yet he irreverently refus'd to give the King his Advice towards facilitating a Peace with them; at which the King, highly incens'd, committed him to Prison; but being bail'd out, and his Majesty's Heat allay'd, he came again into Favour, and was sent (18 *Ed. 2.*) one of the Ambassadors to treat of Peace with *Charles* King of *France*: But soon afterwards, adhering to the Queen and Prince, with other Nobles, against the King, he was seiz'd and sent Prisoner to *Warwick-Castle*, and from thence to *Wallingford*; yet upon a Turn of Affairs, one of the Articles against *Hugh le Despencer* the younger, was for causing this *Henry* to be imprison'd.

Standing firm in the Interest of the Queen and Prince, he attended her to the Earl of *Heynalt*, on her going out of *England*: And when the King (almost totally deserted) attempted to flee beyond Sea, he was by him taken and brought back, and deliver'd Prisoner to the Queen. In the Reign of *Ed. 3.* the Lands of the *English* Nobility being seiz'd in *Scotland*, this *Henry* (bearing then the Title of Earl of *Boghan*) went, with others, into *Scotland*, and encountering the *Scots*, routed them near *Gledismore*, by whose Advice and Counsel that memorable Victory was obtain'd.

tain'd. But this being done without the King's Knowledge, his Lands in *England* were seiz'd; yet soon after, upon an Hearing in Parliament of what was objected against him, he had Restitution thereof by the full Consent of the Peers; upon a farther Representation to *David* King of *Scotland*, he obtain'd his Lands in *Scotland*. About the 8th of *Ed. 3.* *Isabel de Vescy* his Sister, dying without Issue, a considerable Estate fell to him; In 10 *Ed. 3.* being then Constable of the Army, he was sent into *Scotland* for the Defence of that Realm; also the same Year attended the King into *Flanders*, and two Years after was made Justice of *Scotland*. He departed this Life in 14 *Ed. 3.* being one of the most potent Men of his Time. He had with *Alice*, his Wife, (Daughter, and at length sole Heir to *Alexander Comin*, Earl of *Boughan* in *Scotland*) the Manour of *Whitwick* (a) in *Leicestershire*, with divers other Lands and Possessions in the said County, and was succeeded therein by *John* his Son and Heir.

Which *John* Lord *Beaumont* was Constable of *England*, 12 *Ed. 2.* and in 13 *Ed. 3.* was in the Expedition then made into *Flanders*; was likewise retain'd to serve the King in his Fleet, and the same Year serv'd in the Wars of *Scotland*. He dy'd two Years after his Father, viz. in 16 *Ed. 3.* having had Summons to Parliament that same Year; leaving by *Eleanor* his Wife, 5th Daughter of *Henry Plantaganet* Earl of *Lancaster*, (Grandson to King *Henry 3.*) an only Son *Henry*, who succeeded him in Honour and Estate.

Which *Henry* Lord *Beaumont* was born beyond Sea, but naturaliz'd in Parliament in 25 *Ed. 3.* and having been in the Wars of *Gasgoin* in 40 *Ed. 3.* dy'd in 43 *Ed. 3.* leaving by his Wife *Margaret* (Daughter

(a) *Burton's Leicest. p. 364.*

(Daughter to *John Vesey* Earl of *Oxford*) *John*, his Son and Heir. The Memory of which Marriages was preserv'd in the Church of *Barton upon Humber*, in this Tetractick.

*Rex Hierosolymus cum Bellomonte locatur*  
*Bellus mons etiam cum Bogban confociatur.*  
*Bellus mons iterum Longicastro religatur*  
*Bellus mons — Oxonie titulatur.*

*John*, Lord *Beaumont*, (Son and Heir of *Henry*) was at *Burbroke* in 7 R. 2. when the King of *France*, with his whole Army, besieg'd it; and accompany'd *John* of *Gaunt* D. of *Lancaster* into *Spain* in 10 R. 2. yet before the End of the Year he was expell'd the Court as an evil Counsellor to the King, by the great Lords assembled at *Haringey-Park*; but these Heats abating, he rose again in Power, was made Admiral of the King's Fleet Northwards, and one of the Wardens of the *Scotch* Marches; was afterwards employ'd in the Wars of *France*, made Governour of *Cbirburgh-Castle*, Constable of *Dover-Castle*, Warden of the *Cinque-Ports*, and Knight of the Garter; dying, full of Honour, in 20 R. 2. He had by his 1st Wife, *Catharine*, (Daughter and Heir of Sir *Thomas Everingham* of *Laxton*, Kt.) three Sons, *Henry*, *Thomas* hereafter-mention'd, and *Richard*; but I don't find he had any Issue by his 2d Wife, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Thomas Mowbray* Earl Marshal, Widow to *Nicholas* Lord *Audley* of *Heleigh*, who, surviving him, was afterwards marry'd to *Michael de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*.

From *Henry*, (eldest Son of the said *John*) by his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *William* Lord *Willoughby*, descended by a younger Son the *Beaumonts* of *Wednesbury* in *Com. Staff*. But *John*, eldest Son of the said *Henry*, succeeded to the Barony, and was

was created Earl of *Bulloign* by King *Henry 6.* and Vicount *Beaumont* (the 1st of that Title in *England*;) he was in great Favour with that King, under whom he bore the most honourable Employments, was a Knight of the Garter, and lost his Life in his Cause, against the House of *Tork*, in the Battel of *Northampton*, the 10th of *July*, *A. D.* 1459, (38 *H. 6.*) leaving *William* his Successor, and a Daughter *Joan*, marry'd to *John* Lord *Lovell* of *Tichmersh*.

Which *William* adhering to the *Lancastrian* Interest, participated of the hard Fate which befel that Family; for, being taken Prisoner at *Towton-Field*, 1 *Ed. 4.* he was the same Year attainted, and his Manours of *Whitwick* and *Loughborough* was given to the Lord *Hastings*; and many other Manours and Estates taken from him, some of which retain his Name to this Day. But after King *Henry 7.* obtain'd the Crown, he was restor'd to his Dignities again, and dying in the 23d of that Reign, was bury'd at *Wivenhoe* in *Essex*: For in the Chancel of that Church is a Monument erected to his Memory, shewing his Effigies in Armour, lying at length, his Head resting on a Lyon, (his Crest) and at his Feet an Elephant, with this Inscription:

*Here in the Earth, under this Marbell, rest the Bonys of the Noble Lord William Beaumont, Knight, Vycount Beaumont; and Lord Bardolphe; which William, after the natural Course of all earthly Creators, decessed the 20th Day of Decemb, in the Yere of Chriss's Incarnation, MCCCCVII, whose Soule Jhu of his infinite Mercy receive into Joy.*

And

And for his Lady, is this Inscription :

*Of your Charitie pray for the Soule of the High and Noble Lady Elizabeth Scroope, first married to the Noble Lord Willm late Vycount Beaumont Lord Comyn, Bardolph, Philip, and Erpingham; and after, Wife unto the High and Noble Lord John, sumtyme Earl of Oxford, High Chamberlin of England, and Admiral of the same, Vycount Bulbeck, Lord Scales, Councillor to our Sovereaine Lord the King, and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter. The which Lady Elizabeth departed to God the 26th Day of June, 1537; on whose Soule, and Christen Souls, Jhu have Mercy.*

The said *William* Lord Vicount Beaumont dy'd without Issue; so that *Francis* Vicount Lovell (his Nephew) had he been at that Time living, and not attainted, should have been his Heir; for the Barony of *Beaumont* of *Folkingham*, being a Barony in Fee, could not descend to the Colateral Branches in the Male Line; whereby the Peerage ceas'd in this Family.

The principal Line remaining, is descended from *Thomas*, 2d Son of *John* Lord Beaumont, Knight of the Garter, and Brother to *Henry* Lord Beaumont, Father of *John* the 1st Vicount Beaumont. Which *Thomas* being Lord of *Basquerville*, and Captain of *Galliarde*, (c) was retain'd with *John* Duke of *Bedford* Regent of *France* in the Minority of King *Hen. 6.* to serve the King in those Wars; and having in Marriage (5 H. 5.) *Phillipe*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Thomas Maureward*, Kt. was possess'd of the Inheritance of her Father, viz. the Manours of *Godeby*, (d) *Overton*, *Quartermains*, &c. He

(c) *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. 2. p. 55. (d) *Burton's Leicest.* p. 170.

He dy'd \* in 36 H. 6. leaving Issue two Sons, *John* and *Thomas*, from whom the *Beaumonts* of *Gracedieu* descended.

*John Beaumont*, eldest Son, resided at *Overton*, (now call'd *Cole-Orton*, from the *Cole-Mines* there) but the *English* being driven from their Acquisitions in *France*, the Lordship of *Basquerville* was lost: He was slain in 38 H. 6. with (e) his Cousin *John* Lord Vicount *Beaumont*, in the Batel of *Northampton*; leaving by *Joan* his Wife, (Daughter of *John* Lord *Darcy*) *John* his Son and Heir, aged 10 Years, as appears by Inquisition taken in 1 Ed. 4.

Which *John*, in 5 Hen. 7. was made one of the Knights of the *Bath*, at the Creation of *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*; (f) but having no Issue by his Wife *Alice*, Daughter to Sir *William Fielding*, settled his Estate (after the Decease of him and his Wife) on his Brother *George* and his Heirs. He dy'd (g) (11 Aug. 23 H. 8.) in the 86th Year of his Age, as may be computed from his being ten Years old 1 Ed. 4.

The said *George Beaumont* marry'd *Joan*, Daughter and Heir to Sir *Thomas Pauncefoot* of *Northball* in *Com. Gloucest.* and dy'd in 22 H. 8. leaving Issue *William* his Son and Heir, who marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to Sir *William Basset* of *Blore*. He dy'd in 20 H. 8. and she 2 July in the 31st of that King's Reign, having had two Daughters that marry'd, and several Sons, three of which were Heads of Families: 1. *Richard* hereafter-mention'd; 2. *George*, who liv'd in *Kent*, and had Issue *Henry Beaumont* Dean of *Windsor*, and others; 3. *Anthony*, Father of Sir *Francis Beaumont*, and *Mary*, who marry'd Sir *George Villiers*, Kt. and was created (after her

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(\* ) E Coll. Tho. Jekyll Arm. (e) Burton prod. p. 219.  
(f) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton. Claudius C. 3. (g) Inquis.  
23 H. 8.

Husband's Decease) Countess of *Buckingham* by King *James I.* being Mother to *John Villiers* Viscount *Purbeck*, *Christopher*, Earl of *Anglesey*, and *George*, Duke of *Bucks*, that great Favourite of King *James I.* and King *Charles I.*

*Richard Beaumont* (Son and Heir of *William* aforesaid) succeeded his Father in his Inheritance, and also to the Estate of his great Uncle *John*, viz. Brother to *George Beaumont* aforesaid; and was dead in 30 *Hen. 8.* (a) for by Inquisition taken at *Harborough* in *Com. Leicest.* that Year, after his Death, it was found that he had been seiz'd of the Manour of *Goudby*, his Mother *Mary* enjoining the Capital Messuage and Scite of that Manour and other Lands there; and that he had also the Manour of *Overton* and *Quartermerstb*; and by Indenture in 28 *H. 8.* had granted to his Brothers, *George*, *Edward*, and *James*, divers Annuities; and by another (b) Inquisition (31 *H. 8.*) it appears, that he dy'd 18 *Octob.* in 29 *H. 8.* leaving Issue by his Wife, nam'd *Collet*, (who was Daughter and Heir to *Richard Clerke* of *Buckingham*, Esq;) *Nicholas* his Son and Heir.

The said *Nicholas Beaumont* was one of the Knights of the Shire in Parliament (c) for the County of *Leicestershire* in 14 *Eliz.* and Sheriff thereof in the 19th of that Queen. He marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of *William Saunders* of *Welford* in *Northamptonshire*, Esq; who dy'd the 7th of *Septemb.* *A. D.* 1582, (d) and was bury'd in *Christ Church*, *London*; and he, dying the same Year, was bury'd by her, leaving six Children, four Sons and two Daughters; *Dorothy*, marry'd to *William Read* of *Barton upon Humber*; and *Catherine*, to Sir *Henry Berkley*, Bart. The Sons were 1. *Henry.* 2. *Francis,*  
who

(a) *Inquis.* 30 *H. 8.* (b) *Inquis.* 31 *H. 8.* (c) *M. S. penes B. Willis, Arm.* (d) *Ex Stemmate.*

who was Master of the *Charter-house*, and dy'd therein, *A. D.* 1624. without Issue. 3. *Sir Thomas Beaumont* of *Bedworth* and *Stoughton-Grange*, *Kt.* Ancestor to the present *Sir George Beaumont* of *Soughton*, *Bart.* Member of Parliament for the Town of *Leicester*. 4. *Huntington Beaumont*, who marry'd— Daughter of— *Holland*, and left Issue

*Henry* (eldest Son and Heir of *Nicholas*;) who was elected one of the Knights for *Leicestershire* in the Parliament held in 31 *Eliz.* (a) was Sheriff of that County in 36 *Eliz.* and meeting King *James I.* at *Workshop* in *Nottinghamshire*, when he came first into *England*, receiv'd from him the Honour of Knighthood (20th of *April* 1603.) He, and *Elizabeth* his Lady, lie bury'd (b) in *Cole-Orton Church*, under a fair and beautiful Tomb, erected against the South-Wall of the South-Isle of the said Church, the Figures of a Knight and his Lady, lying at their full Length, colour'd, painted, and gilt, with this Inscription :

*Here lyeth the Body of Sir Henry Beaumont, Kt. and Lady Elizabeth his Wife. Which Sir Henry was Son to Nicholas Beaumont, Esq. And Elizabeth was Daughter and Heir of Thomas Lewis, Esq; by whom he had one only Son, viz. Sir Thomas Beaumont, Kt. who marry'd the Daughter and Heir of Henry Sapcots, Esq; which Sir Henry dy'd 31 March, Anno Dom. 1607; and the said Lady Elizabeth dy'd the 26th of March, 1608.*

The said *Sir Thomas Beaumont* (in the Life-time of his Father) was one of the Knights for *Leicestershire* in the first Parliament call'd by King *James I.* and

(a) *MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm.* (b) *Burton's Leicest.* p. 209.



and was Sheriff of the said County in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year of that King, who conferr'd on him the Dignity of a Baronet, *Septemb. 17, A. D. 1619*, and afterwards promoted him (*A. D. 1622.*) to the Peerage of *Ireland*, by the Title of Vicount *Beaumont of Swords* in that Kingdom. He was loyal to King *Charles 1.* during the great Delinquency of his Subjects; engag'd in his Service, and kept his Manour-House of *Cole-Orton* as a Garrison; which, being taken by the Rebels, was burnt to the Ground. He had Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Henry Sapcot of Elton in Com. Huntingdon, Esq;* five Daughters and two Sons; *Sapcot*, born 10 *May 1614*; and *Henry*, born *A. D. 1616*, who dy'd unmarried.

*Sapcot* succeeded to the Honours and Estate, and having marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Mounson, Kt.* had Issue a Daughter *Elizabeth*, (Wife of Sir *John Hotham, Bart.*) and two Sons, *Thomas* his Successor, and *John*.

Which *Thomas* Lord Vicount *Beaumont*, with his said Brother *John*, had their Share in the Sufferings of their Father and Grandfather for their Loyalty to King *Charles 1.* their Estates being sequester'd by the usurping Powers. *John*, when young, attended K. *Charles 2.* in his Exile, (*k*) and, after the Restoration, had, under that Prince and his Brother King *James 2.* divers honourable Employments (*l*) at Court; but this their Affection to the Royal Family did not hinder them, when they saw their Country's Religion and Liberties endanger'd by King *James 2.* from exerting themselves, in Defence of those valuable Blessings. *Thomas*, the Vicount, rais'd a Troop for the Prince of *Orange*; and *John*, his Brother, who, besides his civil Preferments, had under King *James* a Commission

(*k*) *Ex Inform. Dom. Geo. Beaumont, Bar.* (*l*) *Ibid.*

mission of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of which the Duke of *Berwick* was Colonel, being commanded to take some *Irish* Papists into the Regiment, then at *Portsmouth*, stoutly oppos'd the King in it, and in spite of all Invitations and Menaces, persisted in the Refusal; for which he, and some other Officers that adher'd to him, were imprison'd: And as the King by this gave great Discontent to his Subjects, so it furnish'd the Prince of *Orange*, at his Landing, with Matter for his Declaration.

The said *John*, with his Brother *Thomas* Vicount *Beaumont*, and their Cousin Sir *Thomas Beaumont* of *Stoughton*, Bart. (eldest Brother of the present Sir *George Beaumont*) went, with their Followers, to the Prince of *Orange* on his first Landing, and after his Coronation were preferr'd by him. *John* was made Governor of *Dover-Castle*, and Colonel of that Regiment whereof he had been Lieutenant-Colonel, and serv'd his Majesty Abroad many Years, but dy'd before his elder Brother, on the 3d of *July*, A. D. 1701; having marry'd two Wives, *Felicia*, the Widow of Sir *Charles Compton*, and *Phillipe* the Daughter of Sir *Nicholas Carew* of *Beddington* in *Com. Surr.* Kt. but by neither of them had Issue.

*Thomas* Vicount *Beaumont* (Brother to the said *John*) having likewise no Children by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter to Sir *Erasmus Fountain* of *Kirby-Bellars* in *Com. Leicest.* Kt. begun, in his Life-time, (pursuant to a charitable Inclination that was ever natural to him) the Foundations of an *Hospital* for six *Widows*, and of a *Free School* at *Cole-Orton*, to which he left good Endowments, and appointed, for Trustees, his Heir, the Rector of the Parish, and two others; and dying, without Issue, on the 11th of *June*, in the Year 1702, the Title of Baronet, and his other Dignities, expir'd.

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He was honourably interr'd in the Vault of his Ancestors, in *Cole Orton* Church, by his Cousin (and the Heir Male of his Family) *Sir George Beaumont* of *Stoughton*, Bart. to whom he left, by Will, all his Estate. He was (as I have before shewn) lineally descended, of paternal Ancestors, from the Kings of *France*, and by the Match of *John* Lord *Beaumont* with *Eleanor*, Daughter of *Henry Plantagenet* Earl of *Lancaster*, was likewise extracted from the Body of King *Henry 3.* of *England*.



ARMS.

*Azure, Semi de Flower-de-Luces, a Lion Rampant Or, Armed and Langued Gules.*

CREST.

*On a Chapeau Azure set with 3 Flower-de-Luces Or, (turn'd up Ermin) a Lion Passant of the same.*

MOTTO.

*Erectus non Elatus.*

HENRY SALISBURY of LIEWENY.  
Denby. N<sup>o</sup> 113.

[18 Novemb. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

THIS Family, variously written *Salisbury*, *Salesbury*, and *Salisbury*, is conjectur'd to be a *Junior* from *Walter de Emrus* Earl of *Rosmar* and *Mante* in the County of *Vexin*, (who accompany'd *William the Conqueror* into *England*, and was rewarded, among other Donations, with

the Lordships of *Salisbury* and *Ambrosbury* in *Com. Wilts*) for his younger Son *Edward*, born at *Salisbury*, took that Sir-name, and was a Witness to a Charter of the said King's founding the Abbey of *Selby* in *Com. Ebor.* (a) This *Edward*, in 20 *H. 1.* was Standard-bearer to the King in the Battel of *Bretteville* in *Normandy*, and left Issue *Walter de Salisbury.* or *Saisbury*, whose Posterity had afterwards the Sir-name of *D'Ewrix* or *D'Evereux*, and were Earls of (b) *Salisbury*.

Other Genealogies deduce this Family from *Adam de Salesbury*, a younger Son of the Duke of (c) *Bavaria*, who came into *Wales*, and was Captain of the Garrison of *Denbigh*, whereby he became possess'd of Lands there; and by his Wife *Joyce*, Daughter to Sir *William Pomfret*, had Issue two Sons, *Alexander* and *Thomas*.

Which *Thomas* having in Marriage *Joyce*, Daughter and Co-heir to Sir *William Maunde-vile*, Kt. left Issue *John de Salusbury*, who was living in the Reign of King *Henry 3.* in all Likelihood the same *John de Salusbury* that founded the Abbey of *Denbigh*; and dying in the Reign of King *Edward 1.* had Sepulture in that religious House, the Brass of a Stone there having this Inscription, (d) (mutilated in the late Civil Wars) which may be supply'd as within the Brackets:

[Date pro Anima] Johannis Salusbury  
[armigeri] — qui quidem Johannis Salusbury  
[obit] vii Die Mensis Martii Anno  
Dom. Millimo CCLXXXIX. [cujus  
Anime propitiatur Deus.]

The said *John* was Father of *Henry Salisbury*, call'd the *Black*, who by his Wife *Hester*, (or as others

(a) *Mon. Angl.* Vol. 1. p. 371. a. 62. (b) *Dugd. Bar.* Vol. 1.  
(c) *Ex stemmate penes Dom. Robt. Cotton de Cumb. Bart.* (d) *Ex Anttog. Dom. Robt. Cotton præd.*

others, *Nesta*) Daughter and Heir to *Kenrick Sais*, had Issue *William*.

Which *William* serv'd in the Parliament held at *Westminster*, as one of the Burgesses for *Leominster in Com. Heref.* in 6 *Edw. 3.* was also return'd for the same Place in thole Parliaments of the 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 26th, 37th of *Ed. 3.* (a) and serv'd, with *John de Salisbury*, in 38 *Ed. 3.* Likewise he, or another of the same Name, serv'd with *Thomas Salisbury* in 7 *R. 2.* He had Issue (by *Ancharet* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to *David ap Kenrich ap Philip*) *Rowling*, or *Ralph*, his Son and Heir, who, by his Wife *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir to *Jevan ap Cadcegan*, had Issue *Henry* and *John*; the latter was a *Knight*, and *Master* of the *Horse* to King *Edw. 3.* (b) who having marry'd *Joan*, youngest Daughter and Co-heir of Sir *John Hastings*, had, in her Right, the Manour of *Granborough*, &c. (c) in *Warwickshire*, with the Manours of *Upton-Waryn in Com. Wigorn.* and *Chelsey in Com. Staff.* but being attainted in (d) Parliament 12 *R. 2.* suffer'd Death the same Year.

*Henry Salisbury*, Esq; (Son and Heir of *Rowling*) marry'd *Agnes*, Daughter and Co-heir to *John Curtes*, and dying in 1 *Hen. 4.* (e) was bury'd in the religious House at *Denbigh*, his Monument being yet to be seen, tho' the Sepulchral Plate has no more on it than

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### Henry Salisbury

— The Daughter and Heir of John Curtis.

He had Issue by her two Sons, *Thomas*, and *Roger Salisbury* of *Horton*, whose Granddaughter, the

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(a) *Pryn. Brief. Registr. Vol. 4. iisd. An.* (b) *E Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.* (c) *Dugdale's Ant. of Warwickshire, p. 210, and 213.* (d) *Claus. 12. R. 2. M. 44.* (e) *Esch. 1. H. 4. N. 22.*

Heir of his Son *William*, became Wife to *William* Lord *Parr* (in her Right) of *Horton*.

This last *Thomas* was bury'd with his Father, and another Plate commemorates him and his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter to Sir *John Donne*, Kt. by whom he had a numerous Off spring, whereof

*Thomas Salisbury*, the eldest Son, having valiantly behav'd himself against the *Cornish* Rebels headed by the Lord *Audley*, was knighted at the Bridge-Foot, upon the King's entring *London* after the Battel of *Black-beath* (e) in 12 H. 7. He marry'd *Joane*, Daughter to Sir *William Vaughan* Chamberlain of *North-Wales*, by whom he had Issue a Daughter *Margaret*, Wife to *Edward Hammer*, and three Sons, Sir *Roger*, *John*, Chamberlain of *Denbigh*, and *Thomas*, from whom the *Salisbury*s of *Dolbelider* in *Com. Denbigh* are deriv'd, remarkable for producing *Henry Salisbury*, who commenc'd Commoner of *St. Alban's-Hall, Oxon. A. D. 1581*, aged twenty Years; enter'd on the Physick Line, practis'd afterwards in his own Country, and was esteem'd by the Learn'd not only an eminent Physician, but a curious Critick, especially in Matters relating to the Antiquities and Language of his own Country, as appears by his *Dictionarium Britannicum*, the Manuscript whereof was a great Help and Use to Dr. *Davies's* (f) Composition.

Sir *Thomas Salisbury*, aforesaid, liv'd to a great Age; for it appears by his Sepulchral Plate hereafter-mention'd, that *Joan* his Wife dy'd in 1 H. 6. he surviving till 21 H. 7. Also that he had another Wife, is evident from his last Testament (\*) made at his Mansion of *Lawney*, which bears Date the 26th of *Decemb. 1505*; whereby he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Chancel of the *Carmelites*

(e) *N.m. Milit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius C. 3. (f) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. Vol. 1. p. 226. (\*) Regist. A Dean. qu. 5. in Cur. Ererog.*

*lites* at *Denbigh*, before the High Altar, and constitutes *Janette* his Wife Executor; and Witnesses thereunto, were his Sons *Fulco Salsbury*, (Dean of *St. Asaph*) and *Roger* his Son and Heir. He dy'd in *January* following, and was bury'd according to his Desire; for in the said religious House a Monument was erected to his Memory, with this Inscription:

**Orate pro Animabus Thomæ Salusbury  
militis & Dominae Johanne Uxoris  
ejus Qui quidem Thomas Dominus obiit  
— Die Januarii Anno Domini Millesimo  
quingentesimo quinto Et Domina  
Johanna obiit, quarto Die Mensis Sep-  
tembris, Anno Dom. MCCCCXXVII.  
quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus.**

His eldest Son, Sir *Roger Salsbury*, Kt. marry'd twice, but had Issue only by his Wife *Elizabeth*, Sister to Sir *John Pulifson*, Kt. viz. two Daughters and four Sons, *John*, *Thomas*, *Foulk*, and *Robert Salsbury* of *Rugge*, Esq; (\*) who by his last Testament (dated the 24th of *Septemb.* 1550, and the Probat the 9th of *December* following, 4 *Ed.* 6.) orders his Body to be bury'd in the Parish-Church of *Lawenny*, and appoints *John* his Son and Heir apparent (by *Catharine* his Wife, who surviv'd him) his Executor; from whom is descended *Roger Salsbury* now of *Rugge*, Esq.

*John*, the eldest Son, with *Thomas Salsbury*, (a) were constituted, the 10th of *June*, in 22 *H.* 8. Constable of the Castle of *Denbigh*, also Steward of the Manour and Priory of *Denbigh* during their Lives: The said *John* was likewise constituted (b)

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(\*) *Regist. Coode. qu.* 28. (a) *Pri. Sigill.* 22 *H.* 3. (b) *Ibid* 28 *H.* 8.

Chancellor and Chamberlain of the County of *Denbigh* in 28 *H. 8.* Represented the said County in Parliament in (c) 33 *H. 8.* and the 22d of *February* in 1 *Ed. 6.* was made one of the Knights of the Carpet (d) by the King's Mandate. In the Parliament that met at *Westminster*, 5 *Octob.* in 1 *Q. M.* he again represented the County of *Denbigh*; as likewise in another Parliament (e) that met at *Oxford* the 2d of *April* following, at which Time, *John*, his eldest Son, serv'd with him for the Town of *Denbigh*; as also in that which met at *Westminster* 12 *Novemb.* 1 & 2 *Phil. & M.* He had Issue two Daughters, *Jane* and *Elizabeth*; likewise seven Sons, 1. *John*; 2. *George*, who marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to *Thomas Gresvenor* of *Eaton*, Esq; 3. *Thomas*, who had to Wife *Elena*, Daughter to *Richard Lloyd* of *Rossendale*; 4. *Edward*, who espous'd *Martha*, Daughter to *Bartholomew Dodd* of *London*; 5. *Hugh*, who wedded *Anne*, Daughter to *Sir George Stradling*, Kt. 6. *Roger*, Doctor of the Civil Law, and of *Jesus-College Oxon*, (f) who marry'd *Anne*, Daughter and Co-heir to *Richard Clough*, a Knight of the Order of *St. John of Jerusalem*; and *Robert*, seventh and youngest Son, who had in Marriage *Margaret*, Daughter to *Edward Stanby* of *Enlow*; all or most of which Sons left Posterity.

*Sir John*, the Father, with his Lady, lie bury'd at *Whitchurch* near *Denbigh*, under a Marble Tomb, with this Memorial :

*Here lyeth the Body of Sir John Salusbury of Lleweny in the County of Denbigh, Kt. who departed the 18th of March, in the Tear of our Lord 1578; and Dame Jane bis Wife, Daughter and*

(c) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. (d) Nonp. Equit. in Dibl. Cotton.  
(e) MS. trad. (f) Fast. Oxon. p. 744.



and Co-heir to David Middleton, Esq; Alderman of Westchester; which Jane, in Anno 1588, at her Charges, fully erected this Tomb or Monument, and dy'd the ———— of ———— Anno 15—

Round the Sides of the Tomb were the Names of their Children, over several Figures representing them, which are now obliterated.

*John Salisbury*, Esq; (the eldest Son of Sir *John*) marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter and Heir to *Tudor ap Robert*; and dying in his Father's Life-time, left Issue two Sons, *Thomas* and *John*; which *Thomas* being zealous in the *Romish* Religion, was in the Conspiracy with those that design'd the Murder of Queen *Elizabeth*, for the Delivery of the Queen of Scots from Imprisonment, for which he suffer'd Death (i) the 20th of September, A. D. 1586, leaving an only Daughter, *Margaret*, Wife to *William Norrys* of *Speke*, in *Com. Lanc.* Esq.

*John Salisbury*, his Brother, succeeded in the Estate at *Lleweny*, and, by reason of his great Strength, was surnam'd the *Strong*. He receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood, serv'd for *Denbigh* County in the Parliament 43 *Eliz.* (a) and dy'd in the Year 1613. By *Ursula*, his Wife, a Daughter of *Henry Stanley* Earl of *Derby*, he had Issue four Sons and three Daughters; whereof *Henry*, as eldest Son and Heir, enjoy'd the Inheritance.

This *Henry* was rais'd to the Dignity of a Baronet by King *James* Ist, in the 17th Year of his Reign, A. D. 1619; and having marry'd *Hester*, Daughter to Sir *Tbo. Middleton* of *Chirk Castle*, Kt. had Issue *Thomas*, *John*, *Ursula*, and *Elizabeth*;

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(i) *Camden's Annals of Q. Eliz.* p. 304. (a) MS. pen drawn Willis, Arm.

and by *Elizabeth*, his 2d Wife, Daughter of Sir *John Vaughan*, (afterwards Earl of *Carbery*) had Issue a Daughter, *Anne*, marry'd to the Honourable *Arthur Stanhope* of *Mansfield*, in *Com. Nott.* younger Son of *Philip*, the 1st Earl of *Chesterfield* of that Name, and dying 2 *Aug. A. D.* 1632, was succeeded in Title and Estate by

*Thomas Salisbury*, his eldest Son and Heir; who became a Gentleman-Commoner of *Jesus College* about the Beginning of the Reign of *K. Charles I.* but, taking no Degree, retir'd (after he had for some Time resided in the City of *London*) to his Patrimony; and having a natural Genius to Poetry and Romance, exercis'd himself in those juvenile Studies, till at length he became a celebrated Poet; as is evident by his *History of Joseph*, printed in *English Verse*, in 13 Chapters, containing about 16 Sheets. (b) He serv'd in Parliament for the County of *Denbigh*, in the Reign of King *Charles I.* took early to Arms in the Time of the Rebellion; and waiting on his Majesty at *Oxford*, *A. D.* 1642, was created, among several Persons of Quality, Doctor of the Civil-Law in that University. Dying in the Year 1643, he was bury'd in the Vault at *Whitchurch*, joyning to *Llewery*, and by his Wife, *Hester*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Tyril* of *Thornton*, in *Com. Bucks.* Bart. (whom he left a Widow) had Issue *John*, his Son and Heir.

Which Sir *John Salisbury*, Bart. was, in the Life-time of his Father, (15 *Car. I.*) one of the Members (c) for *Denbigh*, and was likewise elected for the said Town in all the Parliaments call'd by King *Charles* the II<sup>d</sup>. He marry'd *Jane*, Daughter to *Edward Williams* of *Wigg*, Esq; but

(b) *Wood's Athen. Oxon. Vol. 2, p. 15.*

(c) *MS. penes Brown*

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but having no Issue, his Sister *Hester*, Wife to Sir *Robert Cotton* of *Cumbermere*, Knight and Baronet, was his Heir; and the Title of Baronet expir'd with him.



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*Gules a Lyon Rampant Argent, crown'd Or, between 3 Crescents of the same.*

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*A Demi-Lyon Rampant, coup'd and crown'd Or, holding in his Paws a Crescent of the same.*

ERASMUS DRYDEN of CANONS-ASHBY, Esq; Northampt. N<sup>o</sup> 114.

[*Novemb. 16. A. D. 1619. Jac. I. 17.*]

**T**HIS Gentleman was Great Grandson of *William Driden* (a) or *Dreyden*, (as anciently written) whose Son *David* marry'd *Elizabeth*, (or, as others, *Isabel*) Daughter and Heir of *William Nicholson* of *Staff-hill* in the County of *Cumberland*, and had Issue three Sons, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Christopher*; also two Daughters, *Anne*, and *Isabel*, Wife of *Thomas Warwick* of the said County of *Cumberland*.

*John Dryden* (eldest Son of *David*) was seated at *Cannons-Ashby* in *Com. Northamp.* by Means of his Marriage with *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John Cope*

(a) *Liber Baronetorum MS. penes praehonorab. Joh. Vicecom. Fermanagh.*

Cope of that Place. He was by Profession a *School-master*, and being learn'd and well acquainted with *Erasmus of Rotterdam*, that Person was Godfather to one of his Sons, (as (b) the famous Antiquary *Wood* asserts;) yet considering he marry'd a *Knight's* Daughter of a good Estate and Fortune, it may be question'd, whether *Mr. Wood* was rightly inform'd in his first Particular; but that the celebrated *Erasmus* was Godfather to one of his Sons, may very well be credited, since his eldest Son was of that Name. He dy'd about the latter End of *August 1584*, (26 *Eliz.*) as appears by the Probat of his last Testament; the Preamble whereof (\*) being somewhat remarkable, I shall insert it in his own Words.

I *John Dryden of Ashbye in the Countie of Northt. Gentleman*, do make and ordeyne my last *Will and Testament in Manner and Forme* followings: *First*, I bequeathe my *Soul to Almighty God my Creator*, by the *Merits of whose Sonne Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer I doe beleive to be saved*, the *Holye Ghost assuring my Spyrite that I am the Elect of God*; my *Body to be buried in the Churche of Ashby aforesaid, near unto the Place where Sir John Cope, Kt. is buried*. And althoughe I do not allowe of *Pompe in Burialls*, yett for some reasonable Considerations, I will that the *Stone that I have already prepared shall be layde upon my Grave, and my Armes and my Wyves graven in Brass thereupon*. Notwithstandinge yf *God call for mee farther distant from Ashbye*, then that yt be thought necessarie to my *Executours to bring me thither*, I referre that to their *Discreffions*, and so doe I the *Place of my Burial*, wether in the *Place aforesayde, or in the Churche-Yarde, or else-where in the Churche*.

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(b) *Fasti Oxonienses* Vol. 1. *CV.* 742. (\*) *Regist. vocat. Watson in Cur. Pæreg. Cant.*

" He bequeaths to *George Dryden, John, Thomas,*  
 " *Nicholas, and Stephen Dryden* his Sons, with *Eli-*  
 " *zabeth, Bridget, and Emme* his Daughters, two  
 " thousand four hundred Pounds, to be divided  
 " equally among them when they come to Age,  
 " and charges them that they be advis'd and  
 " councell'd, in their Marriages, by their Mo-  
 " ther, and eldest Brother *Erasmus Dryden* his Son  
 " Son and Heir, whom he also charges to have  
 " a special Regard and Care thereto. On his Nephew  
 " *David Dryden* he bestows ten Pounds, hoping he  
 " will endeavour to benefit in Learning such of his  
 " Sons that shall be sent to *Oxford*, and desires  
 " his Executors to bring up his Sons and Daugh-  
 " ters in Learning and good Exercises. He be-  
 " queaths to *Mary Foxeley*, his Daughter, and her  
 " Children, a Nest of Silver Tun Cups; also to  
 " *John Dryden* (Son to *Erasmus* his eldest Son) a  
 " a great guilt Salt, and to *Francis and Elizabeth*  
 " his Sisters, a Tun Cup of Silver; to *George* his  
 " Son, he gives all his Lands in *Adson*; and to all  
 " other Sons aforementioned, Annuities, out of  
 " *Abby*, of ten Pounds *per Ann.* during their  
 " Lives, to begin immediately after his Decease,  
 " over and above what he had before bequeath'd.  
 " The rest of all his Goods, &c. he gives to *Eraf-*  
 " *mus* his eldest Son, whom he constitutes his Ex-  
 " ecutor, with *Francis Foxeley*, Gent. his Son-in-  
 " Law, and *Thomas Emely* of *Helmeden*, Esq.

Which *Erasmus Dryden* took the Degree of Batch-  
 elor of Arts in *Oxon* (c) the 17th of *June*, 1577; was Sheriff of *Northamptonshire* in 40 *Eliz.* as also in the 17th of King *James I.* in which Year he was advanc'd to the Dignity of Baronet, by Letters Patents bearing Date the 16th of *Nov.* 1619. He took to Wife *Frances*, 2d Daughter and Co-heir

(c) *Wood's Fasti pred.*

heir of (d) *William Wilkes* of *Hodnell* in *Com. Warwic.* Esq; by whom he left three Sons, Sir *John Dryden* his Successor, in the Title and Estate at *Cannons-Ashby*, *William Dryden* of *Farnon* in *Com. Northamp.* and *Erasmus Dryden* of *Tichmersh* in the same County; also a Daughter *Mary*, Wife of Sir *Edward Hartop*, Bart.

Sir *John Dryden*, Bart. was Sheriff of *Northamptonshire* in 1634. (10 Car. 1) also Knight (e) of the Shire for that County in 16 Car. 1. (1640.) He dy'd in the Year 1654; and by Honor his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Robert Beville* of *Chesterton* in *Com. Hunting.* Bart. left Issue six Sons; 1. Sir *Robert Dryden* of *Cannons-Ashby*, Bart. 2. *John Dryden* of *Chesterton* in *Huntingtonshire*, Esq; who was several Times Kt. of the Shire in the Parliaments held in the Reigns of King *William*, and her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, and dy'd, unmarried, in Jan. 170<sup>3</sup>. 3. *Erasmus Dryden* of *Canons-Ashby*, living a (f) Bachelor, (and of the Age of 42.) A. D. 1684 4. *Richard*, who dy'd, unmarried, in the 24th Year of his Age. 5. *Bevil*, Citizen of *London*, aged 35, A. D. 1684. 6. *Benjamin*, who was likewise a Citizen of *London*, of the Age of 30, A. D. 1684, and then unmarried, as well as all his Brethren; of whom 'tis reported, that they promis'd and agreed with one another never to marry; yet this *Benjamin*, last mention'd, did take to Wife an elderly Gentlewoman, but dy'd without Issue.

Sir *John* had likewise four Daughters, whereof *Elizabeth* dy'd young, *Honor* lived single, *Frances* marry'd *Ralph Sneyd*, eldest Son of *William Sneyd* of *Keel-ball* in *Com. Staff.* Esq; from whom the *Sneyds* of that Place descend: *Anne* was the Wife of *Walter Pigot* of *Chetwynd* in *Com. Salop.* Esq.

Sir

(d) *Dugdale's Warw.* p. 219. a. (e) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arma.  
(f) *Vif. de. Com. Northamp.* A. D. 1684.

Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. (Son and Heir of Sir John) was about 40 Years of Age, A. D. 1684, out-liv'd all his Brethren, dy'd, unmarried, about the 72d Year of his Age, and was bury'd in the Parish-Church of *Canons-Ashby*, the 30th of August, 1708. He left his Estate at *Canons-Ashby* to Edward Dryden, only Son of Erasmus Dryden, 2d Son of Erasmus Dryden of *Tichmersh*, 3d Son of Sir Erasmus Dryden; Bart. but the Title of Baronet devolv'd on John Dryden, Son and Heir of William Dryden of *Farndon*, 2d Son of Erasmus before-mention'd.

Which Sir John Dryden, Bart. was a Woollen-Draper in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, and had Issue one Son, John, an Attorney at Law, who was kill'd by a Fall from his Horse in the Life-time of his Father; likewise two Daughters, Honor, marry'd to Mr. Joseph Bateman Chyrurgeon of London, and Elizabeth, living unmarried. This Sir John dying without Issue Male, the Title accrew'd to Sir Erasmus Dryden, 2d Son of John, eldest Son of Erasmus Dryden of *Tichmersh* before-mention'd.

Which Erasmus (3d Son of Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart.) had (g) fourteen Children, (by Mary his Wife, Daughter of the Reverend Mr. Henry Pickering) whereof several liv'd to Men and Womens Estate. Frances, one of his Daughters, is now living, and the Wife of Mr. Joseph Sandwell Tobacconist of London; Erasmus, 2d surviving Son, succeeded to the Title of Baronet, and will be mention'd hereafter; Henry, 3d Son, dy'd in *Jamaica*, and left Issue one Son Richard, now living; James, 4th Son, a Tobacconist of London, left only two Daughters; but the eldest Brother of these was

John

(g) Ex Inform. Franc. Sandwell Filia ejus.

*John Dryden, Esq; Poet-Laureat and Historiographer to King James 2. the Darling of the Muses, who surpass'd all other Writers of his Time, as Fire does all other Elements, as an ingenious and celebrated Author* (\*) allows, was born at *Oldwincle, (b)* (call'd by some *Aldwincle*) near to *Oundle* in *Northamptonshire*, educated in Grammar-Learning in the College-School in *Westminster*, thence elected a Scholar of *Trinity-College* in *Cambridge*, Anno 1650; afterwards, in the Space of 25 Years he produc'd twenty seven Plays, besides other numerous poetical Writings; which Dramatick Works Mr. *Congreve* has lately dedicated to his Grace the present Duke of *Newcastle*, and out of a just Esteem to his Memory, and a Generosity natural to him, has given the following Character, both of the Author and his Performances, being, as he gratefully acknowledges, highly oblig'd thereto, for the many friendly Offices and favourable Instructions which, in his early Youth, he receiv'd from him.

“ He says, Mr. *Dryden* had personal Qualities  
 “ to challenge both Love and Esteem from all  
 “ who were truly acquainted with him. He  
 “ was of a Nature exceedingly human and com-  
 “ passionate, easily forgiving Injuries, and capa-  
 “ ble of a prompt and sincere Reconciliation  
 “ with them who had offended him; a Tempe-  
 “ rament, which is the only solid Foundation  
 “ of all moral Virtues and sociable Endow-  
 “ ments. His Friendship, where he profess'd it,  
 “ was much beyond his Professions, and many  
 “ strong and generous Instances of it have been  
 “ acknowledg'd by the Persons themselves who  
 “ receiv'd them, tho' his Hereditary Income  
 “ was little more than a bare Competency.

“ As

(\*) Mr. *Congreve*. (b) *Wood's Athena Oxonienses, Vol. 2. Col. 295.*



“ As his Reading had been very extensive, so  
“ was he very happy in a Memory tenacious of  
“ every Thing that he had read. He was not  
“ more possess’d of Knowledge than he was com-  
“ municative of it: But then his Communication  
“ of it was by no means pedantick, or impos’d up-  
“ on the Conversation, but just such, and went  
“ so far, as by the natural Turns of the Dis-  
“ course in which he was engag’d it was necessa-  
“ rily promoted or requir’d. He was extream  
“ ready and gentle in his Correction of the Er-  
“ rors of any Writer who thought fit to con-  
“ sult him; and full as ready and patient to ad-  
“ mit of the Reprehension of others, in respect  
“ of his own Oversight or Mistakes. He was of  
“ very easy and very pleasing Access, but some-  
“ thing slow, and as it were diffident in his Ad-  
“ vances to others. He had something in his  
“ Nature that abhorr’d Intrusion into any Society  
“ whatsoever; and it is to be regretted, that he  
“ was rather blameable in the other Extreams:  
“ For by that Means he was personally less  
“ known, and consequently his Character might  
“ become liable both to Misapprehensions and  
“ Misrepresentation. *Mr. Congreve farther adds,*  
“ That to the best of his Knowledge and Obser-  
“ vation, he was, of all the Men that ever he  
“ knew, one of the most modest, and most easily  
“ to be discountenanc’d in his Approaches, either  
“ to his Superiors or his Equals.

*The same ingenious Author says,* “ He will not take  
“ upon him to speak of his Writings, since to say  
“ little of them, would not be to do them Right;  
“ and to say all that he ought to say, would be  
“ too voluminous: *But he ventures to affirm, in ge-*  
“ *neral Terms,* That no Man hath written in our  
“ Language so much and so various Matter, and  
“ in so various Manners, so well; and what was  
“ very

“ very peculiar to him; that his Parts did not  
 “ decline with his Years; for he was an im-  
 “ proving Writer to his last, even to near seven-  
 “ ty Years of Age; improving even in Fire  
 “ and Imagination, as well as in Judgment; wit-  
 “ nefs his Ode on St. Cecilia’s Day, and his Fa-  
 “ bles, his latest Performances. He was equally  
 “ excellent in Verse and in Prose: His Prose had  
 “ all the Clearness imaginable, together with all  
 “ the Nobleness of Expression, all the Graces  
 “ and Ornaments proper and peculiar to it, with-  
 “ out deviating into the Language or Diction of  
 “ Poetry, a Fault (he observes) many Poetical  
 “ Writers are guilty of, who meaning to write  
 “ harmoniously in Prose, do, in Truth, often  
 “ write meer Blank Verse.

*He says farther,* “ That he has heard Mr. *Dryden*  
 “ frequently own with Pleasure, that if he had  
 “ any Talent for *English* Prose, it was owing to  
 “ his having often read the Writings of the great  
 “ Archbishop *Tillotson*. But his Versifications  
 “ and his Numbers he could learn of no body;  
 “ for he first possess’d those Talents in Perfection  
 “ in our Tongue. And they who have best suc-  
 “ ceeded in them since his Time, have been in-  
 “ debted to his Example; and the more they  
 “ have been able to imitate him, the better have  
 “ they succeeded. His Stile in Prose is always  
 “ specifically different from his Stile in Poetry;  
 “ so, on the other Hand, in his Poems, his Diction  
 “ is, whenever his Subject requires it, so sublime-  
 “ ly and so truly Poetical, that its Essence, like  
 “ that of pure Gold, cannot be destroy’d. Take  
 “ his Verses, and divest them of their Rhimes,  
 “ disjoint them in their Numbers, transpose their  
 “ Expressions, make what Arangement and Dis-  
 “ position you please of his Words, yet shall there  
 “ eternally be Poetry, and something which will  
 “ be

“ be found incapable of being resolv’d into abso-  
 “ lute Prose, an incontestable Characteristick of a  
 “ truly poetical Genius. *Finally, he says of his Wri-*  
 “ *tings in general,* That what he has done in any  
 “ one Species or distinct Kind, wou’d have been  
 “ sufficient to have acquir’d him a great Name,  
 “ and that if he had written nothing but his Pre-  
 “ faces, or nothing but his Songs or his Prologues,  
 “ each of them would have intituld him to the  
 “ Preference and Distinction, of Excelling in his  
 “ Kind.

He marry’d *Elizabeth*, eldest Daughter of the Right Honourable *Thomas*, (*Howard*) 1st Earl of *Berkshire*, and dying in the Year 1700, was bury’d in *Westminster-Abbey*, where his Grace, the present Duke of *Newcastle*, out of his extensive Liberality and peculiar Esteem for Merit, has order’d a noble and sumptuous Monument to be erected to his Memory. He left three Sons, *Charles*, the eldest of them, of *Trinity-College* in *Cambridge*, (i) had a Genius to Poetry, as appears by a Copy of his Verses printed before the Earl of *Roscommon’s* Essay on Translated Verse, but was unfortunately drown’d at *Datchet-Ferry* by *Wind-sor*; and *John*, the 2d, who went to *Rome*, and was entertain’d by the *Pope* as one of the Gentlemen of his Bed-Chamber, likewise wrote one Play, *The Husband his own Cuckold*. He dy’d at *Rome* of a Plurisy, unmarried, and was honourably interr’d there by Command of the *Pope*.

*Erasmus-Henry*, Brother to the said *Charles* and *John*, succeeded to the Title of Baronet on the Death of his Cousin Sir *John Dryden*, Bart. but dying unmarried, had Sepulture at *Canons-Ashby*, about the Year 1711, and the said Dignity devolv’d on his Uncle

(i) *Wood ut antea Col. 893.*

*Erasmus Dryden*, before-mention'd, 2d Son of *Erasmus Dryden* of *Tichmersh*; which *Sir Erasmus* was a Grocer in *King's-street, Westminster*; but after the Death of *Sir Robert Dryden*, who left a good Estate to his only Son *Edward*, and that the Title came to him, he liv'd with his said Son at *Canons-Ashby*, whom he surviv'd, and dying there the 3d of *Novemb.* was bury'd (at *Cannons-Ashby*) the 16th following, 1718. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Edward Martyn*, of the City of *Westminster*, Grocer, by whom he had one Son *Edward*, and two Daughters, *Elizabeth*, the eldest, who marry'd the Reverend *Richard Martyn*, D. D. and *Mary*, the Wife of *John Shaw*, Esq.

The said *Edward* was possess'd of the Estate at *Cannons-Ashby*, by Gift of his Cousin *Sir Robert Dryden*, Bart. and dy'd a Year before his Father *Sir Erasmus*, viz. the 3d of *November*, 1717, and by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Mr. Allen*, Son of *Sir Thomas Allen*, Turkey Merchant of *London*, left Issue five Sons;

*Sir John Dryden* of *Canons Ashby*, Bart. about 14 Years of Age, (1718;) *Robert*, *Erasmus*, *Edward*, and *Bevil*; also three Daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, and *Anne*.



## A R M S.

*Azure a Lyon Rampant, in Chief a Sphere between two Estoils Or.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath a Demy-Lyon hold- a Sphere Or.*

WILLIAM

WILLIAM AIRMINE, *Son and Heir to*  
*Sir WILLIAM AIRMINE of OSGOD-*  
*BY, Kt. Linc. N<sup>o</sup> 115.*

[*Novemb. 28. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.*]

**T**HIS Family, denominated from a Town of their own Name in *Com. Ebor.* is deriv'd from *Gilbert de Ayrmine* or *Ermyne*, (a) Lord of *Newland* upon *Aier*, in the County of *York*, *A. D.* 1164. 11 *H* 2. whose Son, *John*, living in the said King's Reign, *A. D.* 1184, had Issue *Gilbert*, mention'd in Deeds in the Reign of King *John*, who was Father to *Sir William Ermine*, Kt. living 1224; who had Issue *Christopher*, mention'd 38 *H.* 3. 1253, and he, two Sons by different Wives, *viz.* *Sir John* and *Sir William*; the former, by the Name of *John de Ermin*, was one of the Witnesses to a Charter of *William de Crogelein*, (b) wherein he granted to the Priory of *Wetberbale* in *Com. Cumb.* two Bovates in his Ville of *Crogelein*, about the 4th Year of the Reign of King *Ed. I.* He left two Daughters Co-heirs.

*Sir William*, the younger Brother, styl'd *William de Sancta Ermina*, was one of the Witnesses to a Charter (c) confirming several Donations, &c. to the Priory of *Ankerwick* in *Com. Bucks.* dated at *Chester*, 41 *H.* 3. 1288. I find him living, and a Knight, (17 *Ed. I.*) 1288.

A Descendent of this Family was another *William de Aremyme* or *Ermin*, Clerk, whom the Ab-

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bot

(a) *Seager's Baron. General. in Bibl. Cotton. & Coll. Tho. Feylls Arm.* (b) *Mon. Ang. Vol. 1. p. 399. a 22.* (c) *Mon. Ang. Vol. 1. p. 483. a 42.*

bot of St. *Augustin*, Cant. sent as his Procurator or Representative to the Parliament at *Carlisle*, call'd upon the Octaves of St. *Hillary*, 35 *Ed.* 1. To which *William*, King *Ed.* 2. in the 10th Year of his Reign, having granted for Life the Mastership or Government of the House of the Converted *Jews*, (*d*) now the Rolls-House) gave him also the Arrears of 123*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* by a Writ of Liberate, out of the Treasury, (*e*) payable by that House, and his Predecessor *Adam de Osgodby* deceas'd. And on the 19th of *August*, that same Year, the King (being then at *Tork*) granted *Dom. William de Ayremyne*, Clerk of his Chancery, the Custody of the Chancery-Rolls, to enjoy in Manner as others had done before; whereupon, he took the Oaths before *John de Sandale*, Chancellor, (*e*) the Lord *Bartholomew de Badlesmer*, and others. He also subscrib'd, as an Examiner, to an Inquisition taken after the Death of *John Combes* (*f*) at *Combes* in *Suffolk*, before the King's Escheator, 26 *May* 17 *Ed.* 2.

*William de Ayermin* was Bishop of *Norwich*, (*g*) 19 *E.* 2. also Lord-Keeper and Lord-Treasurer.

To *Richard de Ayremyne*, King *Edward* the 2d (16 *May*, in the 17th Year of his Reign) granted the Custody of the Rolls, to hold as his Predecessors had done.

*Sir William de Armyne* (who was living in 37 *Ed.* 3. (1362) marry'd *Nichola*, Daughter to St. *Mark*, or St. *Medard*, Lord of *Osgodby* in *Com. Linc.* and was thereby possess'd of that Manour, which became the capital Mansion of his Posterity. In 34 *E.* 3. this *William*, (\*) with *John de Buscy*, and *Thomas de Meaux*, were commanded to be at *Somerton* in *Lincolnshire*,

(*d*) Ryley's *Plac. Parl.* p. 323. (*e*) Ryley's *Plac. Parl.* in *Append.* p. 555. (*f*) Ryley *ibid.* p. 623. (*g*) Heylyn's *Help to Hist.* p. 230. (\*) *Ashmole's Order of the Garter*, p. 659.

*colnshire*, on Friday the 20th of *March*, to bring *John King of France*, (who was Prisoner there) to *Grantham*, in his Way to *London*. He was succeed- ed, at *Osgodby*, by his Son,

*William*, who in 9 R. 2. being then a Knight, serv'd in the Parliament, held at *Westminster*, for the County of *Lincoln*, with Sir *Philip Tilney*, having 21 L. 12 s. for 54 Days Expences. This Sir *William*, by his Wife, Daughter to Sir *Hugh Willoughby*, left Issue Sir *William Ayremine*, Kt. Lord of *Osgodby*, who, in 3 H. 4. was one of the Barons of the *Exchequer*, and had Issue by his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of—*Brittain of Barmeston*, (i) three Daughters, *Margaret*, marry'd to *Robert Wodvile*, *Joan* to *John Trowsdale*, and *Axne* to *William Buensell*, also a posthumous Son, nam'd *William*.

Which *William* was a Knight, and by *Isabel* his Wife, Daughter to Sir *Hugh Wrotlesley*, Kt. had Issue

Sir *William Airmine* of *Osgodby*, who marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to *William Langham* of *Coins- holm*, and departing this Life, (k) was bury'd in the Cathedral of *Lincoln*, as appears by the fol- lowing Inscription to his Memory, viz.

*Hic jacet Willielmus Armyrn junior miles qui obiit  
16 Die Octob. Ann. Dom. 1468. cujus Anima  
propitiatur Deus.*

*Margaret*, his Wife, surviv'd him many Years, (if she was the same Lady hereafter-mention'd) as this Inscription in the aforesaid Cathedral testi- fies, viz.

*Hic jacet Margareta Uxor Williel. Ermyn de  
Osgodby Dom. de North Willughby qua obiit 20  
Die Septemb. Anno Dom. 1506, cujus, &c.*

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(i) E. Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm. (k) B Coll. Gerv. Holles pens<sup>s</sup>  
J. Aufis. Reg. Gart. Arm.

Their Son and Heir is said, by the Pedigree, to be *William Armyn*, (or *Ermyn*) but I rather believe him to be *Thomas*, as another Inscription in the same Church makes appear, *viz.*

*Hic Jacet Thom. Ermyn fli & beres Willi. Ermyn de Osgodby qui obiit—die—Ann. Dom. 1498.*

Next to whom succeeded another *William Armyn*, who dy'd in 24 *H. 8.* and had Sepulture with his Ancestors, as this Memorial shews :

*Hic jacet Willielmus Dominus de Osgodby qui obiit 23 die Septemb. Anno Dom. 1532, cujus, &c.*

He marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter to Sir *John Thimelby*, and had Issue by her five Daughters and a Son, *Bartholemew*.

Which *Bartholomew Airmine*, Esq; in 28 *Eliz.* was Sheriff for the County of *Lincoln*, and had Issue two Sons, *William* and Sir *John*, and as many Daughters; *Magdalen*, marry'd first to *John Cave* of *Pickwell* in *Com. Leicest.* 2dly, to *Richard Cave*, seventh Son to *Ralph Cave* of *Stamford*, Esq; and *Catharine*, who dy'd unmarried.

Sir *William Airmine*, his eldest Son, succeeded to the Inheritance, was Sheriff of *Lincolnshire* in 44 *Eliz.* as also in the 1st Year of King *James 1.* He took to Wife *Martha*, Daughter to *William Lord Evre*, by whom he had Issue

*William Airmine*, Esq; who was, in the Lifetime of his Father, advanced to the Degree of a Baronet, *A. D. 1619*, by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 28th Day of *Novemb.* in the 17th Year of King *James* the 1st. In the 21st of that Reign he serv'd in Parliament for *Boston*; and in the 1st and 3d of King *Charles* the 1st, was elected one of the Knights for *Lincolnshire* in



in the Parliaments then held, and was Sheriff of the said County in 5 Car. 1. He was twice marry'd; his first Wife was *Elizabeth*, Daughter to Sir *Michael Hicks*; his second, *Mary*, second Daughter and Coheir to *Henry Talbot*, fourth Son to *George Earl of Sbrewsbury*; which Lady, in her Widowhood, erected an Hospital at *Burton Grange in Com. Ebor.* for the Relief and Comfort of six poor Widows of that Parish, with an Allowance of 40*l.* and a Gown every Year. By the first Lady Sir *William* left Issue two Sons, Sir *Michael Airemine*, Bart. who marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to *John* Viscount *Chaworth*, and dy'd without Issue; and Sir *William Airemine*, Bart. Successor to his Brother in Title and Estate, who having marry'd *Anne*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs to Sir *Robert Crane* of *Chilton in Com. Suff.* Bart. dy'd without Issue Male, whereby the Dignity became extinct. His Estate devolv'd on his two Daughters. *Anne*, the youngest, became the Wife of Sir *Thomas Woodbouse* of *Kimberley in Com. Norf.* Bart. and marry'd, secondly, *Thomas* Lord *Crew*; and thirdly, *Arthur* *Herbert*, Earl of *Torrington*. *Susan*, the eldest Daughter, marry'd Sir *Henry Bellasyse*, Knight of the *Bath*, Son and Heir apparent to *John* Baron *Bellasyse* of *Worlaby*: Which Sir *Henry* was slain in the Life-time of his Father, having Issue, (by the aforesaid Lady) *Henry* Lord *Bellasyse*, who succeeded his Grandfather in that Honour.

This Lady *Susan*, after her Husband's Decease, in Respect to *Henry* Lord *Bellasyse*, her Son, was created a Peerefs by King *Charles* the 2d, (the Letters Patents bearing Date the 25th of *March*, in the 26th Year of his Reign) by the Title of *Baroness Bellasyse* of *Osgodby*, to enjoy, during her natural Life. She afterwards marry'd ——— *Fortrey* of *Checquers*, Esq; and surviving him, dy'd, *March* 6. A. D. 1712-13, making the Lord *Berk-*

ley of Stratton her Heir, Henry Lord Bellassise, her Son, dying, in her Life-time, without Issue.



## A R M S.

*Ermin a Saltire engrail'd Gules, and on a Chief of the same a Lyon Passant Or, Armed and Langued Azure.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Hill Vert, an Ermyne Trippant Argent.*

Sir WILLIAM BAMBURGH of HOWTON, Kt. Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 116.

[Dec. 1. A.D. 1619. R. Jac. 1. 17.]

THE first of Note I find of the Name (but what Relation he bore to this Family does not appear) is *Thomas de Baumburgh*, (a) one of the Masters in *Chancery*, in the first Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the 3<sup>d</sup>, to whom the Abbot and Convent of *Crokesden* acknowledg'd to have releas'd to the King, the *Tuesday* before the Feast of *St. Dennis*, 1327, an annual Rent of 4 s. at *Bridgnorth*, in Exchange for another Annuity. He was afterwards, with *Henry de Clif*, and *Sir Henry de Edenestone*, (b) Keepers of the Great Seal of *England*, which they surrender'd to *Robert de Stratford*, 23 June (6 *Edw.* 3) 1332. The Year following, the King appoints this *Thomas de Baumburgh*, *Henry de Percy*, *Ralph de Nevil*, Steward of his Household, and

(a) *Rymer's Fœd.* Tom. 4. p. 313. (b) *Ibid* p. 522.

and *William de Shareshall*, (c) or any two of them, to be present at the Parliament in Scotland, call'd for confirming certain Agreements between the Kings of England and Scotland, dated 1 Octobr. 1333. In 12 *Edw. 3*, he (d) (with *John de St. Paul*, Keeper of the Rolls) had again deliver'd him the Custody of the Broad Seal, on the Resignation of *Thomas Elect*, Bishop of London; and on the 11th of July, the same Year, the King being at *Walton*, in Order to go beyond Sea, (e) sends a new Seal to the said *John de St. Paul* and *Thomas de Baumburgh* Keepers of the other Great Seal; but three Days after, they surrender'd the same to the King, on Board the *Christópher* (f) at *Orewel Port*, then going beyond the Seas: Yet, the Year after, on the Decease of *Richard Bp. of London*, who was Lord Chancellor, viz. the 7th of *Septemb. 1339*, (13 *Edw. 3*) the Seals (g) were the Day following (with Consent of the Regent, *Edward Duke of Cornwall*) again deliver'd to this *Thomas de Baumburgh*, *John de St. Paul*, and *Michael de Vach*.

Contemporary with this *Thomas* was *John de Bamburgh* Archdeacon (h) of *Northumberland* in the Church of *Durham*, a Witness among others to Articles of Amity between the King of England and the King of *Castile*, bearing Date the 22d of *June*, (36 *Edw. 3*) 1362.

After whom was *Robert Bamburgh* of the County of *Lincoln*, (i) who by his Wife, a Sister to *Sir Thomas Rush* of the County of *Suffolk*, Kt. had Issue

*William Bamburgh*, seated at *Rendlesham* in the aforesaid County of *Suffolk*, who took to Wife  
Elizabeth,

(c) *Ib. p. 576.* (d) *Rymer, Tom. 5. p. 62.* (e) *Ibid. p. 64.*  
(f) *Rymer, Tom. 5. p. 65.* (g) *Ibid. p. 143.* (h) *Rymer, Tom. 6. p. 373.* (i) *E. Col. Tho. Fekyll, Arm.*

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Alured* of *Ipswich*, Kt. and was Father of *Thomas Bamburgh*, Esq; the first that resided at *Howton* in *Com. Ebor.* who was in the Commission of the Peace, A. D. 1584; and having marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter of *Matthw Thimelby* of *Poleham* in *Com. Linc.* Esq; left Issue *William Bamburgh* of *Howton*, Esq; his Son and Heir, who was knighted by King *James* the 1st, the 18th of *April* 1603, at *Grimston*, as he came thro' there from *Scotland* to take Possession of the Crown of *England*: He was afterwards farther advanc'd, by his said Majesty, to the Dignity of a Baronet, by Letters Patents bearing Date the 1st of *Decemb.* 1619;\* but the Title (as I suppose) ceas'd on his Death, for it was extinct in this Family before the Year 1667.



## A R M S.

*Sable a Lion Passant in Chief, and a Pheon in point, Argent.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath, a Military Helmet proper.*

EDWARD HARTOPP of FREATHBY, Esq;  
*Leicest. N<sup>o</sup> 117.*

[*Decemb. 3. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. 1. 17.*]

THE first mention'd of this Family (a) is *Ralph Hartopp*, living in the Reign of King *Richard* the 2d, A. D. 1377, who by his Wife,

(a) *Visit. de Com. Leicest. A. D. 1619.*

a Daughter of *Alex. Mayne*, had Issue (b) two Sons and five Daughters, whereof *Alexander Hartopp* dy'd without Issue, and his Brother *John*; by Marriage with *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Bridgman*, had Issue *Henry*, who had to Wife *Barbara*, Daughter of *Rauf Fitz Randall*, from whom proceeded *John Hartop*, of *Burton Lazars* in *Com. Leicest.* who wedded *Jane*, Daughter of *William Englebeard*, or *Englebert*, and had a Son nam'd *Richard*, who by his Wife, Daughter to *Ralpb Chamberlain*, had Issue *Thomas Hartop*, who marry'd *Ellen*, Daughter to *John Allen*, and left two Sons.

*Valentine* his 2d Son (by *Arne* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *William Goodman*) was Father of *Sir William Hartopp* of *Burton-Lazars*, knighted at *Ashby de la Zouch* the 2d of *Septemb.* 1617; and dying *A. D.* 1622, left Issue *Thomas* his Son and Heir, born in the Year 1600, who was likewise a Knight; and marrying *Dorothy*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Bendish* of *Steeple-Bumsted* in *Essex*, Bart. had two Daughters, *Dorothy* and *Mary*, also four Sons, viz. 1. *William*, who was knighted, (and taking to Wife *Agnes*, Daughter of *Sir Martin Lister*, left two Sons, now living, viz. *Thomas Hartopp*, Esq; (who hath a Son *Chiverton Hartopp*, and several Daughters) and *Martin Hartopp*, Dr. of Physick;) also four Daughters; whereof *Dorothy* marry'd *William Tounge* of *Shropshire*, Esq; and *Agnes*, the Right Reverend *William Talbot*, the present Lord Bishop of *Sarum.*) 2. *Edward*; 3. *Thomas*; 4. *John*: Of whom *Thomas Hartopp* rais'd a fair Fortune, was one of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, and marrying (*Aug.* 4, 1674) *Elizabeth*, second Daughter of *Mr. John Buckworth*, Merchant, left one Son, *Peter Hartopp*, now living (1718) of *Waltham-*

(b) Ex Stemmate per os Dom. Joh. Hartopp, Barr.

*tham-Stow* in *Essex*, Turkey-Merchant, and several Daughters. I now return to

*William Hartopp*, Esq; (eldest Brother of the aforesaid *Valentine*) who took to Wife *Eleanor*, Daughter and Heir of———*Adcock*, and had a numerous Issue; *Thomas*, his eldest Son, dy'd unmarried; but *Edward*, *Valentine* and *George* (who was of *Grays-Inn*) severally left Posterity. The said *George* marry'd *Eleanor*, Daughter of *Thomas Lister* of *Coleby* in *Com. Linc.* and left three Sons; 1. *William*, who wedded *Dorothy*, eldest Daughter of Sir *Thomas Hartopp*, (by his Wife, the Daughter of Sir *Tho. Bendish*, Bart.) and had eight Sons, whereof his eldest, *William Hartopp* of *Little Dalby* in *Com. Leicest.* Esq; is now living, and hath marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Tho. Hartopp*, Esq; Alderman of *London*; 2. *Thomas*; 3. *George*, who settled in *Ireland*. The said *Thomas*, (second Son of *George* and Brother of the aforesaid *William*) was a Gentleman very remarkable for his great Strength and Courage, of whom 'tis related (c) that being at *Antwerp* in the *Low-Countries*, and seeing a Prize-fighting, wherein the Combatants did not acquit themselves to the Satisfaction of the Spectators, he was so offended thereat, that he got upon the Stage, and challenging them, encountered no less than five one after another, whom he entirely disabled, whereby he gain'd a very great Applause, and being of comely Personage and Stature, a Lady of Quality and Fortune, who was present at the Sight, fell so much in Love with him, that she sent him word, *She was at his Service if he was dispos'd to marry*; and he embracing the Offer, settl'd there, serv'd the King of *Spain* in his Armies, and left a Son, *Thomas Hartopp*, who

(c) *Ex Inform. Joh. Hartopp, Arm. fl. & her. Joh. Hartopp, Bart.*

who is a Colonel in the present Emperor's Service, and Governour of one of his Fortresses.

*Edward Hartopp*, Esq; (eldest Son of *William* beforemention'd) serv'd, in his Youth, under the Earl of *Leicester*, in the *Low Countries*, in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and after his Return residing (d) at *Buckminster*, was Sheriff of *Leicestershire* in 17 *Jac.* 1. but possessing likewise a good Estate at *Fritbby*, in the said County, he afterwards liv'd there, and was advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet, the 3d of *December*, A. D. 1619, 17 *Jac.* 1. He was a Gentleman much valu'd and esteem'd by his Countrymen, who elected him one of the Knights of the Shire for the County (e) aforesaid in the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st, and having marry'd *Mary*, Daughter of Sir *Erasmus Dryden*, Bart. departed this Life in the Year 1652, leaving Issue two Sons; *Edward*, born in the Year 1608, who succeeded him, and *Richard*, who dy'd without Issue; also three Daughters, *Frances*, marry'd to Sir *Richard* Earl of *Craglethorp* in *Com. Linc.* Bart. *Anne*, Wife to *Thomas White* of *Cotgrave* in *Nottinghamshire*, Esq; and *Elizabeth*, wedded to *Mountague Cholmley* of *Easton* in the aforesaid County of *Lincoln*, Esquire.

Sir *Edward Hartopp*, Bart. (eldest Son of Sir *Edward*) marry'd *Mary*, Daughter of Sir *John Cook* of *Melburn* in *Com. Derb.* Kt. one of the principal Secretaries of State to King *Charles* the 1st, and had Issue the present Sir *John Hartop*, Bart. and a Daughter *Mary*, marry'd to *Smith Fleetwood* of *Armingland-Hall* in *Com. Norf.* Esq. This Sir *Edward* deceasing in the Year 1657, was succeeded in Title and Estate by his only Son,

Sir *John Hartopp*, Bart. now living, who was elected one of the Knights for *Leicestershire*, in three

(d) *Burton's Hist. of Leicestershire.* (e) *MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm.*

three Parliaments, in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d, viz. two at *Westminster*, and his last at *Oxford*; and taking to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Charles Fleetwood* of *Armingland-Hall* aforesaid, Esq; (who dy'd in *Novemb. 1711*) had Issue by her four Sons and nine Daughters, whereof *Charles*, *Edward*, and *John*, the three eldest Sons, dy'd in their Infancy, and his only surviving Son, *John Hartop*, Esq; marry'd, *A. D. 1716*, *Sarah*, Daughter to Sir *Joseph Wolfe* of *Hackney in Com. Middlesex*. Kt. by whom he hath two Daughters, *Sarah* and *Elizabeth*. Of the Daughters of the present Sir *John Hartop*, two dy'd young; *Mary*, *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, *Bridget*, *Dorothy*, and *Martba* are living and unmarried, and *Frances*, who wedded *Nathaniel Gould* of *Stoke-Newington Com. Middlesex*. Esq; (a Member in the present Parliament) is deceas'd, leaving Issue by him *Mary*, marry'd to Sir *Francis St. John* of *Thorp. in Com. Northamp.* Bart. and *Elizabeth*.



## A R M S.

*Sable, a Chevron between 3 Otters Argent.*

## C R E S T.

*Out of a Ducal Coronet Or, a Pelican Argent, vulning her self proper.*

JOHN



JOHN MILL of CAMOIS-COURT, Esq;  
Suffex. N<sup>o</sup> 118.

[Decemb. 31. A.D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

**T**HIS Family, denominated from their inhabiting near or by some Milne or Mill, is descended from *Geffry atte Melne*, (a) a Witness to the Charter which *Robert de Earleigh* of *Grinsted* made to the Priory of *Lewes* in the County of *Suffex*, granting Lands to those Monks in 20 *Ed.* 2.

This *Geffry* had Issue a Daughter *Agnes*, and *John atte Mull*, his Son and Heir, Lord of a Moiety of *Gretham* [now *Gretbam*] in 39 *Ed.* 3. who had Issue two Sons, *Robert at Mull*, in many Charters call'd of *Guilford*, who was Sheriff of the Counties of *Surrey* and *Suffex* in 13 *R.* 2. and 4 *H.* 4. but dying without Issue,

His Brother *Richard* succeeded him, which *Richard* appears to be the Brother of that *Robert*, by Deed dated in 12 *H.* 6. at which Time he had Issue, *John att Mull of Narborne*, [*Nulborne*] who was living in 8 *H.* 5. as also in 12 *H.* 6. before-mention'd, and left

Issue *Robert*, and *Edward*, who was seated at *Pulbrich in Com. Suffex*. The said *Robert Mill*, sometimes written *Mull*, was enfeofed in divers Lands by certain Feofees of *Robert* aforesaid, his Uncle, as appears by Charters, bearing Date in 12 & 24 *H.* 6. He left Issue *Richard Mill*, Esq; who by *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Lewkenor*, Widow and Relict of *Andrew Sackville*,

(a) *E. Coll. Tho. Jekyl. Arm.*

vile, Esq; had Issue two Sons, *William Mill*, and *John*; the former is mention'd in Deeds in 13 *H. 7.* & 22 *H. 8.* and those of the Name at *Greatbam* in *Suffex*, descended from him, and were existing *A. D. 1634.*

*John Mill*, the younger Brother, was also denominated of *Greatbam*, and by *Alice* his Wife (who was living in 38 *H. 8.*) left Issue *John Mill*, who had to Wife *Catharine*, Daughter and Coheir to Sir *Roger Lewkenor*, Kt. whose Son and Heir, *Lewkenor Mill*, Esq; was seated at *Camois-Court* in *Suffex*, a Manour of the Inheritance of his Mother, (descended by Female Ancestors (b) from the Lord *Camois*) and having marry'd *Cecilia*, Daughter to Sir *John Crook* of *Southampton*, was Father to

*John Mill* of *Camois-Court*, Esq; who was advanc'd to the Degree of a Baronet by K. *James* the 1st, by Letters Patents, dated the 31st of *Decemb. A. D. 1619.* He was afterwards elected a Member for the Town of *Southampton*, in the Parliament 21 *Jac. 1.* (c) as also in several succeeding Parliaments in the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st; and having marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of Colonel *Sandys*, and fourth Sister and Co-heir of *Edwyn Lord Sandys*, left Issue an only Son,

Sir *John Mill*, Bart. who marry'd (d) *Margaret*, Daughter and Co-heir of *Thomas Grey* of *Woolbeding* in *Suffex*, Esq; by whom he came possess'd of a good Estate, and was succeeded therein by *John* his eldest Son and Heir.

Which Sir *John Mill*, Bart. dy'd unmarried in the 23d Year of his Age, *A. D. 1705*, and was succeeded in Title and Estate by his only Brother, the present Sir *Richard Mill*, Bart. of *Woolbeding* in *Suffex*.

Which

(b) *Dugdale's Bar. Vol. 1. p. 766.* (c) *MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm.* (d) *Ex Inform. Dom. Ric. Mill. Bar.*

Which Sir *Richard* has taken to Wife *Margaret*, Daughter of *Robert Knollys*, Esq; of *Grove-Place* in *Hampshire*, and hath Issue one Son *Richard*.



## A R M S.

*Party per Fefs Argent and Sable, a Pale counterchang'd and three Bears Saliant counterchang'd, Muzzled and Chain'd Or.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath a Demy Bear coup'd Saliant, Muzzled and Chain'd Or.*

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FRANCIS RATCLIFFE of DERWENT-  
WATER, Esq; Cumb. N<sup>o</sup> 119.

[Jan. 31. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

Engl. Earl, viz. Earl of *Derwentwater*. Ext.

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Sir DAVID FOULIS of INGLEBY, Kt.  
Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 120.

[Febr. 6. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

THO' this Family, for many Ages, inhabited in that Part of *Great Britain* call'd *Scotland*, yet, in all Probality, it was originally *English*, since one of the Name made a considerable Figure in *Kent* before the *Norman* Invasion, as *Taylor*, in

his History of *Gavelkind*, tells us; and that he, together with several others, who oppos'd King *William* the 1st, being treated with much Rigour and Severity, fled into *Scotland*, with *Margaret*, the Sister of *Edgar Atheling*, (afterwards marry'd to *Malcom Connore*, King of *Scotland*) and settl'd there, where his Descendants flourish to this Day; for which he cites Bishop *Ross's* History of *Scotland*, likewise *Hollingshead* (\*). relates the same Thing.

After this Removal, 'tis likely this Family settl'd in the North of *Scotland*, and gave Denomination to a Town of their Name, which now belongs to the *Monroes*: 'Tis certain that several thereof bore considerable Offices under the Kings of *Scotland*; (a) for *William Foulis* was Keeper of the Privy-Seal to King *James* 1, A. D. 1430, and left Issue *William* his Son and Heir, who marry'd *Elizabeth* the Daughter of Sir *Walter Ogilby*, Kt. by whom he had two Sons; *William*, who dy'd without Issue, and *James*, who by his Wife *Margaret*, the Daughter of Sir *Thomas Henderson*, Kt. had Issue a Son *James*, who was Heir to his Uncle *William*, and purchas'd the Lands of *Collington* from *William*, Master of *Glancarne*, A. D. 1519. He was Keeper of the Register to King *James* the 5th, A. D. 1530, and having marry'd *Barbara*, Daughter of ——— *Brown* of *Fordee* in *Fyfe*, was succeeded by *Henry Foulis* his Son and Heir, who espous'd *Mary Hadden*, by whom he had Issue, 1. *James*; 2. *David Foulis*, (the Person here chiefly concern'd) and others.

This *David* was Agent to King *James* the 6th of *Scotland*, (first Monarch of *Great Britain*) to Queen *Elizabeth*, and after the Death of that Princess, was knighted by his Royal Master at the

(\* ) Chron. Fol. 254. (a) Dugdale's Vis. Com. Ebor. 1665.

the *Tower of London*, May 13, 1603, before his Coronation, two Years after which, waiting on his Majesty (\*) to *Oxford*, he was (with others belonging to the Court) created Master of Arts in that University, and had the Dignity of a *Barronet* conferr'd upon him by Letters Patents bearing Date *February* the 6th, 1619; he was Cofferer to Prince *Henry*, eldest Son of the said King *James*, and after his Decease he bore the same Office under Prince *Charles* (afterwards King *Charles* the 1st.) He purchas'd the Manour and Seat of *Ingleby-Manour* in *Cleveland* in *Yorkshire* of the Lord *Eure*, where he resided mostly, and was made one of his Majesty's Council for the Northern Parts, and *Custos Rotulorum*, Deputy-Lieutenant, and Justice of the Peace for the North-Riding of that County.

But as he appear'd with some Zeal, in 1632, against the Commission which was issu'd to compel Gentlemen to compound for not having taken the Honour of Knighthood, to which they were oblig'd By an old obsolete Law, and had let fall some Expressions reflecting upon *Thomas* Lord *Vicount Wentworth*, Lord President of the Council in the North, for his Proceedings therein, (b) He, and his eldest Son *Henry*, were censur'd for it in the Court of Star-Chamber in 1633; Sir *David* was declar'd incapable of all the Offices and Places which he held, was committed Prisoner to the *Fleet* during his Majesty's Pleasure, fin'd 5000*l.* to the King, and 3000*l.* to the Lord *Wentworth*; for the Payment of which Fines he was forc'd to sell Part of his Estate. His Son and Heir was also committed Prisoner to the *Fleet*, during his Majesty's Pleasure, and fin'd 500*l.*

(\*) *Wood's Fassi Oxon. Vol. 1. Coll. 796.* (b) *Rushworth's Coll. Part. 2. p. 218.*

This Sir *David* marry'd *Cordelia*, the Daughter of *William Fleetwood* of *Great Missenden* in *Com. Bucks*, Esq; Serjeant at Law, and Recorder of *London* in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, by whom he had Issue two Daughters, 1. *Anne*, marry'd to *George Purois*, Dr. in Physick; 2. *Elizabeth*, who dy'd unmarried, and five Sons; 1. *Henry*, his Heir; 2. *Robert*; 3. *John*; 4. *Edward*; and 5. *William*, who all dy'd without Issue; Sir *David* dy'd in 1642, and was succeeded by his eldest Son

Sir *Henry Foulis*, Baronet, who marry'd *Mary* the eldest Daughter of Sir *Tho. Clayton* of *Sexbo* in *Com. Ebor.* Kt. by whom he had Issue four Sons and four Daughters, viz. 1. Sir *David* his Successor; 2. *Henry*, who was Fellow of *Lincoln College* in *Oxford*, and wrote, with some Reputation, both against the Papists and Presbyterians, insomuch that *Anthony Wood* (c) gives a very fair Character of him. He dy'd *Decemb. 24, 1669*, aged 33, and was bury'd under the North-wall in the Chancel of *St. Michael's Church, Oxon*; 3. *Edward* dy'd unmarried; 4. *Thomas*, who was Captain of a Man of War, and lost his Life in the *Dutch Wars*, in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d. He left two Sons and a Daughter, who all dy'd without Issue.

Of the Daughters, 1. *Cordelia* dy'd unmarried; 2. *Mary* was wedded to *Robert Shafto* of *Benwel* in *Com. Northumb.* Esq; 3. *Catharine* was Wife to *Ralph Cole*, Esq; (afterwards Sir *Ralph Cole*) Son and Heir of *Nicholas Cole* of *Keyper* in the Bishoprick of *Durham*, Bart. 4. *Elizabeth*, dy'd unmarried.

Sir *David Foulis*, the second of that Name, succeeded his Father in the Estate and Title, *Anno Dom. 16—* and marry'd *Catharine* the eldest Daughter of Sir *David Watkins* of the County of  
Middle-

(c) *Hist. & Ant. Oxon. Lib. 2. p. 169.*

*Middlesex*, Kt. was] aged 32 Years in 1665, and had Issue six Sons and five Daughters, viz. 1. *David*; 2. *Henry*; 3. *William*; 4. *Thomas*; 5. *Charles*; 6. *John*, who all dy'd without Issue, except *William* his 3d Son, the present Baronet.

The Daughters were, 1. *Honora*, marry'd to *William Chaloner*, eldest Son of Sir *Edward Chaloner* of *Guisbrough* in *Com. Ebor.* Kt. 2. *Mary*, marry'd to *William Turner* of *Stainsby*, Esq, 2d Son of *John Turner* of *Kirkleatham* in *Com. Ebor.* Serjeant at Law; 3. *Catharine*, marry'd to *John Rudd* of the City of *Durham*, Esq; 4. *Anne*; 5. *Jane*, both unmarried.

This Sir *David* serv'd in Parliament for the Borough of *North Allerton* in the 1st Year of King *James* the 2d; departed this Life the 13th of *March*, 1694, in the 62d Year of his Age, and was succeeded by

Sir *William Foulis* his 3d Son, who marry'd *Anne*, the Widow of Sir *Lumley Robinson* of *Kentwell-Hall* in *Com. Suff.* Bart. by whom he had Issue only one Child (viz.) *William*, who is now unmarried.



A R M S.

*Argent*, 3 *Lawrel Leaves proper*.

C R E S T.

*On a Wreath* out of a *Cressent Argent*, a *Cross Patte Fiche Sable*, also a *Demi Unicorn wing'd*—  
has been sometimes born,

Sir THOMAS PHILLIPS of BARRINGTON, Kt. *Somersf.* N<sup>o</sup> 121.

[Feb. 16. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. I. 17.]

ALL that I can learn of this Gentleman, is, that he was Son and Heir of *Thomas Phillips*, second Son of *Thomas Phillips of Montague in Com. Somers.* whose Father, *Richard Phillips*, was of the County of *Dorset.* (a) Which *Thomas* (Son of *Richard*) is probably the same *Thomas Phylips* (b) who was constituted (in 31 H. 8.) chief Builder and Supervisor of the Buildings in the Town and Marches of *Calais*. He had by his Wife, the Daughter of——— *Smith de Com. Somersf.* four Sons, 1. *John*, whose Descendents were of *Corf. in Com. Dorf.* 2. *Thomas*, beforemention'd, Father to Sir *Thomas Phillips*, knighted at *Whitehall*, 23 July, 1603, who was created to the Dignity of a Baronet; 3. *Richard*; 4. *Edward*, who being brought up in the Study of the Law, arriv'd to such Reputation therein, that he was elected one of the Serjeants at Law in 45 Eliz. and on the 18th of May, 1 Jac. 1. (c) made the King's Serjeant: He was knighted at *Whitehall*, 23 July, 1603, before the Coronation of the King, and having serv'd in several Parliaments, was chosen Speaker of the House of Commons in the 1st Parliament call'd by King *James the 1st*, (d) wherein he sat as one of the Knights for *Somersetshire*; after which he was constituted (6 Jac. 1.) *Master* (e) of the *Rolls*: He left a Son, Sir *Robert Philips*, knight-

(a) *Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.* (b) *Bill. Signat. 31 H. 8.*  
 (c) *Dugdale's Chron. Series, p. 101.* (d) *MS. penes Brown Wallis, Arm.* (e) *Dugdale's Chron. præd. p. 103.*



knighted at the same Time his Father was, who serv'd in several Parliaments as one of the Knights for *Somersetshire*, viz. in 21 Jac. 1, and in 1 & 3 Car. 1; whose Son and Heir *Edward Phillips* of *Mountague* in *Somersetshire*, born in the Year 1613, likewise represented that County in the long Parliament in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d.



A R M S.

*Argent a Chevron between three Roses Gules, Seeds and Leaves proper.*

C R E S T.

*On a Wreath a Fire-grate Or, Flames proper.*

Sir CLAUD FORSTER of BAMBURGH-CASTLE, Kt. Northumb. N<sup>o</sup> 122.

[*Mart. 1. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. 1. 17.*]

THIS Family, denominated from the Office of *Forester*, (as *Camden* (a) observes) and anciently written *Forestanus*, & *de la Forest*, has been of Eminence for many Ages in the County of *Northumberland*.

*Robert Forestar* of *Benerigg* (b) was out-law'd in the Reign of King *Edward* the 1st, for being concern'd (with *Sir Robert Fagard*, Kt. *Robert de Stotevil*, *John de Tindale*, and others) in a Riot at *New-*

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(a) *Remains in loco, Sir-names, p. 126. (b) Ryley's Plac. Parl. p. 173.*

castle upon Tyne; and *John Forster* of *Corbrig* is mention'd (c) among the Knights and Men at Arms of the County of *Northumberland*, return'd into *Chancery* in 17 *Edw. 2. A. D. 1323*; after whom is

*Simon Forester* of *Braunceton*, (d) who, with *John de Jevale*, had Permission, in 24 *Edw. 3.*, to go to *Rome* with two Horses, and two Servants; and *Giles Forestar* being to go into *Brittany*, (e) in the King's Service, in 30 *Edw. 3.*, had his Majesty's Protection for one Year, (i. e.) to be exempted from all Offices, &c.

*Thomas Forester*, (f) who was seated at *Etherstone* in *Com. Northumb.* was succeeded by a Son of his own Name, *Thomas*, who, by his Wife, a Daughter of *Fetherstonbalgh de Com. Northumb.* had Issue (g) twenty two Children, whereof *Thomas*, eldest surviving Son, succeeded at *Etherston*; and from *Roger*, another Son, descended Sir *Thomas Forster*, Kt. one of the Justices of the *Common Pleas*, who dy'd the 18th of *May 1612*, in the 63d Year of his (b) Age, and was bury'd at *Hunston* in *Hertfordshire*.

The aforesaid *Thomas Forster*, Esq; (eldest Brother of *Roger*) had to Wife—— Daughter of the Baron *Hilton*, from whom proceeded five Daughters and four Sons, *Thomas*, *Patrick*, *Robert*, and *Reginald*; of whom, *Thomas* the eldest, by *Dorothy* his Wife, Daughter of *Ralph* (or *Robert*), Lord *Ogle*, had Issue four Sons and four Daughters, who were all marry'd; the two youngest Sons, *Reginald* and *Roland*, left each of them a Daughter and  
Heir;

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(c) *E Lib. MS. not. B. 5. in Bibl. Joh. Anstis. Arm.* (d) *Rymer's Fæd. Vol. 5. p. 681.* (e) *Ibid. p. 844.* (f) *Vis. de Com. Northumb. in Bibl. Harleyana 90 B. 5. p. 12.* (g) *Vis. Com. Durb. & Northumb. in Bibl. Coll. Reg. apud Oxon. p. 115.*  
(b) *Chauncery's Hertfordshire, p. 199.*

Heir; *John*, the second Son, will be mention'd hereafter; *Thomas*, the eldest, who had the Estate at *Etherston*, having marry'd *Frances*, Daughter of *Thomas Lord Wharton* had Issue *Thomas Forster, Esq;* of *Etherston*, born in the Year 1549, (4 *Edw. 6.*) from whom descended *Thomas Forster, Esq;* of the same Place, now living, who marry'd *Frances*, Daughter of Sir *William Forster* of *Bamburgh, Kt.* and at length sole Heir to that Branch of this Family) and hath Issue several Children, whereof *Thomas Forster, Esq;* his eldest Son, (who was one of the Knights of the Shire for *Northumberland*, in the present Parliament, as also in the Reign of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*) stands attainted; by Act of Parliament, for raising a Rebellion against our now most Gracious Sovereign King *George*.

I now return to *John Forster*, (before-mention'd) second Son of *Thomas*, by *Dorothy* his Wife, Daughter of the Lord *Ogle*. Which *John* was a Knight, and constituted (i) Warden of the middle Marches towards *Scotland*, in 2 *Eliz.* and in 6 *Eliz.* (1503.) he, with others, signs (k) a Treaty concluded between the Queen of *England* and *Mary* Queen of *Scotland*. He dy'd in the Year 1602, without Heir Male by *Jane* his Wife, Daughter of *Cuthbert Ratclife* of the County of *Northumberland*, but *Eleanor*, (l) one of his Daughters by her, was Wife of Sir *Francis Russel, Kt.* who was summon'd to Parliament among the Peers in 7 *Edw. 6.* in the Life-time of his Father *Francis*, Earl of *Bedford*; and his Son by her, *Edward*, succeeded as Earl of *Bedford*. The said Sir *John Forster*, (m) left by  
 ——— a Son *Nicholas Forster*, who had a great  
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(i) *Pat. 2 Eliz. p. 12.* (k) *Rymer's Fzd. Vol. 15. p. 631.*  
 (l) *Vif. de Com. Northumb. in Bibl. Coll. Regim. prad.* (m) *Vif. de Com. North. prad. in Bibl. Harleyana.*

Part of his Estate; and he marrying *Jane*, Daughter and Heir of *Anthony Ratcliffe*, was Father to *Sir Claud Forster* of *Bamburgh* in *Com. Northumb. Kt.* who was created to the Dignity of a Baronet by Letters Patents bearing Date 7 *Mart. A. D. 1619*; but there being no Issue Male (by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Sir William Fenwick, Kt.*) remaining from him, the Title of Baronet became extinct in this Family.



## A R M S.

*Argent a Chevron Vert between three Buglehorns Sable.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath an Arm embow'd in Armour Argent, Hand proper holding a Truncheon of a broken Lance Or,*

ANTHONY CHESTER of CHICHLEY, *Esq;*  
*Bucks. N<sup>o</sup> 123.*

[*Mart. 23. A. D. 1619. R. Jac. 1. 17.*]

**T**HE *Chesters* have been anciently seated in *Gloucestershire*, and a Branch of them do now possess a good Estate in that County. For I take those of the Name at *Amsbury* to be of the same Linage with this Family I am to treat of, (as will hereafter appear) altho' they are by some (a) said to be descended out of *Huntingtonshire*.

*Robert*

(a) *Atkins's Hist. of Gloucestershire, p. 212.*

*Robert Chestre*, in the aforesaid County of *Gloucester*, was a Person of some Note, for, in the 23d (b) Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the 6th, he had, with others, a License to found a Gild, or Fraternity, to the Praise and Honour of the Trinity, in the Town of *Stow St. Edward*, in the said County, to endure for ever: To consist of a Warden or Master, and as many Persons as should think fit to be of the Fraternity; which said Warden, or Master, with the major Part of the Fraternity, and their Successors, are impower'd to choose annually a Warden on the Eve of the Trinity, for the Government of the same: Also, that they be one Body Corporate, have a common Seal, purchase Lands, be impleaded, &c. And likewise are impower'd to erect a Chantry, and purchase Lands of the Value of 10*l.* per Ann. for the Maintenance of a Chaplain to be appointed by the said *Robert Chestre*, (as the Name was then written) and others, their Executors or Assigns, who shou'd pray at the Altar of the Holy Trinity, in the Parish of *Stow St. Edward* aforesaid, for the Welfare of the King and *Margaret* his Queen, and for the Souls of their Progenitors, and for the Welfare of *Ralph Boteler*, Kt. Lord *Sudley* Treasurer of England, *John Beauchamp* of *Powick*, Kt. and for the Warden of the said Society.

This *Robert Chestre* was Father to (c) *William, Richard*, and (probably) *Henry Chestre* of *Bristol*, Merchant, who makes his Will, Feb. 3, 1470; (11 *Edw.* 14.) bequeaths his Body to be bury'd (d) in the Church of *All Saints* in *Bristol*, and constitutes *Alice* his Wife Executrix, who made her Will (e) the 10th of *Decemb.* 1485, wherein she desires

(b) *Privat. Sigill.* 21 August. 23 H. 6. (c) *Ex Regist. vocat. Watys*, 94. 23; in *Cur. Prerog. Cant.* (d) *Watys*, 94. 1. (e) *Log.* 54 94. 14.

desires her Body to bury'd in *All Saints, Bristol*, near her Husband *Henry Chestre*, and constitutes her Son *John Chestre* of *Bristol*, Merchant, Executor.

Which *John* makes his Will, (†) 22 Decemb. 1488, and bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the same Church, near the Sépulchre of his Parents, and constitutes *Anne* his Wife sole Executrix. After whom was *William Chester*, (||) alias *Chestre*, Alderman of *Bristol*, whose Testament bears Date *Septemb. 2, 1558*; and the Probat thereof, *Novemb. 8. 1559*: Who left several Sons, one of which was nam'd *Thomas*, probably the same *Thomas Chester* (Son of *William*) who, in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, purchas'd the Manour of *Amsbury* in *Gloucestershire*, from whom those of the Name there derive their Descent.

*Richard Chestre* before-mention'd, Sheriff (e) of the City of *London*, in 3 R. 2, is styl'd Brother of *William*; and in 16 *Edw. 4.*, one of the Executors (f) of his last Will and Testament, wherein *Robert Chester* is mention'd to be their Father. Also I find *Alice* to be the Wife of the said *Richard*, (g) and to survive him, as appears by her last Testament bearing Date the last of *August, 1504*, [20 H. 7.] wherein she desires to be bury'd in *St. Bttolpb* without *Aldgate*, near her late Husband *Richard Chestre*. She liv'd, after his Death, among the Nuns, at the *Minories*, and bequeaths her black Hood of Profession to *Mrs. Staland*, Sister, at *St. Catharines*, constitutes *Thomas Bullifson*, (who had marry'd *Joan* her Daughter) Executor, and stiling herself *Dame Alice Chestre*, Widow, late the Wife of *Richard Chestre*, Citizen and Skinner of *London*, and Alderman and Sheriff thereof, revokes all other Wills.

*William*

(†) *Milles, qu. 23.* (||) *Cheyne, qu. 52.* (e) *Stow's Survey, p. 281.* (f) *Wattys, qu. 23.* (g) *Holgrave, qu. 35.*

*William Cheestre*, Brother to the said *Richard*, who was likewise Citizen and Skinner of *London*, and Merchant of the Staple at *Calais*, had, in 7 *Ed. 4.* (b) a Grant of the Arms and Crest this Family now use, under the Seal of *William Hawkston*, Esq; *Clarencieux* King at Arms, dated 22 *May*. He was possess'd of much Wealth, and was a Person of great Piety, as the Charities he leaves in his Will evinces, which bears (i) Date the 5th of *May*, 1476, [16 *Ed. 4.*]; soon after which he dy'd, for it was prov'd 27 *Septemb.* following. " He bequeaths " his Body to be bury'd after the Will of his Ex- " ecutors, and that 20*l.* be given to poor Men " and Women the Day of his Decease: Also to " every three Orders of the Fryers in *London*; " iii*l. vii. d.* to the four Orders of Fryers " in *Oxenford*; 33*s. 4. d.* to every Lazar-House " within four Mile of *London*; 20*s.* to the Coun- " ters 20*s.* each; to the Prisoners in *Newgate* 40*s.* " to those in *Ludgate*, *Fleet*, and *King's-Bench*; 40*s.* " each, and to other Prisoners, were Need is; " 40*s.* He farther orders, That 100 Gowns; " Shirts, and Smocks be given to poor People to " pray for him, and that from his deceasing, to " his Months Day, Diridge and Mass be daily " said, and every Priest present thereat to have " vii*s. viii. d.* and the Parish-Priest vii*s. iv. d.* " and every poor Man and Woman present, 1*d.* " tho' there be 300 of them, with Meat and " Drink plentifully. He also bequeaths to the " Church of the glorious King, *St. Edward* of *Stowe* " in *Cottiswold*, a Suit of Vestments, to the Value " of 20*l.* and to the high Altar there 20*s.* also " to 100 Parish-Churches, were Need is, at the " Dis-

(b) *Vis. de Lond. penes Praehon. Vicecom. Fermenagb.* (i) *Wattys pred. qu. 23.*

“ Discretion of his Executors, iiii hundred No-  
 “ bles, (i. e.) vii. viii. d. to every Church, like-  
 “ wise a Suit of Vestments of the Value of 20*l.* to  
 “ St. *Buttolph's* Church without *Aldgate*; as also a  
 “ Bell of 500 Weight for a Clock thereto; and  
 “ to *Walthamstow* Church in *Essex* 10*s.* and to  
 “ *Wetton* Church in the Vale of *Evesham*,  
 “ 20*s.* Moreover, he gives to *Agnes Chester*, his  
 “ Wife, his Lands, Rents, Plate, and Household-  
 “ Goods, as long as she lives a Widow; but if she  
 “ marry, to have only 500 Mark, with his Plate  
 “ and Household-Goods, but none of his Lands,  
 “ which he wills after her Decese, or Marriage,  
 “ to *John Chester* his Son, except his Rents in  
 “ *London*, and in *Suffex*, which he desires his Ex-  
 “ ecutors to sell, and dispose of the Money for his  
 “ Soul, and his Father and Mother's Souls; also,  
 “ that his Rents in *Southwark* should maintain an  
 “ Alms-House, at *Skinner's-Hall*, in Bread for ever,  
 “ to be distributed to poor Men and Women, by  
 “ 4 Fryers of the iiii Orders, every Friday in  
 “ the Year, between 9 and 10, and they to have  
 “ for their Labour, iiii Pennyworth of Bread of  
 “ the same Alms.

“ Besides this, he wills, That his Executors,  
 “ out of the same Lands in *Southwark*, maintain  
 “ a Chantry in *Stowe* in *Cottisfold*, in the Wor-  
 “ ship of the Holy Trinitye, mortized by his  
 “ Father *Robert Chester*, then fallen to Decay, and  
 “ that they make Provsion for a vertuous Priest,  
 “ of good Conditions, to say Diridge for his Soule,  
 “ his Wife's Soule, his Father's and Mother's, his  
 “ Childrens Soules, and all Christian Soules;  
 “ which Chantry, when vacant, should be in  
 “ the Gift of the Master of the Gild, and Church-  
 “ wardens of *Stowe*: Also, that out of the same  
 “ Possessions in *Southwark*, Ground be purchas'd as  
 “ nigh the Church of *Stowe*, as can be had, to  
 “ build



“ build an Alms-House, with viii Mansions,  
 “ for viii vertuous-poor Men and Women, every  
 “ of them to have, on Saturday, viii*d.* or a Man  
 “ and his Wife dwelling together, xii*d.* and a  
 “ Woman to wash and attend them every Week,  
 “ to have for her Labour viii*d.* And if any of  
 “ the Brethren, or Trustees of the Gild of *St. Ed-*  
 “ *ward at Stowe*, fall to such Penury that they  
 “ have nought to live with, that then they  
 “ should be receiv’d before any other. Father-  
 “ more, he gives 20*s.* to keep his Years Mind,  
 “ and ii*s.* to the Parish Preist yearly to pray in  
 “ the Pulpit by Name for him and his Wife,  
 “ his Father and Mother, his Wife’s Father and  
 “ Mother, and all Christian Soules.

“ He gives to the Company of Skynners of  
 “ *London* 20*l.* with ii Caps and vi Spoons weigh-  
 “ ty, and to *John Chester* his Son, on his good Be-  
 “ haviour to his Wife, 300*l.* also a Quarter and  
 “ half of a Ship call’d the *May-Flower*, and a  
 “ Ship call’d the *John*; and to two Children of  
 “ his said Son *John*, 40*l.* each: To Master *Wil-*  
 “ *liam Hill*, Vicar of *Walthamstow*, 20*l.* and to  
 “ the Parish-Preist of *St. Buttolph* x Mark more.  
 “ He likewise bestows several Legacyes on his Ser-  
 “ vants and Kinsfolks, among whom is *Thomas*  
 “ *Chester* of *Stowe*, *Foan* his Brother’s Daughter,  
 “ and constitutes *Agnes* his Wife, and *Richard*  
 “ *Chester* (before-mention’d) his Brother, Execu-  
 “ tors.

The said *Agnes* (who was Daughter of—  
*Hill*) dy’d in 3 Ric. 3, (k) and by her last Testa-  
 ment, dated the 28th of *June*, 1484, (the  
 Probat whereof is on 13 *July* following) “ Be-  
 “ queaths her Body to be bury’d in the Parish of  
 “ *St. Buttolph* without *Aldgate*, in the Burying-  
 “ place

(k) *Logge*, qu. 9.

“ place there of *William Chester*, her late Husband,  
 “ and orders her Executors to give x Mark to an  
 “ honest Priest of good Name, and good Fame,  
 “ to sing Mass and other Divine Service in the  
 “ said Parish-Church, for one Year, for her Soule,  
 “ and her late Husband’s Soule, as also for the  
 “ Soules of all her Friends and Benefactors, and  
 “ all Christian Soules; and that 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* be  
 “ given to poor and needy People, at her Burial.  
 “ She leaves several Sums of Money to several  
 “ Churches for Masses, to be said and sung for  
 “ her Soule, and the Soules afore-mention’d;  
 “ also Legacys to the several Hospitals in *Lon-*  
 “ *don*, therewith to refresh poor People, and gives  
 “ to *John Chester*, her Son, all her Lands and  
 “ Tenements in *Lyttilstone* in *Essex*; also, other  
 “ Bequests to her Relations, and appoints Sir  
 “ *Will. Hill*, Clerk, her Brother, and *Hugh Brown*,  
 “ Mercer of *London*, her Executors.

The said *John Chester* writes himself Citizen and  
 Draper of *London*, in his last Testament, and  
 dy’d in *May* 1513, 5 *H.* 8. as appears by the Pro-  
 bat thereof. “ By (1) which Testament he leaves se-  
 “ veral Sums of Money to poor People, and to  
 “ Monasterys to pray for his Soule, and to se-  
 “ veral Prisons and Hospitals in *London*. Desires  
 “ *Joan* his Wife, as long as she lives, to cause a  
 “ solemn Obite or Anniversary to be kept yearly  
 “ in the Church of *St. Thomas* of *Acon* in *West-*  
 “ *chepe*, *London*, and that she cause his Body to  
 “ be bury’d there. Also that she would make  
 “ Provision that he may be pray’d for, by Name,  
 “ in the Parish-Church of *Abchurch* (where he  
 “ inhabited) every Sunday during her Life, and  
 “ that a Trental of Masses be said for his Soule,  
 “ and all Christian Soules : Likewise requires his  
 “ Wife

(1) *Fenplace*, qu. 18.

" Wife so to provide for her self, and for him,  
 " in doing of good Deeds of Charity and Alms,  
 " that their Soules may for ever be pray'd for.  
 " He mentions *Alice* his Daughter, and *Anthony*  
 " *Wellis*, his Wife's Son, (so that she was the Wi-  
 " dow of *Wellis*) and bequeaths all his Goods and  
 " Chattles to *Joan* his Wife, *Nicholas* and *William*  
 " *Chester*, his Sons and Heirs, to be divided be-  
 " tween them, his Wife one Half, and his Sons  
 " the other; which Bequest to her he makes the  
 " larger, on Condition she never will marry, as  
 " she hath said unto him; and constitutes her sole  
 " Executrix.

*William Chester*, Son of *John*, and Brother to  
*Nicholas*, was bred to his Father's Occupation, a  
 Draper, whereby he increas'd his Patrimony very  
 considerably, and living in great Reputation, was  
 elected one of the Sheriffs of *London*, in 2 *Ph.* &  
*Mar.* (1544.) He had been knighted before, and  
 was a considerable Benefactor to the King in the  
 Reign of King *Edward* the 6th. For following  
 the charitable Example of that vertuous Prince,  
 (who founded *Christ's-Hospital*, and largely en-  
 dow'd it) this Sir *William Chester*, (m) and Sir *John*  
*Caltbrop*, at their own proper Costs and Charges,  
 made the Brick-Walls and Way on the Back-  
 side which leadeth from the said Hospital, to  
 the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew*; also cover'd and  
 vaulted the *Town-Ditch* from *Aldersgate* to *New-*  
*gate*, which before was very noisom and contagious  
 to the said Hospital. He was (as I am inform'd)  
 so great a Favourer and Encourager of the Re-  
 formation, that in the Times of Persecution, in  
 Queen *Mary's* Reign, he was taken Notice of by  
 those Zealots that were for Fire and Faggot, and  
 one of his principal Servants was burnt in *Smith-*  
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(m) *Stowe's Survey*, p. 344.

*field* for professing the Protestant Religion; but by a prudent Behaviour, he so manag'd as to weather the Storm, was Lord-Mayor of *London* in 2 *Eliz.* (1560) and chosen one of the Representatives in Parliament for that City in 5 *Eliz.* (n). He afterwards became so strictly religious, that for a considerable Time before his Death, he retir'd from all Business, enter'd himself a Fellow-Commoner in *Cambridge*, liv'd there some Years, and made a great Proficiency in the Studies of the University, and was reputed a very learned Man. At what Time he dy'd I don't find, but he was bury'd, with his Wives, (o) in the Church of *St. Edmund Lombard-street*, he having, in his Life-time, erected a fair Monument against the South-side of the Chancel in the Wall of that Church. His first Wife was *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Thomas Love* of *Astwell in Com. Northamp. Gent.* (by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *John Boteler* of *Woodball Com. Hertford. Esq.*). His second Wife was *Joan*, Daughter of *John Turner* of *London*, Widow of *William Beswick*, Alderman; but by her he had no Children. By *Elizabeth* before-mention'd, he had Issue five Sons and four Daughters; 1. *William*; 2. *Thomas*, who was Bishop of *Elphine* in *Ireland*, *A. D.* 1580, and marry'd one of the Daughters of Sir *James Clavering* of *Axwell in Com. Northumb. Kt.* but dy'd without Issue, in *June* 1584, at *Killiathau* in that Kingdom, having sat as Bishop about four Years, being promoted thereto by Queen *Elizabeth*, in the Year 1580.

*John*, *Daniel*, and *Francis*, younger Sons of Sir *William*, all dy'd without Issue, and his Daughters were all dispos'd of in Marriage very considerably. *Wit*

(n) *MS. Penes B. Willis, Arm.* (o) *Stow's Survey. p. 221. Wood's Athen. Oxon. Vol. 1. Col. 606.*

*William Chester*, Esq; (eldest Son of Sir *William*) marry'd, in his Father's Life-time, *Anne*, Daughter of *John Fryer* of *London*, Gent. (by whom he had Issue *William*, who dy'd an Infant, and *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Thomas Heton*, elder Brother to *Martin Heton*, Bishop of *Ely*); but she dying, *A. D.* 1587, he took to his second Wife *Judith*, Daughter and Coheir of *Anthony Cave* of *Chicbley in Com. Bucks.* Esq; a (\*) Manour, Part of the Possessions of the dissolv'd Priory of *Tickford*, and became Part of the Estate of Cardinal *Wolfey*, in 18 *H.* 8; which Prelate falling into Disgrace, and the King seizing his great Estate, it continu'd in the Crown till the said Prince, in the last Year of his Reign, gave it to *Anthony Cave*, Esq; and then, by Marriage, it devolv'd to this *William Chester*, whose Successors have ever since made it their Residence. He dy'd *A. D.* 1587, and was bury'd there, leaving (by *Judith* aforesaid, his second Wife) an only Son

*Anthony Chester*, Esq; born in the Year 1565, who was as zealous as his Grandfather in exerting himself against papal Tyranny; for, putting himself in Arms, he attended Queen *Elizabeth* at *Tilbury* Camp, and commanded a Troop of Horse to oppose the *Spanish* Invasion. In the 44th of that Queen's Reign, he was constituted Sheriff of the County of *Buckingham*, and advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet by King *James* the 1st, in the 17th Year of his Reign, viz. 23 *March*, *A. D.* 1619. He was again Sheriff of the County in 4 *Car.* 1; and having marry'd two Wives, 1st, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Henry Boteler*, and Sister to *John* Baron *Boteler* of *Bramfield*, (and she dying, *April* the 5th, *A. D.* 1629, aged 63 Years); 2dly, (on 5 *Septemb.* 1631) *Mary*, Daughter of *John*

(\*) *Ex Relatione B. Willis, Arm.*

*Ellis of Kiddal in Com. Ebor.* and departing this Life, was bury'd at *Chicheley* the 3d of *Decemb.* 1635. He had by his said Wife one Son, *Robert*, baptiz'd the first of *April* 1633, who dy'd at twelve Years of Age; and by his first Wife, five Sons and five Daughters; 1. *Anthony*, his Successor; 2. *William*, baptiz'd 27 *April*, 1595; educated in the Study of the Law at *Grays-Inn*, who marry'd two Wives, and left Issue three Daughters his Coheirs. *Henry* 3d Son, baptiz'd *May* 11, 1598, of *Tilsworth in Com. Bedford.* who was Sheriff of that County in 12 *Car.* 1. and made Knight of the *Bath* at the Coronation of King *Charles* the 2d. He marry'd *Judith*, Daughter of———*Bankworth* of *Bow-lane, London, Gent.* (by whom he had a Son *Robert*, that dy'd when 18 Years old); 2dly, *Mary*, Daughter of *Thomas Wood* of *Hackney*, Sister to both *Sir Henry Wood, Kt.* and to *Thomas*, Bishop of *Lithfield* and *Coventry*, but by her had no Issue, whereupon his Estate devolv'd to *Sir Anthony Chester, Bart.* *John*, 4th Son, baptiz'd 7 *June*, 1601, marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter of———*Ashton, Gent.* and dy'd without Issue. *Robert*, 5th Son, baptiz'd *Septemb.* 1606; dy'd unmarried in the Isle of *Rbee*, being in the Expedition there under the Duke of *Buckingham.*

Of the Daughters, *Mary* marry'd *Sir Robert Bell* of *Beaupree-hall* in *Norf. Kt.* *Elizabeth*, baptiz'd 11 *July*, 1596, marry'd five Husbands, Gentlemen of good Estates; *Judith*, *Anne*, and *Dorothy*, all dy'd either young or unmarried.

*Sir Anthony Chester, Bart.* (Son and Heir of *Sir Anthony*) baptiz'd 23 *March, A. D.* 1593, was a Gentleman of steady Loyalty to King *Charles* the 1st. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he serv'd him personally in his Armies; and for contributing very largely to his Majesty's Service, had his Estate sequester'd, and his Mansion at  
*Chicheley*

*Chicheley* so defac'd and ruin'd, that there was no inhabiting it, He behav'd himself with great Bravery at the fatal Battle of *Naseby*, and other Engagements, which forc'd him to flee for *Holland*, and reside there, till a Composition was made for Life and Estate with the usurping Powers. His Lady *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *John Peyton*, (and Granddaughter to Sir *John Peyton* of *Donnington*, Governour of *Fersey Bergenopzoom*, &c. Temp. Queen *Elizabeth*) endur'd, with Christian Patience, and singular Courage, the Calamities which adverse Fortunes, in those deplorable Times, had expos'd the Family to. Sir *Anthony*, her Husband, was bury'd at *Chicheley*, 15 Feb. 1651, and she surviv'd him many Years, dying in the 89th Year of her Age, the 3d of July, A. D. 1692; and a Monument is erected at *Chicheley* to her Memory. They had five Sons and seven Daughters. *Henry*, his eldest, dy'd unmarried; 2. *Anthony*, his Successor; 3. *Peyton*, who was of the Bed-Chamber to *Henry* Duke of *Gloucester*, and a most accomplish'd Gentleman in all Parts of his Life. He had his Education at *St. John's College, Cantab.* after that went to his Majesty at *Brussels*, where he liv'd some Years, and return'd with the Royal Family. He dy'd unmarried. 4. *William*, a Merchant and Trader to *Barbadoes*, who rais'd a very great Fortune, and marry'd *Sarab*, Daughter of Major *Thomas Helme* of that Island, by whom he had four Sons, since dead, without Issue; *John*, 5th Son, dy'd unmarried.

Of the Daughters, *Alice* became the Wife of *John Millicent* of *Bergham in Com. Cantab.* Esq; *Dorothy*, to Colonel *John Fisher*; and *Frances*, to *Samuel Wiseman*, Gent. *Diana* dy'd unmarried; *Elizabeth* was Wife of *William Ryley*, Esq; Barrester at Law, and Keeper of the Records in the *Tower* of

*London*: *Penelope* dy'd an Infant, and the youngest, *Ruperta*, was marry'd to *Edward Coney* of *South Luffenham* in *Com. Rutland*, Esq; Son of *Sir Sutton Coney* of *Basinthorpe* in *Com. Linc.* Kt. a Lady of a singular good Memory, who is now living, to whom I am oblig'd for several Particulars before related.

*Sir Anthony Chester*, Bart. 3d of that Name and Title, marry'd (*May 21, 1657*) *Mary*, Daughter of *Samuel Cranmer* Alderman of *London*, and departed this Life the 15th of *February 1697*, in the 65th Year of his Age, as an Inscription on a Marble Tablet against the Wall, in the Chancel of *Chibley* informs, which likewise imports, "That he was an Honour to his Family, and not more excellent by Descent than by Vertue. That there was seldom to be found, one who so faithfully discharg'd all Offices of a pious Man, Subject, Husband, Father, or Friend. He lov'd the good, and cherish'd the learned: He entertain'd all freely and hospitably; follow'd Virtue, and excell'd in that Part, which makes Mankind honour'd; triumphing in Piety, Innocency, Constancy, and Faith." His Lady was likewise not less distinguish'd in the several Vertues that adorn a private Life; she surviv'd her Husband, and dying the 12th of *May 1710*, had Sepulture with him.

They had Issue, 1. *Anthony*, baptiz'd 1663, who dy'd unmarried 10 *May 1685*; 2. *John*, the present Baronet; 3. *Henry*, baptiz'd 29 *Septemb. 1688*, of *Hadon* in *Com. Northampt.* marry'd to *Theodocia*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Towers* of *Wilbarton* in *Com. Cantab.* by whom he had a Son *Anthony*, now living; 4. *William*, who dy'd unmarried; 5. *Thomas*, born 12 *March 1674*, marry'd to *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Daniel Wigfall* of *Ramshaw* in *Com. Derb.* (who has one Son, *John*, and two Daughters;



Daughters); 6. *Cæsar*, baptiz'd April 6, 1975; and 7. *Robert*, baptiz'd Novemb. 1677, who took to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter to Mr. *Allen* a Merchant in *London*, and dy'd without Issue.

Sir *Anthony's* Daughters were, *Mary*, Wife of *Francis Duncomb* of *Broughton* in *Com. Bucks*, Esq; *Elizabeth*, Twin with *Mary*, Wife of *Charles-Nicholas Eyre*, Esq; one of the Gentlemen of the Privy-Chamber, and Cup-bearer to Queen *Mary* the 2d, (by whom he has an only Son, *Charles-Chester Eyre*, Esq;) *Henrietta*, who dy'd young; *Diana*, marry'd to the Reverend Mr. *Remington*, Rector of *Hunnaby* in *Com. Ebor. Catbarine*; Wife of Sir *Henry Cambell* of *Clay-hall* in *Essex*, Bart. *Judith*, of *Robert Oneby* of the *Inner-Temple*, Barrister at Law, and of *Barwel* in *Com. Leicest.* Esq; *Dorothy*, of *John Wilson* of *Thorp* in the Parish of *Loughborough* in the aforesaid County; Esq; *Alice*, who dy'd unmarried; and *Penelope*, wedded to the Reverend Mr. *Allen* Rector of *Loughborough* aforesaid.

Sir *John Chester*, now living, (born in the Year 1668) has very much beautify'd and repair'd the Church at *Chicheley*, having wholly rebuilt the Chancel, and pav'd it with Marble; likewise built a Vault for the future Interment of his Family. He marry'd, 1. *Anne*, eldest Daughter and Coheir of *William Wollaston* of the County of *Leicest.* Esq; and she dying in Childbed the 3d of Octob. 1704, he hath since taken to Wife (in April 1714) *Frances*, Widow of Sir *Charles Skimpshire*, Kt. the only Child of Sir *William Noel* of *Kirkby* in *Com. Leicest.* Bart. by his 2d Wife *Frances*, Daughter of *Humble Lord Ward*, and as yet has no Issue by her; but his former Lady brought him five Sons and six Daughters; whereof *Anthony* dy'd an Infant; *William*, his eldest Son and Heir apparent, born the 5th of Septemb. 1687; marry'd, (A. D. 1716)

*Penelope*, Daughter of *George Hewitt* of *Stretten* in *Com. Leicest.* Esq; and hath one Daughter. *Thomas*, 2d Son, born 31 *March* 1689, waited on the Earl of *Pembroke* into *Ireland*, when Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, under whose Protection and Patronage he became Lieutenant Colonel to the Regiment of Colonel *Jones*, and was unhappily cast away near the Coasts of *Ireland* going for *Spain*; *John*, 3d Son, born 23 *April* 1693, a Fellow-Commoner of *Christs College* in *Cambridge*, marry'd (*A. D.* 1718) *Frances*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Ragot* of *Bliethfield* in *Com. Staff* Bart. *Francis*, 4th and youngest surviving Son, marry'd (1716) *Bethia*, Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Webb* of *Kensington*, Esquire.

Of the Daughters, *Mary* and *Rebecca* is deceas'd; *Catharine* wedded (*A. D.* 1718) *John Toller* of *Billingborough* in *Com. Leicest.* Esq; and *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, and *Penelope* are unmarried.

## A R M S.

Party per Pale Argent and Sable, a Cheveron engrail'd between three Rams Heads eras'd counterchang'd, a Border engrail'd Gules besantee; which Border has been omitted.

## C R E S T.

On a Wreath a Ram's-head coup'd Argent, attir'd Or.



Sir

Sir SAMUEL TRYON of LAIRE-  
MARNEY, Kt. N<sup>o</sup> 124.

[*Mart.* 28. *A.D.* 1620. *R. Jac.* 1. 18.]

**T**HE first of this Family that came into England, was *Peter Tryon*, originally of *Flanders*, who left his Country on the Account of the Troubles rais'd in the *Low-Countries* by the bloody Duke of *Alva*: His Family had, for a long while, flourish'd in Wealth and Honour in in those Parts; and this Gentleman did not come over in an indigent Manner to seek his Fortune, but brought with him a vast Estate, said to be above 60000 *l.* Sterling; (a) which laid the Foundation of the future Grandeur of his Posterity. His Wife's Name was *Mary*, who deceas'd the third of *January* 1618, and was interr'd, by her Husband, in the Church of *St. Christophers*, near the *Royal Exchange*, *London*. (b) Their Issue were two Sons, and two Daughters, which were honourably dispos'd in Marriage; for *Mary*, the eldest, marry'd *Sir Sebastian Harvey*. Kt. Lord Mayor of *London*, 1618, (when *Sir William Raleigh* was beheaded) Son of *Sir James Harvey*, Kt. Lord Mayor of *London*; who had by her an only Daughter and Heir, of his Lady's Name, Wife to *Sir Francis Popham*, Kt. *Hester*, the youngest Daughter of the said *Peter Tryon*, was espous'd to *Sir William Courteene* of *London*, Baronet. Of his Sons, *Moses Tryon* of *London*, his eldest Son and Heir, left only a Daughter, marry'd to ——— *Hucksley* of *Edmonton* in *Middlesex*, Esq; so that *Samuel*, his 2d Son, succeeded to his Estate.

Which

(a) *Ex Inform. W. Holman de Halsfed in Com. Essex.* (b) *Stow's Survey*, p. 359.

Which *Samuel Tryon*, born in *England*, was knighted by King *James* the 1st, at *Newmarket*, the 25th of *April* 1615. He had to Wife, *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Eldred*, Citizen of *London*; and departing this Life the 8th of *March* 1626, in the 2d Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st, was bury'd in the Vault belonging to the Family, in the Chancel of *Halsted Church* in the Hundred of *Hinckford* and County of *Essex*. His Lady surviv'd him, and erected to his Memory a fair Monument in the Chancel aforesaid, on which is the following Inscription :

MEMORIA JUSTI VIVIT in Æternum.

*Here lyeth the Bodie of Sir Samuell Tryon, Knight and Barronet; of his Name, the first Owner and Lord of this Town, who, while he Lived, was a Man sound in Religion, well Inclined to the Poor, not injurious to any; For his Liberalitie, Gentile Life ——— second To few of his Rank for Endowments of his Mind: They were (to those that knew him extraordinary) His Death gave full Testimony to the World Of the Sincerity of his Heart. He ended his Life The eight Day of March 1622. Ætatis sue 46. Leaving behind him Dame Elizabeth his Widdow, Who erected this Monument, by whom he had One Son, Sir Samuell Tryon, living, and One Daughter deceas'd. He gave this Towne A faire present Guifte, and in Case of Contingency, A large pious Bequest in PERPETUITTY.*

Vixit sua Tempora nosq; Sequemur.

The first Estate that this Gentleman had in the County of *Essex*, was the Manour of *Lair-Marney*, which he purchas'd of *Peter Tuks*, Esq; he afterwards bought the Lordship of *Halsted*, of Sir *Tho-*

*mas Gardener*, Kt. and pull'd down the old Building, and erected that neat Structure now standing (tho' somewhat decay'd) at the upper End of the Town, commonly call'd *Boys-Hall*.

He liv'd and dy'd in *Halsted*, leaving Issue the said Sir *Samuel Tyron*, Bart. (c) of the Age of ten Years and ten Months, whose Mother afterwards marry'd Sir (\*) *Edw. Wortley*, Kt. Brother to Sir *Francis Wortley* of *Wortley* in *Yorkshire*, Kt. and Bart. He got the Wardship of this Sir *Samuel* his Son-in-Law, and made Waste of the Estate, and then marry'd him to his own Neece, when young, whom he affected not, which was the unfortunate Occasion of ruining a fine Estate.

This Sir *Samuel Tryon* had two Wives; his first Lady was *Eleanor*, Daughter of Sir *Henry Lee* of *Quarondon* in *Buckinghamshire*, Kt. and Bart. by whom he had an only Son, of his own Name, *Samuel* his Successor, and *Alianora*, his only Daughter, (who upon the Decease of her Brother, Sir *Samuel*, without Issue) was his Heir, marry'd to Sir *Richard Franklyn*, Baronet.

His second Lady was *Susan*, Daughter of *John Harvey* of *Newton* in *Suffolk*, Gent. She was a most beautiful Person, and surviving her Husband, was marry'd again to *Timothy Thornbury* of *London*, Gent. and dy'd in the *Michaelmas* after the great Frost, and lies bury'd in *Chrutched-Fryers*. Sir *Samuel* was Sheriff of *Essex* in the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st, and dy'd about the Year 1660, and had Issue, by his last Lady,

*Samuel*

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(c) Esch. 3. Car. 1. (\*) Sir *Richard Wortley* of *Wortley* in *Yorkshire*, Kt. had Issue Sir *Francis* Kt. and Bart. and Sir *Edward* above-nam'd, and several Daughters, viz. *Eleanor*, marry'd to Sir *Henry Lee* of *Quarondon* in *Buckinghamshire*, Bart. by whom he had *Eleanor*, first Wife to Sir *Samuel Tyron*, Bart.. Her Mother was the fourth Wife to *Edward*, Earl of *Manchester*.

*Samuel John Tryon*, who dy'd an Infant; *Samuel John Tryon* the present Baronet; *John*, his third Son; also two others, named *Moses*, and a Daughter named *Anne*, who all three dy'd very young. His only Son, by his 1st Wife, succeeded him in Title and Estate.

Which Sir *Samuel Tryon*, Bart. surviv'd his Father but a short Time, and dying unmarry'd, the Dignity and Estate descended to his 2d Brother by the 2d Venter, *viz.*

Sir *Samuel John Tryon*, the 4th Baronet of this Family, now living, who marry'd *Mary*, Daughter of *Robert Bowndes* of *Chelmsford* in *Essex*, and by her hath Issue two Daughters Coheirs, *Mary* and *Susan*; whereof the eldest is marry'd to *Thomas Davy* of *Shipdam* in the County of *Norfolk*, Gent. whose Ancestors have flourish'd, for several Ages, in *Stanfield* and *Shipdam* in the County aforesaid.



## A R M S.

*Azure a Fesse Battelee between six Estoiles Or.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Torce, a Bear's-Head coup'd Azure, Estoil Or.*

ADAM

ADAM NEWTON of CHARLTON, Esq;  
Kent. N<sup>o</sup> 125.

[April 2. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.]

THIS Gentleman (a learned and ingenious Person) was install'd Dean of *Durham*, 27 *Septemb.* 1606, (on the Promotion of Dr. *James* to the Bishoprick of that City) which Deanry he held till 1620, when he resign'd it (as Mr. *Wood* (a) alledges) for a certain Sum of Money. He was chosen by King *James* the 1st, to be Tutor to his Son Prince *Henry*, the Darling of the *English* Nation: He was likewise Treasurer of his Highnesses Revenue: and was created to the Dignity of a Baronet the Day and Year above-mention'd, before which he had a Grant of the Manour of *Charlton* near *Greenwich* in *Kent*, whereon he built a noble House, and design'd to have rebuilt the Parish-Church; but departing this Life the 13th of *January* 1629, "he left the Care, with his Cost, "to enlarge and beautify it (as Mr. *Philpot* observes "in his *Villars Cantianum*, pag. 96) to Sir *David Cunningham*, Kt. and Bart. late Cofferer to Prince "Charles, Mr. *Newton* his Brother, and Mr. *Peter Newton*, Gentleman Usher to K. *Charles*, who have "most amply discharg'd that Trust, and in a Manner new built a great Part thereof, and erected "the Steeple new from the Ground, and furnish'd "it with a new Ring of Bells, decorating the said "Church without and within, that it surpasses (as "the aforesaid Author mentions) most in the Shire. Over the Communion-Table, underneath the Pictures

(a) *Athenæ Oxon.* Vol. 1. Col. 356.

tures of *Moses* and *Aaron*, holding a Tablet of the Commandments finely painted on Glass, with the Arms and Crest of *Newton*, is the following Commemoration.

This Window was glased at the Charge of *Jemes Newton*, Esq. Uncle to Sir *Henry Puckering Newton*, Bart. and Heir to Sir *William Newton*, Bart. deceas'd, Anno 1639.

Their Father, Sir *Adam Newton*, Bart. marry'd *Dorothy*, Daughter of Sir *John Puckering*, Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England* in the Reign of *Queen Elizabeth*, by whom he had the two Sons above-mention'd, Sir *William Newton*, Bart. who dy'd unmarried, and Sir *Henry Newton*, Bart. Successor to his Brother in Title and Estate.

Which Sir *Henry Newton*, on the Death of his Uncle, Sir *Thomas Puckering*, Bart. (20 *Martii*, Anno 1636) and of *Jane*, his only Daughter, who dy'd soon after her Father, became, by Deed of Settlement, Heir to a fair Estate in *Warwickshire*, and elsewhere, (b) particularly the Priory near *Warwick*, where his said Uncle, Sir *Thomas*, resided, and which he likewise chose for his Seat. He was a Gentleman vers'd in most Parts of Learning, a great Traveller, and Master of several Languages. On the breaking out of the Rebellion against King *Charles* the 1st, he went, with his Friends, to his Majesty, and entering into the Army, was at the Battle of *Edg-hill*, and continu'd in his Service the greatest Part of the Civil Wars, for which he suffer'd very much by Sequestrations, and other Ways. He was chosen a Member for the Town of *Warwick*, in the Convention that restor'd King *Charles* the 2d, (c) as also in that call'd

(b) *Dugdale's Warm. p. 366.* (c) *MS. pones Br. Willis, Arm.*



call'd the Long Parliament, and others, serving his King and Country, in those Assemblies, till his great Age excus'd him from such Attendance: He was likewise Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of Peace for *Warwickshire*, where he liv'd, and was honour'd by his Majesty *K. Charles 2.* with a Patent for Pay-Master General of his Forces. His good Housekeeping and Liberality to the Poor, who scarce ever went unfed from his Gates, gain'd him the general Love and Esteem of his Neighbours, and he was distinguish'd, throughout the Kingdom, for being a generous Benefactor to the poor Cavaliers, whose Services were not rewarded by King *Charles* the 2d. He departed this Life at the Priory aforesaid, the 22d of *January* 1700, aged 82 Years, 10 Months; and leaving no Issue (tho' he had several Children) by his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Thomas Murray*, Esq; the Title of Baronet in this Family expir'd with him. His Estate (by his own Settlement) devolv'd on his Lady's Niece, the Lady *Jane Bower*; (one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Henry Murray*, Esq;) Relict of Sir *John Bower* of *Kinpersley*, in *Com. Staff.* Bart. for her Life; Remainder to *Vincent Grantham* of *Goltbo*, in *Lincolnshire*, Esquire.

## A R M S.

*Azure* two *Ostriches Feathers* in *Salteir Argent*, between three *Boars Heads* of the same, *Langud Gules*, *Tusk'd Or.*

## C R E S T.

*Out of a Ducal Coronet*, a *Boar's Head*, as above, between two *Ostriches Feathers Argent.*



Sir

Sir JOHN BOTELEER of HATFIELD-  
WOODHAL, Kt. Hertf. N<sup>o</sup>. 126.

[April 12. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

Eng. Baron, viz. Lord Boteler of Bramfield,  
and extinct.

GILB. GERARD of HARROW on the  
HILL, Esq; Middlef. N<sup>o</sup>. 127.

[Apr. 13. in eod. Ann. præd.]

THE Descent of this Family being already  
shewn in the 1st Vol. of this Work, pag. 96.  
What is farther necessary to be observ'd, is, that  
this *Gilbert Gerrard*, who was created a Baronet,  
descends from *John Gerard*, 3d Son (a) to Sir *Pe-  
ter Gerard* of *Bryn*, mention'd to die in 4 R. 2.  
(vide pag. 99.) Which *John* having had in Mar-  
riage *Hellena*, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Ince*  
of *Ince in Com. Linc.* was, in her Right, possess'd  
thereof; and *William*, his Son and Heir, having  
marry'd *Cicely*, Daughter to Sir *Laurence Standish*, of  
*Standish*, had Issue *Thomas Gerard* of *Ince*, Esq; who  
wedded *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Will. Norris* of *Speek*  
in *Com. Linc.* Esq; and dying the 4th of *May*, in 36  
*H. 6.* was succeeded in Estate by *William* his Son and  
Heir, who deceas'd in 11 *Edw. 4.* (1471); and by  
*Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *John Byron*, Kt.  
had

(a) Ex Stemmate.

had a numerous Issue, viz. *Thomas, James, Gilbert, Roger, Robert, Richard, Piers, and Ralph*, whereof the five last mention'd were Priests; and

From *Thomas*, the eldest, descended the *Gerards of Ince*. Of *James*, 2d Son, Mention will be made hereafter; *Gilbert*, 3d Son, who marry'd *Eleanor*, Daughter to *William Davyson* Alderman of *Chester*, liv'd chiefly in that City, and left Issue *William Gerrard*, Esq; who was Recorder of *Chester* in 6 *Eliz.* 1563; and in 16 *Eliz.* Chancellor of *Ireland*. (b) He dy'd in *May* 1580, and lies bury'd in the Cathedral of *St. Werburghs* in *Chester*, and is Ancestor to the *Gerrards of Pentoken*.

I now return to *James*, 2d Son beforemention'd, who having marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to *John Holcroft* of *Holcroft* in *Com. Lanc.* Esq; had Issue by her two Sons, *William Gerrard* hereafter-mention'd, and *Gilbert*, who was the eldest, and became very famous: For having been brought up to the Study of the Laws at *Grays-Inn*, he was, in Regard of his profound Knowledge therein, first elected Autumnal Reader; and the next Year, being the 2d and 3d of *Phil. & Mar.* join'd with *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, afterwards Lord Keeper in the Office of Treasurer of that Society; in which Reign, upon the Lady *Elizabeth's* being question'd at the Council-Table, he was permitted to plead her Cause; which he did with such forcible Eloquence and Zeal for her Service, that he was imprison'd for the same in the *Tower* during the Residue of that Queen's Life: But upon the Princess *Elizabeth's* ascending the Throne, he was, for his faithful Service, and personal Merit, constituted her Attorney-General, and continu'd so till 23 *Eliz.* and then was made Master of the *Rolls*. He it was that built that stately Mansion call'd *Gerard's*

(b) *Leicester's Antiqu.* p. 287.

*Bromley in Com. Staff.* and by *Anne*, his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Ratcliffe of Wimersley in Com. Lanc.* Esq; became the direct Ancestor to the noble Line of the *Gerards*, Barons *Gerard of Bromley*, the *Gerards* Earls of *Macclesfield*, and the *Gerards* of *Fiskerton*, that attain'd the Title of Baronet.

*William Gerard*, Younger Brother of *Sir Gilbert*, acquir'd, by good OEconomy, a fair Fortune, and was the first of his Name that resid'd at *Flamberds* in the Parish of *Harrow on the Hill in Com. Middf.* which Manour of *Flamberds* was anciently possess'd by a Family of the same Name, (c) and came, as I suppose, to the said *William* by Purchase. He was a Gentleman of a sober Disposition, and exemplary in his Life and Conversation, as may seem by his last Testament which he made when sick, bearing Date the 17th of *January 1581*, (24 *Eliz.*) whereby he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Parish-Church of *Harrow on the Hill*, in such Manner as his Executors should think proper: Wills, " That all such Debts and Duties as he owes to " any Person or Persons by either Law, Equity, " or good Conscience, be first paid, as also eve- " ry one who could make Proof that he has dealt " hardly with them to their Loss or Hindrance, " should be fully recompens'd and satisfy'd. He " gives to *William* his Son and Heir his Manour " and Mansion-House of *Flamberds*, &c. bequeaths " Legacies to six younger Sons, and to his Daugh- " ters, *Dorothy* and *Frances*, 200 Pounds each, if " so be that they marry with Consent of his lo- " ving Brothers, *Sir Gilbert Gerrard*, Kt. and his " Brother-in-Law, *Ant. Ratcliff.*" He liv'd two  
Years

(c) *Weaver's Fun. Monuments*, p. 531.

(d) *Ex Regist. Watson qu.* 30.

Years after, and then being again sick, by a Codicil annex'd to his Will, dated the 20th of *Sept.* (26 *Eliz.*) he bequeaths to the Reparations of the Church of *Harrow*, such Portions as his Son and Heir *William Gerrard* (whom he appoints his Executor) shall think fit to bestow on the same. He departed this Life the 15th of *April*, 1583, and with his Wife *Dorothy*, (Daughter to *John Ratcliff* of *Langley*, Esq;) lyes interr'd under a Tomb of white Marble, erected against the Wall in the said Church of *Harrow on the Hill*.

His eldest Son, *Gilbert Gerrard*, by Marriage with *Mary*, Daughter to *Sir Francis Barrington*, Kt. and Bart. had the Manour of *Aston Clinton*, (e) in *Com. Bucks*, and was advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet 13 *April*, 1620: He was elected one of the Knights for *Middlesex* in several Parliaments, and, by his Lady aforesaid had four Daughters; *Mary*, who dy'd unmarried; *Winifred*, Wife to *Tristram Conyers*, Esq; Serjeant at Law, *Katherine* to *Sir Charles Pym*, Bart. and another, who espous'd *Sir John Heydon*. He had likewise four Sons; *Sir Francis*, *Sir Gilbert*, *Thomas*, and *John Gerrard*.

*Sir Francis Gerrard* of *Flamberds*, Bart. (as Successor to his Father) marry'd *Isabel*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Cheek*, Kt. and left Issue three Sons, *Sir Charles*, *Sir Francis*, and *Sir Cheek Gerrard*, Barts.

*Sir Charles Gerrard*, Bart. marry'd the Lady *Honora*; Daughter to *Charles Lord Seymour*, of *Trowbridge*, and Sister to the present Duke of *Somerset*: He serv'd in Parliament as one of the Knights for *Middlesex*, in the 1st Year of the Reign of King *James* the 2d, and in the first Parliament call'd by King *William* and Queen *Mary*, but departing this Life without Male Issue, in the Year 1701, was

(e) E, Coll. B. Willis, Arm.

succeeded in Title and Estate by his Brother, Sir *Francis Gerrard*, Bart. who likewise deceas'd in *August 1704*, without Heir Male, so that the Baronetship descended to Sir *Cheek Gerrard*, Bart. the youngest Son of Sir *Francis*, who dying unmarried in *Feb. 1715*, the Title ceased, and the Estate of *Flamberds* devolv'd on the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Charles Gerrard*, Bart. who was first marry'd to *Warwick Lake of Cannons*, Esq; and since his Decease, to — *Stapleton*, Esq;

## A R M S.

*A Saltire Gules, with due Difference, quartering Bryn, viz. Azure, a Lyon Rampant, Ermine, crown'd, Or. Which Coat this Branch of the Family has born alone, and the Family now at Bryn\* use the said Lyon for their Crest, tho' the ancient Crest was a Marmoset, vide Gerrard of Bryn, Vol. 1. p. 106.*

## C R E S T.

*A Lyon's Gamb erased, Ermine, treading, and sometimes holding an Hawke's Lewer, Or; which was the Crest the Family of Bryn used; but Sir Francis Gerrard bore a Banner, charged with a Canton of St. George, viz. Argent, a Cross Gules, and this Motto, Nobilis est, qui Nobile facit.*



HUM.

\* *Ex Inform. Dem. Tho. Gerrard de Bryn, Bart.*

HUMPHREY LEE of LANGLEY,  
Esq; Salop. N<sup>o</sup> 128.

[3 Maii 1620, R. Jac. 1. 18.]

**T**HIS Family following the Example of others, when Sir-names began to be settled, had Denomination from the Chief Place of their Residence, and, without Doubt, in earlier Times than I have discover'd, enjoy'd Lands at *Lee* in *Sbropshire*. The first I meet with, is

*Hugh de Lega*, or *Lea*, Witness to the Grant of (a) *Robert Traynel* of *Hatton*, to the Abby of *Bildewas*, Co. *Salop*, (founded Anno 1135) of all that Land, Wood, Heath, &c. which he enjoy'd in half the Town of *Hatton*, and was, I presume, the same Person who was (b) Father to *Reginald de la Lee*, to whom *Fulk Fitz-Warren* granted Lands; which, if not warranted, *William Fitz-William*, Son of *Alan*, in Consideration of 20 Marks of Silver, and a *Palfrey*, promises to confirm to him other Lands in *Sbropshire* in Exchange. To this Deed were Witnesses *John L'Estrange*, and others. This *Reginald* had Issue *John de la Lee*, a Witness to *Jeffrey Randulph's* Grant to *Bildewas*, aforesaid, (c) An. 1288; (17 E. 1.) and to *Edmond de Leynham's* Release to that Abby Anno 1301. (31 E. 1.) he was a Knight in 26 Ed. 1. (†) as appears by his Charter in that Year; as also by a Deed of *John L'Estrange*, without Date, wherein he gives him a Messuage and a Carucate of Land in *Byritone*, and I find him

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(a) *Mon. Ang.* Vol. 1, p. 782.  
*nes Francis Hougham, Arm. Pictor.*  
p. 181.

(b) *E. Vist Co. Salop*, p.  
(c) *Mon. Ang.* Vol. 1.

(†) *E. Vist. Co. Salop. prad.*

still'd Lord of that Place, in a Deed dated *An. 1300.* (30 *E. 1.*) Contemporary with this Sir *John*, was *Philip de Leye*, who held Lands of 20*l.* *per Ann.* or more, in *Sbropshire*, in 25 *Ed. 1.* and was thereupon (*d*) summon'd to attend the King with Horse and Arms to go with him beyond the Seas.

But to the said Sir *John* succeeded (as appears by the Pedigree) *Thomas* his Son and Heir, who was a Knight, and had to Wife *Petronilla*, Daughter of Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Kt. and, in Conjunction with her, by the Name of *Thomas du Lee*, Lord of *Stanton*, they grant to *Thomas*, their Son, and the Heirs of his Body, a Messuage in *Stanton*, with Remainder to *Stephen*, Brother of the said *Thomas*, Remainder to *Philip de Lee* and his Heirs, which Deed is without Date, and the Seal thereto, a *Fefs chequy. between 10 Billets*, circumscrib'd **SIG THOME DV LEE**. He had also Issue *Reginald de la Lee*, to whom he gave Lands in *Lee*. Which *Reginald* was living *Anno 1320.* (14 *E. 2.*) and had Issue Sir *John de la Lee*, Kt. call'd Lord of *Roden*, 1321. (15 *E. 2.*) who was chosen the Year following one of the Knights for *Sbropshire* in the Parliament held at *York*, and (in 1 *E. 3.*) he marry'd *Maud*, Daughter of *Henry de Eidington*, to whom by Deed, dated in 5 *E. 2.* *Thomas de la Lee* and *Petronill* his Wife, grant all their Land *feminatam cum terra feminata*; and to this Deed are the abovemention'd Arms appendant. This *John* had Issue by *Maud*, his first Wife, a Daughter of her Name, to whom he gave, for Life, (by Deed, dated in 1 *E. 3.*) all those Lands and Tenements which he purchas'd of *Stephen de Felton*; and the same Year, by Deed, (sealed with a Squirrel which the Family now bear as their Crest) dated the  
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(*d*) *E. Lib. MS. B. 5. in Bibl. Joh. Austis, Arm. Gart. Reg. Arm.*



the *Thursday* after *Ascension-Day*, grants to *John de Lychefeld*, and *Maud* his Wife, a Piece of Land, near *Halghtod*: They the said *John de la Lee* and *Maud*, had also Issue *John de la Lee*, Kt. living. *Anno* 32 E. 3. who had Issue *Robert de la Lee*, Lord of *Roden*, as also *Thomas*, who espous'd *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Asteley de Nordley*, and had two Sons, *Roger* and *John*, from whom the *Lees* of *Nordley* and *Cotton*, in *Com. Salop*, descended. The said *Tho. de Lee* was a Knight, (e) and serv'd in Parliament in 9 & 13 R. 2. for *Shropshire*. His eldest Son, *Roger*, took to Wife *Joan*, Daughter of *Edward Burnell*; which *Joan* surviv'd her Husband, and dy'd (f) the *Saturday* before the Feast of *St. Matthew*, in 1 H. 4. holding of the King three Parts of the Manour of *Langley*, with the Advouson of the Chapel of *Rokele*, by the Service of a 3d Part of a Knight's Fee; and of *Robert Lee* of *Roden*, a Messuage and one Carucate of Land in *la Lee*, by Service of 1 d. per Ann. as also Lands in *Habdenball*, *Leton*, *Leighton*, and *Sbrewsbury*, which Lands descended to *Robert Lee* of *Roden*, her Son and Heir; 22 Years of Age and more, and *Petronilla* his Wife.

Which *Petronilla* dy'd, (g) seiz'd of the 3d Part of the Manour of *Longley*, on the *Monday* before the Feast of *St. Gregory*, the Pope, in 20 H. 6. leaving *Ralph Lee*; her Son and Heir, 28 Years old.

This *Ralph* liv'd 'till 19 Ed. 4. and having espous'd *Isabel*, Daughter of *James Ridley*, dy'd on the Eve of *St. Nicholas* the Bishop, 1478, and was succeeded in the Manours of *Longdon*, *Buryton*, and *Roudon*, in *Com Salop*, by *Richard* his Son and Heir, at that Time of the Age of 40 Years.

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Which

(e) *Fryn's Brevia Parl. Vol. 1. p. 126.*  
 (g) *Esch. 20. H. 6.*

(f) *Esch. 2 H. 4.*

Which *Richard* increas'd his Inheritance, by marrying *Margaret*, Daughter and Coheir of *Sir Fulk Sprenclose*, Kt. for with her he had the Manours of *Dotinton B-shall* and *Stanway*, (b) which were settled on him in 21 *Ed. 4.* with Remainder to *John*, *Richard*, *Robert*, and *Fulk*, his Brethren. He had two Sons; *Richard*, who left an only Daughter and Heir, *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *Thomas Kynaston* of *Eiton*, so that his Brother *Fulk* succeeded to his Estate as Heir Male, and seated himself at *Longley*.

The said *Fulk Lee* had two Wives; by the 1st, *Alice*, Daughter of *Sir Richard Cornwall* of *Berington*, Kt. he had Issue *Thomas* his Son and Heir, who betroth'd *Jane*, Daughter of *Sir Robert Corbet* of *Morton*, Kt. and had a numerous Issue; whereof six Daughters match'd into the best Families of the County; and *Richard*, his eldest Son, took to Wife *Elianor*, Daughter of *Walter Wrotlesley* of *Wrotlesley*, in *Com. Staff.* Esq; by whom he had seven Sons and five Daughters, whereof *Walter*, his eldest Son, succeeded to the Estate, but dying without Issue, it devolv'd on *Humphrey* his Brother.

Which *Humpbrey Lee* of *Langley*, Esq; serv'd all Offices suiting his Degree, as Justice of Peace, Deputy-Lieutenant of that County, &c. and was advanc'd to the Dignity of a Baronet 3 *Maui* 1620. He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *Reginald Corbet* of *Stoke*, Esq; and had Issue four Daughters; *Margaret* wedded to *Sir Francis Kynaston* of *Otelry*, Kt. *Cacilie*, *Alice*, and *Mary*, as also an only Son *Richard*, who succeeded him.

This *Sir Richard Lee* of *Langley*, Bart. was one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Salop*, in the Parliament that met in 1640, and adhering

(b) *Carr. 21. Ed. 4.*

ing faithfully to King *Charles* the 1st, in the Time of his Troubles, did not a little contribute to his Assistance, when his Majesty first set up his Standard and march'd to *Shrewsbury*: He afterwards attended the King to *Oxford*, (i) and sat among those Members that met there in 1643, whereby he became a considerable Sufferer in his Estate. He took to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Allen*, Kt. and Alderman of *London*, and had Issue three Sons and three Daughters; *Humphrey*, *Richard*, and *Francis*; *Mary*, *Elizabeth*, and *Rachael*.

*Humphrey*, the eldest, succeeded to the Title and Estate.



A R M S.

*Gules, a Fess Checquy, Or and Azure, between 7 Billets in Chief and 6 in Point, Argent.*

C R E S T.

*A Trunk of a Tree, Vert, with a Squirrel, Gules, sitting thereon, brousing on a Nut Branch proper.*

RICHARD BERNEY of PARKHALL in  
REDHAM, Esq; Norf. N<sup>o</sup> 129.

[5 Maii, A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1: 18.]

**T**HIS Family was antiently seated in a Town call'd *Berney*, near *Bynham*, not far from *Walsingham* in *Norfolk*, about the Time, or soon after, the Conquest; whereof *Roger*, surnamed *de Berney*,

*Berney*, as Lord of *Berney*, (a) was succeeded by Sir *Henry de Berney*, and he by *Richard de Berney*, Esq; whose Son *Henry* lived in 1278.

From this *Berney*; the Family remov'd, and liv'd in a Place in the City of *Norwich*, call'd *Berney's Inn*: The first of whom was *John de Berney*, Esq; \* who marry'd *Joan* the Daughter of *Bartholomew de Witchingham*, Esq; and thereupon he removed to *Witchingham*, where his Family fix'd for some Time, and his Son *Robert* (who was Knight Bachelor of the Duke *Guyen* and *Lancaster*) marry'd *Margaret* the Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Walter de Walcot*, Relict of *Roger de Welsham*, who dy'd in 1410. By this Marriage he became related to the ancient Family of the *Guntons* extinct in that Generation. For *Margaret*, the aforesaid Wife of Sir *Robert de Berney*, was Grandchild to Sir *Walter de Gunton*, by *Melicentia* his Daughter and Heir, Wife of Sir *Walter de Walcot*. Which Sir *Walter de Gunton* is (according to the Custom of those Times) call'd *Miles strenuus & decorus*. By this Marriage, the said Sir *Robert de Berney* had the Manour of *Gunton*, where (four Generations after him) Sir *Robert de Berney*, who was Steward to the Lord *Morley* (Marshal of *Ireland*) and Sheriff of *Norfolk*, in the Reign of *Henry* the 4th, built a very good House: And this Branch of the Family continu'd for five Generations, and hath been extinct for some Years.

Which *Thomas* marry'd *Mary* the Daughter and Heirefs of *William de Reedham*, Esq; Lord of the Town of *Reedham*, not far from *Tarmonth*, standing upon the River *Tare*: With her he had several Estates and Lordships: And whereas the

Crest

(a) *Ex Stemmata penes Guiliel. Berney de Norstead.*

\* *Ex Stem. prad.*

Crest belonging to the Family is a *Plume of Feathers*, upon this Marriage he took the *Reedham's* Crest, \* a *Reed Sheaf*; and his Son *John*, who marry'd *Isabel* (b) the Daughter of Sir *John Heveningham*, and dy'd in the Year 1440, made *Reedham* his Mansion Seat. He had Issue several Sons: *Thomas* the eldest had the Estate at *Reedham*, (c) *Robert* 2d Son of of *Barrow Berney*, Kt. was Ancestor to the *Berneys* of *Witchingham* in *Com. Norf.* still in Being.

*John* 3d Son. (d) dy'd about the Year 1461; for then his Will was prov'd, which bears Date the Monday next, after *St. Petronil* the Virgin, A. D. 1460, (38 H 6.) and writing himself Son of *John Berney* of *Reedham*, Esq; " Wills his Body " to be buried in the Porch of the North Part " of the Church of *Reedham*; and bequeaths, for " finding Lights before the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, " *St. Peter*, and *St. Nicholas* the Bishop, 3 s. 4 d. " each. Also to the Brotherhood of *St. John Baptist* of the Town of *Reedham*, 6 s. 8 d. And to " the Brotherhood of *St. Thomas* of the said Town, " 6 s. 8 d. Likewise, one great *Cypress* Chest, for " the safe keeping the Ornaments of the said " Church. He settles on *John Berney*, his Nephew, " (Son of *Thomas Berney*, his Brother) his Manour " of *Caston*; as also the Manour of *Shipdon*, and " the Manour of *Turteviles*, in *Wichingham Parva*; " ordering the said *John*, and his Executors, to " maintain one Chaplain, after his Decease, to " pray for his Soul, and the Souls of *John Berney* " his Father, and *Isabel* his Mother, in the Church " of *Reedham*, for four Years, with a competent " Salary.

*Thomas*

\* Ex Stemmate ut antea.

(b) Ex Regist. Stockton, qu. 24.

(c) Fekyl's Liber Baronetorum, M. S. p. 149.

(d) Ex Regist. de Stockton præd.

*Thomas* aforesaid, who had the Estate at *Reedbam*, was (e) a Knight; and left Issue *John Berney* of *Reedbam*, Father of *Thomas*, who had Issue *John*, and he another *John*, who was succeeded by *Henry* his Son and Heir.

Which *Henry* marry'd *Alice*, Daughter of *Roger Appleton* of *Essex*, Esq; built a fair and magnificent House, adorn'd with very large Gardens, and a Park, in the Reign of *Philip* and *Mary*; which ever since has been call'd by the Name of *Parkball* in *Reedbam*.

This *Henry*, and *Alice* his Wife, lie buried in *Reedbam* Church, amongst many of his Ancestors, having had a numerous Issue by her, who surviving him some Years, erected in her Life-time, a very handsome Marble Tomb, with both their Effigies upon it, as also the Sons behind him, and the Daughters behind her, with this Inscription.

*Hunc Tumulum Conjux posuit dilecta Marito,  
Quemq; Viro posuit, destinat ipsa sibi.*

Sir *Thomas Berney*, eldest Son of *Henry*, marry'd *Julian* the Daughter of Sir *Thomas Gaudy* of *Claxton*, one of the Judges of the Common Pleas.

His eldest Son, *William*, marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Edward Coke*, Lord Chief Justice of *England*; who dy'd without Issue, as did also his Brother *John*; and *Richard* the third Son, succeeded to the Estate, who was created a Baronet the 5th of *May*, A. D. 1620, by the Name of Sir *Richard Berney* of *Parkball* in *Reedbam*.

This Sir *Richard* had four Sons, *Thomas*, *Richard*, *John*, and *William*: He settled his Estate upon his second Son *Richard*, who had also a Son of his own Name, who inheriting the Estate after  
his

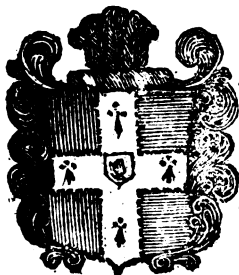
(e) *Fekyll's MS. pred.*

his Father's Death, sold the ancient Seat and Lordships of the Family; a pregnant Instance of the fatal Effects consequent upon disinheriting the eldest Son, contrary to the Law of Nature and Nations, which have always annex'd the greatest Portion to the Primogeniture.

Sir Thomas Berney, Bart. (eldest Son to Sir Richard) marry'd Sarah, Daughter of Captain Thomas Tyrrel, in *Essex*; and after the Restoration of King Charles the 2d, was made Governour of Landguard Fort, and deceasing in that Garrison, was bury'd in the Chapel belonging thereto.

He had Issue eleven Children, of whom two Sons only are now living, John, and William; but Richard his eldest Son succeeded to the Baronetship, and by his Uncle Richard, (second Son to the aforesaid Sir Richard Berney) was made Heir to a considerable Fortune; for he being sensibly touch'd with the hard and unnatural Usage of his eldest Brother, Sir Thomas, did, out of his personal Estate, bequeath a considerable Legacy to the said Richard, eldest Son of the said Sir Thomas Berney, who thereupon purchas'd a very handsome Seat at Kirby-Bedon near *Norwich*.

And having marry'd Dorothy, Daughter of William Branthwaite of *Hethell*, Esq; left 6 Sons and 5 Daughters, whereof Sir Richard was the eldest, who dy'd about the Age of 22 Years, in *May, A. D. 1706*, and is succeeded by his Brother Sir Thomas Berney, who now lives at Kirby Bedon aforesaid.



A R M S.

*Partie per Pale, Gules and Azure,  
a Cross engrail'd, Ermine.*

C R E S T.

*A Plume of Ostriche Feathers,  
Argent, Gules, and Azure.*

HUMPHREY FORSTER of ALDER-MAR-  
STON, Esq; Berks. N<sup>o</sup> 139

[20 Maii, A.D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**F**orestarius & de la Forest, (as anciently wrote) being Names deriv'd from an Office, it is difficult to ascertain the County wherein this Family first appear'd. In the Dining-Room, &c. of Alder-Marston House, are several Coats of Arms discovering the Matches of this Family with Harpeden, Stonard, and Popham, but their first Settlement at Alder-Marston was by Marriage of Sir George Forster, Kt. with Elizabeth, Daughter and sole Heir of John, Son of Sir Thomas Delamere, Kt. a younger Branch of the House of Delamere of Normy Castle. By the Match with Harpeden, Humphrey Forster, who proceeded therefrom, was seated at Harpeden, (a) in Com. Oxon. and his Son nam'd likewise Humphrey, shar'd a good Inheritance in the County of Southampton, by marrying the 4th Daughter and Coheir of Sir Stephen Popham of Farrington-Popham, in Com. Southamp. and he was Father of the said Sir George Forster, who became seated at Alder-Marston.

Which Humphrey was Sheriff of Oxfordshire and Berkshire in 15 Ed. 4. and receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood, as appears by an Epitaph in the Church of St. Martin's (b) in the Fields, Middlesex, mentioning his Decease to be in September 1500.

His Son, Sir George Forster, before-mention'd, was made Knight of the Bath A. D. 1525, at the Mar-

(a) Vis. de Com. Berks, in Musaeo Astmoli, Oxon.

(b) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 447.



Marriage with Prince *Arthur*, \* eldest Son of King *Henry* the 7th, and was Sheriff of the Counties of *Berks* and *Oxon* in 8 H 8. and the Probat of his Will bears date 22 April 1533, (25 H. 8.) " whereby  
 " he (d) bequeaths 3 s. 4 d. to the Maintenance of  
 " the Ornaments of the High Altar within the  
 " Church of our Lady at *Alder-Marston*, and his  
 " Gown of tawny Velvet, for making a Vest-  
 " ment thereto; as also his Gown of black Vel-  
 " vet to the Parish-Church, to make a Cope and  
 " another Gown of wrought Velvet, to make a  
 " Vestment to the Altar of *St. Clement*, that a Priest  
 " saying Mass there, may pray for his Soul and  
 " the Souls of *Elizabeth* and *Anne*, his late Wives,  
 " and his Father's, Mother's, Souls, and all Christian  
 " Souls.

He lies bury'd with his Wives in a Chapel situate on the South Side of the Church of *Alder-Marston*, under a fair Alabaster Tomb, (which he himself caus'd to be erected) whereon is the Portraitsures of a Knight in Armour, his Lady laying by him, in the Habit usually worn in her Lifetime; and on the North Side of the Monument, are the Portraitsures of eight Sons standing in Armour; as on the South Side are eight Daughters, in their usual Habits; also at the Feet are three Sons more: And round the upper Ledge, this Inscription:

*Here lyeth Sir GEORGE FORSTER, Knyght, Son and Heir of Humphrey Forster, Esq; Cozen, and one of the Heires of Sir Steyfyne ———, Knyght; and ELIZABETH, Wyfe of the same Sir George, Daughter and Heir of JOHN DELAMARE, Esq; Son and Heir of Thomas Delamare, Knyght. Which Elizabeth dyed the 7th Day of December, in the Year of our Lord God 1526; and which Sir George dyed in the Year of our Lord God ———*

*Hum-*

(d) *Ex Regist. Hogen, qu. 5.*

\* *Mom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott.*

*Humphrey Forster*, (Son and Heir of Sir George) was one of the Esquires of the Body to King *Henry* the 8th, and (e) attended him to *Bulloign* in the 12th Year of his Reign, *A. D.* 1520. He receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood the Year after his Father deceas'd, and bore a good Affection to Protestants even in the most dangerous Times. He boldly (f) declar'd to King *Henry* the 8th, *That never any Thing went so much against his Conscience, which under his Grace's Authority he had done, as his attending the Execution of three poor Men martyr'd at Windsor.* This may be presum'd to be in the 37th of that King's Reign, for then he was (g) Sheriff of the County: He had several Grants from the King for his Court-Services, in 30 *H.* 8. the Scite of the Monastery of *Gracedieu*, in *Com. Leicest.* in 33 *H.* 8. the Office of Keeper of *Fremantyl Park*, *Com. Southamp.* for Life; as also in 34, Steward of *Stratfelde-Mortymere* for Life, and in 35 a Grant of the Manour of *Wasing*, in *Com. Berks.* His Wife was,

*Elizabeth*, Daughter of *William* Lord *Sandys* of the *Vine*, and his Successor, *William*, his Son and Heir.

Which *William* had Sepulture with his Father in the Chapel before-mention'd, as an Inscription shews, engrav'd on a Brass Plate nailed in a blue Marble, near the Monument aforesaid, *viz.*

Here lyeth WILLIAM FORSTER, Esq; Lord of Alder-Maston, Son and Heir of Sir Humphrey Forster, Knyght, and Jane his Wife, one of the Daughters of Sir ANTHONY HUNGERFORDE of Downe-Amney, Knyght; which William deceas'd the 10th Day of January An. Dm. 1574. and his said Wife the ..... Day of ..... Ann. Dm. This

(e) E. Lib. MS. Not. B. 5. in Bibl. Joh. Austri, Arm.

(f) Fox's Acts and Mon. p. 1219,

(g) Fuller's Worthies in Berks,

This *William* was succeeded by *Humphrey Forster*, his Son and Heir, who receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from Queen *Elizabeth* in the Year 1592, and deceas'd the 28th of *February* 1601, leaving Issue a Son nam'd *William*, who inherited the Estate of his Ancestors; and at the Coronation of King *James* 1st, was made Knight of the *Bath*. He had Issue by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Mark Steward* of the Isle of *Ely*, an only Son.

*Humphrey Forster* of *Alder-Marston*, who was created to the Dignity of a Baronet the 20th of *May* 1620, and liv'd to be very aged; but his Wife *Anne* surviv'd him, (b) and dy'd 12 O<sup>r</sup>. 1673. She was Daughter of Sir *William Kingmill*, of *Sedmonton, Co. Hants*. They both had Sepulture in a Vault under a Chapel on the South Side of the Chancel, which this Sir *Humphrey* caus'd to be made; and on a rais'd Monument adjoining to the South Wall, is a Brass Plate with the Pictures of four Maidens engraven thereon, each less in Stature than the other; and under is this:

*Dedicated to the precious Memory of the four virtuous Sisters, Daughters of Sir HUMPHRY FORSTER, Bart. and of ANNE his Wife, viz. ANNA, who dy'd May the 16th, 1638, aged 18 Years and 5 Months. MARY dyed Sept. 9, 1638, aged 14 Years and 10 Months. BRIDGET dy'd May the 29th, 1637, aged 10 Years and one Moneth; and MARGARET, who dy'd Feb. 19 1623. aged one Tear and 6 Moneths.*

Near to the said Monument, on a fair Marble erected under the South Window, is this Inscription:

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Here

(b) E. Lib. MS. El. Ashmole in Musæo n. 1136.

*Here lyeth the Lady*  
**ANNE FORSTER**, *Wife to*  
*the late Sir HUMPHRY FORSTER,*  
*Knight and Baronet,*  
*and had Issue 16 Children.*

Of these Children. few liv'd to Maturity ; and their eldest Son, *William Forster*, Esq; dy'd before his Father in the Year 1661: He had to Wife *Elizabeth*, only Child to Sir *John Tyrrell* of *Heron*, in *Com. Essex*, Kt. by his 1st Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *George Evelyn* of *West-Dean*, in *Com. Wilts*, Esq; [but Sir *John*, by his 2d Wife, had Issue Sir *John Tyrrell*, Bart. from whom the *Tyrrells* now of *Heron* are descended] and had Issue *Humphrey*, *William*, and *John*, who was kill'd in a Duel ; also a Daughter *Elizabeth*, who espous'd *William Pert* of the County of *Suffex*, Esq; and 2dly *Henry Kelsey*, Merchant of *London*. By her first Husband she had an only Daughter and Heir *Elizabeth*, who marry'd *William Forster* of *Bamburgb Castle* in *Com. Northumb.* Esq; and he dying without Issue 1 Sept. 1700. She is now the Wife of the Right Honourable *William*, the present Lord *Stowell*, and is Heir to her Unkle, Sir *Humphrey Forster*, Bart. (Son of *William* beforemention'd, and Heir to his Grandfather) who having taken to Wife *Judith*, eldest Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Humphrey Winch* of *Hawnes*, in *Com. Bedf.* Bart. dy'd without Issue in *Decemb.* 1711, whereby the Title of Bart. ceas'd in this Family.



## A R M S.

*Sable, a Cheveron engrail'd between 3 Arrows, Argent.*

## C R E S T.

*A Hind's Head coup'd, Gules, gorg'd about the Neck with a Coronet lin'd Or.*

THOMAS BIGG of LENCHWIKE, Esq;  
Wigorn. N<sup>o</sup> 131.

[May 26. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**T**HE Gentleman above-mention'd was lineally descended from *John Biggs* (a) of *Sherburn* and *Radford* in *Com. Glouc.* to whom the Arms and Crest (as used by his Posterity) were exemplified by *William Hawkslow*, *Clarenceiux* King at Arms, under his Hand and Seal, bearing Date the 19th of *March*, in the 15th of *K. Edward 4.* He had Issue *Thomas Biggs*, Father of *John Biggs*, whose Son and Heir, *Thomas Biggs*, marrying *Magdalen*, Daughter of *William Hobby*, and Sister to *Sir Philip Hobby* was the first that settled at (b) *Lenchwike* (anciently a Parish, but now a Member of *Norton*) in *Worcestershire*, heretofore belonging to the Monastery of *Ewelham*, and granted, on the Dissolution, to *Sir Phillip Hobby* in 34 *H. 8.* (c) whose Nephew, *Sir Edward Hobby*, sold it, with *Norton*, to the said *Thomas Bigg*, whose memorable Actions are set forth on a rais'd Stone Monument, now standing against the North-Wall on a Chapel on the North-side of the Church of *Norton*, with the Figures of a Man in Armour, and his Wife in the Dress of the Times, lying thereon; under his Head his Helmet, and at his Feet his Crest; as also at hers. the Crest of *Hobby*; at the Bottom, and the End are the Arms with Mantling, and Crest, and at the Side, the Figures of their Children, viz. of four Women and two Men; and on the Stone that covers the Tomb, this Inscription:

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(a) *Visit. Com. Wigorn* in *Bibl. Harley* 90. B. 17. p. 126.  
(b) *Abington's Antiquities of Worcestershire*, MS. (c) *Ibid.*

*Here are interr'd Thomas Bigg, Esq; and Mat-  
delen his Wife, Sister to Sir Phillip Hobby.  
They were good Protestants. He travell'd many  
Foreign Countries, and had Grace Abroad from  
the Emperour and foreign Princes, and at Home  
much Favour from King Henry the Eighth, who,  
for his Service, gave him a Castle by Dover, and  
Command of a double Company of Soldiers at the  
Winning of Bullen. He departed this Life the  
25th of June 1581, at the Age of 74. She de-  
parted this Life the 29th of Septemb. 1574,  
at the Age of 55.*

To which Thomas succeeded his Son and Heir  
Thomas Bigg, who built a fair House at *Lenchwike*,  
(b) receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood (c) from  
King James at *White-ball*, July the 23d, 1603;  
and likewise lies bury'd at *Norton*, a Stone Mo-  
nument against the East-Wall of the said Chancel  
being erected to his Memory, the Figures of a Man  
and his Wife, in Praying Postures, with a Table  
between them, (and a Book before them lying  
thereon) also at the Sides three Men and a Boy,  
three Women and two Girls, with *Coats of Arms*,  
and above them, on a Tablet, this Inscription :

*Here resteth the Body of Sir Thomas Bigg, Kt.  
and Ursula his Wife, who was the 4th Daughter  
of Clement Throcmorton of Haseley in the  
County of Warwicke, Esq; they had 9 Children,  
(viz.) Thomas, Edward, Clement, Samuel,  
Catherine, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, and Ur-  
sula; Thomas marry'd Anne the 3d Daughter  
of William Wytham of Ledston in the County  
of York, Esq; Katherine marry'd Michael Fox  
of*

(b) MS. ut antea. (c) *Philpot's Cat. of Knights.*

of Chacombe in the County of Northampton, Esq; Anne marry'd John Wright of East Mayne in the County of Southampton, Esq; Elizabeth marry'd Thomas Ficame of Lyppiat in the County of Gloucester, Esq. These two were both zealous Professors, earnest Followers and Maintainers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & qualis Vita Finis ita. He departed this Life 4th of May, Ann. 1613, about the Age of 63 Tears. She departed this Life 13th of Aug. Ann. 1601, about the Age of 47 Tears.

Thomas, the eldest of the Sons, succeeded to the Estate at *Lenchwicke*, was created a Baronet by King James, the 26th of May, A. D. 1620, in the 18th Year of his Reign, and dying without Issue, the Title expir'd with him. He sold all his Lands, both at *Lenchwicke* and *Norton*, (d) to *William*, the famous Earl of *Craven*; but had Sepulture with his Ancestors, as appears by a fair rais'd Marble Monument against the North-Wall of the aforesaid Chapel, a Knight in Armour in full Proportion lying thereon, and on a black Marble Tablet this Memorial:

*Here resteth the Body of Sir Tho. Bigg, Kt. and Bart. who was both faithful to his Prince, and loving to his Country. He marry'd Anne, Daughter to William Witham of Ledstone in the County of York, Esq; and she, in Love and Memory of her Husband, erected this Monument. He departed this Life the 11th Day of June, Ann. Dom. 1621. Aetat sua 45.*

## A R M S,

As they were in the Window of the Chapel belonging to the Family.



*Argent on a Fess between 3 Martlets Sable, as many Annulets Or.*

## C R E S T.

*A dexter Arm embow'd, habited in Leaves vert, the Hand Proper, holding a Snake emwrapping the same, Gules.*

HEN. BELLINGHAM of HELSINGTON,  
*alias* HISSINGTON, Esq; *Westmor.*  
N<sup>o</sup> 132.

[*May 30. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.*]

**T**HIS Family (according to (a) *Leland*) is denominated from a Parish or Town in *Northumberland*, viz. from the Manour of *Bellingham* in *Tindall*, and is said to descend from *Alan de Bellingham*, (b) living in the Time of *William the Conqueror*; and after him was *Richard de Bellingham* Lord of the Manour of *Bellingham*, living in the Reigns of King *Henry 2.* and *Ric. 1.* Father to *Eudo*, who was Sheriff of the County of *Westmorland* in 8 and 9 R. 1. the Sheriffalty of which County

(a) *Itinerary*, Vol. 4. p. 5. (b) *E. Coll. Tho. Fekyll, Arm.*



County became afterwards Hereditary; for King *John*, in the 10th Year of his Reign, bestow'd the Bayliwick and Revenues thereof on *Robert* Lord *Vipont*, whence, by the Lords *Cliffords*, it descended to the *Tuftons* Earls of *Thanet*; and *Thomas* Earl of *Thanet*, the present Proprietor, appoints to the said Office.

To *Eudo* succeeded *Roger de Bellingham*, his Son and Heir, living in the Reigns of King *John* and *Henry* 3. whose Son *John* flourish'd in the said last Reign, and had Issue *Robert de Bellingham*, Lord of *Bellingham* and *Owsterie in Com. Northumberland*; which *Robert*, in *Anno* 35 *Ed.* 1. with *Robert de Walton*, were the two chief, upon an Inquisition concerning the Profits arising from the Vert or Herbage in the King's Park of *Tyn-dale*, and of the yearly Value thereof, (a) sufficient Feeding for the Royal Game excepted. He was living in the Reign of King *Edward* 2. and having marry'd *Thurstana*, Daughter and Heir to *Sir Gilbert de Burnshed*, Kt. left Issue a Son of his own Name,

*Robert*, who held *Bellingham* and *Owsterie*, *Temp. Edw.* 3. and *Ric.* 2. and, by *Margaret* his Wife, left Issue *Richard* his Son and Heir, who possess'd his Father's Estate in the Reign of King *Henry* 4. and was succeeded therein by his Son, another *Robert*, who was a Knight, and living in the Reigns of King *Henry* 5 and 6. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Sir Ricb. Tunstal* of *Thurland*, Kt. and had a numerous Progeny, viz. two Daughters, *Mabel*, Wife to *Richard Doliell*, and *Isabel* to *James Leybourne*; also seven Sons, 1. *Henry*, knighted by the Lord *Clifford*, (b) 30 *Decemb. A. D.* 1460, 39 *Hen.* 6. at the Battel of *Wakefield*; who was Fa-

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(a) *Ryley's Plac. Parl.* p. 365. (b) *Nom. Equit. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.*

ther of Sir Roger Bellingham, knighted at the Battel of Stoke, and afterwards made Knight Banneret (c) in Scotland, by the Earl of Surrey, in 13 Hen. 7. whose Son and Heir \* Sir Robert Bellingham, left four Daughters his Co-heirs, Catherine marry'd to Richard Asheton, Esquire, and 2dly, to Sir William Radclife of Ordsale, Knight; Elizabeth, Cuttbert Heton; Dorothy, to Anthony Duket, and Thomasin, to William Thornburgh, Esquires; 2. Alan, Ancestor to those whereof I am principally to treat; 3. Richard, who settled at Manaton in Com. Linc. 4. Thomas of Lymster. near Arundel in Com. Suffex. a Burgefs for Medhurst in that County, in the Parliament holden at Westminster, (d) 28 H. 6. Progenitor to those of Lymster, (whose Heir was marry'd to Boys of Hawkburst in Kent;) those of Newtimber in Com. Suffex. (a Branch of which was Sir Edward, one of the Gentlemen of the Band of Pensioners) and those of Eringham in the said County. The 5th Son of Sir Robert aforementioned, was Alexander; the 6th, Nicholas, who marry'd — Sister to the Lord Ogle; and the 7th, William.

Alan, 2d Son (e) aforesaid, by his Wife, a Daughter of—Gilping, had Issue Thomas his Son and Heir; who marry'd Mariana, Daughter of—Beck of Holcombe, and had two Sons, Alan and James.

Alan, the eldest Son, had two Wives, but had Issue only by his 2d, a Daughter of——Sandford, viz. three Sons, Stephen, Alan, and Thomas, and six Daughters.

Stephen, the eldest Son, succeeded to the Inheritance, was at length a Knight, and held the Manour of Hiffington — His Lady was Agnes, Daughter to Sir Henry Curwen of Workington, Kt. by whom he had Issue three Daughters and two Sons.

Henry,

(c) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott. Claudius C. 3.* \* *Dodsworth MS. in Bibl. Bod. Oxon. Vol. 156. f. 109. b.* (d) *Pryn's Brief Regis.*

(e) *Ex Stem. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll præd.*

*Henry*, the eldest, was advanc'd to the Degree of a Baronet, 30 *May*, 18 *Jac.* 1. serv'd in Parliament, for the County of *Westmorland*, in four Parliaments, in the Reign of King *Charles* 1. but dying without Issue Male, his Estate devolv'd upon his Brother *Alan Bellingham*, Esq; whose Descendants now enjoy the same.



A. R. M. S.

*Argent* 3 Bugle-horns *Sable*, garnish'd *Or*.

C. R. E. S. T.

On a *Wreath* a *Huchet*, or Bugle-horn (as above;) but those in *Suffex*, have, for Crest, a *Demi-Buck Argent*, attir'd *Or*, springing between two *Rose-Slips*.

WILLIAM YELVERTON of ROUGH-AM, Esq; *Norf.* N<sup>o</sup> 133.

[*May* 31. *A. D.* 1620. *R. Jac.* 1. 18.]

OF this Family, which appears to be primitively of the County of *Norfolk*, was *Robert Telverton*, (a) seated at *Rack-beath*, not far from the City of *Norwich*, in the Reign of King *Ed.* 3. Son of *Andrew Telverton*, who flourish'd in the Reign of *Ed.* 2. which *Robert*, by *Ceciley* his Wife, Daughter to *Sir Thomas Bardolf*, a Knightly Family, and branch'd (b) from the old Barons *Bardolf*,

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(a) *E. Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm. General. MS. in Bibl. Cotton.*

(b) *Seager's Baronagium*

dolf, had Issue *John Telverton*, his Son and Heir, but left Issue only by the last, viz. *William Telverton*, who succeeded to the Estate at *Rack-beath*, and taking to Wife *Joane*, Daughter to Sir *Oliver Le Gros* of *Bostwick* in *Com. Norf.* Kt. had Issue by her a Daughter, *Jane*, Wife to *Richard Holdick* of *Ramworth*, Esq; and *John Telverton*, his Son and Heir.

This *John* marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to *William Morley*, Esq; and had Issue *William Telverton*, Esq; (c) Burgefs for *Tarmouth* in 14 *Hen. 6.* in the Parliament then held at *Westminster*; whose Abilities, in the Study of the Common Law, gain'd him such Reputation, (d) that, in 18 *H. 6.* he was elected to the Degree of Serjeant at Law; and in 22 *H. 6.* constituted one of the Judges of the King's Bench; was continu'd therein by King *Edw. 4.* (e) also by King *H. 6.* when he was restor'd. Nevertheless, when King *Edward* became Victorious, he was created a Knight of the Honourable Order (f) of the *Bath*, in the *Tower of London*, at his 2d Coronation. He marry'd two Wives, *Eleanor*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Braose*, Kt. 2dly, *Agnes*, Daughter to *William Passon* of *Passon* in *Com. Norf.* Esq; (Progenitor to the Earl of *Tarmouth*.) He had by the latter a Son, *William*, and three Daughters, viz. *Anne*, marry'd to *James Elmes*; *Margaret*, to *John Palgrave* of *Birmingham* in that County, Esq; *Eleanor*, to *John Conyers*, Son and Heir of Sir *Robert*, who became Sisters and Co-heirs to their Brother, who dy'd without Issue. By the former Wife Sir *William* had Issue, *William*, and *John Telverton*, Esquire of the Body to *K. Ed. 4.* and departing this Life 27 *March, A. D.* had Sepul-

(c) *Pryn's Brief Regist.* p. 1013. (d) *Orig. Juridic.* (e) *Pat.* 49 *H. 6.* p. 1 M. 48. (f) *Nom. Milit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius C. 3.*

Sepulture at *Rougham*, as appears by this Epitaph there to his Memory; (g)

*Orate pro Animabus Will. Yelverton Militis & quondam Justic. Dom. Regis de suo Banco & Domina Agnetis Uxoris sue quiquidem Willus obiit—*

*William Yelverton*, Esq; eldest Son of the Judge, succeeded to the Estate at *Rougham*, and in (h) 14 E. 4. was retain'd, by Indenture, to attend the King in Person in his Wars in *France*, with two Men at Arms, and four Archers. He had Issue, by *Catherine* his Wife, Daughter to *Raynest* of *Essex*, a Son of his own Name, who succeeded him.

Which *William* left the Estate at *Rougham* to his Son, another *William Yelverton*, Esq; who increas'd his Patrimony by Marriage with *Anne*, Daughter and Heir to *Sir Henry Farmer* of *East Barsham* in *Norfolk*, Kt. who bore him several Sons and Daughters.

*Sir Christopher*, his 3d Son, was one of the Judges of the *King's Bench* in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*; (whose Son, *Sir Henry Yelverton*, one of the Justices of the *Common Pleas* in the Reign of King *Charles* 1. was Great Grandfather to *Henry Yelverton* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn* and *Vicount Longvile*, Father to *Talbot Yelverton*, the present Earl of *Suffex*;) But *Henry Yelverton*, the Eldest, succeeded to the Estate at *Rougham*, upon the Death of his Father *William*, 1586; and having marry'd *Bridget*, Daughter to *Sir William Drury* of *Hausted* in *Suffolk*, had Issue by her four Sons and two Daughters; whereof

*William Yelverton*, of *Rougham*, Esq; (as Heir to his Father) was advanc'd to the Dignity of *Baronet*, by Letters Patents bearing Date the 31st of

(g) *Weaver's Mon.* p. 821. (h) *Burmer's Ford.* Tom. XI. p. 845.

of *May*, in the 18th Year of the Reign of King *James*; which Dignity, with his hereditary Estate, descended to his eldest Son and Heir, Sir *William*, hereafter-mention'd, (by *Dionasia* his Wife, Daughter and Co-heir to Sir *Richard Stubbs* of *Sedgford* in *Norfolk*, Esq;) whose Brother, Sir *Henry Telverton*, Kt. wedded *Alice*, Daughter and Co-heir of *William Barlow* Bishop of *Lincoln*; and his Sisters, *Margaret*, marry'd *Tho. Tirril* of *Gipping* in *Essex*, Esq; and *Anne*, Dr. *Cadman*.

Sir *William Telverton*, (Son and Heir of Sir *William*) had in Marriage *Ursula*, Daughter of *Tho. Richardson*, Kt. Chief Justice of the *Common Pleas* and *King's-Bench*, (whose Heir Males are the Barons *Cramont* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*;) by which Lady he had one Son, Sir *William Telverton*, Bart. and two Daughters, viz. *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *Thomas Peyton*, a younger Son of Sir *Edward Peyton* of *Iselham*, Bart. and *Ursula*, who became Heirs to their Brother aforesaid, Sir *William Telverton* of *Rougham*, Bart. who dy'd unmarried, and for want of Male Issue, the Dignity of Baronet expir'd with him.



## A R M S.

*Argent 3 Lyons Rampant, and a Chief Gules.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath a Lyon Passant. Regardant Gules.*

**JOHN**

JOHN SCUDAMORE of HOM-LACY, Esq;  
Heref. N<sup>o</sup> 134.

[June 1. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.]

**T**HAT this Family, variously written in Records, *de Eskidmore, Esquidmor, Escuedmor, Schidmore, Skgdmore, &c.* was very anciently of a plentiful Estate and great Esteem, (\*) evidently appears from their early Benefactions to the Abbey of Dore, and other Authorities.

*Ralph de Scudemor* gave some of his Demefne-Lands (a) to the Abbey of Dore; which *Walter* augmented, (b) 14th of King *Stephen*. *Godfrey*, the Son of *Walter*, is mention'd in the Time of *Henry 2.* and, in a lineal Descent, are *Elias*. Sir *Walter de Scudemore*, Kt. (whose Brother *Peter* was jointly Sheriff of *Dorset* and *Somerset* with *William de Chaignes*, 19 Ric. 1. (c) and 1st of King *John*; also in 15 *John*, (d) one of the three appointed by the King to make Inquisition in the Bishoprick of *Salisbury*, of what had been taken from the Bishop, Clerks, or other Ecclesiastical Persons, to their Damage;) and Sir *Godfrey*, who, in 42 H. 3. was one of the four Knights (e) return'd for the County of *Wilts*, who, by Order of Parliament, were to enquire (f) into all Transgressions and Injuries, committed as well by Justices, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, or other Persons; and the Inquisitions so made, to be seal'd with their own Seals, and the

Seals

(\*) *Ex Stemmate hujus Famil. per Cook Clar. sub Eliz. Reg.*  
(a) *Man. Ang. Vol. 1. p. 866.* (b) *Ex Evid. in Stem. hujus Famil. pred.* (c) *Rot. Pip. de iisd. Ann.* (d) *Pat. 15 Joh. p. 2. M. 8. Dorf.* (e) *Clasf. 42 H. 3. M. 3.* (f) *Brady's Hist. Engl. Vol. 1. p. 633.*

Seals of the Jurors, and in their own proper Persons to be deliver'd to the King's Counsel, at *Westminster*, eight Days after *Michaelmas*. Also in 48 H. 3. when the King, by Advice and Assent of his Barons, (g) appointed a Conservator of the Peace in every Shire, he was appointed Conservator for the County of *Wilts*, (b) and enjoyn'd, by his Faith and Allegiance, strictly to look after the Peace, and to prohibit, in the King's Name, any (under the Penalty of Life and Disinheriting) to plunder, commit Homicide, Burning, Robberies, &c. or do any Damage contrary to the Peace, or to bear Arms, without special License and Command; and likewise to cause four of the most discreet Knights of the said County, chosen by the Assent of the whole County, to be at the *Octaves* of the Holy Trinity with the King at *London*, to treat with him, his Prelates, Great Men, and others, in Parliament. He was succeeded by his Son Sir *Peter*, who was likewise in great Power, as appears from a Writ directed to him, 15 *Edw.* 1. (i) to put the Statute of *Winton* in execution, and preserve the Peace; but, having no Issue, he was succeeded by his Brother,

Sir *Walter*, who was summon'd among the Knights of the County of *Wilts*, to attend *Ed.* 1. (k) in his Expedition against the *Scots*; being knighted at *Whitfontide*, in 34 *Edw.* 1. when the King, to adorn the Splendor of his Court, (l) and to augment the Glory of his intended Expedition into *Scotland*, begirt *Edward* Earl of *Carnarvon*, his eldest Son, with the Military Belt; and the young Prince, immediately after, conferr'd the same Honour

(g) *Brady*, p. 642. (h) *Pat.* 48 H. 3. M, 12. dors. (i) *Riley's Plac. Parl.* p. 451. (k) *Ryley prad.* p. 486. (l) *Ashmole's Order of the Garter*, &c. p. 37, 38.



nour, at the High Altar in *Westminster-Abby*, on near 300 Gentlemen, Sons of Earls, Barons, and Knights; he seal'd with a *Cross Patee Fetcbee*, as appears from a Charter of his to *Abbey-Dore*. His Son and Heir, Sir *Peter de Scudamore*, who flourish'd in the Beginning of *Edw. 3.* had two Sons, *Walter* and *Thomas*; from which *Thomas* descended the Family late at *Hom-Lacy*, of which I am to treat.

This *Thomas*, Son of Sir *Peter Scudamor*, marry'd the eldest Daughter and Heir of *Clara de Ewyas*, by *Ivan Whelen* her Husband; upon which, 'tis remarkable, he took the *Arms of the Stirrops*, and the Name of *Ewyas* from the Inheritance of the said *Clara*; their Son and Heir, *Philip de Escudamore*, being thence sometimes call'd *Philip de Ewyas*. He had Issue Sir *John Scudamore* of *Ewyas* and *Hom-Lacy*, Kt. who was Escheator (g) of *Herefordshire*, *Gloucestershire*, and *Marches of Wales*, in 13 R. 2. also, in 20 R. 2. was constituted (\*) Constable of *Goderick-Castle*, during the Minority of the Lord *Talbot*; he marry'd *Alice*, the Daughter and one of the Co-heirs of *Owen Glendour*, that famous Antagonist of *Henry 4.* and left Issue *Philip*, who marry'd *Agnes*, Daughter and Co-heir of *John Lord Huntercomb*, by whom he had *George*, marry'd to a Daughter of the ancient Family of *Brughill*, who had Issue *Philip*, wedded to one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Osborn* of *London*, and was succeeded by *William*, who match'd with *Alice*, Daughter of Sir *Roger Mynors*, Kt. by whom he had *John*, who took to Wife *Sybell*, the Daughter of *Watkyn Vaughan* of *Hengist*; and in 22 H. 8. being styl'd, by the King, *Generosorum Hostiario-rum Camere sue*, was (a) constituted Steward of the Lordships of *Usk*, *Caerlyon*, and *Crillocke* in *Wales*, and

(g) Rot. Fin. 13 R. 2. M. 18. (\*) Pat. 20. R. 2. p. 1. M. 16.  
(a) Privat. Signill. 21 Jan. 22 H. 8.

and Constable of *Uske-Castle* for Life, after the Demise or Surrender of *William Morgan, Esq.*, likewise, in 31 H. 8. had a Grant (b) of the Scite of *Dore Abbey, Com. Heref.* to him and his Heirs : He and his Wife have this Inscription (praying them that passeth, of their Charity, to say for their Souls a *Pater-noster* and an *Ave*) round their noble Alabaster Monument in the Church of *Ham-Lacy*,

*Here lythe John Scudamor, Esquir, sometyne one of The foure gentyllmen Ushers unto our late So-v'ranye Lord King henry The eighte, and after warde admytted one of The Esquires for his highnes body, and Sibell his Wyef, and John decessed, in The yere Of our Lorde God a Thousand Five hundred.*

*William*, eldest Son to the aforesaid *John*, marry'd *Ursula*, Daughter and Co-heir to *Sir John Packington* of *Hampton-Lovet* in *Com. Wigorn.* and dying before his Father, his Son *John* succeeded his Grandfather at *Ham-Lacy*. Which *John* was Gentleman-Usher to Queen *Elizabeth*, receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood, and was elected one of the Knights for *Herefordshire* in (c) five several Parliaments in that Reign. He marry'd to his first Wife *Elenor*, Daughter of *Sir James Croft*, by whom he had *James*, who was knighted for his signal Valour (d) at the Siege of *Cales*; and in the 1st Year of King *James* the 1st, serv'd in Parliament for *Herefordshire*. He marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Throckmorton, Kt.* by whom he had

*John*

(b) Bill. Signat. 30 Mar. 31 H. 8. (c) MS. penes B. Willis, Arm. (d) Camden's *Annals Eliz.*

*John Scudamore*, born in the Year 1600, who succeeded his Grandfather, and, at fourteen Years of Age, marry'd *Elizabeth*, the only Daughter and Heir of Sir *Arthur Porter*, Knight; was created *Baronet*, 1620, 18 *Jac.* 1. in which Year he serv'd in Parliament for the County of *Hereford*, as also in 21 *Jac.* 1. and was advanc'd to the Title of Baron of *Dromore*, and Vicount *Scudamore* of *Sligo* (b) in *Ireland*, by Letters Patent, *July* 2. 1628, 4 *Car.* 1. He was sent Ambassador to *France*, 1634; (c) in which Employment he acquitted himself with singular Prudence and Honour. In the Beginning of our Civil Wars, he was surpriz'd, in *Hereford*, by Sir *John Walter*, and sent Prisoner to *London*. Some of his Houses were besieg'd, plunder'd, and burnt by the Rebels, and his whole Estate sequester'd for several Years; after which, he compounded for his Liberty and Property, as other Loyalists had done. During the dismal confus'd Usurpation, he sent Money privately to the exil'd King, and reliev'd all his Fellow-sufferers to the utmost of his Power; particularly, he gave yearly Pensions to several depriv'd orthodox Ministers, and entertain'd so many others in his House, that he was justly stiled a nursing Father of the Church. He entirely rebuilt a very stately Church at *Dore* in *Herefordshire*, and erected a very good Personage-House there, as he likewise did at *Hempsted* in *Com. Glocest.* and at *Hom-Lacy* in *Com. Hereford.* liberally endowing those three Livings, and three others, with all his own (and more dearly purchas'd) impropriate Tithes, all which he secur'd to the Church by Act of Parliament, 17 *Car.* 2. No good Thing can be said of any Man which may not justly be said of him, who

(b) *Pat.* 4. *Car.* 1. ps. 12. (c) *Ex Inform. prae honorab. Dom. Viccom. Scudamore.*

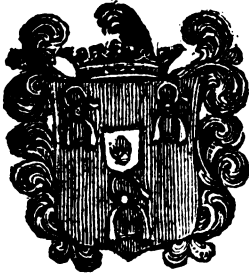
who liv'd a rare Example of *Piety* towards God, *Loyalty* to his Prince, *Love* to his Country, *Hospitality* to his Friends, *Œconomy* in his Family, *Charity* to the Poor, and great *Munificence* to the Church, upon which 'tis known he bestow'd above ten thousand Pounds. He dy'd univerſally lamented, A. D. 1671.

Of six Sons, of this truly great and noble Lord, only *James* liv'd to Man's Estate, was elected one of the Knights for the County of *Hereford* in the 1st Parliament call'd after the Restoration of King *Charles* the 2d, where he sat till the Time of his Decease. He marry'd *Jane*, eldest Daughter and one of the Co-heirs of *Richard Bennet* of *Kew* in the County of *Surry*, Esq; having Issue by her only *John* and *Mary*, who was first marry'd to *Dennis Cook* of *Hyneham*, Esq; and afterward to *Richard Prynce* of *Clungunford*, Esquire.

*James* dying before his Father, *John* succeeded his Grandfather in Honour and Estate, serv'd in several Parliaments for *Herefordshire*, in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d, and marry'd *Frances*, Daughter to *John* Earl of *Exeter*, by whom he had Issue three Sons and three Daughters. *Cecil*, the eldest Son, dy'd young; *James*, born 1684; *John*, born—— dy'd Feb. 9, 1713. His Daughters were *Frances*, *Mary*, who dy'd young, and *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *John Pugh* of *Mathavern*, Esq. The Lady, their Mother, was bury'd at *Hom-Lacy*, 22 June, 1694; and the said *John* Lord *Scudamore*, 22 July, 1697.

*James*, second Son, succeeded his Father in his Honour and Estate, and, after he came of Age, was constantly elected one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Hereford*, except in the present Parliament, when he voluntarily declin'd, and was elected for the City of *Hereford*. He marry'd *Frances*, the only Daughter of *Simon* Lord

Lord Digby, and had Issue by her a Daughter named *Frances*, born, *August* the 14th, 1711; but this Lord deceasing, the 2d of *Decemb.* 1716, the Title of Baronet, &c. became extinct.



ARMS.

*Gules three Stirrups Or,*

CREST.

*Out of a Crown Or, a Lyon's Paw eras'd Sable.*

MOTTO.

*Scuto Amoris Divini.*

Sir THOMAS GOWER of STIT-  
TENHAM, Kt. Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 135.

[*June* 1. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.]

*English* Baron, viz. Lord Gower.

JOHN PAKINGTON of AILSBURY, Esq;  
Son and Heir of Sir JOHN PAKING-  
TON of WESTWOOD, in Com. Wigorn.  
Knight of the Bath. N<sup>o</sup> 136.

[28 *June*, A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.]

THAT the Family of this Name is of great Antiquity, is evident from unquestionable Records; neither is it to be doubted but they were so call'd from the Place of their Abode, from one of the *Pakingtons* of *Staffordshire*, *Warwickshire*, or *Leicestershire*; for in each of those Counties we meet with Lordships of that Name,

whose Owners anciently wrote themselves, *de Pakington*: And that the Family flourish'd in the Reign of King *Henry* the 1st, Son of *William the Conqueror*, is manifest from the Foundation of the Monastery of *Kenelworth*, (see Dr. *Hickes's* Prefatory Epistle to his *Saxon Grammar*) And a learn'd Antiquary has observ'd that

*Pagington* (a) (now *Pakington*) in *Staffordshire*, within two Miles of *Tame*, was held of the Bishop by *Vtecbel* in the 20th Year of *William the Conqueror*; in *Henry* the 3d's Time by *Robert de Pakington*; and in the 24th of *Edw. 1.* *David de Pakington* held it of the Bishop by the 4th Part of a Knight's Fee.

*Richard de Pakington* (b) marry'd one of the Sisters and Co-heirs of *Robert de Kaily*, Lord of *Freseley* in *Warwickshire*, who liv'd in King *Henry* the 2d's Time; and there are now in the Possession (c) of Sir *John Pakington*, Bart. two ancient Deeds without Date; one, of *Robert Wittington*, Clerk, sign'd and seal'd in the Presence of *Peter Wyke*, *Hugh Pakington*, and *Alexander Abbot*, Kts. the other attested by *Richard Specbell* and *Hugh Pakington*, Kts; the latest of which Deeds is judg'd to be at least above 400 Years old.

*Thomas de Pakington* (d) was Prior of *Burton-Abbey* in *Com. Staff.* and presided in the same thirty six Years. He dy'd 33 *Ed. 1.* *A. D.* 1305, and was bury'd there.

Another *Thomas de Pakington* (e) named of *Brailford*, founded a Chantry in the Chapel of *Cbelmsf-cote*, *A. D.* 1322. He likewise founded another Chantry,

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(a) *Erdeswick's Survey of Staffordshire MS.* (b) *Sir William Dugdale's Warwickshire*, p. 807. (c) *Vide Prefat. Dr. Hickes ad Grammat. Anglo-Saxon.* (d) *Monast. Angl. Vol. 1. p. 273.* (e) *Ibid.* p. 428.

Chantry, (22 *Edw.* 2.) and endow'd it with Lands for the Maintenance of four Priests, within the Parish of *Brayles*, to celebrate Divine Service for his Lord the Earl of *Warwick*, his Countess, Children, and Ancestors, as also for himself, the said *Thomas*, all his Ancestors and Kinsfolk.

*Henry Abbot* of *Lilleshull*, (c) grants Lands to *Roger de Pakington* and *Agnes* his Wife, in *Blackfordby*, 13 *Ed.* 3.

*William de Pakington* (d) was Secretary and Treasurer to the *Black Prince* in *Gascoigne*, and wrote a *Chronicle* in *French*, from the 9th Year of King *John* to 1380, his own Time: Some Extracts from this *Chronicle* have been lately printed at *Oxford*, in Mr. *Leland's* *Collectanea*, Tom. 1. Part 2. p. 455. This *William* had a Grant for Life (\*) from K. *Richard* 2. in the first Year of his Reign, for Governour of the Hospital of *St. Lennard's* at *Derby*.

*Robert Pakington* (the certain Ancestor of the present Sir *John*) liv'd in the Reign of King *Henry* the 4th, and was Father to *John Pakington*, Esq; recited in an Office found before *Robert Russel* Escheator (e) of the County of *Worcester*, 14 *H.* 6. He had Issue a Son of his own Name, *John Pakington*, Esq; who, by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to *Thomas Washbourne* of *Stanford* (in *Com. Wigorn.*) Esq; had Issue three Sons, *John*, *Robert*, and *Humphrey*.

*John*, the eldest, being brought up to the Law, in the Society of the *Inner-Temple*, was, in the 24th of *Henry* the 7th, constituted Chirographer

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(c) Collections from Sir *John Levison's* Evidences; by Mr. *Francis Thynne*, penes *Joh. Anstis' Arm. Gart. Reg. Arm.* (d) *J. Picts de Script. Angl. Fuller's Worthies*, p. 174. *Bp. Nicholson's Histor. Lib. R.* 1. p. 66, 67. (\*) *Past. 1 R. 2.* p. 1. (e) *Abington's Antiq. of Worcestershire*, MS.

of (a) the Court of *Common Pleas* during Life, with Power to act by sufficient Deputies; and, being learn'd in the Laws, was, in 11 *Hen. 8.* elected *Lent-Reader*, also, (b) in the 20th of the same Reign, Treasurer of the Society of the *Inner-Temple*; in which Year he had this memorable Grant from the King, " That he the said *John Pakington*, (\*) " for the Time to come, shall have full Liberty, " during his Life, to wear his Hat in his Presence, " and his Successors, or of any other Persons what- " soever, and not be uncover'd on any Occasion " or Cause whatsoever, against his Will and good " Likeing: Also that he shall not be appointed, " called, or compelled to take the Order of *Knighthood*, or Degree, State, or Order of a *Baron* of " the *Exchequer*, *Serjeant at Law*, or any Office or " Incumbrance thereto relating. And farther, " out of his abundant Grace, grants, That if he " be chosen to any Offices, Incumbrances, or Ho- " nours aforesaid, and those shall refuse to take, " that he shall neither incur, forfeit, or lose, for " such Contempt, any Loss, Pain, Forfeiture, or " other Issues, Fines, Amercements, or Redemp- " tions whatsoever, on Occasion of Omission, Re- " fusal of taking, or Non-omission; likewise that " this *Charter of Exemption* sole produc'd before " any of the *Justices*, *Treasurer*, or *Barons* of the " *Exchequer* of the King or his Successors, or in " any Place, or Court of Record throughout the " whole Kingdom, shall be sufficient, without any " other Writ, Precept, Mandate, or any other " Proclamation made. Whereof all *Justices*, *Judges*, " *Barons* of the *Exchequer*, *Sheriffs*, *Escheators*, " *Coroners*, *Mayors*, *Provosts*, *Bailiffs*, and all other " Officers

(a) *Pat. 24 H. 7. P. 1. M. 2.* (b) *Sir William Dugdale's Orig. Jurid.* (\*) *Patent, 28 H. 8. Part 2. in the Chapel of the Rolls.*



“ Officers, and Ministers; and his Leige and  
 “ faithful People are commanded to take Notice,  
 “ and not to disturb, molest, or grieve the said  
 “ *John Pakington*, against the Tenour of this  
 “ *Grant*, or Effect of these Presents; Any Statute,  
 “ Act, Ordinance, or Proviso, made or publish’d to  
 “ the contrary, or any other Cause or Matter  
 “ whatsoever. Sign’d by the King himself at  
 “ *Westminster*, the 5th of *April*, the Year afore-  
 “ said.” In 23 *H. 8.* he was call’d to be Serjeant  
 at Law, (c) for which the King gives him (the  
 6th of *June* (d) the same Year) a special Discharge  
 for taking the said Decree; and having been ap-  
 pointed Justice of *North-Wales*, was, in 26 *H. 8.*  
 (e) commision’d to conclude and compound all  
 Forfeitures, Offences, Fines, and Sums of Money,  
 owing to the King, or his Father *Henry* the 7th,  
 by any Persons bound by Recognisance for their  
 good Behaviour or Peace. In 29 *H. 8.* he had a  
 new Grant (f) of the Office of Chirographer of  
 the Court of *Common Pleas*, and put in the Life of  
*Richard Higham* with his own; also in 33 *H. 8.*  
 had a Patent for Justice (g) of *Brecknock*, *Glamorgan*,  
 and *Radnore* in *South-Wales*, during Life: Having a  
 Grant of all the Manours belonging (h) to the Mo-  
 nastery of *Westwood*, (*Com. Wigorn.*) he, for the Use of  
 his Wife, settled them on *George Rolle*, (i) in 34 *H. 8.*  
 And when his Majesty, in the 36th Year of his Reign,  
 was in *France*, obtain’d the Favour from *Katherine*  
 (k) the Queen, General Governess of the King-  
 dom, to stay at Home, tho’ (as the Words of the  
 Patent import) he was oblig’d in Duty to attend  
 the King against his common Enemy the *French*  
 King;

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(c) *Orig. Jurid. prad.* (d) *Privat. Sigill.* 23 *H. 8.* (e) *Privat. Sigill.* 12 *June* 26 *H. 8.* (f) *Pat.* 29 *H. 8.* p. 4. (g) *Pat.* 33 *H. 8.* p. 5. (h) *Dr. Hicke's Prefat. ad Grammat. Anglo-Saxon.* (i) *Pat.* 34. *H. 8.* p. 5. (k) *Pat.* 36 *H. 8.* p. 8.

King; and immediately after his Majesty's Return from *Bulloign*, (l) he had the Honour of Knight-hood conferr'd on him. He had likewise the Offices of Recorder of the City of *London*, (m) as also of the City of *Worcester*; and at the Time of his Death, *Anno 2 Eliz.* was seiz'd of 31 Manours, and of other Lands that he had purchas'd of 70 several Persons, as appears from a large Book concerning his Estate, now among the Evidences of the Family at *Westwood*. The Antiquary *Leland* takes (n) Notice, that he resid'd at a very goodly new House of Brick, call'd *Hampton-Court*, six Miles from *Worcester*, somewhat Northward; which Lordship (o) was purchas'd of the Lord *Mountjoy*. By his last Testament, bearing Date the 16th of *August*, 1551, he bestows several Charities on the Poor of the several Parishes wherein he had Lands, and besides other Bequests to his Children, his Cousins *Basbervile* and *Lambert*, &c. he gives to 100 Virgins 13s. and 4d. for their Marriage Portions, and desires his Body may be bury'd in the Church of *Hampton Lovet*; which was comply'd with, as appears by a Monument erected there to his Memory, tho' Time has worn out the Inscription.

“ His Lady was *Anne*, Widow of — *Tychborne*,  
 “ and of the Family of *Rolls*, who by her last Will  
 “ (1563) bequeaths her Body (p) to be bury'd in the  
 “ Parish-Church where she shall end her Life, and  
 “ that her Executors cause a Tomb of Marble to  
 “ be set over her, to the Value of 20 Marks, or  
 “ more: Orders Black Gowns of Cloth, or good  
 “ Frieze, to forty poor Men and Women; also to  
 “ poor

(l) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius G. 3.* (m) *Inscript. Tumuli in Lib. vocat. View of London.* (n) *Leland's Coll. Vol. 7. p. 17.* (o) *Abington's Antiqu. Worcestershire MS.* (p) *Regist. vocat. Stevenson in Curia Prerog. Cant.*

“ poor Maidens of that Parish she is bury'd in, for  
 “ their Marriage 20*l.* and 12*d.* to every poor  
 “ poor Housholder; and to all other People co-  
 “ ming to her Burial, 2*d.* each. Wills that her  
 “ Executors purchase Lands and Tenements to the  
 “ yearly Value of 4*l.* that 20*d.* may for ever be  
 “ given every Sunday to five poor Folks in that  
 “ Parish she is bury'd in. She leaves Legacies to  
 “ *John Rolls, Christian Courtney,* and other Children  
 “ of her Brother *Rolles*; and to her Son *Nicholas*  
 “ *Tichbourne,* and his Children, the most of her  
 “ Estate, Plate, and Jewels, &c.

She left the Company of Cloth-workers (by  
 Will, 24 *November, 1559,*) Lands and Tene-  
 ments in *Islington,* of the yearly Value, above  
 all Charges, of 16*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* (now rais'd to  
 200*l.* per Ann.) to distribute annually 3*l.* 13*s.*  
 4*d.* to the Poor of the Parish of *St. Dunstan's in*  
*the West,* wherein she was born; and 6*s.* 8*d.* for  
 a Sermon; and to the Poor of the Parish she  
 should be bury'd in, 8*l.* annually; whereof 3*l.*  
 for finding poor Men's Children to School and  
 Learning, and the other 5*l.* to the Poor, and the  
 rest to the Company for their Pains, except 6*s.*  
 8*d.* for an annual Sermon on the Day of her Bu-  
 rial. And dying the 22d of *August, 1563,* was  
 bury'd, as appears by a Monument erected to  
 her Memory, in *St. Buttolph's Aldersgate-street,*  
*London.*

The great Estate this Sir *John Pakington* left,  
 was divided between his Daughters and his two  
 younger Brothers, *Robert* and *Humphrey.* *Ursula,*  
 his eldest Daughter, marry'd Sir *John Scudamore,*  
 of whom descended the late Lord Vicount *Scuda-*  
*more*; *Bridget* marry'd Sir *John Littleton* of *Frank-*  
*ley, (Com. Wigorn.)* Kt. another was Wife of ———  
*Blount,* afterwards of *Corbet*; another of *Crescenor,*  
 and the youngest of ——— *Neve, Esq; in Com. Essex.*

*Humphry Pakington*, youngest Brother of Sir *John*, was a Merchant of *London*; and left an only Son, *John*, who was of *Harvington* in *Worcestershire*; which Line expir'd in two Daughters, great Heir-esses; one of them marry'd Sir *John Tate*, Bart. the other, Sir *Henry Audley*.

*Robert Pakington*, the next Brother of Sir *John*, dy'd in the Reign of King *Henry* the 8th, and by his last Will and Testament, (a) bearing Date the 25th of *Novemb.* 1535, (the Probat whereof is on the 24 of *April*, 1537.) it appears, that he forsook the superstitious Errors of the Church of *Rome* in those Times when many sufferr'd on Account of their Religion; for in the Preamble are these remarkable Expressions: *First, he bequeaths his Soul to Almighty God that created it, trusting to him only, by the Merits of Jesus Christ, for the Salvation of his Soul, and his Body to be bury'd where it shall please God.*

“ He ordains his well-belov'd Brother *Humphry*  
 “ *Pakington*, and his well-belov'd Wife, *Catherine*,  
 “ Executors; and his Brother *John Pakington*, and  
 “ his Father-in-Law, Sir *John Baldwin*, Over-  
 “ seers; desiring the former to be a good Uncle  
 “ and Father to his little Children, and especial-  
 “ ly to see them have their Learning; and the  
 “ latter a good Grandfather, and to use them as  
 “ his own. He bequeaths to his Wife the Profits  
 “ of all his Lands, till the Heir or Heirs of the  
 “ same come to full Age or Ages, and gives 10 l.  
 “ to the Parish of *Wynd* where his Father did  
 “ dwell; 10 l. to the Poor of the Parish of *Stam-*  
 “ *ford*, where he was born; twenty Pound to the  
 “ Marriages of poor Maidens, at ten Shillings a-  
 “ piece, and twenty Pound to poor Housholders.”

He had Issue by the said *Catherine*, one of the Co-heirs of Sir *John Baldwin*, Kt. Lord Chief Justice of

[ (a) *E. Lib. vocat Dingley, qn. 4. in Curia Prerog. Cans.*

of the *Common Pleas*, (by whom the Manour of *Ailsbury in Com. Bucks*, with other considerable Lands, descended) an only Son *Thomas*, also three Daughters, viz. *Elizabeth*, Wife of *John Lane*, and afterwards of Sir *Richard Mallory*, Kt. Alderman of *London*; *Anne*, Wife of *Richard Cupper* of *Glympton in Com. Oxon.* Esq; and *Margaret*, of *Benedict Lee* of *Burston in Com. Bucks*, and afterwards of *Tho. Scot* of the County of *York*, Esquires.

*Thomas*, Son and Heir to the said *Robert*, was in Ward to the Lord Privy Seal in 37 H. 8. when *Catherine*, his Mother, then 23 Years of Age, was found one of the Co-heirs to Sir *John Baldwin*, (who dy'd the 22d of *Decemb.* the same Year;) he receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from Queen *Mary*, (b) and on the Death of his Uncle, Sir *John*, succeeded to a great Estate. He was Sheriff of the County of *Worcester* in 3 *Elizabeth*, and dying the 2d of *June*, at *Bath-Place*, in *Holbourn*, (c) Anno 12 *Eliz.* 1571. was convey'd to *Ailsbury* in great Pomp, (the Officers of the College of *Arms* attending his Corps) and bury'd in the Parish-Church there. His Lady, who surviv'd him, was Daughter of Sir *Thomas Kitson* of *Hengrave in Com. Suff.* Kt. (and afterwards marrying *Thomas Tasmagh*, Esq; dy'd (d) in the 65th Year of her Age, A. D. 1575.) The chief Mourners at his Funeral were, Sir *John Pakington*, his Son and Heir, Sir *William Cordell*, Sir *John Spencer*, Mr. *Burlacy*, and Mr. *Cowper*. This Sir *Thomas* (e) had five Sons (of which only *John*, the eldest, surviv'd his Father) and three Daughters; *Mary*, marry'd to Sir *Walter Long* of *Draycot in Com. Wilts.* *Katherine*, to *John Davis*, of the same County, Esq; 2dly, to Sir *Jasper*

(b) *Nom. Equit. prad.* (c) *Bibl. Hartley* 81. B. 24. fol. 179.  
 (d) *Inscriptio Tumuli in Cancel. de Horridge. in Com. Bucks.*  
 (e) *Pedigrees MS. L. 8. pages 7. Anstis prad.*

*per Moor*, and lastly, to Sir ——— *Mompesson* of *Teddington in Com. Wilts.* and *Margaret*, to *Thomas Litchfield*, Esq; Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to Queen *Elizabeth*.

This Sir *John Pakington*, who was bred at *Christ Church* in *Oxford*, under the Tuition of Dr. *Lewis*, Dean of *Gloucester*, became a great Favourite of Queen *Elizabeth's*, and one of her *Privy Council*. (a) She first took Notice of him in her Progress to *Worcester*, when she invited him to attend her Court, where he liv'd, at his own Expence, in great Splendour and Reputation, with an Equipage not inferiour to some of her greatest Officers, tho' he had no other Honour besides that of Knight of the *Bath*, which was conferr'd on him in the Life-time of his Father.

He was remarkable for his Stature and comely Personage, and; by his Ability in all manly Exercises, had distinguish'd himself to that Degree, that he was generally call'd by the Name of *Lusty Pakington*: Of which, among many Instances, it may not be amiss to mention this one; he enter'd into Articles to swim against three Noble Courtiers for 3000*l.* from the Bridge at *Westminster* to the Bridge at *Greenwich*; but the Queen, by her special Command, prevented the putting it in Execution. I find him, likewise, among Persons of the 1st Quality, that, for the Honour of the Queen, Tilted at *Westminster*, (b) at a solemn Tournament (her Majesty present) on the Anniversary of her Accession to the Crown, the 17th of *November*, in the 24th Year of her Reign.

It could not be otherwise imagin'd, but that by this expensive Life great Debts must be contracted, which, in Time, wou'd bring him into  
Difficul-

(a) *Vita ejus MS. penes Dom. Joh. Pakington, Baronet.* (b) *B Lib. MS. in Museo Astrol. dorf, 845.*

Difficulties. Of this he was so sensible, that he took a sudden and wise Resolution of retiring into the Country, and, as he said himself, *would feed on Bread and Verjuice till he had made up his Extravagancies.* The Queen soon had Notice of it, and therefore, taking into Consideration these his ill Circumstances, which the Zeal for her Service had brought him into, gave him a Grant of a Gentleman's Estate in *Suffolk* of 8 or 900 *l. per Ann.* besides Goods and Chattels, which had escheated to the Crown: But Sir *John*, after he had been in the Country to take Possession, found too great a Tenderness in his Nature (notwithstanding the bad Condition of his Affairs) to behold the Miseries of that distress'd Family without a due Regard and Compassion for them; and the melancholy Spectacle of the sorrowful Lady and her Children, so effectually wrought upon him, that, with the greatest Generosity, he repair'd immediately to Court, and humbly beseech'd her Majesty to excuse him from enriching himself by the Calamities of that Gentleman who fell by a Combination of his Enemies, and would not leave the Queen till he had obtain'd his Request.

Soon after he left the Court, but before he parted from the Town, he took Care to satisfy all his Creditors; and then, with great Reputation and Honour, he began his Journey into the Country, being handsomely attended with Servants and Tenants, to the Number of sixty, well mounted and accoutred, who came purposely out of the Country to pay him this Complement, and waited at the *Court-Gates* while he was taking Leave of the Queen.

After his Settlement in the Country, her Majesty was not unmindful of him, for she, to repair his Fortune, granted him, for 60 (\*) Years

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(\*) *Pat. 25 Eliz. p. 5.*

(in the 25th Year of her Reign) for his faithful and acceptable Services heretofore done, (stiling him her trusty and well-belov'd Servant) several Lordships, Manours, and Lands, that were come to the Crown by Forfeiture, &c. in *Devonshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Lancaster, and Cornwall, Somersetshire, Hertfordshire, Yorkshires, Surry, Cambridgshire, Carmarthenshire, Middlesex, London, Wiltshire, Monmouthshire, Essex, and Buckinghamshire*; the Names of which Lands and Manours, with their former Owners, are particularly mention'd in the Patent: Also, when the *Earl of Pembroke* was (a) made *Lord President of the Marches of Wales*, and *Lord Lieutenant of the adjacent Counties*; he was put in the same Patent, *Lieutenant of Worcester-shire*, and upon the Vacancy of the Office of *Custos Rotulorum.*, that was likewise conferr'd upon him: She also made him *Bow-Bearer of Malverne-Chace*, one of the best in *England*, which he held till he had finish'd his noble Park at *Hampton-Lovet*, and then, that Chace being at too great a Distance from his Dwelling, he obtain'd her Majesty's Leave to dispose of it.

He was in her Favour even to the last of her Days, as appears as well from other Testimonies, as from a Grant she made him for eight Years, (in the 40th Year of her Reign, (b) he paying into the *Exchequer 40 l. per Ann.*) That none should import into the Kingdom, or make any Starch, but by his Leave, or his Assigns; and if they did, they should be punish'd with the utmost Severity, as Contemners of her Royal Prerogative: which brought him in (without Doubt) a very considerable Revenue.

He was constantly the first nam'd in all Commissions of Importance, and was the principal  
Director

(a) *Vita ejus MS. prad.* (b) *Pat. 40. Eliz. p. 16c.*



Director in the Government of his *County*, none being thought more worthy of an intire Confidence, by the Queen and her Council, than himself. And as he took all imaginable Care to answer their Expectation, by his Diligence and Fidelity, so he was not wanting to convince his Country, that their Interest was always at his Heart.

By his Affability and obliging Behaviour he acquir'd the good Opinion of his Equals and Inferiours; and by his Courage and Resolution, on all proper Occasions, he had render'd himself Awful even to those who were above him: A memorable Proof of which he gave his Country when he executed the Office of *Sheriff*; for the *Lord Chief Baron Periam* having committed a Gentleman at the *Affizes*, Sir *John* sitting in his *Sheriff's* Seat, call'd to him to stay, telling the Judge he would answer for his forth-coming; neither could he be dissuaded, by all the Menaces he receiv'd from the *Bench*, from adhering to this Resolution, boldly alledging, in his Defence, that the Gentleman was his Prisoner, and he, as *Sheriff*, was accountable for him. This brave Reply very much increas'd the Esteem his Country had for him, and gain'd a general Applause throughout the Kingdom.

His Prudence and Conduct did not only extricate him out of those Difficulties in which his *Court-Life* had involv'd him, but, in a short Time, put so much Money into his Pocket, that he was enabled to become what he intended to be, a great Builder.

He bought at one Time so much Timber of the *Earl of Leicester*, out of the Forest of *Wire*, (which borders upon *Worcestershire* and *Shropshire*) that the very marking them at 4*d.* per Tree, one with another, amounted to 48 Pound. This

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Mr. Tomkins, *Prebendary of Worcester*, a Gentleman of good Credit, who personally knew this Knight, and has left *MSS. Memoirs* of his Life, (now in the Family) from which this Account is chiefly collected, affirms to have receiv'd from Sir *John's* own Mouth, who, he assures us, was a Person of too much Honour to allow himself the least Liberty in his Discourse which was not consistent with the strictest Truth. Many of those Trees he bury'd under Ground, thinking thereby to keep out the fresh Springs that broke in upon his Brine-Pits; but that Undertaking did not answer his Expectation, and the Expence which his Salt-Pits and costly Buildings had oblig'd him to, hinder'd him from making an Addition to his Estate by Purchase, which (as my Author writes) would (a) undoubtedly have extended to a good Part of the Shire wherein he liv'd, had he thought fit to have employ'd his Money to that Purpose.

He did not seek after Marriage till he had paid all his Debts, and clear'd his Estate; and then he was so happy as to meet with a beautiful young Widow in *London*, and a great Fortune, being the Daughter of Mr. *Humphry Smith* of *Cheapside*, Queen *Elizabeth's* Silkman, of an ancient Family yet flourishing in *Leicestershire*. She had been before marry'd to *Benedict Barnham*, one of the *Aldermen* of *London*, who left her a very rich Widow; and that Consideration, together with her Youth and Beauty, made it impossible for her to escape the Addresses, even of the greatest Persons about the Court: But Sir *John* was the only happy Man who knew how to gain her, being recommended by his worthy Friend Mr. *William Seabright*, Town-Clerk of *London*, who had purchas'd (b) the Manour of *Besford*

(a) *Mr. Tomkins præd.* (b) *Abington's Antiquities of Worcestershire. MS.*

*Besford* in *Worcestershire*. This Lady had by her 1st Husband (the *Alderman*) four Daughters, which were very young when they lost their Father, and therefore needed a faithful Friend to manage and improve their Fortunes; in which Trust Sir *John* acquitted himself so honourably, that they had 10000 *l.* each for their Portion, when they came to marry, an immense Sum in those Days. One of these Ladies was wedded to my Lord *Audley*, another to Sir *Francis Bacon* Lord Vicount *St. Albans*; a third to Sir *William Soames*, and the fourth to Sir *William Constable*. When he had done this Service to his Daughters-in-Law, he took Care to do a Piece of Justice to himself, which indeed was also a great Argument of his Wisdom, by getting his Accompts pass'd in *Chancery*, and obtaining an effectual Discharge there, which could not be otherwise esteem'd, than as a publick Testimony of his Honesty and Integrity.

The Design of this Book obliging me to Brevity, I cannot therefore transcribe all the memorable Passages of his Life, which Mr. *Tomkins* has recorded to his Honour: But it appears that he had a Spirit truly great and noble, which discover'd itself upon every proper Occasion; for, as his Ends and Designs were always generous, and such as became a Man of Honour, so he scorn'd to compass them by base and unworthy Means; he had a Regard to his Reputation in every Thing that he did, which had this inseparable Effect, that the whole Scene of his Life was nothing else but a continu'd Series of bright and laudable Actions.

It is not to be deny'd, but his Sense of Injuries was somewhat too nice, and (which is a Frailty the manliest Tempers are often subject to) he knew not how to bear a Neglect from his Superiours with that Submission which was usally expected.

pected. This was sufficiently evident from the following Story: Upon the Death of the Earl of Pembroke, King James appointed the Lord Zouch his Successor in the Presidentship of the Marches of Wales, &c. which Lord, as soon as he had obtain'd his Commission, sent his Letters of Deputation to the Gentlemen of *Worcestershire*, and among the rest to Sir *John Pakington*, to be one of the *Lieutenants* of that County; but Sir *John* finding that the Lord *Zouche* did not shew him the same Respect as his Predecessor did, (for he had the Honour to be particularly nam'd a Lieutenant in the same Patent the Earl of *Pembroke* had) refus'd to take the Letter of Deputation, from the Messenger, telling him, *That he had an Estate as well as his Master, and did not mean to venture it in mustering the King's Subjects, with no better a Warrant than that which was only sign'd by his Lord's Hand.* And tho', on all other Occasions, his Bounty and Generosity extended to the Meanest, yet, on this, he never ask'd the Messenger to eat or drink: But nothing could be a greater Proof of the Haughtiness of his Stomach than his Behaviour in Relation to his Fish-Pond.

As he had been at great Expences in building his House very sumptuously, so he was desirous that every Thing about it should be as noble, therefore he caus'd a large Pool, or Canal, of 122 Acres to be made in his new Park of *Westwood*, and brought a Brook, or River, to run into it, cut through a considerable Extent of Ground: But the Misfortune was, this great Design could not be effected without making the *Highways* Part of the Pond; which, indeed, the Country very willingly consented to, Sir *John* having taken Care to provide a more convenient Road for them. However, it appear'd soon after, that this Grant was defective in Point of Law, which one  
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of his Neighbours observing, and thinking either to mortify Sir *John*, or ingratiate himself with him, got an Order from the *Exchequer* to destroy his Pool, and restore the Highway as it was before; yet at the Time of serving the Order signify'd, that it was not his Intention to give him any Molestation, but, if he pleas'd, his Pond might continue without the least Apprehension of Disturbance from him. But, Sir *John* scorning to hold any Thing of Courtesy from such a Neighbour, and that he might know how little he valu'd him, went immediately to the Pool, caus'd the Flood-Gates to be tore up, and the Banks to be thrown down, whereby the Water went out with such Rapidity, that surpriz'd the Neighbourhood, dispers'd great Quantities of Fish about the Country, and the River of *Severn* at *Worcester* was discolour'd for a Week. Soon after, this Matter was finally determin'd to Sir *John*'s Satisfaction, by Referrees of the 1st Quality in the County, viz. *Gervase*, Bishop of *Worcester*, *John Talbot* of *Grafton*, Esq; and Mr. *Sheldon* of *Beoly*; he repair'd his Pool again, and left it in the Condition in which it has continu'd ever since.

He was a Gentleman that knew how to value his Time; and as he had the Happiness of a good Memory, he took Care to improve it with Observations in *History* and *Physick*, which were Parts of Learning he most delighted in; and for that Purpose he was provided with one to read to him, in those Sciences, at his Leisure Hours.

This Appetite after Knowledge naturally inclin'd him to love the Conversation of learn'd Men, which he often consulted in Difficulties, and by that Means daily inform'd and perfected his Judgment.

In the Choice of his Friends he did not forget the Clergy; with the most eminent of which Body, the Neighbourhood of the City of *Worcester* gave him an Opportunity of settling a lasting Correspondence, which was evident from the frequent Visits made him by the *Bishop*, the *Dean*, and *Prebendaries* of that *Church*. These Visits were far from being barely formal and ceremonious; for, upon such Occasions, he would usually lament to them the ill Condition of the *Church*, the Dangers that threatned it, as well from the *Puritans* as the *Papists*, and the Subject of their Discourse often was how to provide Remedies against those Evils; for the Interest of the *Establisht Church* was his grand Concern, to this he was resolv'd to sacrifice every Thing that was dear to him, and he scorn'd to enjoy the Friendship of the greatest Man living upon Terms that were not to her Advantage. This the Earl of *Leicester* experienc'd; for, as great as his Power was with the Queen, he found it very little with this Gentleman, when he ask'd a Favour of him in Behalf of *Cartwright*, (whom *Camden* calls (a) *inter Puritanos antesignanus*) in Opposition to the Authority of the *Bishop of Worcester*. He was so far from complying with the Earl, that he did his utmost to disappooint him; and when afterwards that great *Peer* wrote to Sir *John*, that it was her Majesty's Desire to have a perfect Discovery of the Value of the Lands belonging to the *Bishoprick of Worcester*, together with those of the *Deanery* and *Chapter*, and how they may best be improv'd, Sir *John* flatly and plainly told him, that if there was any Intent to overthrow the *Church*, he must look out for other Instruments for that Purpose, being

(a) *Annal. Reg. Eliz. Anno 1581.*

ing resolv'd, for his own Part, to have no Hand in any such Attempts.

It was one great Part of his Happiness, that there was a Sett of Gentlemen in his Neighbourhood, worthy of his Acquaintance and Familiarity: With these he liv'd in a very friendly and hospitable Manner, and he was never better pleas'd than when he had some of their Company at his Table. The Persons of greatest Note were the Bishop of *Worcester* at *Hartlebury*, Mr. *Talbot* at *Grafton*, my Lord *Windsor* at *Hewell*, Sir *John Littleton* at *Frankley*, Mr. *Sheldon* at *Beoly*, Mr. *Throgmorton* at *Coughton*, old Sir *Foulk Grevill* at *Beauchamp's Court*, Sir *John Conway* at *Arrow*, Sir *Thomas Lacy* at *Charlacote*, Mr. *Thomas Spencer* at *Claverdon*, and Sir *Edward Grevill* at *Milcote*.

His ordinary House-keeping was such as became a Gentleman of a plentiful Fortune, and in his Entertainments he lov'd to shew he valu'd his Friends more than his Money, for they were generally very costly and noble.

After he had finish'd his stately Structure at *Westwood*, (a very delightful Habitation in the Midst of a Wood, from whence it took its Name) he invited the Earl of *Northampton*, Lord President, and his Lady, to a House-warming; and as his Lordship was an honourable and jovial Companion, a Train of above a hundred Knights and Gentlemen accompany'd him, who stay'd there some Time, and, at their going away, acknowledg'd they had met with so kind a Reception, that they did not know whether they had possess'd the Place or the Place [them]: The delightful Situation of his Habitation was what they had never before seen, the House standing in the Middle of a Wood that is cut into twelve large Ridings, and at a good Distance, one Ring-riding through all of them, and the Whole encompass'd with a

Park of six or seven Miles, at the farther End whereof, facing the House, is the Pool or Canal (before-mention'd) of 122 Acres, which gives a noble Lustre, the Trees gracing the Water, and the Water the Woods; and nothing was omitted that could afford them any Pleasure or Satisfaction; but their chief Diversion was Hunting in this fine Park, which cost Sir *John* ten Brace of *Red* and *Fallow Deer*, besides what was eaten in the House.

His most magnificent Entertainment was that which he gave King *James* and his Queen (with the greatest Train that ever accompany'd them) at *Ailbury*, when his Majesty honour'd him with a Visit, after his Arrival from *Scotland*, and before his Coronation; upon this Occasion he set no Bounds to his Expende, thinking it a Disparagement to be outdone by any Fellow-Subject when such an Opportunity offer'd; and the King and the whole Court acknowledg'd they never met with a more noble Reception.

At length, this great Man having liv'd to see his Childrens Children, departed this Life, at his House at *Westwood*, in the 77th Year of his Age, and was interr'd near his Father, at *Ailbury*, on the 18th of *January*, 1625. A Year before his Death he was seiz'd with a Fit of the Gout, which Distemper, at last, put an End to his Life; otherwise, he was very happy in a strong and excellent Constitution of Body, which had never met with any Shock till about a Year before Queen *Elizabeth* dy'd, and then she did him the Honour to order her own Physicians to attend him, designing to have taken him again to Court, which her Death prevented.

Sir *Robert Namton*, a Privy-Councillor, gives this Character (among other of Queen *Elizabeth's* Favourites and Councillors) of him, (a) "He was

(a) *Fragmens Regalia*, pag. 55.



“ a Gentleman of no mean Family, and of Form  
 “ and Feature no Way despisable; for he was a  
 “ brave Gentleman, and a very fine Courtier,  
 “ and, for the Time he stay'd there, (which was  
 “ not lasting) very high in the Queen's Grace.  
 “ But he came in, and went out, and through  
 “ Difaffiduity drew the Curtain between himself  
 “ and the Light of her Grace. And then Death  
 “ overwhelm'd the Remnant, and utterly de-  
 “ priv'd him of Recovery. And they say of him,  
 “ that had he brought less to the Court than  
 “ he did, he might have carry'd more away with  
 “ him than he brought; for he had a Time on it,  
 “ but an ill Husband of Opportunity.

His Lady surviv'd him, and so noted for her  
 Riches, that it was difficult for her long to escape  
 the Snares laid for her by the Court, to engage  
 her in another Marriage. She had first the Lord  
*Kilmurry*, who liv'd about two Years; then she  
 marry'd *Thomas Earl of Kelly*, one of King *James's*  
 Favourites.

By Sir *John Pakington* she had one Son and  
 two Daughters; *Mary*, the youngest, was Wife of  
 Sir *Robert Brook* of *Suffolk*, Kt. and *Anne*, the eld-  
 est, marry'd Sir *Humphry Ferrers* of *Tymworth*, Kt.  
 and surviving him, was afterwards the 2d Wife of  
 the Right Honourable *Philip (Stanbope)* Earl of  
*Chesterfield*, which farther illustrates the Name of  
 her Father, in that, by this noble Lord, she was  
 Mother to the Honourable *Alexander Stanbope*, Esq;  
 who had Preferment at Court soon after the Re-  
 storation of King *Charles* the 2d, and serv'd his  
 Consort, the Queen, till her Majesty's Return to  
*Portugal*, when he was sent by King *William* En-  
 voy Extraordinary to the Court of *Spain*, and af-  
 terwards Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipoten-  
 tiary to the States-General; in which Character  
 he was continu'd by her Majesty Queen *Anne*,

till, at his own Desire, he was recall'd, *Anno Dom.* 1706; having resided Abroad 16 Years, and, by a constant Application to the publick Service, so impair'd his Health, that he dy'd soon after his Return to his Native Country. He was a fine Gentleman both in his Person and Address, had a peculiar Vivacity and generous Spirit, that shin'd in all he did, which, with many other Accomplishments and an unshaken Probity, won him Respect and Esteem of all that knew him; but his Memory will be ever famous, in that he was Father (by *Catherine* his Wife, (a) Daughter of *Arnold Burghill* of *Thingill-Parva* in *Com. Heref.* Esq; the Chief of an ancient knightly Family) to the Right Honourable

*James*, the present Earl *Stanhope*, who is highly celebrated for his eminent Abilities, and by a long Train of bright and laudable Actions, is become a shining Ornament to his Country, having, from his Youth, apply'd himself to the Service thereof: For, at seventeen Years of Age he accompany'd his Father to *Spain*, and soon after, travelling in *Italy*, waited on the Duke of *Savoy*, (now King of *Sicily*) who receiv'd him with Marks of Distinction, and making under him the Campaign in 1693, was at the Battel of *Marsaglia*, (where Duke *Schomberg*, Commander of the Forces in *British* Pay, was mortally wounded) and therein shew'd a Presence of Mind and gallant Intrepidity in the extreamest Danger, that was admir'd by all about him: Serving in *Flanders*, in the Year 1694, he was presently taken Notice of by his glorious Majesty King *William*, who made him a Colonel in his Guards, and, at the Seige of *Namure*, had the Applause of the whole Army, for his gallant Behaviour both in  
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(a) *Vif. de Com. Hereford.* A. D. 1683, in *Off. Arm.*

the Attack of the Cover'd-Way of the Town ; as also at the general Assault on the Castle, where in he much distinguish'd himself ; for tho' he had no Command, yet he nevertheless went thereon Volunteer, (with the present Lord *Haverſham*, and others of Diſtinction) and ſignalizing himſelf in an extraordinary Manner, (\*) was wounded and totally diſabled. His other great Actions and Services render'd to his Country, are ſo well known, that being beſide my preſent Purpoſe, I don't preſume to touch upon, and aſk Pardon for this Digreſſion, which I would not omit, as there was ſo fair an Opportunity, and as I think this Family is farther honour'd, by his Lordſhip being maternally deſcended therefrom.

*John*, the only Son of Sir *John Pakington* before-mention'd, had the Eſtate at *Ailſbury* ſettl'd on him by his Father, ſoon after his Marriage, (tho' he contracted it without the old Gentleman's Conſent) who likewiſe procur'd him to be created a Baronet when he was but 20 Years of Age, by Letters Patents bearing Date the 22d of *June*, A. D. 1620. He reſided at *Ailſbury* in *Com Bucks*, for which Town he was elected in the Parliament 21 *Jac. I.* was peculiarly eſteem'd, and dying generally lamented, in the 24th Year of his Age, was bury'd, with his Anceſtors, at *Ailſbury*, the 29th of *Octob.* in the Year 1624, [the Church-Register gives him the Character of the Hopes of *Ailſbury* ; ] leaving Iſſue by the Lady *Frances* his Wife, (Daughter to Sir *John Ferrers* of *Tamworth*) *John*, his only Son, and a Daughter, marry'd firſt to Col. *Washington*, and ſecondly, to *Samuel Sandys* of *Omberſley*, (*Com. Wigorn.*) Eſq. The Lady *Frances*, their Mother, was, by a ſecond Marriage,

(\*) *Mr. D. Auvergne's History of the Campaign in Flanders, 1695, p. 149, 151.*

the Wife of that noted General, *Alexander Lesley*, Earl of *Leven*.

*John*, only Son and Heir of the last Sir *John*, succeeded in the Baronetship and the Estate, and resided at *Westwood* after his Grandfather's Decease, who left him, in his Minority, [at (a) the Age of four Years, four Months, and six Days] under the Guardianship of *Thomas Lord Coventry*, by whose vigilant Care of his Education, both by Travel, and other Advantages, he became an accomplish'd Gentleman, and gain'd the Love and Esteem of all that knew him.

He was elected one of the Knights for *Worcestershire*, in 15 *Car. I.* (b) and when the Rebellion broke out, was a Member in Parliament for the Town of *Ailsbury*; and having, on all Occasions, given Proofs, both of his Fidelity to the Crown, and the Rights of the Subject, was entrusted by the King, in the Year 1642, (on the Houses passing an Ordinance for settling the Militia in such Hands as they cou'd confide in) with a Commission for arraying Men for his Service in *Worcestershire*, to which his Majesty appointed none, in the several Counties, but Persons of the first Quality, and unexceptionable to the Publick, having charg'd the Ordinance before-mention'd, to be against Law.

Sir *John Packington* endeavouring with all his Power, to execute this Commission, (c) was taken Prisoner, and committed to the *Tower*, fin'd five thousand Pound, had his Estate sequestred, and for his Loyalty and Services in the King's Cause, his House in *Buckinghamshire*, (one of the best of that County) levell'd with the Ground, and such great

(a) *Inq. post. mort. Dom. Joh. Packington, 15 Feb. R. Car. 1. primo.* (b) *MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm.* (c) *Rushworth Collect. Vol. 3. p. 686.*

great Wafts committed in his Woods, that the Loss could never be computed. But the Estimate of his Sufferings is more clearly demonftrated by a particular Account kept by his excellent Lady, now remaining under her own Hand, a true Copy whereof follows, *viz.*

	l.	s.	d.
The first Composition —————	5000	00	00
Charges of the first Composition ———	500	00	00
The second Composition —————	1000	00	00
The Charges of the 2d Composition—	300	00	00
Paid for the Personal Estate in <i>Wor-</i> <i>cestershire</i> ————— } —————	108	00	00
Sequestration in <i>Bucks</i> six Years—	7200	00	00
Sequestration in <i>Worcestershire</i> three Years ————— } —————	1000	00	00
Sequestration of Mr. <i>P</i> — two Years—	800	00	00
<i>Heydon-Hill</i> , and the Toll of the Mar- ket in <i>Ailsbury</i> , thirteen Years— } —————	1900	00	00
Two Years Decimation —————	400	00	00
Charges of the Arraignment at his Tryal ————— } —————	400	00	00
Money spent by him when he went first into the Army ————— } —————	500	00	00
Charges of the <i>Tower</i> , when he was there ————— } —————	800	00	00
Charges of the Suit for Recovery of the <i>Toll</i> and <i>Heydon-Hill</i> ————— } —————	240	00	00
Repairs of <i>Westwood</i> House after the <i>Scots</i> ————— } —————	200	00	00
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Total 20348 00 00			

His Zeal to the Royal Family never swerv'd ;  
for notwithstanding he had suffer'd so much for  
his Loyalty, he had the Courage to go in, with  
a Troop of Horse, to King *Charles* the 2d, at the  
Battle

Battle of *Worcester*, and was taken Prisoner (a) there, yet was so entirely belov'd in his own Country, that when the Rebels try'd him for his Life, by Commissioners appointed for that Purpose, (upon an *Indictment* of his Raising and Heading a Troop at the Battle of *Worcester*) (b) they could not procure one Witness to swear against him, by which Means he was acquitted, and set at Liberty, but was afterwards fin'd 767*0*l. and forc'd, (on Petition of *Thomas Scot*, and others, of the Town of *Ailsbury*, to have the Fine granted them for their Services to the then pretended Parliament) for the said Fine, to convey the Market-House, the Tolls, Court-Leet, and certain Grounds call'd *Heydon-Hill*, Parcel of his Estate at *Ailsbury* to the said *Scot*, (who was one of the King's Judges) and other Trustees, for the Use of the Town, which they kept till after the Restoration, when, by a special Act of Parliament, the said Conveyances were made void.

His Lady was one of the Daughters of the aforesaid *Thomas Lord Coventry*, Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, the most accomplish'd Person of her Sex for Learning, and the brightest Example of her Age for Wisdom and Piety. Her Letters, and other Discourses still remaining in the Family and the Hands of her Friends, are an admirable Proof of her excellent Genius and vast Capacity; (c) and as she has the Reputation of being thought the Author of the *Whole Duty of Man*, so none that knew her well, and were competent Judges of her Abilities, could in the least doubt of her being equal to such an Undertaking, tho' her Modesty would not suffer her to claim the

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(a) *Echard's Hist. of England*, Vol. 2. p. 712. (b) *Dr. Hicks's Prefatory Epistle before his Saxon Grammar.* (c) *Ibid.*

the Honour of it: But as the Manuscript under her own Hand now remains with the Family, there's hardly Room to doubt it.

By her great Vertues and eminent Attainments in Knowledge, she acquir'd the Esteem of all our learned Divines, particularly Dr. *Hammond*, Bp. *Morley*, Bp. *Fell*, Bp. *Pearson*, Bp. *Henchman*, and Bishop *Gunning*; who were ever ready to confess they were always edify'd by her Conversation, and instructed by her Writings. These learned and pious Gentlemen never fail'd of an agreeable Retreat and Sanctuary at *Westwood*, as far as those dangerous Times would permit; and it ought ever to be remember'd, to the Honour of this good Lady and her Husband, that the famous Dr. *Hammond* found a comfortable Subsistence in their Family several Years, and at length repos'd his Bones in their *Burial-Place* at *Hampton-Lovet*, in a fair Chapel (a) built by Sir *Thomas Pakington*, A. D. 1561; the Windows whereof are full of Arms of the *Pakingtons*, and their Matches: The said Lady *Dorothy* had Sepulture there the 13th of *May*, 1679; and Sir *John*, her Husband, the 3d of *January* following. They left Issue a Son, nam'd after his Father, *John*, and two Daughters; ——— marry'd to *Anthony Eyre* of *Rampton* in *Nottinghamshire*, Esq; and ——— to *William Godfrey* of *Lincolnshire*, Esq.

This *John*, Son and Heir to the last Sir *John*, was, in his Person, very comely and graceful, and no less considerable for the good Qualities and Perfections of his Mind: (b) His Apprehension was quick, and his Judgment naturally solid; which being well improv'd, and cultivated by a learned Education, distinguish'd him early among his Neigh-

(a) *Abington's Antiquities of Worcestershire*, MS. (b) *Dr. Hinks's Epistle Dedicatory to his Saxon Grammar*,

Neighbours, and recommended him more particularly to the Esteem of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of *Worcester*. Nothing would have been too hard for his Abilities, had he thought the difficultest Parts of Learning worth his Conquering; but delighting chiefly in a retir'd Life, he was contented to be known but to a few, and being superiour to most he convers'd with in Wit and good Sense, he had the less Ambition to attain to an Eminency by any extraordinary Acquisitions in Knowledge. If he study'd any thing to a great Degree, it was how he might oblige his Country-men by his good Offices and Services; in which Endeavours he so well succeeded, that his (b) Death was generally lamented throughout *Worcestershire*, and as a Testimony of their Affection to the Father, they chose his Son (the present Sir *John Pakington*) their Knight for the County, when he was scarce 19 Years of Age. He serv'd in Parliament in the Reigns of King *Charles* the 2d, and King *James* the 2d, as one of the Knights for *Worcestershire*, (c) and was steady to the Establishment in Church and State, as his Answers in Writing to the three Queries propos'd to him by the Lord *Carrington*, Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Worcester*, in those trying Times of the late King *James*, sufficiently shew. The Queries, with the Answers, here follow:

Quer. I. *If he was elected a Member of Parliament, whether he would consent to the taking off the Test and Penal Laws?*

Ans. "The Intent of the *Test and Penal Laws*  
 "being to serve the *Church of England*, amongst  
 "which, the *Act of Uniformity* seems to be the  
 "most

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(b) *Dr. Hicks's Epistle Dedicatory to his Saxon Grammar.*  
 (c) *MS. penes B. Willis.*



" most important; 'till I am either convinc'd it  
 " is in less Danger than when those Laws were  
 " enacted, or some better Security propos'd than  
 " they afford, I humbly conceive they cannot  
 " be taken off without imminent Hazard, if not  
 " Ruin of the *Church of England*; of which I pro-  
 " fessing my self a Member, can neither in Honour  
 " nor Conscience consent to the repealing a Tittle  
 " that relates to its Protection, which consequent-  
 " ly includes my Answer to the 2d Query, viz.

Quer. II. *Whether he would contribute to the elect-  
 ing of such as would repeal the Test and Penal Laws?*

Answ. " For what is not justifiable when done  
 " in one's own Person, can never become so by  
 " Proxy; For which Reason I cannot contribute  
 " to the electing such Members as shall abrogate  
 " the *Test and Penal Laws*, that being, in Effect, to  
 " promote an Action in another which I myself  
 " disapprove.

Quer. III. *Whether you will live peaceably and  
 quietly with Neighbours of all Perswasions?*

Answ. " Living peaceably and quietly with  
 " Neighbours of all Perswasions is a Doctrine so  
 " suitable to my Inclination and constant Pra-  
 " ctice, that by growing mutinous, I must offer  
 " all Violence imaginable both to Nature and  
 " Custom; which makes it superfluous to tell your  
 " Lordship how readily I concur in that Proposal,  
 " with which, if in any Circumstance my fu-  
 " ture Behaviour should not perfectly agree, your  
 " Lordship must reckon it my Misfortune, not  
 " my Fault.

" In fine, my Lord, I esteem it my greatest  
 " Misfortune that it should be in his Majesty's  
 " Power to ask that of me, which is not in mine,  
 " at the same Instant, to comply with: But I  
 " comfort my self with this Assurance, that so  
 " nice a Critick as his Majesty is, in Points of Ho-  
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“nour and Conscience, will never condemn me  
 “for acting by those very Principles to which his  
 “great Example has given so much Vigour and  
 “Encouragement.

This Sir *John* was bury'd at *Hampton-Lovet*, the 28th of *March* 1688; and having marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to Sir *John Keyt* of *Ebrington* in *Gloucestershire*, Bart. left Issue his only Son and Heir, the present Sir *John Pakington*, Bart.

Which Sir *John* has been constantly elected one of the Knights for *Worcestershire*, in every Parliament from his first being chosen, (except one, when he voluntarily declin'd it) to this present Year 1718, notwithstanding the powerful Opposition which was always made against him.

His second Lady was *Frances*, eldest Daughter of Sir *Henry Parker* of *Hunnington*, Bart. by whom he had two Sons, *John*, who dy'd at *Oxford*, in the 19th Year [of his Age, *A. D.* 1712. and *Thomas*, now living, also three Daughters, *Margaret*, *Frances*, and *Dorothy*, which last dy'd in her Infancy.

He had, for his 2d Lady, *Hester*, Daughter and Heir to Sir *Herbert Perrot* of *Haroldstone* in the County of *Pembroke*. This Lady dy'd *A. D.* 1715. Sir *John* had two Sons by her, *Herbert Perrot Pakington*, yet living, and another who dy'd soon after his Birth.



## A R M S.

*Party per Chevron Sable and Argent, in Chief, 3 Mulletts Or, in Base as many Garbes Gules.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath an Elephant Passant Or, Armed Gules.*

RALPH

RALPH ASHETON of LEVER, Esq;  
Lancast. N<sup>o</sup> 136.

[June 28. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. 1. 18.]

**T**HIS Family (which has produc'd many eminent Men) is denominated from the Town of *Ashton under Lyne in Com. Lancast.* and descended from *Orm*, (\*) or, as others have it, (a) from *Normannus*, Father of *Sir Thomas de Ashton*, Kt. Lord of *Asheton*, whose Successor was *Sir Robert de Ashton*, his Son and Heir, a Person of great Note in his Time; for he was Vice-Chamberlain to King *Edward* the 3d, and by that Title was in Commission, with others, for obtaining a Peace with King *Charles* of *France*. (b) He resided much in the West of *England*; (c) was Warden of the Cinque-Ports, and Admiral of the narrow Seas; also Justice of *Ireland* in 43 *Edw.* 3. and constituted Treasurer of *England* in 47 *Edw.* 3. about which Time, being in that Office, he was appointed, (d) with *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaster*, King of *Castile* and *Leon*, *Sir Roger de Beaucamp*, and others of the greatest Quality, Grantees in Trust of divers Manours, Rents, and Reversions, purchas'd in *Kent* by the King, to enfeoff therewith the Abbey of *St. Mary Le Grace*, near the *Tower of London*: He was afterwards constituted Constable of *Dover-Castle*, (e) and was in such Esteem and Favour with that King, that he appointed him one of the Executors of his last Will and Testament; he also continu'd in Favour in the succeeding Reign, and  
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(\*) MS. penes Rad. Thoresby de Leeds, F. R. S. (a) Ex Coll. Tho. Fekyll, Arm. (b) Ashmole's Order of the Garter, p. 669. (c) MS. penes R. Thoresby præd. (d) Mon. Angl. Vol. 1. p. — (e) Thoresby's MS.

in the 4th of *Richard* the 2d, was Warden of the Cinque-Ports. (f)

When he dy'd I don't find; but his Son was *Thomas de Asheton*, Father of *John Asheton*, who being then a Knight, serv'd in Parliament in 12 *Rich.* 2. as one of the Knights for *Lancashire*. (a)

This Sir *John* was drown'd at *Norbam*, leaving Issue by his Lady, Daughter to Sir *Robert Standish*, of *Standish*, two Sons; 1st, *John*; 2d, *Nicholas*, who was one of the Knights of the Military Order of *St. John of Jerusalem*, commonly call'd Knights of *Rhodes*.

*John Asheton*, the eldest Son, succeeded to the Lordship of *Asheton*, and at the Coronation of King *Hen.* 4. was made Knight of the *Bath*; (b) serv'd in Parliament in 1 *Hen.* 5. for the County of *Lancaster*, (c) and by that King was made Captain and Bailiff of *Constance* in the Realm of *France*. He had two Wives; from his 2d Marriage descend the *Ashetons* of *Middleton* hereafter-mention'd, and by his 1st Wife, *Isabel*, Daughter to ——— *Eland* of *Brigbouse* in *Com. Ebor.* (who was bury'd at *Wakefield*, in that County, as the following Inscription, taken by my good Friend *Mr. Thoresby*, of *Leeds*, makes appear) four Sons and eight Daughters. The Inscription is as follows:

Hic jacent Ossa Dom. Isabellae Ashton  
nuper Uxoris Johis. Ashton Militis &  
Mater Willi. Mirfield Militis obiit  
tertia Maii 1488.

By which it appears, she had been the Wife of *Mirfield*, having a Son, Sir *William Mirfield*, Kt. but

(f) *Cotton's Records*, p. 187. (a) *Pryn's Brief Regist.* Vol 4 de eod. ann. (b) *Nom. Milit.* in *Coll. Tho. Jekyl*, prad. (c) *Pryn prad.* de eod ann.

but her four Sons and eight Daughters, by Sir *John Asheton*, were these, viz. *Lucie*, marry'd, 1st, to Sir *Richard Byron*; 2dly, to Sir *Bartin Entwisle*; and 3dly, to Sir *Ralpb Shirley*, Kts *Mary*, Wife of *Thomas Langley*; *Catharine*, of *John Duckingfield*, Esquires; *Elizabeth*, 1st, of Sir *Ralpb Harrington*; 2dly, of Sir *Richard Hammerton*, Kts. *Anne*, of *Thomas Birch*; *Margaret*, of *Edmund Talbot*; *Joan*, of ——— *Dutton*; and *Jane*, of *John Rockley* of *Rockley in Com. Ebor.* Esquires.

The Sons were, 1. *Thomas*; 2. *Robert*; 3. *Laurence*; and 4. *John*: Whereof, *Thomas de Asheton*, the eldest, succeeded in the Inheritance, and, with Sir *Edmund de Trafford*, Kt. had a Patent (a) from K. *Henry* the 6th, in the 24th Year of his Reign, for making Alchymy, and converting other Metals *per Artem sive Scientiam Philosophiæ operari, &c. Metalla imperfecta de suo proprio genere transferre, & tunc ea per dictam Artem sive Scientiam in Aurum sive Argentum perfectum transubstantiare ad omnimodas probationes, & examinationes, sicut aliquod Aurum sive Argentum in aliqua Minera crescens expectandum & indurandum, i. e.* by the Art or Science of Philosophy, to work up certain Metals; to translate imperfect Metals from their own Kind, and then to transubstantiate them, by the said Art or Science, into perfect Gold or Silver, unto all Manner of Proofs and Tryals, to be expected, and indur'd, as any Gold or Silver growing in any Mine.

Their Skill therein was so great, that they were conceiv'd to work by unlawful Art, which the said Patent also takes Notice of, as the Effect of Malignity in others, to hinder and disturb their Operations. This *Thomas* left Issue four Sons, 1. *John*; 2. *Edward Asheton* of *Chatterton in Com. Lanc.*

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(a) Pat. 24 H. 6. M. 14.

in the Right of his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *Radcliff* of *Chatterton*, the Heir general of many Families; 3. *Geffry Ashton* of *Sbiptley*, in Right of his Wife the Heir of *Sbiptley*; 4. *Nicholas*, who marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to the Lord *Brook*; was call'd to the Degree of a Serjeant at Law, *A. D.* 1443, 21 *H. 6.* (b) and the first in the Call; also in the 23d Year of the same King's Reign constituted one of the Justices of the Bench, being written *Nicholas* (c) *Ashton*.

*John*, the eldest Brother, was concern'd in the Wars between the House of *Tork* and *Lancaster*, and taking Part with King *Henry* the 6th, was with him in the fatal Battle of *Northampton*, 10 July, *A. D.* 1460, and with eight more, before the Engagement, receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood. (d) He left Issue

Sir *Thomas Ashton* of *Ashton*, who was knighted at *Rippon* in 7 *Henry* 7, and dying about the 8th of *Hen.* 8, *A. D.* 1516, without Heirs Male, his Estate devolv'd upon his Daughters and Co-heirs, who were marry'd into the Families of *Houghton* of *Houghton-Tower*, *Ashton* of *Barton* in *Com. Lanc.* and *Booth* of *Dunham-Massey* in *Com. Cest.*

Having brought to a Period the chief Line, I now return to the Issue of Sir *John Ashton*, 3d of that Name, by his second Lady, who was *Mary*, Daughter to Sir *John Byron* of *Clayton* in *Com. Nott.* (afterwards Wife of Sir *Henry Fenwick*, Kt. and thirdly, of *John Talbot*) by whom he had Sir *Ralph Ashton* of *Middleton* in *Com. Lanc.* Kt.

Which Sir *Ralph* was but young in 6 *Hen.* 6, as appears by a Deed in Trust to the Abbot of *Whalley*, made by Sir *John Ashton* (e) the Father, giving

(b) *Claus. de eod. Ann. M. 22.* (c) *Fin. Levat. xv. Hill. eod. An.* (d) *Nom. Milit. ejusd. Reg. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll prad.* (e) *Ex Evid. Ra. Ashton de Middleton, Barb.*

giving that Abbot 1000 Marks for the Use of *Ralph* his Son, who being Page of Honour to King *Hen. 6*, in the 17th Year of that Reign, marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *John Barton* of *Middleton* afore said, and Cousin and Heir to *Richard Barton*, a Minor, of the House of *Barton* of *Barton*. He was afterwards Knight Marshal of *England*, (d) Lieutenant of the *Tower* of *London*, and Sheriff of *Torkshire*, in 12 and 13 *Edw. 4*; and in the 24th of that King's Reign was made Knight Banneret at *Huttonfield* in *Scotland*, *A. D. 1482*, (e) being with the Duke of *Gloucester* in his Expedition into that Kingdom, for the Recovery of the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*. The said King, by Letters Patents, made him Vice Constable of *England*, tho' the Expressions, [*Ordinavimus vos hac Vice Constabularium nostrum Angliæ ac Commissionarium nostrum, &c, ad audiendum & examinandum ac procedendum contra quascunq; personas de Crimine lesæ nostræ regis Majestatis suspectas*] gives him the same Power as Constable of *England*. *Holinshed* (f) mentions him amongst the Knights that rode in Cavalcade at the Coronation of King *Richard* the 3d; not long after which, he departed this Life, having had Issue divers Sons and Daughters, viz. *Anne*, Wife of *John Talbot* of *Salbury* in *Com. Ebor.* 30 *H. 6*. *Margaret*, of *Thomas Hasfield* de *Com. Cumb.* *Philippe* of *Thomas Cowton*; *Lucy* of *Richard Woodthorp*, Esquires; likewise *Elizabeth*, *Joan*, and *Agnes*, that dy'd young. His Sons were, (besides *Thomas* a Priest, and three others that dy'd Infants) 1. Sir *Richard*. 2 Sir *Ralph*, who marry'd the Heir of *Lever*, of whose Descendents I am principally to treat. But in regard the Posterity of Sir *Richard*, elder Brother, have attain'd the Title of Baronet, I shall here give some Account of them.

The said Sir *Richard Assheton*, who succeeded his Father in the Estate at *Middleton*, being in the Expedition against King *James* of Scotland in 12 *H. 7.*, on that Prince's aiding *Perkin Warbeck*; he receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from the Lord *Strange*, the General in the Camp, (d) for his Courage and Behaviour there, and dy'd on the 28th of *April*, 23 *H. 7.*, having had Issue by *Isabel* his Wife, Daughter to *John Talbot* of *Salbury*, Esq; (which Lady dy'd, *A. D.* 1531) one Son *Richard*, and three Daughters, *Margaret*, Wife of *John Hopwood* of *Hopwood in Com. Lanc.* *Alice*, marry'd first to *John Laurence*; 2dly, to *Richard Ratcliff* of the *Tower*; and 3dly, to *Thomas Booth* of *Hackensfall*, who dy'd in 25 *Hen. 8.*; another was Wife of *Holt* of *Stubley*, and *Elizabeth* marry'd *Robert*, Son of *Thurston Holland* of *Denton*, Esquires, all in *Com. Lanc.*

*Richard Assheton* succeeded his Father, at whose Death he was 26 Years of Age; after which he conducted a Band of Soldiers to *Floddenfield*, against the *Scots*, from whence he brought the King of *Scotland's* Standard-bearer's Sword in Token of Victory, (f) and took Prisoner there Sir *John Foreman*, Kt. Serjeant-Porter to the King of *Scots*; and *Alexander Barret*, Sheriff of *Aberdeen*, with two others, and deliver'd them to the Duke of *Norfolk*, then Earl-Marshal. — At his Return Home he dedicated his Standard to *St. Leonard* of *Middleton*; and, for his Services there, had Knighthood from the King himself, at *London*, with divers Enfranchisements granted him within his Lordship of *Middleton*. In a Window, on the North-side of *Middleton Church*, is this Memorial for him:

Epitaph

(d) *N. m. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudine, C. 3.* (f) *Ex Evid. Ra. Ashton de Middleton, Bart.*



**Orate pro bono statu Richardi Assheton,  
& eorum qui hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt,  
quorum Arma & Imagines supra  
Ostenduntur, Anno Dom. MCCCCCX.**

His Lady was *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Robert Foulshurst* of *Crew* in *Com. Cestr.* Kt. by whom he had Issue, *Richard*, *Thomas* and *Edmund*; which last dy'd Rector of the Church of *Middleton*, 22 Aug. A. D. 1522, as appears by a short Inscription for him on a Brass Plate fix'd to his Tomb in that Parish-Church.

*Richard Assheton*, eldest Son and Heir, was a Knight in 1 *Edw.* 6, and dy'd in the third Year of that King's Reign, having had two Wives, *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Strickland* of *Lonsdale* in *Com. Cumbr.* Kt. and the Lady *Anne Bellingham*, Widow, by whom he had no Issue; But by the former he had seven Sons, 1. *Richard*; 2. *Robert*, Rector of *Middleton* in 2 *Edw.* 6; 3. *John*, also Rector of *Middleton*, who had seven Sons; two whereof, *Abdy* and *James*, were likewise Parsons there. 4. *Ralph*, who had Posterity; but *Thomas*, *Leonard*, and *Francis*, the three youngest, had none. Amongst the Daughters are reckon'd *Mary*, Wife to *John*, Son and Heir to Sir *John Southworth* of *Samsbury*, Kt. *Margaret*, marry'd to *John*, Son and Heir to *Tho. Hopwood* of *Hopwood*, Esq; *Catharine*, Wife of—*Wood*; *Anne*. of *Richard Gerard*, Esq; and *Bridget*, of *Richard Erwood*.

*Richard Assheton*, Esq; (eldest Son and Heir of Sir *Richard*) was 38 Years old when he succeeded to the Inheritance by the Death of his Father, and did not long survive, dying in 4 *Edw.* 6, yet had been twice marry'd; first, with *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Gerard* of *Bryne* in 13 *H.* 8, (by whom he had a Son *Richard*, and two Daughters,

*Margaret*, Aged 26 Years 15 *Eliz.* and marry'd unto *William Davenport* of *Brown-hall* in *Com. Cestr.* Esq; and *Anne*, Wife to *John*, Son and Heir to *John Booth* of *Barton* in *Com. Lanc.* Esq;) 2dly, to *Catharine*, Daughter of *Sir Robert Bellingham*, (who surviv'd him, and espous'd *Sir William Radclif* of *Ordsall*, Kt.) by whom he had Issue *Dorothy*, 27 Years old in 15 *Eliz.* the Wife of *Alexander Houghton* of *Houghton*, Esq. On the Outside of the South-Isle of *Middleton* Church is this Memorial yet remaining for him and his first Wife:

**Ric. Assheton de Assheton — Anna Uxor ejus. Anno Dom. MDXXIII.**

*Richard Assheton*, Esq; his only Son and Heir, was Sheriff of the County of *Lancaster* in 35 & 40 *Eliz.* and taking to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Sir William Davenport* of *Brom-hall*, Kt. had Issue two Sons, but *Richard* the eldest only surviv'd him; which *Richard* was knighted at the Coronation of King *James* the 1st, and constituted Sheriff of *Lancashire* in the 4th Year of his Reign, was also one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of that County, and dy'd 27 *Decemb.* A. D. 1617, in the 59th Year of his Age, when he found Sepulture with his Ancestors in the Church of *Middleton*.— By *Mary* his first Wife, Daughter to *Sir John Byron* of *Clayton*, he had Issue a Son *Richard*, and five Daughters, viz. *Sarah* and *Winifride*, who dy'd unmarried; another *Winifride*, Wife to *John Holt* of *Stubley*. *Mary*, who wedded *Robert Holt* of *Assheworth*, and *Dorothy*, the Wife of *James Anderson* of *Clayton*, Esquires; and by *Mary*, his second Wife, Daughter to *Robert Holt* of *Assheworth*, Esq; Widow to *John Greenbalg* of *Brandlesome*, Esq; had Issue a Daughter *Susan*, who dy'd at the Age of 24 Years, A. D. 1618; and *Ralph Assheton*, who

who was of Kirby, and had to Wife *Catharine*, Daughter to *William Brereton* of *Ashley*, Esquire.

*Richard Asheton* of *Middleton*, Esq; (only Son and Heir of Sir *Richard*, by the first Wife) dy'd the Year after his Father, and lies bury'd at *Middleton*, as appears by the following Inscription on a brass Plate upon his Grave-stone, which sets forth his Character, Marriage, and Issue :

*Hic jacet Richardus Asheton Armiger Dominus de Middleton Pietatis Prudentia & Eruditionis nomine clarus cui Uxor Maria Filia Thomae Venabiles Baronis de Kinderton nati sex Richardus Rodolphus Johannes Jacobus Gulielmus Thomas Duag; filia Dorothea & Maria obiit 7 Nov. Anno 1618. Aetatisq; suae 41 Currente.*

Of these, *Ralph* was his Heir; *William* was Rector of *Middleton*, and marry'd *Eleanor*, Daughter to *Thomas Brooke* of *Norton* in *Com. Cestr.* *Thomas* marry'd *Susan*, Daughter of—— *Conegbatch* in *Com. Heref.* *Richard* dy'd young; *John* dy'd *A. D.* 1641, and *James* was slain in a Duel. *Dorothy* wedded *John Leigh* of *Booths* in *Com. Cestr.* Esq; and *Mary* marry'd the Reverend Mr. *Paul Latbam* of *Standish*.

*Ralph Asheton* of *Middleton*, Esq; (who succeeded his Father *Richard*) serv'd in several Parliaments for *Clithero* in *Lancashire* in the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st, and was elected one of the Knights for that County in the Parliament preceding the great Rebellion, and dying the 17th of *Feb. A. D.* 1650, was bury'd in the Chapel of the Family, within *Middleton Church*, having this Memorial on another brass Plate.

*Memoria & Sacrum.*

*Radulphi Asfbeton Armigeri Domini de Middleton Pii in Deum Patriam & suos, Copiarum omnium in agro Lancastriensi (suprema senatus conscriptarum) Praefecti fortis & fidelis Qui cum è Cunjuge sua Elizabetha filia Johannis Kay de Woodsome in Com. Eboracen. Armigeri suscepisset filios 3 Richardum Radulphum Johannem totidemq; filias Elizabetham Mariam Annam obdormivit in Jesu 17 Feb. Anno Dom. 1650. Etatisq; suæ 45 currente.*

His Wife *Mary* surviv'd him some Years, but deceasing 22 *Mart. A. D. 1662*, was bury'd in the Church of *St. Botolph's Aldersgate, London*, where a curious Monument, with her Effigies carved in Alabaster, (a) is erected for her. *Richard*, their eldest Son, dy'd 25 *March 1630*, bewitch'd to Death (as suppos'd) by *Utle*, who was hang'd at *Lancaster Assizes*. *John*, the youngest Son, purchas'd an Estate near *Selby in Com. Ebor.* and marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *John Fleetwood* of *Penwortham, Esq.* Of the Daughters, *Elizabeth* wedded *Adam Beaumont* of *Whitley in Com. Ebor. Esq.* and *Mary*, *Christopher Banister* of the *Bank in Com. Lanc. Esq.* Sheriff of that County, *A. D. 1669*.

*Ralph Asfbeton*, second Son and Heir, was born 23 *April 1626*, receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from King *Charles* the 1st, and afterwards, for his Loyalty to the King, was created a Baronet on the Restoration of King *Charles* the 2d, by Letters Patents bearing Date the 17th of *August 1660*. He was elected for *Clithero* in the Convention-Parliament that restor'd King *Charles* the 2d, and in all others call'd by that King, to the Time of his

(a) *New View of London.*

his Death. He marry'd *Anne*, Daughter to Sir *Raphe Asbhton* of *Whaley*, Bart. by *Eleanor* his Wife, Daughter of *Thomas Shuttleworth*, Esq; by whom he had Issue three Sons and two Daughters, 1. Sir *Ralph*; 2. *Richard*, born 1654, who was of *Allerton Gledow* in *Com. Ebor.* (marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to — *Parker* of *Entwistle*, Esq; and Widow of — *Waddington* of *Gledow* aforesaid, Esq; and deceasing *A. D.* 1704, left Issue the present Sir *Ralph Asbhton*, Bart. *John*, and —) 3. *John*, Twin with *Mary*, born 31 Jan. 1655; which *Mary* marry'd *Edward Thornicroft* of *Thornicroft* in *Com. Cestr.* Esquire.

Sir *Raphe Asbhton* of *Middleton*, Bart. as Successor to his Father in Title and Estate, was, in Right of his Mother, possess'd of the Estate of the *Asbhtons* of *Whaley* hereafter-mention'd. He was born 11 Feb. *A. D.* 1657; was twice marry'd, 1st, with *Mary*, sole Daughter and Heir to *Thomas Vavasour* of *Spaldington* in *Com. Ebor.* Esq; by whom he had Issue *Richard Vavasour-Asbhton*, who took upon him the Sirname of *Vavasour*, in pursuance of his Grandfather's Will, born *A. D.* 1689, but dy'd 14 Feb. *A. D.* 1707; and *Edmund*, who dy'd in his Minority; likewise *Anne*, Wife to *Humfry*, Son to *Humfry Trafford* of *Trafford* in *Com. Lanc.* Esq; *Catharine*, born in *March* 1692; and *Mary*, born 1694; also three other Daughters, *Dorothy*, *Frances*, and *Elizabeth*, who dy'd Infants.

The said Sir *Raphe* marry'd, 2dly, *Mary*, sole Daughter and Heir to *Robert Hyde* of *Denton* in *Com. Lanc.* Esq; but by her had no Issue, and dying in *May* 1716, his Daughters were Heirs to the *Whalley* and *Torkshire* Estates, and his Nephew, the present Sir *Ralph Ashton*, Bart. (Son of *Richard* of *Allerton Gledow* before-mention'd) succeeded to the ancient Inheritance at *Middleton*.

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The principal Branch now to be treated on, is the Descendants of Sir *Ralph Ashton* of *Whalley* beforemention'd, 2d Son of Sir *Ralph Ashton* of *Middleton*, and of *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter to *John Barton*, and Heir to *Richard Barton* of *Middleton*, her Uncle. Which Sir *Ralph*, by Marriage with *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Adam Lever* of *Lever in Com. Lanc.* Esq; became possess'd of that Manour, and of Lands in *Anderton*, wherein he was succeeded by *Ralph* his Son and Heir; who took to Wife *Hellen*, Daughter to *Adam Hilton* of the *Park in Com. Lanc.* and had Issue six Sons and two Daughters, whereof *Richard Ashton*, his 2d Son, purchas'd the Manour of *Whalley* (with the Appurtenances) in *Com. Lanc.* in 7 Ed. 6, (a) but leaving no Issue by *Jane* his Wife, Daughter of *Richard Harbottle*, the said Estate devolv'd on the Heirs of his elder Brother *Ralph Ashton* of *Lever*, Esq; who was Sheriff of *Lancashire* in 21 *Eliz.* and having marry'd *Alice*, Daughter of *William Hilton* of *Farnworth*, had Issue a Son of his own Name, *Ralph*, and a Daughter *Christian*, marry'd to *William Baxsfre* of *Bank*, Esquire.

The said *Ralph* increas'd his Estate by Marriage with *Jane*, Daughter to *Edward Ratcliff* of *Totmorden*, and Coheir to *William Ratcliff* of *Wimerley*, from whom proceeded four Daughters, (*viz.* *Jane*, Wife of *Richard Townley* of *Townley*; *Alice*, marry'd to *Alexander Standish* of *Duxbury*; *Elizabeth*, wedded to *George Preston* of *Holkar*, all in *Com. Lanc.* Esquires; and *Margaret*, who dy'd unmarried); as also two Sons, *Ralph* and *Ratcliff Ashton* of *Cuerdale*, who marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *John Hyde* of *London*, from whom the *Ashtons* of *Cuerdale* descend.

*Ralph*

(a) *Privat. Sigill. 14 June, 7 Ed. 6.*

*Ralph Ashton* of *Lever* and *Whalley*, the 7th of that Name in lineal Descent, and the 6th of that Sir-name, Possessors of the Estate at *Lever*, was advanc'd by King *James* 1st to the Dignity of a Baronet by Letters Patents bearing Date the 28th of *June*, A. D. 1620. He resided chiefly at *Whalley*, and dying in the Year 1645, (21 Car. 1) was bury'd at *Whalley* aforesaid. He marry'd two Wives, *Dorothy*, Daughter of Sir *James Bellingham* of *Levens*, Kt. and *Eleanor*, Daughter to *Thomas Shuttleworth* of *Gawtborp*, Esq. By the latter he had one Daughter, *Anne*, marry'd to Sir *Ralph Ashton* of *Middleton*, Bart. and by the former ten Sons, and a Daughter *Joan* who marry'd *Peter Bold* of *Bold* in *Com. Lanc.* Esq; and surviving him, was afterwards Wife of *Thomas Owen* of *Condor* in *Com. Salop.* Of the Sons, *Ralph*, the eldest, succeeded in Title and Estate, had likewise two Wives, *Dorothy*, Daughter of *Nicholas Tufson* Earl of *Thanet*; and *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Sapcote Harrington*; but leaving no Children by either of them, and having liv'd to bury eight of his Brethren, he was succeeded in the Title and Estate by his 9th Brother Sir *Edmund Ashton*, Bart. who likewise dy'd without Issue, and was succeeded by his youngest Brother Sir *John Ashton*, Bart. 10th Son of Sir *Ralph*; which

Sir *John* dy'd also without Issue, whereby the Patent for the Title of Baronet, which was granted by King *James* the 1st to his Father Sir *Ralph*, expir'd with this Sir *John*, who left his Estate at *Whalley* to his Sister's Son, Sir *Ralph Ashton* of *Middleton*, Bart. before treated of; and some other Part of his Estate he left to *Thomas Lister* of *Arnolds-Biggin*, Esq; who shew'd a generous Regard to his Memory, in erecting a fair Monument for him in ——— Church in *Lancashire*, (b) with this Inscription thereon: Here

(b) *Le Neve's Monumenta Anglicana*, p. 181.

*Here lyes interred the Body of Sir JOHN ASSHETON of Whaley Abby in the County of Lancaster, Bart. the 10th Son of Sir RALPH ASSHETON, Bart. who lived to enjoy the Honour and Estate, and dyed without Issue the 19th of June 1697, in the 76th Tear of his Age.*

*Here also lyeth the Body of CATHARINE his Wife; Daughter to Sir RICHARD FLETCHER of Hutton in the County of Cumberland, Bart. Reli& of THOMAS LISTER of Arnolds-Bigging, Esq; who departed this Life the 25th of May 1676, in the 64th Tear of her Age.*

**THOMAS LISTER**, now of Arnolds-Bigging, Esq; to express his Gratitude to the said Sir JOHN ASSHETON, his kind and generous Benefactor, erected this Monument in the Tear of our Lord 1706.

### A R M S.

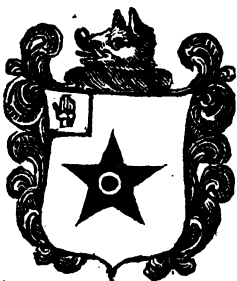
*Argent, a Mullet Sable, an Anulet Difference Or.*

### C R E S T.

*On a Wreath a Boar's-Head coup'd Argent, armed Or, langued and bristled Gules. But the Original Crest of Assheton of Assheton, is a Mower counterly habited Argent and Sable, and Sable and Argent, &c. palewise, the Scythe Proper; for that of the Boar's-Head now born, is taken from Booth of Barton.*

### M O T T O.

*In Domino confido.*



*Sir*



Sir BAPTIST HICKS of CAMBDEN, Kt.  
Glouc. N<sup>o</sup> 138.

[July 1. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

English Vicount, viz. Vicount Cambden, ext.

Sir THOMAS ROBERTS of GLAS-  
SENBURY, Kt. Kent. N<sup>o</sup> 139.

[Febr. 3. in eodem Ann. prad.]

THIS Sir Thomas is said to descend from *William Rookberst*, a Gentleman of Scotland, (a) who left his native Country, and came unto *Goudburst* in Kent, in the 3d Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the 1st; had afterwards the Sirname of *Roberts*, and having purchas'd certain Lands on a Hill in *Goudburst*, call'd *Winchet-hill*, he there built a Mansion, calling it *Rookberst*, after his own Name, which it still retaineth to this Day; and in the said Parish of *Goudburst* the Family continu'd 274 Years, till the Reign of King *Richard* the 2d, when *Stephen Roberts*, the third *Stephen* of the Family, marrying the Daughter and Heir of *William Tyllye*, Esq; (to whom the Manour and Lands in *Glassenbury* belong'd) he was, in her Right, possess'd thereof, and built a fair sumptuous House on the Hill of *Glassenbury*, which came, by lineal Descent, to *Walter Roberts*, Esq; who, in the Year 1472, (13 Ed. 4) caus'd the same  
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(a) Inscrip. Tumuli apud Cranebrook in Com. Kane.

to be pull'd down, and in the Year 1473, at the Charge and Expence of eighteen hundred Pounds, erected and built another moated House in the Valley of *Glassenbury*, in the Parish of *Cranebrook*, which is now call'd *Glassenbury*, where they have since continu'd, there being successively, in lineal Descent, from *William Rookberst*, alias *Roberts*, 13 Esquires of the Name and Progeny, who have dwelt in the Parishes of *Goudberst* and *Cranebrooke* unto the Year 1599, when *Thomas Roberts* of *Glassenbury*, Esq; erected a plain Monument of black Marble in the Chancel of the Church of *Cranebrook*, with an Inscription thereon containing a Memorial of his Family, as is here related.

What I shall farther observe, is, that the Name has been anciently written (as I find by old Wills, Deeds, &c.) *Robertes*, *Roberd*, *Robert*, and *Roberthe*, and that the said *William Rookberst*, who first settled in *England*, forsook *Scotland* (b) on Account of assisting *Donald Bane* (who usurp'd the Crown of that Kingdom) against *Edgar* the Son of *Malcolm* King of that Country. From which *William*, after six Generations, descended *Stephen Roobertes*, (as the Name was written in the Reign of King *Richard* the 2d) who by Marriage with *Joan*, Daughter and Heir of *William Tylly*, became possess'd of the Manour of *Glassenbury*, and other Lands in *Cranebrooke*, as is evident by a Deed in 3 R. 2, (c) wherein *John Nywmanne* of *Cranebrook* grants to *Joan*, Wife of *Stephen Roobertes* of *Gouthberst*, sometime Daughter of *Willim Tyllye* of *Cranebrooke*, and to the Heirs begotten between the said *Stephen* and *Joan*, all the Lands in *Cranebrooke* which the said *Nywmanne* had of the Gift of the said *William Tyllye*; from which Marriage proceeded

*John*

(b) *Ex Stemmate penes Dom. Tho. Roberts, Bart.* (c) *Ex Autog. in Stemmate prad.*

*John Roberts*, who had two Wives, and was certainly a Person of great Piety and Charity, as appears by the Bequests in his Will, which bears Date the 20th of *January* (d) 1460, (39 H. 6.) and soon after departed this Life, as the Probat thereof shews, which is dated the 7th of *February* following : By which Testament he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Church of *St. Dunstan* at *Cranebrooke*, before the Altar of *St. Giles*'s, and that x*l.* be laid out on an honest Tomb, before the said Altar of *St. Giles*'s, for him and *Agnes* his Wife, with a Writing making Mention of them ; to which Altar he leaves 13*s.* 4*d.* for his Tythes forgotten ; as also to the high Altar of *Goutherst*, 3*s.* 4*d.* the high Altar of *Merden* xx*d.* and farther, that *Ralph Bever* have certain Lands call'd *Bevers*, on Condition he purchase others to the yearly Value of 6*s.* 8*d.* therewith to find a Lamp to burn Day and Night for ever, before the Sacrament, in the Chancel of *Cranebrooke*.

He farther Wills, that the Rents, Lands, and Mills, which he purchas'd of *Thomas Beachinden*, and all *Podysland*, should be mortysed for the maintaining a Chantry, and a Priest to say Mass weekly, monthly, and quarterly, and so yearly in the Church of *Cranebrooke* for ever ; for which the said Priest should have x Mark yearly, appointing that *Sir Robert Anglisby* should have the said Service of the Chantry during his Life, and after him, that his right Heirs should have the Presentment to the said Chantry : Also if that *Walter* and *Stephen* his Sons dye within the Age of 24 Years, without Heirs, that then there be likewise founded a Chantry in the Church of *Goutherst*, endow'd, as the other, with x Marks *per Ann.*

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(d) *Ex Regist. vocat. Stockton, qu. 22 in Cur. Prærog. Cant.*

He moreover Wills, That *Robert Hoo*, Parson of *Chart*, have 20*s.* to pray for him, and that Housing and Grounds be purchas'd for vii poor Men at *Cranebrooke*, and vii poor Men at *Goutherst* to dwell therein, every poor Man to have xiii*s.* iiii*d.* yearly; the Payment whereof to be made every Quarter; as likewise xiii*s.* iiii*d.* yearly to repair their Houses: Which poor Men he appoints his right Heirs to have the Election of, and that they should pray for his Soule, his Wives Soules, his Friends Soules, and all Christian Soules; the said poor Men to be of the Parish of *Cranebrooke*, and if not to be found there, then of the Parishes adjoining; but if any of his Kinsmen have Need thereof, that they be provided for before any other: Ordaining that the said Alms to the said poor Men should be paid out of the Rents of his Manour and Lands of *Deryngdale* in *Suffex*. He also orders, That v Mark be rais'd yearly out of his Goods during the Term of seven Years after his Decease to be dispended in cloathing of xiii poor Men and Women with Gowns, Hoods and Coats, and paying vi*d.* to every Priest coming to his Years-day and singing Mass; likewise that x*l.* be laid out to remove the *Rood Loft* in the Church of *Cranebrooke*, and setting it on the high Chancel there; and for the mending the Ways between *Dunstan's Cross* and *Glassingbury*, bestows x*l.*

He bequeaths to the Daughters of his first Wife all the Lands in *Merden* of her Inheritance; also to *Agnes* his present Wife, an Annuity of v Mark, during her Widowhood, out of his Manour of *Deryngdale*, as also an Annuity of v Mark out of his Lands in *Goutherst* and *Cranebrook*, (provided she release her Dower in all his Lands in *Kent* and *Suffex*) also gives her the Place that *Thomas Horden* dwell'd in, during her Life, besides xx Marks for

for her Part of his Goods and Chattels. He farther bequeaths to *Walter* his Son, all his Lands in *Suffex*, as well within the Ports as without, when he should be of the Age of 24 Years; and to his Son *Stephen* all his Lands in *Kent*, when he likewise came to the Age of 24 Years; directing, that during the said Time, they should have for their Maintenance x Mark yearly, while they were at *Oxford*, or in any Inn of *Chancery*, and xl. yearly when they come to an Inn of Court. The rest of his Lands, Goods, &c. unbequeath'd, he gives to *Agnes* his Wife, *Walter* and *Stephen* his Sons, equally to be divided between them, and constitutes them Executors.

This *John Roberts*, being such a considerable Benefactor to the Church of *Cranebrook*, had his Effigies (e) painted in the Window of the North Ile thereof, kneeling (in Armour) before a Desk, with a Book lying thereon, and underneath this Inscription:

*Orate pro animabus Johannis Robertes & Agnetis  
uxoris ejus & pro Waltero Robertes, Armigero, &  
pro Animabus Margareta Isabella & Alicia  
Uxorum suarum.*

The said *Walter Roberts* became possess'd of the whole Estate by the Death of his Brother *Stephen*, who dy'd without Issue, and was a Person very much fam'd for his eminent Qualifications and Hospitality, as also for adhering to the *Lancastrian* Interest, in which he became a great Sufferer in the Reign of King *Richard III.* For having the Courage to keep Sir *John Guilford* (f) in his House at *Glassenbury*, (which, few a Years before, he had sumptuously rebuilt) Sir *Edward Stanley*, and Sir *Joby Savage*,

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(e) Ex Stemmate præd. (f) Ex Autog. in eod. Stem.

*Savage*, Kts. enter'd his said House, with Soldiers, on the *Wednesday* following the Purification of the Virgin, in 1 R. 3. and apprehending there the said Sir *John Guilford*, would have likewise seiz'd this *Walter Robertes*, had he not by Stratagem escap'd them: But for this he was attainted of Treason, his Estate seiz'd, and was forc'd to abscond till King *Henry* the 7th obtain'd the Crown, when he was restor'd to his Possessions again.

In 4 H. 7. (g) he had a Grant from the King to impark six hundred Acres of Land, and one thousand Acres of Wood in *Cranebrook*, *Gowdeburst*, and *Ticeburst* in the Counties of *Kent* and *Suffex*; as also, that he and his Heirs should have free Warren in all his Lands and Woods, and fishing in his Waters in the Parishes aforesaid, with all Liberties and Franchisements in such Cases granted. He was Sheriff of the County of *Kent* the same Year, and having liv'd under six Kings; *Henry* the 6th, *Ed.* 4. *Ed.* 5. R. 3. H. 7. H. 8. departed this Life at more than 80 Years of Age, A. D. 1522, as should be seen by the Probat of his Will, which bears Date the 18th of *October* the same Year.

By which Testament, dated 12 Feb. 13 H. 8. (b) he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Church of *Cranebrook*, between the Image of our Lady of Pity and his Pew, and that a Stone be laid over him, directing *Thomas* his Son and Heir, immediatly after his Death, to find an honest secular Priest to say Mass and celebrate Divine Service at St. *Giles's* Altar in the said Church, for evermore, for the Souls of his Father, Mother, his Wives Souls, his own Soul, and all Christian Souls, according to the Will of *John Roberte* his Father:

(g) Ex Origin. penes T. R. Bar. (b) Ex Reg. Maynwaring, p. 28.

Father : But if it should happen that the Wife of the said *Thomas* his Son, or the Wives of any of his Heirs hereafter, to whom the Inheritance of the Manour of *Glassinbery* descends, should lye in Childbed in his said Place call'd *Glassinbery*; or if the Pestilence reign in *Cranebrook*, that then, for the Time of the Continuance thereof, and also during the Time of such lying in Childbed, to the Times of their Purification, the said Priest should say Mass at his Place of *Glassinbery*, and be excus'd from his Attendance at the Parish-Church : For which Service he should have a Salary of x Marks, payable by his Heirs for ever out of his Lands in *Cranebrook* and *Gowtberst*. And that this might be made sure, he wills, That if the said *Thomas* his Son refuse to find the Priest, and settle Lands for his Maintenance, that then his Trustees, (*Sir Edward Nevil, Kt. Sir Henry Wyat, Kt. William Ashburnham, Esq;* and others) should find one, and settle Lands, as aforesaid; and on Failure of them, that the Churchwardens of *Cranebrook* provide one, and yearly receive of his Heirs for ever the Rent of x Marks: But if the Parishioners of *Cranebrook* should, at any Time hereafter, in the Spiritual Court, or any other Court, vex or disquiet his said Son *Thomas*, or any of his Heirs, on Account of any Priest to be found, according to the last Will of *John Roberthe* his Father, that then this his Will, touching the finding the said Priest, should be void.

He farther bequeath'd to the said Church of *Cranebrook*, towards the making of the middle Ile thereof, one Half of all the Timber for that Work; as also to the Church of *Gowtberst*, xii Oaks, the best that could be chose on the Lands he bought of . . . *Baseden* : And appointing *Alice* his Wife, and *Thomas* his Son Executors, entails his Lands on his eldest Son *Thomas*, and his Heirs; and in

Default, on his other Sons, *Clement, John, William, George, Edmund, and Martin*, with Remainder to his Daughters, *Elizabeth Hendle, Mary St. Nicholas, Joan Horden, Elizabeth Tukke, Joan Leed, Dorothy St. Nicholas*, and their Heirs Male, as also to *Anne* his Daughter, then unmarried; and in Default of such Issue, to *William Ashburnham* of *Ashburnham*, and his Heirs Male; declaring that his Intent is, that his Manours and Lands should not be divided or parted between Heirs Males, but that they should descend according to the Custom of the Common Laws of the Realm, and not after the Custom of *Gravelkind*, used within the County of *Kent*.

This *Walter Roberte*, Esq; (as the Name was then wrote) had three Wives. He first marry'd (23 Octob. 1463) *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *John Penn* of *Penn's Place* in the Parish of *Aldenham* in *Hertfordshire*, (i) who was Squire to the Duke of *Clarence*; and she dying the 6th of *May*, 1480, he espous'd *Isabel*, Daughter of Sir *John Culpeper*; and after her Decease, he wedded *Alice*, Daughter of *Richard Naylor*, and Widow of the Lord *Abergaveny*: He had by all of them (k) thirty Children, but only those nam'd in his Will surviv'd to Maturity. From the second Marriage is descended the Family now remaining at *Boorsel* in *Suffex*.

*Thomas Roberts*, Esq; eldest Son and Heir, by *Margaret* his first Wife, inherited the Estate at *Glassenbury*, was constituted Sheriff of *Kent* in 25 H. 8. and departed this Life in 5 Ph. & M. 1557, leaving (by his Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Jacob Fremingham*, and Heir to . . . . *Walworth*) several Sons and Daughters, whereof *Walter* was his Successor in the Estate. Which

(i) *Chaucey's Hertfordshire*, p. 494. (k) *Ex Autog. in Stemmate*.



Which *Walter Robertes* took to Wife *Frances*, Daughter and Heir of *John Maynard*, who was born when the Emperor *Charles* the 5th was in *England*, and had the Honour to have him for her Godfather. He had by her three Sons that liv'd to Maturity, viz. 1. *Thomas*, hereafter-mention'd; 2. *Edmund*, (who took to Wife *Judith*, third Daughter of *William Bird*, Esq; of the City of *London*, and Widow of *Thomas Blunt*, Esq; and deceasing 12 *Septemb.* 1627, left *Thomas* his Son and Heir); 3. *Alexander Robertes* of *Thorp*, near *London*.

*Thomas Roberts* (eldest Son and Heir of *Walter*) was eighteen Years of Age at his Father's Decease, and succeeding to the Estate at *Glassenbury*, became much esteem'd for his exemplary Way of living. He was hospitable without Excess, charitable without Ostentation, and in all other Respects shew'd himself a prudent and judicious Gentleman, a Lover of his Country, and a good Christian; he valu'd the Memory of his Ancestors, and bore in his Mind their good Actions, as well as the Care they had taken in preserving the Estate entire for many Generations; whereupon, in the Year 1599, he caus'd an Inscription to be set up in the Church of *Cranebrook*, (as before is mention'd) that his Posterity having it always before their Eyes, might be induc'd to imitate their Example, and preserve the Credit and Repute his Forefathers had liv'd in.

This *Thomas Roberts* had the Honour (1) of Knighthood conferr'd on him at *White-hall*, 23 *July* 1603, by King *James* the 1st, before his Coronation; and his Majesty farther honour'd him with the Dignity of a Baronet, by Letters Patent bearing Date the 3d of *July* 1620, in which Year he was Sheriff of *Kent*. He espous'd *Frances*, Daughter

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(1) *Philpot's Cat. of Knights.*

ter of *Martyn James* of *Smarden* in *Kent*, Esq; and had Issue by her four Sons, *Walter*, his Successor, *Thomas*, *John*, and *William*, who all dy'd unmarried, likewise three Daughters, *Frances*, who marry'd *John Hooper* of *Stockberry*, Esq; and after his Decease, *Henry Crisp*, Esq; *Elizabeth*, who was the Wife of Sir *Alexander Culpeper* of *Bedbury*, Kt. and *Anne*, who wedded *Thomas Crisp* of *Goudberst*, Esquire.

Sir *Walter Roberts* (Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas*) was knighted by King *James* at *Greenwich*, the 7th of *May* 1624, and afterwards succeeded to the Title of Baronet. He made an Addition to his Estate by Marriage with *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *George Roberts* of *Brenchesley* in *Com. Kanc.* and by her had five Sons and three Daughters, but none of them surviv'd him; so that his Successor in Title and Estate was his Grandson, *Howland Roberts*, Son and Heir of *Thomas Roberts*, which *Thomas* liv'd chiefly in *Suffex*, and lyes interr'd in *Warbleton* Church in that County, under a plain Monument, whereon is this Inscription:

*Here lyes bury'd in this Church, Thomas Roberts, Esq; Son and Heir of Sir Walter Roberts of Glassenburie in Kent, Knight and Baronet, who Marry'd Elizabeth, sole Daughter and Heir of Sir Matthew Howland, Knight, and Dame Elizabeth his Wife, and dyed the 23d of January, 1638.*

The said *Thomas Roberts*, besides *Howland* his eldest Son, had also another, nam'd *Walter*, who was possess'd of a genteel Estate in *Surry*, that came to him by his Mother's Relations; whereupon he took the Surname of *Howland*, but leaving no Issue, his Possessions devolv'd on the late Sir *Thomas Roberts*, Baronet.

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This *Walter* has a neat oval Marble Monument erected to his Memory in the Church of *Streatham* in *Surry*, with this Inscription:

*Here lyeth the Body  
of Walter Howland, alias  
Roberts, late of Bristow-Causey,  
in the Parish of Lambeth in Surrey,  
Esq; Son of Thomas Roberts, Esq;  
of Glassenbury in Kent, and  
Grandson to Sir Matthew Howland,  
and Nephew to Sir John Howland  
of Stretham in Surrey, who  
departed this Life the 6th of Decemb.  
1692, in the 55th Year of his Age;  
also the Body of his only Son  
John Howland, departed  
this Life the 16th of July,  
1674, in the 12th Year  
of his Age.*

*Sir Howland Roberts*, Bart. (Grandson and Heir of *Sir Walter*) took to Wife *Bridget*, Daughter of *Sir Robert Jocelyn* of *Hyde-ball* in *Com. Hertf. Kt.* who was born the 23d of *August* 1626, and had Issue by her,

1. *Bridget*, born the 8th of *Decemb.* 1657, and marry'd at *Glassenbury* the 5th of *Octob.* 1675, to *Edmund Trench* of *London*.

2. *Thomas*, hereafter-mention'd.

3. *Jocelyn Roberts*, born the 29th of *Octob.* 1659, at *Glassenbury*, now of *Bednal-Green*, Esq; who took to Wife *Hanab*, second Daughter of *Joseph Harris*, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of *London*, and had Issue by her three Sons and three Daughters, which Sons dy'd in their Minority.

4. *Elizabeth*, born the 27th of *Jan.* 1661, who dy'd young,

5. *Dorothy*, born after the Decease of her Father, 8 May 1662, Wife to . . . . *Spence* of the County of *Suffex*, Esquire.

The said Sir *Howland Roberts* dy'd towards the latter End of the Year 1661, and was bury'd at *Cranebrook* with his Ancestors, as he desir'd by his last Testament. His Lady surviving him, who remain'd a Widow till her Death in *April* 1707, and his eldest Son *Thomas* succeeded.

Which Sir *Thomas Roberts*, Bart. was born the 2d of *Decemb.* 1658, and baptiz'd in *Glassenbury* Chapel the 7th following. He was steady to the Constitution both in Church and State, and so hearty a Friend to both, that King *James* the 2d left him out of the Commission of the Peace; but on the Accession of their Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary* to the Crown, he was, with others, sworn therein, 19 *June* 1689; and his Interest was so considerable in his Country, that on the Decease of *Charles Fane*, Earl of *Westmorland*, in the Year 1691, when Sir *Vere Fane*, \* one of the Knights in Parliament for *Kent*, was call'd up to the House of Peers, he was then chose in his Place; also in 7 *W. III.* was elected to sit in Parliament for the same County with the Honourable *Philip Sydney*, afterwards Earl of *Leicester*; after which, declining to represent the County, he was return'd for *Maidstone* to the first Parliament of the late Queen *Anne*; but not being in the Party which at that Time prevail'd in the House of Commons, both he and the other Representative, Sir *Robert Marsham*. were declar'd unduly elected. He marry'd, 31 *May* 1682, *Fane*, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Beal* of *Farningham* in *Kent*, Bart. and had Issue by her,

1. *Fane*,

\* *M. S. penes Brown Willis, Arm.*

1. *Jane*, born the 5th of *April* 1684, who marry'd *Samuel Trench* of *London*, and dy'd without Issue 20 *Octob.* 1706.

2. *Howland*, born the 13th of *Octob.* 1685; unfortunately drown'd at *Glässenbury* 14 *July* 1689.

3. *Elizabeth* born the 28th of *Feb.* 1687, who dy'd an Infant.

4. *Thomas*, born the 27th of *June* 1689, the present Baronet.

5. *Walter*, born in *March* 1690.

6. *John*, born the 19th of *July* 1692, and dy'd the 8th of *August* following.

Their Father, Sir *Thomas Roberts*, departed this Life the 20th of *Novemb.* 1706, in the 48th Year of his Age, (and his Lady dy'd the 25th of *July* 1692) whereupon the Dignity and Estate devolv'd on his eldest surviving Son, Sir *Thomas Roberts*, Baronet.

Which Sir *Thomas*, in the Year 1714, took to Wife *Elizabeth*, sole Daughter and Heir of Mr. *Samuel Newbery* of *London*, but is as yet without Issue.



A R M S.

*Azure on a Cheveron Argent; 3 Mulletts Sable.*

C R E S T.

*On a Wreatb an Eagle display'd Argent, gorg'd with a Garland Vert.*

JOHN

JOHN HANMER of HANMER, Esq;  
*Flint.* N<sup>o</sup> 140.

[July 8. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

OUR *British* Genealogists deduce this Family from a Man of great Prowess, nam'd (a) Sir *Thomas Mackfel*, who had Issue a Son *John*, who was likewise a Knight, and residing at the Town of *Hanmer* in *Flint*, (Part of his Possessions) had from thence the Surname of *Hanmer*, which his Posterity have since retain'd. He was Constable of *Carnarvon-Castle* (b) in the Reign of K. *Edward* the 1st, and is said to marry *Hawes*, Daughter and Heir of (c) *Enion ap Gwillim, ap Griffith, ap Gwinwynwyn*, Lord of *Powis* and *Gwinwynwyn*, and a Descendant from *Bleddyn ap Kynwyn*, Prince of all *Wales*. By this Lady he had three Sons, *Owen*, surnam'd *Goch*, (from his being red) who succeeded to the Lordship of *Hanmer* in 2 *Ed. 2.* and dying Issueless, divided his Lands between his Brothers, *David* and *Philip*.

Which *Philip* became, at length, sole Heir to the whole Estate of his Brother *Owen*, and taking to Wife *Agnes*, Daughter and Heir to *David ap Rice, ap Evan, ap Jones*, had by her two Sons, *David* and *James*, also two Daughters, *Margaret*, marry'd to *Morgan Goch*, and *Mirannoy*, wedded to *Gruffe ap Hana, de Overton*.

*David Hanmer* (Son and Heir of *Philip*) was a Person learn'd in the Laws, and for his Fidelity to

(a) M.S. intit. *Records penes Fra. Hougham.* (b) *Liber Baronetorum M.S. sub Mand. Tho. Jekyl, Arm.* (c) *Ex. Coll. W. Thomas.*

to the *English Nation* was constituted one of the Justices of the *King's Bench* (d) on the 26th of *Feb.* in 6 R. 2. (1383) and had also the Honour of Knighthood conferr'd on him (e) in 10 R. 2. He left Issue by *Angbarad* his Wife, (Daughter of *Lhyvelin Dhu ap Griffith ap Joreth Voil*) two Sons, *Griffith Hanmer* of *Hanmer*, Esq; (who had only one Daughter, *Ancharet*, the Wife of *John Puleston*) and *Jenkyn Hanmer*. This Sir *David Hanmer* had also a Daughter nam'd *Margaret*, who was marry'd to the famous *Owen*, surnam'd *Glyndowr*, Lord of *Glyndowrdwy*, lineally descended from *Madoc ap Meredyth*, Prince of *Powis*, and he from *Bledwyn ap Kynoyr*, Prince of all *Wales*. The said *Margaret* had by *Owen Glyndowr* several Sons and Daughters; one Daughter marry'd Sir *John Scudamore*, Kt. another marry'd *Henry* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and another marry'd *John* Lord *Croft* of *Croft*.

He was succeeded by his second Son *Jenkin* [*John*] *Hanmer*, or *Hannemere*, (as the Name was anciently written) who was a (f) Knight, and had two Wives. By *Margaret* his first Wife, Daughter and Heir of *David*, Son and Heir of *Blethyn Vaughan* of *Oakenbolt*, lineally descended from *Edwyn* Lord of *Tregangle*, alias *Englefield*, he had Lands and a Mansion Place call'd *Llwyn Derwn*, in *Tregangle* in *Flintshire*, and she bore him a Son, nam'd *Griffith*. And by his second Wife *Eve*, Daughter to *David ap Grono ap Jerwith*, he had three Sons; 1. *John* of *Halton*, or *Haughton* and *Llay* (whose Grandson *Edward* dy'd without Issue); 2. *Edward Hanmer* of *Fennes* in *Com. Flint*, Ancestor to those of the Name residing there; 3. *Richard Hanmer* of *Bettisfield*, from whom the *Hammers* of *Bettisfield* and *Burbridge* descended.

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(d) *Dugdale's Chron. Series*, p. 42. *Claus. 6 R. 2. p. 1. 2.*  
 m. 18. (e) *Ex Col. W. Thomas.* (f) *Liber Baronetorum præd.*

This Sir *Jenkin Hanmer* was slain in the Battle of *Shrewsbury*, viz. at *Battlefield*, in the Time of King *Henry* the 4th.

*Griffith Hanmer* of *Hanmer* (Son and Heir of *Jenkyn* by his first Wife) was betroth'd to *Eleanor*, Daughter of Sir *Peers Dutton*, Kt. and had Issue by her *Richard* his Son and Heir, and five Daughters, who were all marry'd.

The said *Richard Hanmer*, Esq; took to Wife *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *Roger Kynaston* of *Hardley* in *Com. Salop*, Kt. by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Henry Grey* Earl of *Tankerville*, by *Antigone*, Daughter to *Humphry* Duke of *Gloucester*, and had Issue five Sons, *Thomas*, *John*, *Christopher*, *David*, and *Humphry*; also three Daughters, *Ermin*, Wife of *Edward Puleston*, *Dorothy* of *Edward Brereton* of *Bursham*, and *Eleanor* of *Richard Wicherley* of *Wicherley*, Esquires.

Cousin-German to this *Richard*, was Sir *Edward Hanmer*, knighted in *Scotland* (g) in the Reign of King *Henry* the 7th, for his valiant Behaviour in the Army under the Command of the Earl of *Surry*.

*Thomas Hanmer* (eldest Son of *Richard*) was \* knighted at *Burloigne*, by King *Henry* the 8th, and departed this Life on the 10th of *February* 1545. (37 H. 8.) He marry'd *Jane*, Daughter of Sir *Randolph Brereton* of *Malpas*, Kt. and had Issue five Daughters, *Eleanor*, Wife of *William Hanmer* of *Fennes*, Esq; (who by his last Testament, bearing Date 13 *Jan.* 1570. (the Probat whereof is on the 9th of *April* following) bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Chancel on the North Side of the Church of *Hanmer*, and left six Sons) *Elizabeth*, of *John Conwars*; *Margaret*, of *David Bird*; *Catharine*, of  
Peter

(g) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius C. 3. p. 49.* \* *Ibid.*  
p. 94.



*Peter Puleston*; and *Mary*, of *Roger Kinaston*, Esquires. He had likewise five Sons, *Thomas*, *Randle*, *John*, *Richard*, and *Humphry*.

*Thomas*, the eldest, succeeded at *Hanmer*, and was made a Knight. (h) by the King's Royal Mandate, on the 22d of *February*, 1 Ed. 6. His Lady was *Catharine*, Daughter and Heir to *Thomas Salter* of *Oswaldstre* in *Com. Salop.* Esq; and he had Issue by her a Daughter, *Margaret*, marry'd first to *Roger Puleston* of *Emeral*; secondly, to *John Puleston* of *Lleway Knottey*; also four Sons, *John*, *Thomas*, *William*, and *Randle*; whereof

*John*, the eldest, inherited the Estate at *Hanmer*, serv'd in Parliament (\*) for the Town of *Flint* in 13 *Eliz.* and having marry'd *Jane*, Daughter to Sir *John Salisbury* of *Lleweney*, Kt. had Issue three Sons, *Thomas*, *John*, and *Edward*, and was succeeded by his eldest Son,

*Thomas Hanmer*, Esq; who had all the Advantages of Education, and, in his Youth, waited on the Earl of *Derby* into *France*, (i) in the 27th Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, when that Earl went Ambassador to invest King *Henry* the 3d with the Order of the Garter. He was afterwards, in 35 *Eliz.* elected Knight (k) to serve in Parliament for the County of *Flint*; and when King *James* the 1st ascended the Throne, he was honour'd with Knighthood, (l) at *White-ball*, the 23d of *July* 1603, before his Coronation; likewise in the 15th Year of the Reign of that Prince, (m) he was appointed, among others, one of the Council to *William Lord Compton*, President of the Marches of *Wales*; and departing this Life the 18th of *April*,  
A. D.

(h) *Nom. Equit. præd.* p. 172. (\*) *M.S. penes Br. Willis, Arm.*  
(i) *Assmole's Hist. of the Garter*, p. 395. (k) *M.S. penes Br. Willis, Arm.* (l) *Philpot's Cat. of Knights.* (m) *Rymer's Fœd.* Vol. 17. p. 28, 29.

*A. D.* 1619, left Issue by *Catharine* his 2d Wife, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Mostyn* of *Mostyn*, Kt. *John* his Son and Heir; for by *Anne*, his first Wife, Daughter of *John Talbot* Earl of *Sbrewsbury*, he had only a Daughter *Catharine*, that dy'd an Infant.

The said *John Hanmer* (Son and Heir of *Sir Thomas*) was created to the Degree of Baronet by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 8th of *July* 1620, in the 18th Year of the Reign of King *James* the 1st, and was elected Knight for the County of *Flint*, to serve in the Parliament that met at *Westminster* in 21 *Jac.* 1. He acquir'd the general Esteem of all that knew him, and dy'd, much lamented, in the Flower of his Age, *A. D.* 1624. This *Sir John* marry'd *Dorothy*, Daughter and Coheir to *Sir Richard Trevor* of *Trevallyn in Com. Denb.* Kt. and had Issue three Sons, *Thomas* his Successor, *John*, and *David*, also two Daughters, *Mary*, and *Catharine*, who were all in their Minority at the Decease of their Father.

*Sir Thomas Hanmer* of *Hanmer*, Kt. and Bart. marry'd two Wives; 1. *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Baker*, and Sister and Heir to *Thomas Baker* of *Whittingham* in *Suffolk*, by whom he had one Son *John*, and a Daughter nam'd *Trevour*, who marry'd *Sir John Warner* of *Parham* in *Suffolk*, Kt. His second Wife, was *Susan*, Daughter of *Sir William Hervey* of *Ickworth* in the County of *Suffolk*, Kt. by whom he had two Sons, *William* and *Thomas*, besides several other Children, who dy'd young. *William* marry'd *Peregrine*, Sister and Heir to *Sir Henry North* of *Mildenhall* in the County of *Suffolk*, Bart. *Thomas* apply'd himself to the Study of the Law, was knighted by King *Charles* the 2d, and made Solicitor to Queen *Catharine*, in which Office he dy'd young and unmarried. *Sir Thomas Hanmer*, the Father, liv'd in great Reputation and Honour, serv'd

serv'd in Parliament for the County of *Flint*, and dy'd in that Trust, *Ann.* 1678.

He was succeeded in Honour and Estate by Sir *John Hanmer*, Kt. and Bart. his only Son by his first Wife. He was elected Knight for the County of *Flint* in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d, as also Burgefs for the Town of *Flint* in the Reign of King *James* the 2d, and of King *William* and Queen *Mary*: Applying himself to Souldiery, he commanded a Regiment under his late Majesty King *William*, at the Battle of the *Boyne*, where he acquir'd great Honour, and serv'd with equal Reputation to the End of his Life, dying a Major General and Colonel of the same Regiment, in the Year 1701. He marry'd *Mary*, the Daughtes and Heir of . . . . *Alston* in the County of *Suffolk*, Esq; but leaving no Issue, his Estate, and the Title of Baronet, devolv'd on the present Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Bart. only Son of *William Hanmer*, Esq; by *Peregrine*, Sister of Sir *Henry North*, Bart.

Which Sir *Thomas*, in the Year 1698, marry'd *Isabella*, Daughter and Heir of *Henry Bennet* Earl of *Arlington*, Widow and Relict of *Henry* Duke of *Grafton*, (Father of the present Duke) by whom he has no Issue: He was elected to Parliament for the Town of *Flint*, as also for the Borough of *Tbetford*, in the last Parliament call'd by King *William*, and on her late Majesty's Accession to the Throne, was chosen Knight for the County of *Flint*, to serve in her first Parliament; also in the 7th Year of Q. *Anne*, was elected one of the Knights for the County of *Suffolk*; for which County he has ever since been constantly elected, and was unanimously chosen Speaker of the House of Commons in the 12th of Queen *Anne*.

ARMS.



## ARMS.

*Argent, 2 Lyons passant guardant Azure, arm'd and langu'd Gules.*

## CREST.

*On a Chapeau Azure, turn'd up Ermin, a Lyon guardant seiant Argent, arm'd and langu'd Gules.*

EDWARD FREER of WATER-  
EATON, Esq; Oxon. N<sup>o</sup> 141.

[July 11. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**T**HIS Gentleman was lineally descended from *Edward Frere*, (a) who had two Sons, *William* and *Thomas*; the latter took the Surname of *Pynne*, and was Ancestor to those of that Name, seated at *Great Whicham* in *Buckinghamshire*.

*William Freere*, Esq; (eldest Son of *Edward*) was an Inhabitant of the City of *Oxford*, and a Justice of the Peace, and, by *Agnes* his Wife, Daughter of . . . . *Reve*, had Issue *Edward Frere*, who marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of *John Bustard* of *Adbury* in *Oxfordshire*, Esq; and had Issue three Sons, *William*, *John*, and *Henry*, as also two Daughters, *Anne*, first marry'd to *Henry Baylie*, Dr. of Physick, and after his Decease to *Richard Culpeper* of *Grays-Inn*. *Elizabeth*, second Daughter, was Wife to *John Lovelace*

(a) B. Lib. MS. A. Wood's in Museo Ashmol. Not. F. 33 p. 203.

lace of Henley, in Com. Oxon. Gent. The said Edward was succeeded by his eldest Son.

William Frere, of Oxford, Esq; who was in the Commission of the Peace A. D. 1574. (17 Eliz.) and espousing Mary, Daughter and Co-heir of William Bamfield of Turneworth, in Com Dorset. Gent. had Issue by her Edward Frere, Bamfield Frere, and 4 Daughters. This Gentlemen (b) purchas'd the Estate at Water-Eaton, which descended to his eldest Son

Edward Frere, who thereby possess'd a large Inheritance, and was thereupon advanc'd to the Dignity of a Barronet, by Letters Patent bearing Date as before-mention'd. He marry'd Mary, Daughter of John Stafford of Blatberwyke, in Com. Northamp. and she dying in London 23 Nov. 1623, was bury'd in St. Andrew's Church, Holborn.

They had an only Son, William Frere, who dying unmarried, in the Life-time of his Father, in the 24th Year of his Age, the Dignity of Baronet expir'd with this Sir Edward.



A R M S.

Gules, a Wheat Ear erect. Leaves Or, between two Flanches of the same, each charg'd with a Wheat Ear slipt, Or, Leaves Gules.

C R E S T.

On a Wreath two naked Arms bent, supporting a Garb, Or, banded Or and Gules.

R

EDWARD

(b) Liber Baronetorum, MS. p. 83.

EDWARD OSBORNE of KIVETON, Esq; Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 142.

[13 Julii, A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

*English Duke, viz. Duke of Leeds.*

HENRY FELTON of PLAYFORD, Esq; Suff. N<sup>o</sup> 143.

[20 Julii, A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**T**HIS Family, fir-nam'd from the Lordship of *Felton* in the County of *Northumberland*, is, in all Likelihood, (tho' I can't with Certainty make it out) a Junior Branch of the *Bertrams*, Barons of *Mitford*, Possessors of the said Lordship. Our Antiquary *Leland*, (a) mentions *Brinkburne* an House of *Black Cannons*, in the said County, "to be founded by the *Lisses*, or the *Feltons* before the *Lisses*," which Information strengthens my Conjecture: For 'tis certain *William Bertram* was the first Founder (b) of the said Priory (with the Consent of *Hawyse* his Wife, as also of *Roger Guy*, *William* and *Richard* his Sons) in the Reign of King *Henry* the first. To which *William*, succeeded *Roger*, his Son and Heir, (c) who in 3 *H. 2.* gave a Fine of 50 Marks to the King for his Market at *Mitford*;

(a) *Itin. Vol. 7. p. 54.* (b) *Dugdale's Monast. Ang. Vol. 2. 203, b. n. 10.* (c) *Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. 1. p. 543.*

ford; and in 12 H. 2. certify'd his *Knights Fees* to be six and half. He was succeeded by *William* his Son and Heir, whose Barony, in 8 R. 1. was thus rated, viz. *Gretbam* at thirty two Shillings, *Felton* forty one Shillings, *Mitford* forty one Shillings, and *Eiland* ten Shillings.

This *William*, confirm'd to the Canons of *Brinkburn*, all the Grants which *William* his Grandfather, and *Roger* his Father, had made to them, and in 5 *John*. obtain'd from the King a Grant of the before-specify'd Manor of *Felton*, in *Northumberland*, with all the Woods thereto belonging, so that it should be out of the Regard of the Forest; as also, that he might have free Liberty of Hunting there.

And having marry'd *Alice*, the Sister of *Robert de Umfravill*, dy'd in 7 *John*. (1205) or before, for then *Roger*, his Son and Heir, was in Wardship to *Peter de Brus*, his Barony consisting of *Mitford*, with its Members, and *Felton* with its Members, Scil. *Parva Felton*, *Aketon*, *Swainland*, *Over-Isfar*, *Glenteley*, and *Framelington*.

Which *Roger* adher'd to the Rebellious Barons in 17 *John*. (d) on which Account his Castle of *Mitford* and Lands were seiz'd; but on the Death of King *John*, returning to Obedience, he had Restitution of them again in 2 H. 3. and grew into the Favour of his Sovereign; for in 13 H. 3. when *Alexander*, King of *Scots*, was to come to *Tork* to meet King *Henry*, this *Roger* was one of the Northern Barons who had Command to attend him thither. He dy'd in 26 H. 3. leaving *Roger* his Son and Heir (from whom the *Bertrams*, Barons of *Mitford*, descended;) as also another Son (as I presume) *Pagan*, who was seiz'd of the Lordship of *Upper Felton*, which denominated his Posterity,

ty, for he left (*d*) 2 Sons, *William* and *Roger*, or rather *Robert*.

Which *William*, stiled *Fitz* [Son of] *Pagan*, as also *de Felton* (from his Possessions) was a Person of great Note: He was a Commander under King *Edward* the 1<sup>st</sup>, in his Expeditions into *Scotland*; (*e*) and in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of that Prince, was summon'd, among those of the County of *Northampton*, that held Lands of the Value of 20*l.* and more, (*f*) to be at *London* with Horse and Arms on the *Sunday* after the *Octaves* of *St. John Bapt.* to go with the King beyond the Seas: In 5 *Edw.* 2. either he, or *William* his Son and Heir, (*g*) was Sheriff of *Northumberland*; as also Governor of *Bamburgh* Castle in 9 *Edw.* 2. and of *Roxborough* Castle in *Scotland* in 11 *Edw.* 2. likewise in 15 and 16 *Edw.* 3. again Sheriff of *Northumberland*: In which last Year he was summon'd as a Peer of the Realm to sit in Parliament.

He attended the King at the Relief of *Aguillon*, in *France*, in 20 *Edw.* 3. and the Year after was constituted Justice of all the King's Lands in *Scotland*: He was also Steward [Seneschal] of *Poitou* in *France*; (*h*) for by that Title he is in Commission with others (18 *Feb.* 1362.) to take Possession of the Castles of *Melle*, *Ciuray*, (*bisck*, Fort of *Neufville*, and the Castles of *Roche*, *Tvay*, &c. according to a Treaty between the Kings of *England* and *France*: Likewise the next Year (*i*) being stiled *William de Felton* Chevalier, was one of those commission'd to enquire into the Value of *Roche* Castle. In 39 *Edw.* 3. being Seneschal of *Limosin*, he vaquish'd

(*d*) *Ex Stemmata de Felton, in Baron Geneal. p. S. Seager MS. in Bibl. Cotton.*

(*e*) *MS. Nup. E. Walker, Kt. in Bibl. Joh. Ansis, Armig. Gart. Reg. Arm. Not. B. 5.*

(*f*) *Ibid.*

(*g*) *Dugd. Baron. Vol. 2. p. 65.*

(*h*) *E. Lib. MS. No. 1098 in Museo Askmol. p. 61. ex Rot. Franc. An. 36. E. 3. M. 2.*

(*i*) *Ibid.*



quish'd a considerable Party of the *Britains* there, but in 41 *Edw.* 3. attending the Duke of *Lancaster* in *Spain*, he was suddenly encompass'd by a whole Troop of his Adversaries, and there slain: At which Time he was seiz'd of several Manours in *Northumberland*. Sir *John de Felton*, Kt. his Son and Heir, aged 28 Years, succeeding thereto; but this Line, in the Reign of King *Henry* the 4th, extinguish'd in Daughters, who were marry'd, one to Sir *Edward Hastings*, and another to *Walter de Fauconberg*.

*Roger*, or *Robert*, before-mention'd, (2d Son of *Pagan*) is also stiled, in some Records, *Fil. Pagani*; and in others, *Robert de Felton*. In 10 *Edw.* 1. by the Name of *Robert*, Son of *Pagan*; (k) he was summon'd to attend the King with Horse and Arms at *Rothelan*, to go against the *Welsh* that had rose in Rebellion: In 25 *Edw.* 1. (l) he had a Grant for a Market every Week at his Manour of *Lucbin*, in *Com. Norf.* as also for a Fair yearly, on the Eve of *All Saints*, the Day and Morrow after. He was succeeded by *Robert*, his Son and Heir, who, in 34 *Edw.* 1. (m) receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood with great Solemnity, at the High Altar in *Westminster Abby*, with near 300 more, Sons of Earls, Barons, and Knights, in the List, whereof he is wrote *Robert*, Son of *Robert*, Son of *Pagan*; and the same Year (n) attended the King in his Expedition then made into *Scotland*; also in 4 *Edw.* 2. receiv'd Summons to be at *Newcastle* upon *Tine*, with thirty Men at Arms, sufficiently accoutred to march into *Scotland*: In 5 *Edw.* 2. he was constituted Governor of *Scarborough Castle*; (o) and the two following Years had Summons to Parliament

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(k) *Rymer's Fadera*, Vol. 2. p. 199 & seq. (l) *Cart.* 25. *Ed.* 1. N. 1. (m) *Ashmole's Order of Knighthood*, p. 38. (n) *Rot. Protect.* 34 E. 1. M. 6. (o) *Dugdale ut Antea*.

among the Barons of the Realm; soon after which he dy'd, leaving Issue *John de Felton*, his Son and Heir, who was Governor of *Alnwick* in 8 *Edw. 2.* was in the Scots War the Year following; as also in 12 *Edw. 2.* and in 18 *Edw. 2.* attended his Prince in the Expedition then made into *Gasgoigne*, being the same Year one of the Admirals of that Fleet sent out to annoy the *French* and their Merchants.

This *John de Felton* had also Summons to Parliament as a Baron, in 16 *Edw. 3.* but not after, and left Issue three Sons; from the youngest whereof, the Family I am to treat of is descended; the others were *Hamon de Felton*, (who serv'd in Parliament as one of the Knights (p) for the County of *Norfolk*, in 51 *Edw. 3.* as also in 1 *R. 2.*) and *Thomas de Felton*, who was a Knight in 30 *Edw. 3.* in which Year (q) he had the Royal Letters of Protection on his going into *Gascony* in the Service of *Edward* Prince of *Wales*. In 40 *Edw. 3.* he was Seneschal of *Aquitain*, and in Commission to take Possession of *Bellevil* (r) for the King, pursuant to a Treaty of Peace with *France*. In 47 *Edw. 3.* he was appointed, with three others, to treat on certain Affairs (s) with *Peter* King of *Arragon*, and in Commission the same Year (with *Robert de Wykeford*, Constable of *Bordeaux*) to receive from Prince *Edward*, the King's eldest Son, the Principality of *Aquitain* (t) and *Gascony*, and all Cities, Towns, Castles, Places, &c. thereto belonging, which the said Prince had for Life, and then surrender'd. This *Thomas* did signal Services in the Wars with *France*, and took Prisoner *Berardus* (u) *de la Briet*, Kt. he was also in several Commissions in the  
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(p) *Pryn's Brief. Reg. Vol. 4. p. 312, 325.* (q) *Rymer's Fœd. Vol. 5. p. 844.* (r) *E. Lib. præd. in Museo Astmol. N. 1098. p. 143.* (s) *Rymer's Fœd. Vol. 7. p. 4.* (t) *Id. p. 6.* (u) *Id. 48.*

Reign of King *Edward* the 3d ; in one (49 *Edw.* 3.) for treating of Peace (x) with the King of *Navarr*, and in another (y) (50 *Edw.* 3.) for confirming certain Treaties between his Master and the King of *France*. For all which (z) Services, he was elected one of the Knights of the most noble Order of the Garter ; but in the Reign of King *Richard* the 2d, he had the Misfortune to be taken Prisoner, and to be detain'd in *France* a long Time ; and for his Redemption, the King, in the 3d Year of his Reign, gave him the Ransom of the Count *de St. Paul* ; \* which Count was to pay him 30000 Francs, each Franc to be equal in Value to half a Noble of *English* Money, yet that was not sufficient to obtain his Release, for he had the Year following a Grant of the Ransom (a) of *William de Bordes*, Kt. Prisoner, with Power to demand of him what he thought fit, and to reserve as much as would discharge him the said *Sir Thomas Felton*, and pay the Remainder into the Exchequer. He was accordingly set at Liberty the same Year, (b) and soon after dy'd, viz. the 2d of *April* in 4 *R.* 2. and in 8 *R.* 2. *Joan*, his Widow, then surviving, held the Manour of *Riburgh* in *Com. Norf.* by Grant of *Sir Oliver Calthrop*, Kt. and the same Year the King, (c) by his Letters Patent, granted License for founding a Chantry in the Chapel of *St. Mary's*, in the Priory of *Walsingham*, for four Chaplains to celebrate Divine Service for the Souls of *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, *Thomas Felton*, and *Thomas* his Son. This *Sir Thomas* left no Heirs-Male surviving, and only two Daughters ; *Sybil* marry'd into the Family of *Hartley*, and *Mary* into that of *Hengrave* ; so that *Edmond Felton*, his

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(x) *Ib.* p. 62. (y) *Ib.* p. 105. ut seq. (z) *Ashmole's*  
*Order of the Garter*, p. 709. \* *Ib.* p. 25. (a) *Ib.* p. 267.  
 (b) *Ibid.* p. 276. (c) *Mon. Ang.* Vol. 2. p. 22.

younger Brother, was the principal Heir Male of the Family remaining.

Which *Edmond*, by Marriage with a Daughter of *Robert Gerrard* of *Codenbam*, in *Com. Suff.* had Issue three Sons; 1st *Sir Thomas Felton*, (*d*) who was Chief Justice of *Chester* from 42 *Ed.* 3. to 5 *R.* 2. and had only a Daughter *Elizabeth*, the Wife of *Thomas Lord Hoo* and *Hassings*, Kt. of the Garter in the Reign of King *Henry* 6th. *Richard Felton*, (2d Son of *Edmond*) took Priests Orders; but from *John Felton*, the youngest Son, who was sometimes stil'd *Le Chapman*, from his Merchandizing, proceeded (from his Marriage with *Agnes*, Daughter to *Roger Denny*s) a Son nam'd after his Father, *John*, who had Issue *William Felton* of *Codenbam*, and *John*, who both dy'd unmarried; also *Robert Felton*, who deceas'd in 9 *H.* 5. leaving Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of ——— *Dence*, two Sons, 1st *William Felton* of *Sabrige*, living in 14 *H.* 6. 2d *John Felton*, who was likewise sometimes written *Le Chapman*, from his Merchandizing, and was Possessor of a Place and Lands in *Codenbam*, which his Father had purchas'd of *Sir Philip Denny*s and *Sir John Jermy*, Knts. and from him was nam'd *Felton*.

This *John* increas'd his Patrimony very considerably, for he acquir'd the Lordship and Estate of *Sbotley*, by marrying *Joan*, Daughter and Heir of *Sir Thomas Mosel*, Kt. and of *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *John de Visedelew*; which Family of *Visedelew* anciently possess'd the said Manour. He had Issue by the aforesaid *Joan* his Wife, one Son, *John Felton*, who dy'd before him, and left (by his Wife, a Daughter and Heir of ——— *Alcock* of *Sbotley*) a Son, *Robert*.

Which

(d) *Leicester's* *Cheshire*.

Which *Robert Felton* succeeding his said Grandfather, did likewise bring a great Increase to his Inheritance from his Marriage with *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Sampson*, Esq; and Sister and Heir to Sir *Thomas Sampson* of *Playford*, Kt. whereby the said Lordship of *Playford*, with other Manours and Lands, descended to his 2d Son *Thomas Felton*, *John*, his eldest Son dying without Issue. They were both under Age at the Death of their Father *Robert*, who dy'd in the Year 1506, (e) (22 H. 7.) as appears by the Probat of his Will, which is dated at *Kyrton*, otherwise call'd *Shotley*, wherein he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the Chancel of the Parish-Church of *Shotley*, as near to his Grandfather as can conveniently be, and that there be a Stone laid over him like that of his Grandfather's.

The said *Thomas Felton* succeeded to the Lordship of *Playford* in 4 H. 8. in which Year he was found Cozen and Heir of Sir *Thomas Sampson*, Kt. and Son and Heir of *Margaret Sampson*, late Wife of *Robert Felton*. Which Manour of *Playford*, (f) with several other Manours and Lands, came to *Thomas Sampson*, (Father of Sir *Thomas*) by Marriage with *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Felbridge*, Kt. This *Thomas Felton* dy'd in 1 Eliz. and having wedded *Cicely*, Daughter to *Thomas Seckford* of *Great Bilye*, had by her three Sons and two Daughters, *Thomas*, *Robert*, *Francis*, *Cicely*, and *Margaret*, whereof *Thomas*, the eldest, succeeded to the Inheritance.

Which *Thomas* took to Wife *Mary*, Daughter to Sir *Richard Cavendish*, and departing this Life in 20 Eliz. was succeeded by his Son and Heir

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(e) Ex Regist. vocat. A Dean quir. 8. in Cur. Prærog. Cant.

(f) Tenures de Com. Suff. penes Joh. Auslis, Arm. Garl. Reg. Arm.

WILLIAM CHALONER of GIBBOROUGH, *Esq;* Ebor. N<sup>o</sup> 144.[*eod. Die præd.*]

**T**HIS Family, of *Welsh* Extraction, is deriv'd from (a) *Richard Chaloner* of *Denbighshire*, Son of *David Chaloner* of *Rutland*, (by *Rose*, Daughter and Heir of *Anwell ap Dab, ap Itbell*) Son of *Hugh Chaloner* of *Rutland*, (living in 1 H. 4.) and of *Alice* his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *Rice ap David ap Kenric de Wyper*.

Which *Richard* had Issue two Sons, *Thomas* and *David*, who was Progenitor to the *Chaloners* of *Denbigb*, of *Chester*, and of *London*.

*Thomas Chaloner*, (eldest Son of *Richard*) was seated at *Englefield in Com. Berks*, and from him proceeded *Roger Chaloner* of *London*, who had Issue *Thomas*, his Son and Heir.

Which *Thomas Chaloner* was born in *London*, educated at *Cambridge*, and became very well qualify'd, both as to Arts and Arms. When he was young, (b) he serv'd under *Charles* the 5th in the Expedition against *Algier*, where he suffer'd Shipwreck; and having swam as long as his Arms and Legs would give him Leave, at length he caught hold of a Cable with his Teeth, and so escap'd, tho' with the Loss of some of them. In 7 H. 8. (c) he was constituted Clerk of the Privy-Council for Life; and in the Reign of King *Edward* the 6th, acquitted himself with so much Bravery at *Musselborough Field*, that he was knighted

(a) *Liber Baronetorum, MS. per Tho. Jekyll, Arm.*(b) *Camden's Eliz. in Hist. of Engl. Vol. 2. p. 399.*(c) *Pat. 7 H. 8. p. 16.*

knighted by the Duke of *Somerset*. In Queen *Elizabeth's* Reign he went on an honourable Embassy to the Emperor *Ferdinand*, and remain'd in that Quality almost four Years, where he wrote five elegant Books of Poems, *De Republica Anglorum instauranda*; whilst (as he phras'd it) he liv'd *Hyeme in furno astate in borreo*, i. e. *In Winter in a Stove, in Summer in a Barn*. He dy'd about the Middle of *Octob. 1566*, (9 *Eliz.*) was bury'd in *St. Paul's Church in London*, and had a Funeral answerable to his Worth. At which, *Cecil*, that great Favourer of Learning and Arts, attended as chief Mourner. *Thomas*, his Son and Heir, (by his Wife *Etbeldred*, Daughter of *Edward Frodisham*, of *Elton*, in *Com. Cest.*) being under Age.

The said *Thomas*, by Study and Travel, became an accomplish'd Gentleman; and on the 8th of *October 1591*, receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from the *French King*; at which Time he was before *Roban*, with *Robert Earl of Essex*, who was sent to aid that Prince against his Rebellious Subjects. When King *James* ascended the Throne, he was so remarkable for his Learning, Prudence, and other excellent Qualifications, that he appointed him Tutor (and afterwards Chamberlain) to his Son Prince *Henry*, the Delight of *Britain*. He was a learned Searcher into Nature's Works; and at *Gisborne* [now writ *Gisborough*] in *Yorkshire*, (an Estate (d) his Father purchas'd from the Crown 10 *June 1558*) discover'd an Allom Mine of such Advantage to the Nation, that it was adjudg'd a Royal Mine, and thereby became rented by several; so that little Benefit accrew'd to him or his Posterity, 'till the long Parliament (began *A. D. 1640*) voted it a Monopoly.

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(d) *MS. de Cur. Augment. in Bibl. Harleyan Not. 41. A. 21.*

This Sir *Thomas* resided for some time at *Chiswick*, in *Com. Midd.* and there dying, in *Nov. 1615*, aged 51 Years, had Sepulture in the Church of that Place. He had by two Wives 16 Sons and Daughters; 10 by his first Lady *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *William Fleetwood* of *Missenden*, in *Com. Bucks*, Esq; and six by the other, *Judith*, Daughter of *William Blount* of *London*, and Relict of *John Gregory* of *Hull*.

*William Chaloner*, eldest surviving Son by the first Wife, was possess'd of the Estate at *Gisborough*, in *Torkshire*, and created to the Dignity of a Baronet by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 20th of *July*, in 18 *Jac. 1.* but dying unmarried at *Scanderoon*, in *Turky*, the Title became extinct, and his Estate devolv'd on Sir *Edward Chaloner* of *Steeple-Claydon*, in *Com. Bucks*, Son and Heir of Dr. *Edward Chaloner*, the next Brother to the said Sir *William*,

Which Dr. *Chaloner* born at *Chiswick*, was one of the Chaplains to King *Charles* the 1st; and, considering his Age, was, as my Author (e) observes, a very learned Man, well read in Polemical Divinity, as some of his Lucubrations shew, as well as his Sermons, publish'd after his Death, which were look'd on to be such as would prove serviceable to the Church and Commonwealth. He dy'd of the Plague at *Oxford*, aged 34 Years, 25 *July*, A. D. 1625, leaving (by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of Dr. *Robert Hoveden*) the said Sir *Edward Chaloner* of *Gisborough*, (as Successor to his Uncle Sir *William*) who, by his Wife, a Daughter of Sir *Richard Ingoldsby* of *Walridge*, in *Com. Bucks*, had Issue *William* his Son and Heir, with several other

(e) *Wood's Athene Oxon. p. 422.*



other Children, and his Posterity, in the Male Line, yet continue in *Torkshire*.



A R M S.

*Sable, a Chaveron between three Cherubs, Or.*

C R E S T.

*A Demi-Sea Boar, Saliant, Or.*

Sir FRANCIS VINCENT of STOKE-DABERNON, Kt. Surr. N<sup>o</sup> 146.

[26 Julii. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

THIS Family, on the Marriage of *Thomas Vincent*, Esq; (in the Beginning of the Reign of *Q. Elizabeth*) with *Jane* only Daughter and Heir to *Thomas Lyfield* of *Stoke-Dabernon*, Esq; became possess'd of that Inheritance; which Seat of *Stoke-Dabernon*, has ever since been their principal Residence, tho' they were for Ages before, eminent in the County of *Leicester*, and afterwards in the County of *Northampton*.

The first I meet with is *John Vincent*, (a) mention'd with others in a Fine in 48 H. 3. *Pilippus de Castro*, *Richardus Brim*, *Johannes Vincent*, *Rogerus Eyre*, & *Symon filius Willielmi Brorgensis Rowell*, fecerunt homagium Dno. Regi de Villa Rowell cu-  
" stodienda

(a) Fines, 48 Hen. 3. m. 4.

“ *stodienda ad opus Regis, & colligenda firmas, & alias*  
 “ *proventus in eadem Villa, cum omnibus exilibus Teste*  
 “ *Rege apud Nottingham. 14. April.*

Some of the Family were also at *Swinford* (b) in *Com. Leicest.* For in 10 *Ed. 2.* *Miles Vincent* was Owner of much Lands there, in the Hundred of *Gutblackston*, upon Banks of the River *Avon*, which divides that County from *Northamptonshire*. This *Miles* bore for Arms *three Caterfoils*, and by *Jane* his Wife had Issue two Sons *John*, and *Robert Vincent* of *Rothwell*, living 49 *Ed. 3.* Father to *John Vincent* of the same Place (c).

*John* the eldest Son, seated also at *Swinford* in 6 *E. 3.* was, by the King's Letters Patent, made Receiver of his Rents and Profits in the County of *Pontive* in *France*, (d) *Oct. 15*, in the 4th Year of his Reign; about which he suffer'd Imprisonment in the *Tower of London* 8 *E. 3.* (e) until he had settled his Accompts.

This *John* had Issue *Sir Thomas Vincent* of *Swinford*, living 10 *Hen. 4.* who added to his Estate the Lordship of *Bernake*, by Marriage with *Joan* Daughter and Heir to *Sir John Bernake* of *Bernake* in *Com. Northampton*, Kt. Son and Heir to *Geffry Bernake* of the same Place, by *Ifolda* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to *Henry Paas* of *Bernake*. The said *Geffry* (f) is painted an armed Knight, (holding his Shield of 3 *Horse Barnacles*) in *Peterborough Church*.

Son and Heir to *Sir Thomas*, was *John Vincent* of *Bernake* and *Swinford*; who by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter to *Sir Baldwin Drayton* of *Crauford*, had Issue *Richard Vincent*, Lord of the said *Mannor*: Who was slain by *Henry Killigrew*, *Anno 12*

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(b) *Burton's Leicest.* p. 278. (c) *Claus. An. 49 E. 3. in 33*  
 & 34. (d) *Pat. 4. E. 3. m. 1.* (e) *Claus. R. E. 3. No. 15 in*  
*dorso.* (f) *Ex Coll. Aug: Vincent penes Dom. Fran. Vincent, Bar.*

H. 6. having had by *Elizabeth* his Wife four Sons, 1st, *John*; 2d, *Robert*, who had the Lands in *Swinford*, from whom the *Vincent*s of *Thingdon* in *Com. Northampton* descended; 3d, *Richard*, from whom the Family at *Sheppey* in *Com. Leiceſter* is deriv'd; and 4th, *William*, a Monk in the Abbey of *Crowland*, who dy'd 6 Cal. *March*, A. D. 1437.

*John Vincent* of *Bernake* (eldest Son and Heir of *Richard*) married *Margaret*, Daughter to *John Fordaine* of the County of *Stafford*, and had two Sons, *Robert* and *Richard*; from which *Richard*, those of the Name at *Messingham* in *Com. Lincoln*, and of *Peckleton* in the said County, and of *Smecton* in *Torkshire*, and those of *Horpole* in *Com. Northampton*, are deriv'd.

*Robert Vincent*, the eldest Son, took to Wife *Catharine*, Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Semark*, and was Father of *Thomas Vincent*, who was seated at *Bernake*, in 1 Ed. 4, and having marry'd twice, had Issue only by his last Wife *Cicely*, Daughter of Sir *John de Causton*, Kt. viz. *John Vincent* of *Bernake*, temp. H. 7. who wedded *Anne*, Daughter to *Charles Hill*, and was succeeded by *David* his Son and Heir.

Which *David Vincent* in 22 H. 8. had a Grant for Life of the Office of Keeper of the King's Wardrobe within his Manour of *Richmond*, and the next Year of Keeper of the Wardrobe at *Greenwich*; also in 27 H. 8. had a Grant for Life of the Office of Warden of the Mint within the Tower, after the Death or Surrender of *John Pate*. In 30 H. 8. the King demises to him the Lordship of *Pyrrybar* in *Com. Suff.* and the Year after constitutes him Keeper of his Wardrobe at *Hampton Court* during Life. In 33 H. 8. he had a Grant (with *Robert Bocher*, Gent.) of the Scite of the House of the *Grey Fryars* in *Grantham*, and the Scite of the Priory call'd *Black Fryars* in

*Stamford, Com. Linc.* And was in such Favour with his Prince, that he was called to be one of the Witnesſes to his laſt Will and Teſtament, and therein had a Legacy left him of 100*l.*

In the Reign of King *Edward* the 6th, he had a Grant of the Manour and Rectory of *Long Ditton in Com. Surr.* as alſo of a Meſſuage at *Richmond* in the ſame County, in which he reſided at the Time of his Death, *A. D. 1565, (7 Eliz.)* and had Interment in the Church of *Richmond*.

“ By his laſt Teſtament, bearing Date 20 *Aug.*  
 “ 1565, he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in  
 “ ſuch Place as his Executors think proper; gives  
 “ ſeveral Sums of Money to the Reparations of  
 “ the Churches of *Bernack, Long Ditton, Hampton,*  
 “ and *Richmond*; ordering likewise 20*s.* to be di-  
 “ ſtributed to the Poor in every of the ſaid Pa-  
 “ riſhes. It alſo appears, that he was a bounti-  
 “ ful Maſter to his Servants, and as careful in  
 “ providing for his Children. He leaves to *Anne*  
 “ his Daughter 200*l.* at the Day of her Marriage,  
 “ beſide one Gold Ring with a Diamond, and a  
 “ Chain of Gold; alſo a Tablet, with the Picture  
 “ of *St. Michael*, graven on an Agate ſet in Gold,  
 “ which his firſt Wife was wont to wear; like-  
 “ wiſe her Mother's Wedding Ring. And to  
 “ every of his other Daughters, *Elizabeth, Mary,*  
 “ and *Jane*, 100*l.* each, and a Gold Ring at  
 “ their Marriage.

“ He farther bequeaths to *Henry* his youngeſt  
 “ Son 100*l.* at the Age of 21 Years, and a Leaſe  
 “ of *Tenball Grange*; alſo that his Executors al-  
 “ low him 20 Nobles yearly, 'till he comes  
 “ to 26 Years of Age, for his better Main-  
 “ tenance and Learning at *Oxford, Cambridge,* or  
 “ the Inns of the Court of Chancery. To *Tho-*  
 “ *mas* his eldeſt Son he bequeaths all his Manours,  
 “ Lands, &c. in the Counties of *Surrey, Northamp-*  
 “ *ton,*

“ *ton*, and *Lincoln*; paying his Debts and Legacies; constitutes him and two others, and one of his Servants, Executors, desiring his special good Lord the Earl of *Bedford*, and Sir *William Cecil*, Kt. Principal Secretary of State, to see his Will perform'd.

His first Wife was *Elizabeth*, Daughter of . . . . . *Spencer* of the County of *Northampton*, by whom he had, *Thomas*, *Henry*, and *Anne* beforemention'd, who marry'd Sir *Edward Heron*, Kt. one of the Barons of the Exchequer. His other Wife was *Jane*, Daughter to *William Rotsey de Com. Wigorn*, who had Issue by him three Daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, and *Jane*; but of them the latter only marry'd, and was Mother to Sir *George Chaworth*, Kt. Viscount *Chaworth* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*: Which makes it evident, in this, as well as many other Instances, that Money in those Days was scarce, and one or two hundred Pounds was look'd on as a genteel Provision for a Daughter.

His eldest surviving Son, *Thomas Vincent*, marry'd *Jane*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Lyfield* of *Stoke-Dabernon*, Esq; and in her Right was possess'd of that Estate which lies upon the River *Mole*, and for Distinction is call'd *Dabernon*, from the *Dabernons*, ancient Lords of that Place, as the following Inscription in the Church thereof farther shews, viz.

*Here lyeth buried the Body of Frances the Wife of Thomas Lyfield, Esq; Owners of the Manour of Stoke-Dabernon in the County of Surrey. The which Frances was the youngest Daughter of Sir Edmund Bray, Kt. Lord Bray, and of the Lady Jane his Wife; which Jane was sole Daughter and Heir of Richard Haleighwell, Esq; and Anne his Wife; which Richard was Son and Heir to Sir John Haleighwell, Kt.*

*and the said Anne was sole Daughter and Heir of Sir John Norbury, Kt. which Sir John was Son and Heir of Sir Henry Norbury, Kt. and Anne his Wife; the which Anne was Daughter and Heir to William Crosier, Esq; the which William was Son and Heir to Sir William Crosier, Kt. and Elizabeth his Wife; the which Elizabeth was Daughter and Heir to Sir William D'awbernon, Kt. who descended from D'awbernon the Norman, which came into England with William the Conqueror, and from whom this Manour did descend lineally to the same Sir William. And the aforesaid Sir Henry Norbury was Son and Heir to Sir John Norbury, Kt. and Elizabeth his Wife; the which Sir John Norbury was Treasurer of England in the Time of King Henry 4. and the said Elizabeth his Wife was eldest Sister to Sir Ralph Butler, Lord Sudley, and Lord Steward of the Household to King Henry 6. The which Sir Ralph was Son and Heir to Thomas Butler, Lord Sudley; and the said Thomas was Son and Heir to Sir William Butler, who marry'd the Daughter and Heir of John Lord Sudley, lineally descended from King Harold, whom William the Conqueror slew in the Field. Which said Frances Lyfield dy'd 27 Maii, A. D. 1592, in the 70th Year of her Age; leaving Issue by the said Thomas Lyfield, Jane now the Wife of Thomas Vincent, Esq;*

Which said *Thomas Vincent*, fixing his Residence at *Stoke*, as beforemention'd, exchange'd his Manour of *Bernake* with *Thomas Cecil* Earl of *Exon*, for Lands in the County of *Surry*, that his Estate might lye more contiguous. He liv'd in great Reputation and Esteem, and Queen *Elizabeth*, as a Mark of her Favour, gave him the Honour of a

Visit

Visit at *Stoke*, on the 25th of *September*, 1601, at which Time her Majesty conferr'd on him the Honour of *Knighthood*.

He lies buried on the North Side of the Chancel of the Church at *Stoke*, under an arched Free-Stone Monument, which shews the Effigies of a Knight in Armour, and his Wife lying by him, cut out in full Proportion, and colour'd; with these Inscriptions to perpetuate their Memory :

*In obitum clarissimi Viri Thomæ Vincent, Equitis aurati, qui Vitam commutavit 14 Dec. A<sup>o</sup> Dni. 1613. Ætat. 70.*

*Epicedium.*

*Time, that blots out the Actions of the Good,  
Is fit with watchful Care to be withstood :  
Which, to prevent, is offer'd to your View,  
No Poet's Fantasie : Here's nought but true.  
His Body here the Earth doth thus inclose ;  
His purer Soule in Heaven hath Repose.  
Religious and true Zeal in him did breed  
Due Care to cloath the Poor, and Hungry feed :  
Well temper'd Justice, with Sincerity,  
Love to the Good, the Ill Severity :  
With many more such Virtues, now not rise,  
Did him possess while he enjoy'd this Life :  
He firmly praying said his last Amen,  
Is crown'd by God, and much renown'd with Men.  
Vincet qui patitur.*

..... *Macenas mearum*  
*Grande decus columenque rerum*  
..... *Mercurialium,*  
*Custos Virorum.*

Relating to his Lady is this :

*In obitum illustrissimæ feminae Janæ Vincent,  
Uxoris Thomæ Vincenti, Equitis aurati, quæ ex  
hâc Vita commigravit 23 Jan. A. D. 1619.*

*If to be wise, vertuous, and good,  
Be the prime Ornaments of noble Blood :  
If these be Ensigns of a Royal Mind,  
Thou add'st a Lustre to thy Sex and Kind.  
These free-born Graces, that were once in thee,  
Make us now happy in thy Memory :  
Who, tho' translated to transcendent Glory,  
Liv'st fresh to us in this sublimed Story.  
We know, in Heaven thou hast a glorious Name,  
Yet we'll in Honour here preserve thy Fame ;  
In Spight of Death, whose greedy envious Eye,  
Aims at us below, and not at thee on high.*

They had Issue two Sons, *Francis* and *Bray* ; also a Daughter marry'd to *Sir Matthew Brown* of *Beechworth Castle* in *Com. Surr.* Kt.

The said *Francis Vincent* was knighted in his Father's Life-time, with many more, by King *Jac. I.* at *Whitehall*, 23 *Julii*, 1603, before his Coronation ; was afterwards created a Baronet by Letters Patents, dated the 26th of *July*, A. D. 1620, and in the first \* Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the first, serv'd in Parliament for the County of *Surry*. He had three Wives, *Sarah* Daughter of *Sir Amias Paulet*, Kt. *Eleanor* Daughter of . . . . *Mallet*, Esq; and Widow to *Sir Arthur Ackland*, Kt. and *Mary* Daughter to *Sir Henry Archer* of *Essex*, Kt. The Lady *Sarah*, his first Wife, was buried in the  
Chancel

\* *M. S. Penes Brown Willis, Arm.*



Chancel at *Stoke*, under an arched Free-stone, in which is her Statue cumbent, resting upon her Elbow; and within the Alcove this Inscription:

*In obitum illustrissima femina Saræ Vincent, Ux. Francisci Vincenti, Equitis aurati, quæ vita commutavit 13 Junii, Anno Dom. 1608, Ætat. 37.*

*Religio Ingenium Candor Pietasq; Fidesq;  
Hæc quinque hoc tristi pulvere lata jacent:  
Tot res conjestas humilo miraris in Uno?  
At mirare magis tot fuit una Sara,  
Et Sara nostra Saram, ne ex omni parte referret,  
Fecerant vita tempora sola brevis:  
Ergo Abræ alterius sponsi gremium tenet & quam  
Viva frequentabat continet ossa domus.*

By Sir Francis she had several Sons, and two Daughters; *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *John Ackland* of *Ackland* in *Com. Devon.* Esq; and *Margaret*, to Sir *Francis Gavell* of *Surry*: But of the Sons, only *Anthony* the youngest surviv'd his Father.

Which Sir *Anthony Vincent*, Bart. born *A. D.* 1594, was Sheriff of the County of *Surry* in the 12th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st: Which County, before that Year, was united with *Suffex*, and one Sheriff serv'd both. He behav'd himself with all dutiful Allegiance to his Prince, during the great Rebellion in 1641, and suffer'd with other Loyalists on that Account. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Arthur Ackland* of *Killerton* in *Com. Devon.* Kt. and was succeeded in Title and Estate by his Son and Heir

Sir *Francis Vincent*, Bart. who was a Member for the Port of *Dover* in the Long Parliament, in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d; and taking to Wife, 1st, *Catbarine*, Daughter of . . . . *Pitt*, Esq; Serjeant at Law, had by her three Sons, *Anthony*,

*Francis*, and *Arthur*; as also two Daughters, *Catharine*, and *Elizabeth*. And by a second Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Sir *Henry Vane* of *Kent*, two Sons, *Thomas*, of *Fetcham* in *Surry*, (who left one Son *Francis*, who dy'd unmarried) and *Henry*, who dy'd in the late Wars in *Spain*: Likewise two Daughters, *Elizabeth*, marry'd to *Philip Hildyard* of *East Horsley* in *Com. Surria*, Esq; and *Frances*, who dy'd unmarried.

This Sir *Francis* was succeeded by his eldest Son, Sir *Anthony Vincent*, Bart. who marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *James Austin* of *Southwark*, and left only a Daughter *Catharine*, marry'd to the Reverend Dr. *Warren* of *Marden* in *Com. Hertf.* Whereupon the Title and Estate devolv'd on his Brother, the present Sir *Francis Vincent*, Bart.

Which Sir *Francis* has been elected one of the Knights for the County of *Surry*, in two Parliaments, the one in the 2d Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and the other in the 9th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*; and having marry'd *Rebecca*, Daughter of Mr. *Jonathan Ashe* of *London*, Merchant, had Issue by her six Sons, *Anthony*, *Francis*, *Thomas*, *Henry*, *Richard*, and *William*: As also four Daughters, *Catharine*, *Frances*, *Elizabeth*, and *Anne*. *Anthony*, the eldest Son, dy'd young; *Francis* deceas'd at the Age of 28, unmarried; and *Thomas*, who serv'd in her late Majesty's Armies in *Spain*, dy'd there.

Of the rest, *Henry*, the eldest surviving Son, hath taken to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter of Mr. *Bezaleel Sberman*, Turkey Merchant, and had Issue two Sons, *Francis* and *Thomas*: And two Daughters, both nam'd *Anne*; the eldest dy'd in the Month, the other is now living.

*Catharine*, eldest Daughter, marry'd *George Phipps* of *Oxford*, Esq; *Frances*, second Daughter, wedded *William Ward* of *London*, Merchant; *Elizabeth*,

batb, third Daughter, the Reverend Mr. John Butterfield, Rector of Stoke Daubernon.



A R M S.

*Azure, 3 Caterfoils, Argent.*

C R E S T.

*Out of a Ducal Crown proper, a Bear's Head, Argent.*

M O T T O.

*Vincenti Corona Dabitur.* But the ancient Motto was, *Vincit qui patitur.* And Sir Francis the first Baronet, had on his Funeral Trophies, *Virtute non Viribus vincetis.*

Sir THOMAS BISHOP of PARHAM,  
Kt. *Suffex.* N<sup>o</sup> 145.

[24 Julii, A.D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

OF this Family, anciently seated in *Yorkshire*, was ——— *Bishop*, (a) who left two Sons, *John* and *Thomas*; the former whereof dying without Issue Male, two Daughters were his Coheirs; *Anne*, the Wife of ——— *Benyon*; and *Elizabeth*, of *Hugh Towers*, of the County Palatine of *Lancaster*.

The

(a) *Vif. de Com. Suffex, A. D. 1579.*

The said *Thomas Bishop* taking to Wife *Elizabeth*, Relict of—*Scot*, of the County of *Essex*, Esq; and only Daughter of *Sir Edward Belknap*, by *Alice*, Daughter of — *Barton*, became thereby possess'd of a good Estate in the County of *Suffex*, and residing at *Hendseild*, left Issue by the said *Elizabeth*, (who dy'd in the Year 1569) *Thomas Bishop* his Son and Heir.

Which *Thomas Bishop*, born (b) in the Year 1549, (4 Ed. 6.) serv'd in Parliament for *Gatton*, (c) in *Surrey*, in the 27th of Queen *Elizabeth*; and the Year following was elected for *Steyning*; had afterwards the Honour of Knighthood conferr'd on him by the Queen; was again return'd for *Steyning* in the first Parliament call'd by King *James* the 1st, and by that Prince was created to the Dignity of a Baronet, by Letters Patent, bearing Date 4 *Julii*, 1620. (19 *Jac.* 1.) He marry'd two Wives, and liv'd to be very Aged. By *Anne* his 1st Wife, who was Daughter of *William Cromer* of *Tunstall*, in *Kent*, Esq; he had no Issue; but by his 2d Wife, *Jane*, Daughter of *Sir Richard Wesson* of *Sutton*, in *Com. Surr.* Kt. he had three Sons; *Thomas*, who dy'd a Batchelor; *Edward*, his Successor, in Title and Estate; and *Henry*, who was living, unmarried, *A. D.* 1634; as also two Daughters; *Elizabeth*, who espous'd *Sir John Gresham* of *Titsey*, in *Com. Surr.* Kt. and *Frances* wedded to *John Aldforde* of *Offington*, in *Com. Suffex*, Esq.

*Edward* (Son and Heir of *Sir Thomas Bishop*) was knighted by King *Charles* the 1st at *Hampton Court*, on the 18th of *December* 1625, and was return'd for *Steyning* to the first Parliament call'd by that Prince; after which he succeeded his Father in Dignity and Estate, and taking Part with his

(b) *Vif. de Com. Suff. præd.*(c) *MS. penes H. Willis, Arm.*

his Sovereign against his rebellious Subjects, was made a Prisoner in *Arundel Castle*, and had his Inheritance sequester'd. He marry'd *Mary*, 4th Daughter of *Nicholas Tufton*, Earl of *Thanet*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, aged 7 Years, 1634, who dy'd unmarried; *Edward*, who dy'd an Infant; *Frances*, aged 8 Years, 1634, who marry'd *Sir George Warburton* of *Areley*, in *Com. Cess.* Bart. *Diana*, born in the Year 1628, espous'd to *Sir Henry Goring* of *Higbdown*, in *Com. Suffex*, Bart. *Mary*, born A. D. 1633, dy'd an Infant; *Christian*, who wedded *Sir Thomas Cobb* of *Aderbury* in *Oxfordshire*, Bart. and *Cecil*, his last Child, succeeded to the Estate and Title.

Which *Sir Cecil Bishop*, Bart. marry'd *Anne*, Daughter and Heir of *George Berry* of *Cullum*, in *Com. Oxon.* Esq; and dy'd the 3d of *June* 1705. He had by his Lady two Sons and three Daughters; *Edward*, who dy'd in the Life-time of his Father, in the 21st Year of his Age; *Cecil*, his Successor; *Sarah*, betroth'd to *Richard Newdigate*, Esq; now *Sir Richard Newdigate*, Bart. *Christian*, the Wife of the present *Sir Robert Fagg* of *Wiston* in *Suffex*, Bart. and *Mary* marry'd to *Thomas Mannoek* of the County of *Suffolk*, Esq.

*Sir Cecil Bishop*, Bart. now living, hath taken to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir of *Harry Dunch* of *Newington*, in *Oxfordshire*, Esq; and hath Issue 1st, *Cecil*, born the 30th of *Octob.* 1700; 2 *Mary*, 3 *Harry*, 4 *Charles*, 5 *James*, 6 *John*, all living, and unmarried.

A R M S.

## A R M S.



\* *Argent, on a Bend coliz'd, Gules, three Plates.*

## C R E S T.

*On a Wreath, Argent and Gules, a Griffon sejant, holding an Escutcheon with the right Foot, Argent.*

HENRY CLEER of ORMESBY,  
Esq; Norf. N<sup>o</sup> 147.

[27 Feb. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**C**larus Mons, of Clermont in Normandy, gave Name to this ancient Family; one of which, Edward Cleere of Cleremont, enter'd England with William the Conqueror, and possess'd the Manour of Runbam in the Hundred of East-Flegg, with other Lands in Com. Norf. by the Gift of that Monarch.

This Edward, by his Wife (a) Matildis, Daughter of Sir John Martell, had Issue a Daughter, Joan, and 2 Sons, Edward and John; the latter succeeded his Father in the Lordship of Runbam, and taking to Wife Ania, Daughter of Thomas de Amberseild, of them proceeded William, their Son and Heir, who marry'd Elen, Daughter of Richard Mullins of Mutford in the said County of Norfolk, and was Father of Nicholas Cleer, living temp. H. 2. who possess'd the Lordship of Ormsby in Com. Norf.

\* MS. de Armis. Baronet. tenes Nich. Jekyll.

(a) Liber Barronettorum MS. sub. manu. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

in Right of *Amabel* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *William Ormsby* of *Ormsby*; and residing there himself, his Posterity afterwards fix'd it for their principal Mansion; but some of this Family lye bury'd in *Norwich*, as appears by their Arms; tho' the Brals Inscriptions are taken away.

To the said *Nicholas* succeeded *William* his Son and Heir, who marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Speake*, Kt. and had Issue *Robert Cleer* of *Ormsby*, who espous'd *Melvin*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Westley*, Kt. who brought forth a Son, who had his Grandfather's Name, *Nicholas*; and he, by his Wife, Daughter of Sir *William Norton*, had Issue *Robert*, his Son and Heir.

Which *Robert Cleer* was elected (b) one of the Knights in Parliament for the County of *Norfolk* in 18 *Ed. 3.* and, with *Barth. Bateman*, the other Knight, had 10*l.* 8*s.* for 26 Days Attendance; also in 20 *Ed. 3.* (c) was return'd with *John de Berneye*; as likewise in (d) 22 *Ed. 3.* when they were allow'd 14*l.* 10*s.* for 34 Days Attendance. He serv'd in 26 *Ed. 3.* with *John de Ratlesden*, and in the Parliament held in 31 *Ed. 3.* (e) attending only 24 Days, he had 100 Shillings for his Expences, whereas the other Knight, *John de Berneye*, attending 32 Days, had 6*l.* 8*s.* for his Expences. This Sir *Robert Cleer* wedded *Alice*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Filby* of *Filby*, in *Flegg*, in *Com. Norf.* and had by her *William* his Son and Heir, who espous'd *Dyonisia*, Daughter of Sir *William Witchingham*, Kt. Serjeant at Law, in 26 *Ed. 3.* and by her was Father to *John* and *Robert Cleer* of *Stakesby*, in *Com. Norf.* who marry'd *Isabel*, Daughter

(b) *Pryn's Brief. Reg. Vol. 4. p. 193.*

(c) *Ib. p. 201.*

(d) *Pag. 209,*

(e) *Ib. p. 240.*

ter of *John Rede* of *Norwich*, from which Marriage the Family of (\*) the *Cleres* residing at *Stokesby*, descend; wherof *Sir Thomas Clere* was knighted by the Earl of *Hertford*, the King's General in *Scotland*, for his valiant Behaviour there in 36 H. 8.

*John* (eldest Son of *William Clere*) match'd with *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Sir David Braunch*, Kt. and was succeeded at *Ormsby* by *Robert* his Son and Heir, who took to Wife *Isabel*, Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Udall* of *Farleston*, in *Com. Norf.* from whom proceeded a Son, nam'd after his Father, *Robert*.

Which *Robert Clere* of *Ormsby*, was fam'd (f) for his great Wealth, and acquir'd much Reputation. He receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood (g) from *Henry Duke of York*, on the Eve of *All-Saints*, A. D. 1494. (10 H. 7.) was Sheriff of *Norfolk* in 17 H. 7. and at that great Interview between King *Henry* the 8th and the *French King*, the 7th of *June*, A. D. 1520, (12 H. 8.) attended on the Queen (h) with a very great Equipage. He dy'd about 21 H. 8. as his last Testament shews, which bears Date the 1st of *August*, 1529, " wherein (i) " he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd in the " Chancel of *St. Margaret's* in *Ormsby*, if so be he " departed this Life there, or in any Part of " *Norfolk*, or else to be bury'd where his Execu- " tors think convenient. But that as soon as may " be, after his Decease, they cause 100 Masses of " the Five Wounds to be said for him, and every " Priest praying for him thereat, to have for his " Labour 4d. He moreover Wills, that they pro-

(\*) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott. Claudius, C. 3.* (f) *Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 799.* (g) *Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton.*  
 (h) *E. Lib. MS. Not. B. 5 in Bibl. Joh. Anstis Arms.* (i) *Ex Regist. Vocat. Thower, qu. 5 in Cur. Prærog. Cant.*



“ provide an honest Priest to pray for his Soul;  
 “ as also the Souls of his Wives, Dame *Anne* and  
 “ Dame *Alice Clere*, his Father's and Mother's,  
 “ and all other his Friends, whom he is bound  
 “ to remember; which Service he would have  
 “ fung for five Years at *Ormsby*, or at such Place  
 “ as he should be bury'd at; and that his Execu-  
 “ tors pay for it five Marks yearly.

He was certainly very Pious and Charitable, as the Sums of Money he left for the repairing of a great Number of Churches, and his many Bequests to religious Houses make evident: He also desires, above all Things, that if any Persons can prove that he has hinder'd them, or, against Conscience, wrong'd them in their Goods and Substance, that his Executors, on such Proof, make them Restitution.

His two Wives were *Anne*, Daughter of Sir *William Hopton*, Kt. and *Alice*, Daughter of Sir *William Bullen* of *Blickling*, in *Com. Norf.* Kt. Father to *Thomas* Earl of *Wiltshire* and *Ormond*, and Aunt to Queen *Anne Bullen*, Wife of King *Henry* the 8th. He had by the former only one Son, *William*, that dy'd without Issue; but by the latter he had three more, *John*, *Richard*, and *Thomas*; as also four Daughters; *Elizabeth*, Wife of Sir *Robert Peyton* of *Iselbam*, Kt. *Anne*, who became a Nun; *Dorothy*, who wedded *Robert Cotton*, and *Etbeldred*, who espous'd *William Jenney*.

*Thomas Clere*, the youngest Son of this Sir *Robert*, had Sepulture at *Lambeth* A. D. 1545. He was a Friend and Follower of that learned Peer *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, who, to perpetuate his Memory, has enumerated his Services in the following Epitaph.

\* Norfolk sprang thee, Lambeth holds thee dead,  
 Clere of the County of Cleermont though high,  
 Within the Womb of Ormond's Race thoubred,  
 And sawest thy Cofin crowned in thy Sight ;  
 Shelton for Love, Surrey for Lord thou chuse,  
 Aye me, while Life did last that League was tender,  
 Tracing whose Steps thou sawest Kelsall blaze,  
 Laundersey burnt, and battered Bullen render.  
 At Muttrell Gatesbopelesse of all Recure,  
 Thine Earl half dead gave in thy Hand his Will :  
 Which Cause did thee this pinceing Death procure,  
 Ere Summer's seven times seven, thou couldst fulfil  
 Ab Clere, if Love had booted, care, or cost,  
 Heaven had not wonne, nor Earth so timely lost.

John Cleer, (eldest Son of Sir Robert) was knighted, and taking to Wife Anne, Daughter of Thomas Tyrrell of Gypping, in Com. Suff. had Issue two Daughters; Elizabeth, Wife of Walter Heronden, Esq; and 2dly of Francis Trevor of Tacleston, in Com. Norf. and Margaret, of William Haddon, Esq; one of the Masters of the Court of Requests. His Sons were, 1st, Robert Clere, who lost his Life fighting valiantly against the Scots at the Battle of Musleborough; 2d, Thomas, who dy'd in Florence, and Edward, who succeeded him in Estate.

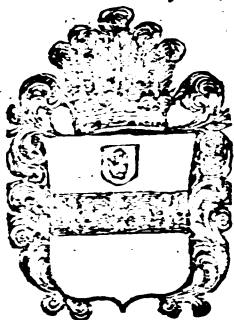
Which Edward resided at Blickling in the Lifetime of his Father, and afterwards at Ormesby. He serv'd in (1) Parliament for Thetford in 2 & 3 Ph. Mary. as also in 5 Eliz. was Sheriff of Norfolk, in 9 Eliz. and marry'd 2 Wives; Frances, Daughter of Richard Fulmerston of Thetford, in Com. Norf. and Agnes, Relict of Sir Christopher Heydon of Baconsthorp, and Daughter of Robert Crane of Cbilton,  
 in

(\*) Camden's Remains, p. 381. (1) MS. Penes B. Willis, Arme

in *Com. Suff.* but had Issue only by his 1st Wife, viz. two Daughters and three Sons; *Edward*, who succeeded to the Estate; *Francis*, who was knighted by King *James* the 1st, the 23d of *July*, 1603, and marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of ——— *Wroth*, of *London*, Esq; and *Gilbert*, who dy'd a Bachelor.

*Edward Cleer* (eldest Son and Heir of the said *Edward*) receiv'd the Honour (m) of Knighthood at *Norwich*, 22 *August*, 1578, when her Majesty, Queen *Elizabeth*, went her Progress in those Parts, and the next Year was Sheriff of *Norfolk*; after which he travel'd into foreign Parts, and was in such Esteem at the *French* Court, that he was elected one of the Knights of the *Gallick* Order of *St. Michael*: Affecting much Grandeur, he contracted a Debt on his Estate, and was oblig'd to sell *Blickling* (n) to Sir *John Hobart*, Lord Chief Justice of the Common-Pleas, in the Reign of King *James* the 1st. He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *William Taxley* of *Taxley*, in *Com. Suff.* by whom he had a Son, *Henry*, who succeeded him in his Estate at *Ormesby*.

Which *Henry Cleer* of *Ormesby*, Esq; was created a Baronet 27 *Feb.* 1620, 18 *Jac.* I. but dying without Issue, the Title ceas'd in this Family:



A R M S.

*Argent*, on a *Fess Azure*, three *Egles* display'd, *Or*.

C R E S T.

Out of a *Crown*, *Or*, a *Plume* of *Ostridge Feathers*, *Argent*.

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(m) *Nom. Equit.*, in *Bibl. Cotton.*

(n) *Holland's Notes on Camden's Britannia*, p. 350.

Sir BENJAMIN TICHBOURNE of  
TICHBOURNE, Kt. Hants<sup>sh</sup>. N<sup>o</sup> 148.

[14 Mart. A. D. 1620. R. Jac. I. 18.]

**T**HIS Family, variously written *Titchebourn*, *Tichbourne*, and *Tichburne*, is presum'd to be of Saxon Original, deduc'd from *Ticceburn*. (a) But to come to what's certain, 'tis found in ancient Deeds, Records, &c. that Sir Roger de *Ticcheburne*, a valiant and daring Knight, was possess'd of the Lordship of *Tichburne*, (b) in the County of *Southampton*, temp. H. 2. and, by Marriage with *Mabell*, sole Heir of the Family of *Lymmerston*, in the *Iste of Wight*, had also Possession of that Estate, and left Issue by her two Sons and a Daughter; Sir *Walter de Tichbourne*, Kt. *Geffery*, and *Pbelippe*.

Sir *Walter* succeeded as Lord of *Tichbourne*, and left Issue Sir *Roger de Tichborne*, Kt. of the same Place, as also another Son nam'd *John*.

Which Sir *Roger* releas'd and quit claim'd for himself and Heirs to the (c) Chapel of St. ——— of *Lymmerston*, and to the Chaplains there serving, all his Right and Title in the Land at *Langred*, which *Geffry de Tichbourne*, his Unkle, had given them, witness'd by Sir *William de Insula*, or *Liste*, Sir *Jordan de Insula*, *Jordan de Kingston*, and others. The Charter bears no Date, but the Seal annex'd is the Graphical Description of a Knight cloath'd in antique Mail, under an upper Robe or Garment; his right Hand brandishing a Sword, and his left obscur'd by an oblong Target of Arms covering his Breast, mounted on a War-Horse in full Course, and circumscrib'd in the Characters of the Age,  
*S. Rogeri de Tichbourne.* By

(a) *Mon. Ang. Vol. 1, p. 37.* (b) *Ex Stemmate sub manz*  
*W. Segar, W. Camden, & R. St. George, Reg. Arm. penes Dow.*  
*Hen. Tichburne, Bar.* (c) *Ex Stemmate prad.*

By his Wife *Alicea Hake*, or *Hacket*, he had no Issue, so that *John de Tichbourne*, his Brother, succeeded.

Which *John* had to Wife *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Roger Sipherwaft*, the Chief of a noted Family, that had large Possessions in *Dorsetshire*, and the Western Parts of *England*, which by this Marriage devolv'd on the *Tichbournes*. He had Issue by her two Daughters, *Catbarine* and *Margaret*, as also two Sons, *Sir Roger* and *John Tichbourne*: Which *Margaret* surviving her Husband, afterwards marry'd *Thomas Durant*.

The said *Sir John Tichbourne* was a Person of great Eminence: Serving in the (d) Parliaments of the 9th and 10th of King *Edward* the 2d, as one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Southampton*; he had (as usual in those Days) his Expences allow'd. He was Sheriff of the same County in 14 *Ed.* 2, (\*) and at the same Time (conjunctively with *Adam Walrand*) was Sheriff of *Wiltshire* and *Dorsetshire*, which Office had then great Power and Authority. He continu'd Sheriff of the two last Counties the two following Years; in the former whereof, viz. on the 8th of Oct. 15 *Ed.* 2. (e) he was constituted Castellan and Warden of the King's Castle of *Old Sarum*. In 1 *Ed.* 3. (f) he and *John de Warblyngton* having serv'd in Parliament as Knights of the Shire for *Southampton*, had 21 l. 18 s for 54 Days Expences. In 6 *Ed.* 3, (g) he is mention'd (in a Petition of *Henry Sturmy*, Keeper of the Forest of *Savernake*) to be one of the King's Justices Itinerant; and in 8 *Ed.* 3. he and *John Mauduit* were Sheriffs of *Wiltshire*; and not long after, departed this Life, having marry'd *Amicia* ———, by whom he had a Daughter

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(d) *Fryn's Brief Register*, Vol. 4. p. 48, 52. (\*) *Fuller's Worthies*, in eod. Com.

(e) *Ex Originale penes, Dom. Hen. Tichbourne.* (f) *Fryn præd.* p. 80.

(g) *Ryley's Plac. Parliament. in Appendice*, p. 653.

*Catharine*, a Nun, at *Whorwell*, as also four Sons; 1st, *Roger*, 2d, *Richard*, who took to Wife *Alice*, Daughter and Coheir of *John de la Hode*, of *Tisted*, (and had Issue *Richard*) who assum'd the Name of *Tisted (b)* from the Inheritance that came by his Mother, and was Ancestor to the *Tisted*s of *Tisted*, that in the fourth Generation terminated in Heirs Female; 3d, *Walter de Tichbourne*, who marry'd *Agatha*, the other Daughter and Coheir of *John la Hode*; 4th *Thomas*.

*Roger Tichebourne* (eldest Son and Heir of Sir *John*) marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter of *Roger Loveday*, Sister and Heir of *Richard Loveday*, as appears by Inquisition, taken in 12 *Ed.* 2. upon the Death of the said *Richard*, who then dy'd seiz'd of the Manour of *Brisset*, in *Suffex*, and of divers Lands in the County of *Cambridge*, and elsewhere: His Sisters, *Margaret*, aged 30 Years; *Anne*, Wife of *Richard Hackum*, aged 28 Years; *Alianor*, aged 26 Years; and *Catharine*, Wife of *Roger Ticheborne*, aged 24 Years, being Heirs thereto.

This *Roger de Tichbourne* dy'd before his Father; for in 11 *Ed.* 3, his Son, *Roger Tichebourne*, was found to be 23 Years (i) of Age, and Cousin and Heir to his Grandmother, *Margaret*, late Wife of *Thomas Durant*. Also the same Year the King receiv'd his Fealty for the Manour (k) of *Catteshanger*, with the Appurtenances, which the said *Margaret* held of the King *in capite*.

Which *Roger*, in 16 and 19 *Ed.* 3, (being stil'd Son of *Roger de Tichborne*) releas'd (l) to *John Poultryey*, Kt. and *Margaret*, his Wife, all his Right in the Manours of *Cheule*, *Wethersfield*, and *Swafham-Pricour*, with the Advowsons of the Churches of *Cheule*,  
and

(b) *Ex Stemmate præd.*  
(k) *Ex Orig. in An. 11. Ed. 3.*  
*Claus. 19 E. 3. part. 2da.*

(i) *Esch. 11. Ed. 3. in Stem. præd.*  
(l) *Claus. 16 E. 3. m. 74. &*

and *Wethersfield*, aforesaid. In 20 *Ed. 3.* he paid 40*s.* Scutage for every Knight's Fee he possess'd at the making the King's eldest Son a Knight, which was (*m*) thus rated, *viz.*

Roger de Tichborne holds in Kempshute half a Knights Fee, which was John Tichbournes —	} 20	s.
In Catteshanger, half an Hide of Land, which was Rog. Siferwait	} 4	
In Tichborne, one Knight's Fee, which was John Tichbornes —	} 40	
And, with William Le Wait, in Limerston, half a Knight's Fee, which was John Tichborne and Henry Wayts, ————	} 20	
At the same Time Richard Tifted held in West Tifted ————	}	

The said Roger was succeeded by *John* his Son and Heir, who in the Life-time of his Father, in a *Latin Acquittance*, writes himself *John de Ticheburne*, Son and Heir of *Roger de Ticheburne*, and acknowledges to have receiv'd of *John de Isle*, and *Adam de Rake*, Knts. 60 Marks Sterling in Part of Payment of an Hundred, wherein they had been bound unto him; which Receipt is dated at *Woditon* in that Isle, [*i. e. Wight*] on *Thursday*, the Morrow before *St. George the Martyr*, 39 *Ed. 3.* from the Conquest. This *John* was knighted; and, by his Wife *Cicely*, Daughter and Heir of the said Sir *Adam de Rake*, had Issue a Daughter, *Olivia*, and a Son, *John*.

Which *John* held of *Bryan de Wyndsor*, [who dy'd *temp. Rich. 2.*] of his Manour of *Stanwell*, in *Com. Midd.* the Manour of (*n*) *Shipcote*, by the

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(*m*) *Ex Lib. Duob. Fædor in Scac. in Officio Remem.*

(*n*) *Ex Evid. hujus Fam. in Stemmate præd.*

Service of half a Knight's Fee, and by the Service of Paying every 24 Weeks to the said *Bryan* and his Heirs, 3 s. 4 d. He was Sheriff of the County of *Southampton* in 6 H. 4. and in the 10th Year of that King's Reign. The same Arms, Crest, and Supporters that his Descendants now bear, are appendant to a Deed, wherein he is stild *John Tichebourne*, Son and Heir of *John Tichebourne*, Kt. granting to *William Warner*, his Servant, for his good Service perform'd, all his Lands, Tenements, Woods, Meadows, Rents, and Services, with a Water-Mill in *Dorsetshire*, which his Father, Sir *John Tycbeborne*, Kt. purchas'd of *John Gille*, the Son of *William Gille*, at *Mulle*, in the Parish of *Morden*, in the said County. Given at *Tichebourne*, upon the Feast of *St. Mark the Evangelist*, 10 H. 4. after the Conquest.

• He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter to *John Moking* of *London*, of a Family (o) surnam'd from *Moking*, their capital Residence, situate in *Middlesex*; and had Issue by her *John*, *William*, and *Eleanor*; of whom

*John Tichborne*, Esq; the eldest, took to Wife *Joan*, Daughter to *Thomas Wandisford* Alderman of *London*, Sister and Coheir to *William Wandesford*, Esq; and had Issue another *John Tichborne*, Esq; who was Sheriff of *Hants* in 3 H. 7. and in the 11th Year of that King's Reign, was (p) Petitioner with *Anne*, the Wife of *Thomas Lowth*, Son of *Thomas Lowth*. and *Alice*, the other Sister and Coheir to *William Wandesford*, concerning the Lands of the said *William*, who dy'd without Issue, and was attainted in Parliament 1 Ed. 4.

He had to Wife *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir to *Richard Martin* of *Eaton Bridge* in *Kent*, by  
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(o) *Norden's Spec. de Com. M dd.*

(p) *Ex Rot. Parl. de Anno 11 H 7.*



*Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Walter Wallis* of *Cowden* in *Com. Suffex*; and had Issue by her four Sons; 1st, *William*, that dy'd without Issue; 2d, *Nicholas*; 3d, *Thomas*, who had his Mother's Inheritance at *Eaton Bridge*, and was Progenitor to a Family from whom as Heirs-General are descended *Caltbrop* and *Potter*, and as Heir-Male, *John Tichbourne*, D. D. The 4th Son was *Henry Tichbourne*, who marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of . . . . . *Marvin*, and had a numerous Issue.

*Nicholas*, the eldest Son and Heir, enjoy'd the ancient Patrimony, was Sheriff of the County of *Southampton* in 1 *Edw. 6.* but dying soon after, left Issue by his Wife *Anne*, Daughter of *Robert White* of *Southwaneborough* in *Com. Southampton*; *Dorothy*, marry'd to *John Sambourne* of *Berkshire*; *Margaret*, espoused to *John Bruin*, from whom the *Bruins* of *Farnham* descend; and *Dorothy*, who was the Wife of *Thomas Leigh* of *Cheshire*. He had also four Sons, *Nicholas*, *Bartholomew*, *Roger*, and *William*.

Of which, *Nicholas* the eldest, succeeded in the Inheritance; and in 1 *Q. Mary.* was Sheriff of the County of *Southampton*; as also elected for the same County one of the Knights of the Shire in the Parliament that Queen call'd to meet at *Oxford*.

By his first Wife *Juliana*, Daughter and Heir of *Robert Fenrother*, Alderman of *London*, he had only a Daughter *Juliana*, who marry'd *Thomas Cresswell* of *Odiam* in *Com. Southampton*, Esq; But by his second Wife *Elizabeth Rytbe* of *Rytbe*, (sole Heir of her Brothers, *Thomas*, *William*, and *James*) proceeded five Sons, and three Daughters, viz. *Constance*, the Wife of *Robert Knight* of *Lyford* in *Com. Berks*; *Anne*, of *John Beronsam*; and another, who marry'd . . . . . *Bend* of *Suffex*. The five Sons were, *Benjamin*, *Gilbert*, *Ambrose*, *Martin*, and *Jeremy*, whereof the eldest succeeded to the Estate.

Which *Benjamin Tichbourne* of *Tichbourne*, Esq; was Sheriff of the County of *Southampton* in 21 *Eliz.* as also in the last Year of the Reign of that Queen, whereby he distinguish'd himself in a very particular Manner; for as soon as he had Notice of the Death of his Sovereign, he (without any Order from the Administration) immediately proclaim'd at *Winchester*, and thro' the whole County of *Southampton*, the happy Accession of King *James* the 1st to the Crown of *England*: Which Zeal was so acceptable to his Majesty, who was inform'd of the great Interest he had in his Country, that he conferr'd the Honour of Knighthood on him and his four Sons; and for other his faithful Services, (q) granted the Castle of *Winchester* in Fee Farm to him and his Heirs for ever; as also a Pension of 100*l.* ꝯ *Ann.* during his own Life, and the Life of his Son Sir *Richard*. His said Majesty likewise honour'd him with several Visits at his Seat at *Tichbourne*. At one, in the Year 1618, (r) he knighted his 3d Son *Benjamin*: And that the Dignity of Knighthood might be hereditary in his Family, this Sir *Benjamin* accepted of the Title of Baronet two Years after; being created thereto by Letters Patent, bearing Date the 4th of *March*, 1620. He departed this Life the Year following, and was bury'd with his Ancestors in a Chapel on the North Ile of the Church of *Tichburne*.

He was a Gentleman of great Honour, and of an excellent Repute in his Country; who having, on all Occasions, shew'd himself a true Patriot thereof, both as a Magistrate, and in the Parliament being elected thereto in 35 *Eliz.* as one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Southampton*.

(q) *Ex Informat. Dom. Hen. Tichburne, Bart.*  
 (r) *Philpot's Cat. of Knights, p. 72.*

*Southampton.* In his private Capacity, he was a most tender Husband, indulgent Father, and a kind Master, and of such an admirable Frame of Temper, that made all easy about him. His eldest Son, in filial Duty, has erected a noble Monument to his Memory, shewing his Effigies in Armour, and his Lady by him, in full Proportion, lying under an Alcove, between two Pillars supporting a foliag'd Cornish, summited with the Quarter'd Arms of *Tichbourne*, with Crest, Mantling, Supporters, and Motto; and on the Side of the Tomb are four Sons in Armour, with three Daughters in the Dress of the Times, kneeling, and in a praying Posture, with this Inscription (under the Enarching) which gives some farther Account of him.

“ *Anno Domini 1621* : Erected and dedicated  
 “ to the Memory of Sir *Benjamin Tichborne*,  
 “ Kt. and Bart. and of Dame *Ampbilis* his  
 “ Wife, Daughter of *Richard Weston* of *Rox-*  
 “ *well* in the County of *Essex*, Esq; one of  
 “ the Justices of the honourable Court of  
 “ Common Pleas : Who having liv'd toge-  
 “ ther with inviolate Affection, by the Space  
 “ of 49 Years, had Issue four Sons, *Richard*,  
 “ *Walter*, *Benjamin*, Knights ; and *Henry*,  
 “ Captine of the *Lifforde* in *Ireland* : And  
 “ three Daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, and *Am-*  
 “ *phillis*. After he had fulfill'd the Number  
 “ of his Days in the Favour and Grace of  
 “ his Prince : Being a Gentleman of the  
 “ Prive Chamber to the most illustrious Mo-  
 “ narch *James* King of *Great Britain*, *France*,  
 “ and *Ireland* : And having, with Loyalty to  
 “ his Sovereign, and Integrity to his Coun-  
 “ try, bourne and performed all the Offices  
 “ of Dignity in this County ; hath here cho-  
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“ sen, together with his beloved Wife, to  
 “ sleepe with his Fathers in this Chapel,  
 “ founded by his Auncestor Sir *Roger Tich-*  
 “ *borne*, Kt. in the Time of *Henry* the 1st ;  
 “ where they expect the blessed Resurrection  
 “ of their Bodies ; and in the Merits and  
 “ Mercy of *Jesus Christ*, our alone Saviour,  
 “ to be Partaker of that comfortable Invita-  
 “ tion, *Come ye Blessed, and receive the Kingdom*  
 “ *prepared for you, Eccle<sup>us</sup>. Chap. xii. ve. xiii.*  
 “ A good Life hath the Days number'd, but  
 “ a good Name endureth for ever.

His Daughter *Elizabeth* marry'd *Robert Garth*,  
 and after his Decease *William Owen*, Esqrs. His  
 Daughter *Anne* wedded first *William Broc*, Esq;  
 and 2dly, Sir *William Timperly*, Kt. and *Amphibis*,  
 his youngest Daughter, espoused *William Gratwick*,  
 Esq.

*Walter* his 2d Son was knighted at *Whiteball*  
 the 16th of Nov. 1604, and acquir'd a Seat and  
 Estate at *Aldershot* in Com. *Southampton*, in Right of  
*Mary* his Wife, Daughter and Coheir to *Robert*  
*White*, Esq; (by the Daughter of . . . . . *Foster* the  
 Heir of *Bradley* of the County of *Derby*) Son of  
 Sir *John White*, Lord Mayor of *London*. And from  
 this Sir *Walter* is descended *James Tichborne*, now  
 of *Trimley* in Com. *Surr.* and of *Aldershot* aforesaid,  
 Esq; likewise, by a 2d Son of the said Sir *Walter*,  
 is descended Sir *Benjamin Tichborne*, now of *Rick-*  
*monsworth* in Com. *Hertf.* Kt.

*Benjamin*, his 3d Son, knighted at *Tichborne* 29  
 Aug. 1618, and elected for *Petersfield* in two Par-  
 liaments in the Reign of King *Charles* the 1st,  
 dy'd without Issue.

Sir *Hemy Tichborne*, his 4th Son, distinguish'd  
 himself by many brave Actions, and an unsha-  
 ken Love to his Country, in which Respect I  
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shall distinctly treat of him and his Descendants. This Sir *Henry*, born in the Year 1581, (24 *Eliz.*) having a martial Spirit, was, from his Youth, train'd up in Military Discipline in *Ireland*, and the Low Country Wars, and acquiring the Reputation of an experienc'd Officer, and a brave Soldier, he was, by King *James* the 1st, <sup>o</sup>preferr'd to the Command of an Independant Company of Foot in *Ireland*, and constituted Captain and Governour of the Castle of *Lifford*. After which, his Majesty conferr'd on him the Honour (b) of Knighthood, at his Father's Seat at *Ticborne*, the 29th of *August*, 1623. He was Colonel of a Regiment of Foot at the breaking out [the 3d of *Oct.* 1641.] of the horrid Rebellion and cruel Massacre of the Protestants in *Ireland*; and being then esteem'd the best Officer in that Kingdom, was appointed, with his own Regiment of 1000 Men, Sir *Thomas Lucas's*, and Sir *Adam Loftus's* Troops of Horse, to secure the Town of *Drogheda* (c) and to be Governour thereof: Which Town, situate on both Sides the River *Boyn*, about three Miles distant from the Sea, was become the Rebels chief Aim; and of such Importance, that, next to *Dublin*, (d) it was the chief Care of the State to preserve; and, with *Cork* and *Carrickfergus*, were the only Places the Protestants could then keep in that Kingdom.

Sir *Henry Ticborne* arriv'd at *Drogheda* (e) with his Forces, the 4th of *November* 1641; but was so coldly receiv'd by the Popish Inhabitants, that he waited in the Streets from Two a-Clock till Nine, before he could get a Lodging, and then was forc'd to take one by his own Authority. He found the Town without Bulwark, Rampire, or any

(b) *Phi'pot's Cat. of Knights*, p. 87. (c) *Cox's Hist. of Ireland*, Vol. 2. p. 78. (d) *ibid*, p. 87. (e) *P.* 89, 90, 91, 92.

any other Fortification, than an ordinary Ditch, and an old Wall: Yet, by a diligent Application in repairing those Defects, he sustain'd a Siege of three Months, against the whole Power of the Rebels, (who, with 14000 Men, sat down before the Place in three Weeks after he came) notwithstanding he had many Traitors within the Town, who plotted to deliver it up; as also, his Garrison pinch'd with the Hardships of Famine, to the Degree of eating Horses, Dogs, and Cats. He shew'd in these Extremities a peculiar Constancy of Mind, an uncommon Intrepidity, and excellent Conduct. In one Skirmish, wherein 2000 *Irish* (having Notice from some of the Townsmen) had surpriz'd, just without the Gates, 350 Foot, and two Troops of Horse, and put them in great Confusion (by Means of a Fog, and so loud a Shout, as proclaim'd their Number to be very great) were yet, by the valiant Deportment of the Governour, who presently came to their Assistance, put into such Order, that charging the Rebels briskly, they retreated with the Loss of 200 Men, and were pursu'd for a Mile. And at another Time, when with the Assistance of their Popish Friends, the Rebels had made a Breach in the Wall, in an obscure Place, whereby, at Four a-Clock in the Morning, 500 of them had march'd so far into the Town, that thinking it their own, they made a great Shout; Sir *Henry Tichborne*, with only his Pistols in his Hands, ran down Stairs, was the 1st that caus'd a Drum to beat, and having got some Soldiers about him, and the Lord *Moor* coming in seasonably with 15 Horse, those Rebels were put to Flight, with the Slaughter of above 200 of them, and some of their best Officers. These Advantages, and other successful Sallies, so dispirited the Enemy, that at length they drew off with great Loss,

Loss, before the Earl of Ormond (who intended the raising the Siege) march'd out of *Dublin*.

Sir Henry being afterwards reinforc'd, defeated the Rebels in several Encounters, and forc'd those of the Pale into *Ulster*; in Consideration of which Services, he was sworn of the Privy Council; and on the 12th of *May* 1642, (f) one of the Lords Justices of *Ireland*, in the Room of Sir *William Parsons*; for which Alteration no Reproach could be fasten'd on the King, as my Lord *Clarendon* asserts, "Sir Harry Tichborne being a Man of so excellent a Fame, (g) that tho' the Parliament was heartily angry at the Removal of the other, and knew this would never be brought to serve their Turn, yet they had nothing to object against him."

He continu'd one of the two Lords Justices, 'till the Marquis of Ormond was sworn Lord Lieutenant; and during his Administration (which was two Years) endeavour'd, by all Ways, to support and relieve the distress'd Protestants, with such Zeal and Disinterestedness, that he preserv'd the good Opinions both of the King and Parliament; for when the Royal Cause was quite ruin'd, and the Marquis of Ormond had surrender'd *Dublin* to the Parliament-Forces, and their Commissioners had reduc'd some Regiments, they yet kept Sir *Henry Tichborne* in Pay, as also continu'd him in his Government of *Drogheda*; and he, joining (h) their General *Jones*, was a Means of gaining the great Victory at *Dungan-Hill*, (that happen'd on the 18th of *Aug.* 1647) 6000 of the Rebels being kill'd on the Spot: But after the Murder of King *Charles* the 1st, he forsook the Service, and contented himself with living retir'd, 'till such Time as the Confusions among those

(f) *Cox's History* p. 127. (g) *History of the Rebellion*, 8vo. Vol. 3. p. 165. (h) *Cox's History*, p. 194, 195.

those who had usurp'd the Government of these Nations, had given Opportunity to the Well-wishers of the Royal Family to shew themselves; and then he was with the most forward in that Work, and had a chief Hand in disposing the Kingdom of *Ireland* to their early Appearance for a Restoration of the Old Constitution.

Which Services, his Majesty King *Charles* the 2d had so just a Sense of, that on the Enjoyment of his Crowns, he constituted him Field-Marshal of his Forces in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; which honourable Post Sir *Henry* held 'till his Death, A. D. 1667, when he was in the 86th Year of his Age. He lies buried at *Drogheda*, with *Jane* his Wife, Daughter of Sir *Robert Newcomen* of *Ireland*, Bart. who liv'd with him many Years, and dy'd about the Year 1664. They had five Sons, and three Daughters.

*Benjamin*, their eldest Son, (i) a Captain of Horse in the Service of King *Charles* the 1st, was kill'd by the Rebels at *Belruddery*, in *Com. Dublin*, in the 21st Year of his Age, unmarried; *William*, 2d Son, succeeded to the Estate of his Father; *Richard*, 3d Son, was Major of the Horse Guards in *Ireland*, both to King *Charles* the 2d and King *James* the 2d, and dy'd unmarried, as did likewise *Henry*, 4th Son; and *Samuel*, 5th Son, dy'd young. Of the Daughters, *Dorcas* marry'd *William Toxteth* of *Drogheda*, Esq; a Native of *Lancashire*; *Amphiblis* marry'd *Richard Broughton*, Esq; Major of the Foot-Guards in *Ireland*, in the Reign of King *Charles* the 2d, younger Brother of Sir *Edward Broughton*; and *Elizabeth*, espous'd *Roger West* of the *Rock*, in *Com. Wicklow*, Esq.

*William*

(i) *Ex Stemmate penes Robert Dale.*



*William Tichborne*, eldest surviving Son and Heir beforemention'd, resided at *Beaulieu, in Com. Louth*, was knighted by his Majesty King *Charles the 2d*; and, by *Judith* his Wife, Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of *John Bisse, Esq;* Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, (a Branch of the Family of *Byffe of Somersetshire*) had six Sons and one Daughter; *Margaret*, who marry'd *Stephen Stanley of Grange-Gorman, in Com. Dublin, Esq;* Father of the present Sir *John Stanley, Bart.* The said Sir *William Tichborne* dy'd in the 58th Year of his Age, on the 12th of *March, A. D. 1693*, and lyes bury'd at *Drogheda*: He serv'd his Majesty King *Charles the 2d* as Major of Horse.

His six Sons were, *Henry*, the present Lord *Tichborne of Ireland, Benjamin*, who was kill'd in the 39th Year of his Age, at the Battel of *Hockstet in Germany, Anno 1704*, and, by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of Major *Edward Gibbs* of the City of *Gloucester*, left only three Daughters, whereof *Judith* marry'd the most honourable *Charles*, the present Earl of *Sunderland*; *William*, 3d Son, a Captain in the Sea Service in the Reign of King *William the 3d*, was cast away off of *Plymouth, Ann. 1692*, in the 23d Year of his Age, unmarried; *John Tichborne*, 4th Son, is a Colonel of his Majesty's Forces, and Governour of *Athlone in Ireland*; *Richard*, 5th Son, was Master of Arts of *Trinity College, Dublin*, and sometime of *Magdalen College Oxon*, and dy'd unmarried in 1692, *Ætat. 21*; *Byffe*, youngest Son, was a Captain of Foot, and lost his Life in the Defence of *Gibraltar, Anno 1704*.

*Henry Tichborne*, eldest Son and Heir, born in the Year 1663, succeeded his Father at *Beaulieu, in Com. Louth, Ireland*, and, in Consideration of his Services on the Revolution, was knighted by his Majesty King *William*, in *Anno 1694*, and created  
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a Baronet of *England* in the 9th Year of his Reign, by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 29th of *July* 1697; also on the Accession of his present Majesty King *George*, was advanc'd to the Dignity of a Peer of the Kingdom of *Ireland*. He was marry'd at *Cumbermere*, in *Com. Cestr.* 20 *Julii* 1683, to *Arabella*, 7th Daughter of Sir *Robert Cotton*, Kt. and Bart. by whom he had three Sons, *Henry*, *William*, and *Cotton*, which last dy'd young; also three Daughters, whereof only *Salisbury* liv'd to Maturity, and marry'd *William Aston* of the County of *Louth*, Esq. *Henry*, eldest Son and Heir, born the 20th of *April* 1684, took to Wife *Mary*, Daughter and sole Heir of *John Fowke* of *Atherdee*, Esq; and coming to *England* in the Year 1709, was unfortunately cast away in the Bay of *Liverpool*; leaving his Wife with Child, who was after deliver'd of a Daughter nam'd *Elizabeth*, who dy'd young; so that *William*, 2d Son, is now Heir apparent, and hath marry'd *Charlotta Amelia*, 2d Daughter to the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord Viscount *Molesworth*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

I now return to Sir *Richard Tichborne*, eldest Son and Heir of Sir *Benjamin Tichbourne*, Kt. and Bart. which Sir *Richard* had the Honour of Knighthood conferr'd on him at the *Charter-house*, the 11th of *May* 1603; and on his Father's Decease, succeeded to the Title of Baronet. He was sent by *K. Charles* the 1st, Ambassador to the Queen of *Bohemia*; and when that Prince was oppress'd, by his rebellious Subjects, he assisted him to the utmost of his Power; securing (1) for him *Winchester-Castle*, of which he was Owner; and by his Interest, a Garrison was brought into it, under the Command of the Lord *Ogle*, that made a brave Defence, and did not surrender till the Royal Affairs

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Affairs were quite ruin'd. He had two Wives, his first Lady was *Ellen*, another Daughter and Coheir of the beforemention'd *Robert White* of *Aldershot*; by whom he had only a Daughter, *Ampbilis*, espous'd to *Sir Lawrence Hyde*, Kt. Serjeant at Law. By *Susan*, his 2d Lady, Daughter and Coheir to *William Waller* of *Oldfoke*. (Of which Family was *Richard Waller* of *Groombridge*, in *Suffex*, Esq; who serving in the Wars of *France temp. H. 5*, took Prisoner *Charles* Duke of *Orleans*, Father to King *Lewis XII*, and kept him in *England* 25 Years; in which Time he built a noble House at *Groombridge*, the said Duke paying for his Ransome 400000 Crowns; and in Memory thereof, the Family bear for their Crest the Arms of *Orleans*, suspended on a Walnut-Tree.) He had three Sons, and as many Daughters, viz. *Anne*, marry'd to *Charles*, Son and Heir of *Sir John Tasborough* of *Felixton-ball*, in *Com. Suff.* Kt. *Susan*, who dy'd unmarried; and *Elizabeth*, the Wife of *Sir James Philips* of *Stoke-Charity*, in *Com. Southamp.* Bart. Of the Sons, *Richard*, and *John*, dy'd Infants, and *Henry* succeeded to the Title and Estate.

Which *Sir Henry Tichbourne*, Bart. took early to Arms in Defence of King *Charles* the 1st, and hazarded his Life in several Enterprizes. He was in the Battel of *Cheridown*, in *Com. Southamp.* (1) and with the Lord *Ogle* in *Winchester-Castle*, wherein he behav'd, with great Conduct and Bravery; which drew on him the Malignity of the Usurpers, who sequester'd his Estate, and forc'd him to live in an obscure Condition till the Restoration of the Royal Family. His Majesty, *K. Charles* the 2d, made him Lieutenant of *New Forest* in *Hants*hire, and *K. James* 2d constituted him Lieut. of the Ord-

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(1) Ex Inform. Dom. Hen. Tichbourne, Bart.

nance. He departed this Life in the Year 1689; and, by *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of *William Arundel*, Esq; Brother to *Thomas* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardour*, had Issue three Sons and three Daughters; *Winifred*, who dy'd an Infant; *Lettice*, who marry'd *Henry Whettenball* of *Peckbam*, in *Kent*, Esq; and *Mary*, who veil'd herself a Nun. Of his Sons, *Joseph* and *Charles*, dy'd young, but *Henry*, the eldest, is now living, and in Possession of the Estate of his Ancestors.

Which Sir *Henry Tichbourn* of *Tichbourn*, Bart. took to Wife in the Year 1689, *Mary*, Daughter of *Anthony Kemp* of *Slyndon*, in the County of *Suffex*, Esq; and by her was the Father of three Sons, *Henry*, *Henry-John*, and *John*, who are all deceas'd, and three Daughters, *Mary-Agnes*, *Frances-Cicely*, and *Mabella*, who are living.



## A R M S.

*Vair*, a Chief Or, mantled Azure, doubled Argent.

## C R E S T.

*An Hind's Head couped, proper, winged Or, between a Pair of Wings display'd, Gules.*

## S U P P O R T E R S.

*Two Lyons Guardant, Gules.*

## M O T T O.

*Pugna pro Patria.*

Sir RICHARD WILBRAHAM of  
WOODHEY, Kt. Cestr. N<sup>o</sup> 149.

[5 Maii, A. D. 1520. R. Jac. I. 19.]

THE Family of *Wilbrabam* is said (a) (by the judicious *Robert Glover*, *Somerset Herald*) to descend from *Sir Richard Wilbrabam*, Kt. who took to Wife *Letitia*, eldest Daughter of *William Venables* of *Wimincham*, a younger Son of *William Venables*, Baron of *Kinderton*; and thereupon his Descendants bare the Arms of the said *William*. From which *Sir Richard* lineally descended *Thomas Wilbrabam* of *Woodhey*, who had four Sons, whereof, from *Robert*, 2d Son, branch'd out the *Wilbrahams* of *Brindley* and *Worceston*; and from *Thomas*, the eldest, who succeeded at *Woodhey*, and marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *Thomas Swetnam*, proceeded *William* his Son and Heir, *Thomas*, and *John*.

The said *William Wilbrabam* of *Woodhey*, took to Wife *Ellen*, Daughter of *Philip Egerton* of *Egerton*, in *Com. Cestr.* and departed this Life in the Year 1536, (28 H. 8.) as the Probat of his last Will shews, which he declar'd on his Death-Bed.

“ By (b) which Testament he bequeaths his Body to be bury'd before the Image of our Lady, in the Chancel of the Church of *Aston*, and bestows xl s. to be laid out on a Tenor Bell, if the Parish will provide the rest; but if not, then the Money to be laid out on a Pax and two Cruytts of Silver, to serve at the High Altar on good  
U 2 “ Days

(a) *Vis. de Com. Cestr. A. D. 1580.*

(b) *Ex Regist. Hogen, qu. 40- in Cur. Prærog. Cant.*

“ Days. He farther Wills, that 12 white Gowns  
 “ be given to 12 poor Men; as also that 12  
 “ Torches be made to hold about his Body the  
 “ Day of his Burial; and that a light be over him  
 “ with viii Tapers, in the Middle whereof a big-  
 “ ger Taper should spring out; also that Penny-  
 “ Dole should be given at his Burial to every  
 “ Person that would take it.

“ He moreover requires his Executors to buy a  
 “ Stone of Marble to lye on him in the said  
 “ Chancel of *Acton*, with the Pictures of himself  
 “ and his Wife, and their Arms; also that they  
 “ put out x*l.* under sure Keeping, to pay x*l.*  
 “ yearly to a well dispos'd Priest to sing, (during  
 “ twenty Years) for him, and his Wife, Children,  
 “ Father, and Mother, and all that God would,  
 “ should be pray'd for; and the said Service to  
 “ be perform'd in his Chapel of *Woodhey*. Which  
 “ Priest should likewise have iv*l.* more yearly  
 “ for his Table; if so be his Heir is not pleas'd  
 “ to give him his Board and Chamber-Room.

His Will farther shews, that he was a good Ma-  
 nager, and improv'd his Estate; and he therein  
 desires his Heir to refresh poor People, and keep  
 Hospitality, as his Wife and he had done.

He left two Sons, *Thomas* and *Richard*, as also  
 a Daughter, *Elizabeth*, the Wife of — *Whitmore*.  
 His eldest Son, *Thomas*, took to Wife *Margaret*,  
 Daughter of Sir *John Manwaring* of *Peover*; but  
 dying without Issue, the Estate devolv'd on his  
 Brother

*Richard Wilbraham* of *Woodhey*, who was elected  
 one of the Knights for *Cheshire* (c) in the Parlia-  
 ment that met at *Oxford*, in the 1st Year of the  
 Reign

(c) *Willis's Not. Parl.*, Vol. 1, p. 172.

Reign of Queen *Mary*, as also in two other Parliaments in that Reign : And departing this Life, was succeeded by *Thomas* his Son and Heir, who marry'd *Frances*, Daughter to Sir *Hugh Chomley*, and had Issue one Son, *Richard* ; likewise two Daughters, *Dorothy* espous'd to *John Done*, Esq; and *Mary* marry'd to Sir *Thomas Delves*, Knight and Baronet.

Which *Richard Wilbrabam* (Son and Heir of *Thomas*) was half a Year old *A. D.* 1580, and succeeding his Father at *Woodbey*, receiv'd from King *James* the 1st the Honour of Knighthood, and afterwards the Title of a Baronet, by Letters Patents, bearing Date the 5th of *May*, *A. D.* 1621. He marry'd *Grace*, Daughter of *Thomas Viscount Savage*, and dy'd in the 61st Year of his Age, in *April* 1641, having had Issue three Sons ; *Thomas*, his Successor, *Richard*, and *William*, who dy'd without Issue ; \_\_\_\_\_, Wife of *Venables* of *Kinderton*, and *Elizabeth* marry'd to Sir *Humphrey Briggs*, Kt. and Bart.

Sir *Thomas Wilbrabam*, Bart. (Son and Heir of Sir *Richard*) took to Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *Roger Wilbrabam*, Kt. one of the Masters of Request to King *James* the 1st, and departing this Life the last of *Oct.* 1660, left Issue one Daughter, *Elizabeth*, Wife of *Muston Davies*, Sen and Heir of \_\_\_\_\_ *Davies* of *Gozanna*, in *Com. Flint*. Esq; as also two Sons, Sir *Thomas Wilbrabam*, Bart. and *Ralph Wilbrabam*, who was of *Gray's-Inn*, and dy'd without Issue.

Which Sir *Thomas Wilbrabam* was born in the Year 1625, and having marry'd *Elizabeth*, sole Daughter and Heir of *Edward Mitton* of *Weston under Lyziard*, in *Com. Staff.* left Issue only two Daughters, whereby the Title of Baronet extinguish'd in this Family. *Grace*, his eldest Daughter, marry'd the Right Honourable *Lionel Talmach*,

the present Earl of *Dysert*, and the youngest, *Mary*, espous'd the Right Honourable *Richard Newport*, the present Earl of *Bradford*.



## A R M S.

*Argent, three Bendlets wavie, Azure. But the antient Coat (d) was, two Barrs, Azure, on a Canton, Sable, a Wolf's Head erased of the first.*

## C R E S T.

*A Wolf's Head erased, Argent, langued, Gules.*

*Sir* THOMAS DELVES of DODDINGTON, *Kt. Cestr. N<sup>o</sup> 150.*

[8 *Maii*, *A. D.* 1621. *R. Jac. I.* 19.]

THE ancient Seat of this Family was *Delves-Hall*, (a) near *Uttoxeter*, *Co. Staff.* the Possession of *John de Delves*, in 31 *Ed. 1.* whose Son and Heir, *Richard de Delves*, is mention'd in Deeds bearing Date in the 5. 10. & 16. *Ed. 2.* He was Constable of *Heleigh Castle* in 8 *Ed. 3.* (b) and had Issue by *Amicia* his Wife, a Daughter nam'd *Alice*, and three Sons; *John*, *Henry*, and *Thomas Delves*, Parson of the Church of *St. Don Wenne*, in 38 *Ed. 3.*

*John*

(d) *Ex Coll. Tho. Fekyll.*

(a) *Ex Stemmate penes Dom. Tho. Delves, Bar. (b) Stem. prad.*



*John de Delves*, eldest Son, was a Person of great Account. In 20 *E. 3.* (c) he was of the Retinue, and one of the Esquires to the famous *James de Audley*, Baron of *Heleigh*, whom he attended in the Wars against *France*, where they gain'd great Honour, for to the Courage and Conduct of the said *James*, (d) and his four Esquires, was owing the famous Victory of *Poitiers*; for which memorable Action, the *Black Prince* retain'd the said Lord in his Service for Life, granted him 500 Marks out of his Revenue in *England*, which he bestow'd on his four Esquires; whereupon the Prince thank'd him for so doing, gave him 600 Marks  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  Ann. more, and in Renumeration of these signal Services, all the four Esquires added part of the Lord *Audley's* Arms to their own.

He was likewise one of the Esquires of the Body to King *Edw. 3.* in the 33d Year of his Reign, receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood in 36 *Edw. 3.* and the Year following, (e) together with his Wife *Isabel*, had the Wardship of the Dutchess of *Bretagne* granted them.

In 38 *Edw. 3.* (f) going into *Gascoigne* with *Edward Prince of Aquitaine and Wales*, eldest Son of the King, he had the Royal Letters of safe Conduct; he was also, the same Year, constituted one of the Justices of the *King's Bench*, (g) and had License to imbattel his Mansion-house of *Doddington* in the County of *Chester*.

He first brought Tydings to the King (b) of the Birth of *Edward Son of the Prince of Wales*; and having founded a Chantry at *Hondebruge*, near the City of *Chester*, which (\*) by his last

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(c) *M.S. penes Tho. Delves præd.* (d) *Dugdale's Baronage*, Vol. 1. p. 749. (e) *M.S. Ut antea.* (f) *Ibid.* (g) *Pet. 38 E. 3. p. 1. m. 46.* (h) *M.S. ut supra.* (\*) *Rigiss. vocat de Witlesey, fol. 108. a. apud Lambeth.*

Will and Testament, dated the 16th of *August*, 43 *Edw. 3.* (1369) he largely endow'd, departed this Life the same Year; and having thereby bequeath'd his Body to be bury'd in the Parish Church of *St. James of Audeleigh in Com. Staff.* was interr'd there, according to his Desire; as appears by a noble Monument erected to his Memory (i) with the Effigies of a Knight in Armour lying on his Back, and on his Breast the *Arms* of the Family, tho' the Inscription worn out.

The Dutcheſs of *Bretaigne* was under his Guardianship at the Time of his Decease; for on 12 *Nov.* (44 *Edw. 3.*) 1370, (k) *Isabel*, late Wife and Executrix of Sir *John Delves*, is commanded to deliver the said Dutcheſs and her Retinue, with her Vestments, Jewels, Goods, and Chattels, to *Godfry Foliambe*, who was order'd to pay the Expences that the Dutcheſs and her Family had put the said *Isabel* to.

This Sir *John* had a first Wife *Elizabeth*, Widow, and Relict to *Walter de Bascurvill*, by whom he had only one Daughter *Joan*, marry'd (in 43 *E. 3.*) to *Henry Kymer*. He marry'd 2dly *Isabel*, Daughter and Co-heir to *Philip de Malpas*; and having no Issue by her (who dy'd on the Sunday next after the Feast of *St. Luke*, 19 *Ric. 2.*) *Henry* his Brother succeeded in the Inheritance.

Which *Henry de Delves*, call'd, in some Deeds, Son of *Richard de Delves*, Brother and Heir of Sir *John Delves*, Kt. Son and Heir of *Richard de la Delves*, departed this Life on the Monday next after the Feast of *St. James* the Apostle, 19 *R. 2.* having been twice marry'd.

First with *Catharine*, (17 *E. 3.*) Daughter to *John Arderne* of *Alderford*, Relict of *William Chelton*,

(i) *M.S. notat. 853, 854, in Museo Armar. Oxon.*

(k) *Rymer's Fæder. Tom. 6, p. 564.*

telton, and afterwards of *Ralph Wetenball* of *Cbetelton* aforefaid, by whom he had no Issue. And 2dly; with *Margaret* Daughter of *William Brereton*, Esq; by whom he had *John* his Son and Heir: Which *Margaret* afterwards became the Wife of *John Mareschal*, in 21 R. 2.

The said *John de Delves* is mention'd in a Deed A<sup>o</sup> 50 Ed. 3. and was retain'd by the King, to serve in the (l) Wars beyond Sea in 5 & 11 R. 2. and the next Year was chosen one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of *Stafford*, at the Parliament held at *Cambridge* (m) and 20l. 16s. for 52 Days Expences, was levy'd for him and *Nicholas Stafford* the other Representative: In 14 R. 2. he was again chosen with *Nicholas Stafford*, and the (n) Sheriff levy'd 12l. for 30 Days Expences. In that Year he was Sheriff of the (o) County, and the Year following (p) Eschaetor of the Counties of *Salop*, *Stafford*, and the Marches of *Wales*. In 16 Ric. 2. he was elected (q) Knight of the Shire with *Thomas Aston*; and the same Year had a Grant from the King of the Manour of *Walton upon Trent*, (r) with the Advowson of the Church, formerly belonging to the *Carthusian Priory* near *Coventry*.

He dy'd in 18 R. 2. (his Father then living) having in Marriage *Margaret* Daughter to *David de Calveley*, who bore him four Sons and three Daughters, viz. *John de Delves*, who succeeded to the Estate; 2dly, *Henry*, who had two Wives; 2dly, *Hugh de Delves*; and lastly, a second *John de Delves*, call'd Junior, (to whom *Edmund Earl of Stafford* granted an annual Rent of 20 Marks) who

(l) MS. predict. (m) Prynne's Brief Parl. Regist. Vol. 4. de eod. Ann. (n) Ibid. de eod. Ann. (o) Fuller's Worthies, in eod. Com. (p) MS. Dug. O. 22, in Museo Astmool. (q) Prynne ut antea in eod. Ann. (r) Mon. Angl. Vol. 1. p. 965. a.

who was living 7 H. 4. Of the Daughters, *Maitilda Delves* marry'd *Edmund Bassett* of *Blore* in *Com. Staff.* *Ellen*, *William de Egerton*; and *Beatrix*, *Richard de Wybunbury*, Esqs.

(s) *John de Delves* (eldest Son of *John*) succeeded his Grandfather in the whole Inheritance, at whose Death (*viz.* 19 R. 2) he was 21 Years old. In 5 H. 4. he was in foreign Parts, (t) and detain'd about the safe keeping of the Castle of *Hames* in *Picardy*. In 10 H. 4. he was continu'd in the Wars against the *French*. In 11 H. 4. he underwent the Office of Sheriff for the County of *Stafford*, as likewise in 3 H. 5. And dy'd full of Honour and Esteem, on Wednesday next after the Feast of *St. George*, (u) A<sup>o</sup> 7 H. 6. possess'd of the following Lands in *Staffordshire*. *viz.* The Manours of *Apedale*, *Knotton*, and *Hildurston*, six Messuages in *Audley*, three Bovats in *Dimundsdale*, *Delves* Lands in *Bettiley*: Also the Manours of *Whitemore* and *Crakemarsh*, the Village of *Clayton*, and Lands in *Houford*.

He had two Wives, (x) first *Philippa*, Daughter to . . . . . *Harcourt* of *Ellenball* in *Com. Staff.* who was buried in the Parish Church of *Wybunbury*, and she bore him a Son *Thomas Delves* (who marry'd *Anne* Daughter of *Hugh de Hales*, 14 H. 4.) and four Daughters, *viz.* *Margery*, *Elizabeth* Wife to *Richard Colclough*, 2 H. 5. *Margaret*, espous'd to *John Manwaring*, 13 H. 4. afterwards a Knight, in 7 H. 6. and *Joan*.

The said *John de Delves* marry'd to his 2d Wife (4 H. 5.) *Margaret* Daughter of *John Norwode*, a Merchant of *Coventry*, who afterwards, *scil.* 19 H. 6. marry'd Sir *John Gresley*, Kt. She had Issue by her first Husband two Sons, *Richard* and *John*.

*Richard*

(s) MS. *Tho. Delves* predict.  
n. 49. (x) MS. *ut antea.*

(t) *Ibid.*

(u) *Esch.* 7 H. 6.

*Richard Delves*, Esq; was aged 13 Years (y) at the Death of his Father, and was written Son and Heir of *John Delves*, Esq; in 20 H. 6. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter of . . . . *Wynnington*, A. D. 1439, (afterwards Wife to *Humphry Blount*, Esq; A° 28 H. 8.) and dyed on Saturday next after the Feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, in 24 H. 6. (z) without Issue-Male, *John* his Brother and Heir, of the Age of 23 Years, succeeding to the Estate.

Which *John Delves* was Sheriff of the County of *Stafford* in 34 H. 6. was constituted comptroller (a) of the Petit Customs at the Port of the City of *London* in 49 H. 6. and the same Year that Prince, out of his special Grace and (b) Favour, granted to him, and *John Langstrother*, Prior of St. *John's Jerusalem* in *England*, as well the Office of Warden of his Mint within the Tower of *London*, as of all other his Mints in *England*, and Town of *Calais*, to occupy by themselves, or sufficient Deputies, with the usual Salary paid the last of *Ed. 3.* and 1 *R. 2.* He was firm in his Adherence to the House of *Lancaster*, and raising Forces against *K. Edw. 4.* was, by Proclamation, dated at *Westminster* 27 April, 11 *Edw. 4.* (c) declar'd a Traitor, Rebel, and Enemy. On the 4th of *May* following, being then a Knight, he was at the Battle of *Tewksbury*, (d) where he lost his Life, and in the Parliament held at *Westminster* the Year following, was attainted. He lies bury'd at *Wibbenbury*, *Com. Cest.* for in the South Isle of that Church (e) is an Alabaster Tomb, with the Portraitures of a Man and his two Wives; and at his Feet a Dolphin, with this Epitaph :

**hic**

(y) *Esch. 7 H. 6. præd.* (z) *Esch. 24 H. 6.* (a) *Pat. 49 H. 6.* (b) *Rymer's Fœdera, Tom. II. p. 698.* (c) *Ibm. p. 710.* (d) *Leland's Itin. Vol. 6. p. 69.* (e) *E Lib. MS. in Museo Astmol. No. 854, p. 343.*

**Hic jacet Johannes Delves, Miles, & Elena uxor ejus, necnon Johannes Delves, Armiger, filius & heres prediâ Johis. qui quidem Johannes Miles obiit quarto Die Maii, Anno Dni. MCCCCLXXI, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.**

He had Issue by his Wife *Ellen*, Daughter to *Ralph Egerton of Winehill in Com. Staff.* (for which a Dispensation was procur'd, *A. D.* 1439) four Sons, *John, Ralph, Richard,* and *Henry*; as also the same Number of Daughters.

*John* the eldest Son, being with his Father at *Tewksbury Feild*, was there taken Prisoner, (f) and soon after beheaded, 11 *E.* 4. and buried with his Father, as appears by the aforesaid Inscription. *Stow* relates this Circumstance of his Death, (g) That King *Edward*, after the Battle, entering the Church at *Tewksbury* (where he and many more had taken Shelter) a Priest brought the Sacrament against him; and would not let him enter, until he had granted Pardon to this Gentleman and others of great Quality; on Confidence whereof, they all staid in the Church (when they might have escap'd) from Saturday till *Monday*, at what Time they were taken out and executed.

This *John*, last mention'd, marry'd *Elizabeth* Daughter to Sir *William Babington of Chilwell in Com. Nott.* Kt. Sister and Heir to Sir *John Babington*, Kt. she surviv'd her Husband; and dy'd, 20 *April* 19 *H.* 7. having Issue by him two Daughters only, that surviv'd, viz. *Ellen* and *Elizabeth*: The former was marry'd to *Robert Sheffield*

(f) *Leland, ut supra.*

(g) *Stow's Chron. p. 424.*

field of *Butterwick* in *Com. Linc.* Esq; Recorder of the City of *London*, Ancestor to the present Duke of *Buckingham* and *Normanby* who (as Heir General) quarters the Arms of *Delves* and *Babington*. *Elizabeth* marry'd Sir *James Blount*, Kt.

*Ralph Delves*, Esq; (2d Son of Sir *John Delves*) succeeded his Brother in the Inheritance; and dying 2 *Mar.* 4 *Hen.* 8. without Issue surviving him, was bury'd in the North of the Church of *Wibbenbury*, (b) under a Marble, with the Effigies in Brass of him and his Wife inlaid thereon, and this Inscription:

Here lyeth Rafe Delluys, Esq; of *Do-*  
*denton*, and *Katheryn* his Wife: The  
which Rafe dyed the 11th Day of  
*March*, in the Yere of our Lord God  
MCCCCXIII. On whose Sowlyys Al-  
mighty Ihu have Mercy.

*Richard Delves*, 3d Son of Sir *John*, being an Ecclesiastick, the Estate descended to *Henry* his Cousin and Heir, (Son and Heir of *Henry Delves*, hereafter mention'd) which *Richard Delves* dying the 23 of *November*, 19 *Hen.* 8. was buried in the Choir of *Warrington* Church, *Com. Lanc.* under a Marble, with this Inscription: (i)

Of your Charity pray for the Soule of Mayster  
*Rychard Delves*, Channon of the Cathedral  
Church of *Lichfield*, and Person of this Church  
of *Warryngton*: Who dy'd the xxiiid. Day of  
*November*, in the Yere of our Lord God  
M V<sup>c</sup> XXVII.

Henry

(b) E Lib. MS. in Mus. Ashmol. No. 853. p. 343.

(i) E Lib. MS. Dodsworth in Bib. Eodl. Oxon. Vol. 113. f. 13. a.

*Henry Delves*, 4th and youngest Son of *Sir John*, marry'd *Elena*, Daughter of *Humphry Swynerton* of *Swynerton in Com Staff.* Esq; Widow and Relict of . . . . . *Pershal*, also of . . . . . *Kynaston*, and was lastly the Wife of *Humphry Pershal* of *Horsley*, Esq; The said *Henry Delves* had Issue by her a Daughter *Alice*, Wife of . . . . . *Cheney*, and two Sons, *Henry* and *George*.

*Henry Delves*, the eldest, succeeded his Father, (and was found Cousin and Heir apparent of *Richard Delves*, Canon Residentiary of *Litchfield*) in 4 *Hen.* 8. at which Time he was under Age, but soon afterwards was written of *Dodyngton*, Esq; He was Steward to *John Bouchier* Lord *Fitz-Warren* in 18 *H.* 8. as also serjeant of the Household, and Steward to *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*, for his Demeasnes of *Adderley* and *Spoonly* in the County of *Salop*, in 20 *H.* 8. and had *Officium Fœdarii* of the said County for that Earl. He was Sheriff of the County of *Chester* in 29 & 37 *Hen.* 8. receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood before the 1st of *Q. Mary*, in \* which Year he was elected one of the Knights for *Cheshire* in Parliament, (*Leland*, the Antiquary, writes, † that “*Sir Henry Delves dwel-  
leth a 3 Miles East from Nantwich, and bath a  
fayr House*) and dying 6 *Aug.* 2 *Eliz.* A. D. 1559, was buried at *Wibbenbury* aforesaid.

He marry'd, A° 4 *Hen.* 8. *Cicely*, Daughter to *Richard Brook*, Serjeant at Law, and afterwards Chief Baron of the Exchequer; which Lady made her last Will and Testament 29 *Dec.* A. D. 1562, and was bury'd with her Husband 3 *Jan.* the same Year, having had Issue by him six Sons: 1. *Henry*, who dy'd without Issue: 2. *John*. of whom hereafter: 3. *Thomas*, bury'd at *Wibbenbury*, 8 *Aug.* 1570; 4. *Ralph*,

\* *Willis's Not. Parl. Vol. 1. p. 172.*

† *Leland's Itin. Vol. 7. p. 30.*



4. *Ralph*, Executor of the last Will and Testament of his Mother: 5. *George*, who, by Christian his Wife, Daughter to *William Fitz-Williams*, Relict to Sir *Richard Wingfield*, Kt. left Issue *William* (from whom the *Delves's* of *Devonshire* and *Somersetshire* were descended) and a Daughter nam'd *Honora*: 6. *William Delves*. Of the Daughters, *Eleanor* was Wife of *John Rope* of *Stapeley*; *Margaret*, of *Thomas Sheldon* of *Shillington*, *Com. Wigorn*: *Anne*, of *William Hassell* of *Haukelowe* in *Com. Cestr.* Esq; *Elizabeth* and *Bridget* dy'd unmarried; and *Cicely* was wedded to *William Mytton*, Esq;

*John Delves* of *Dodyngton*, in *Com. Cestr.* Esq; surviving Son and Heir to his Father, made his last Will and Testament 28 Jan. 12 Eliz. and dying in the 13th Year of that Queen's Reign, was bury'd 15 June, A. D. 1571.

He marry'd *Mary*, Daughter to Sir *William Sneyde* of *Keele*, in *Com. Staff.* Kt. and had Issue three Daughters, and 7 Sons, *Henry*, *Laurence*, *William*, *Ralph*, (the two last dy'd without Issue) another *Ralph*, *John* slain at *Blackwater* in *Ireland*, and *Hugh Delves* of *Blackenball* in *Com. Cestr.* who, by *Anne* his Wife, (bury'd 5 Dec. A. D. 1646) left Issue *Ralph*, *Matthew*, *Joseph*, and *John*.

*Henry*, eldest Son and Heir to *John* last mention'd, dy'd 8 Oct. 5 Jac. 1. and was bury'd at *Wibbenbury* 16 Oct. A. D. 1606. He marry'd *Frances*, Daughter to *Thomas Stanley* of *Alderley* in *Com. Cestr.* Esq; and had a numerous Offspring, viz. 8 Sons, 1. *Thomas*: 2. *Henry*, who dy'd unmarried, and was bury'd at *Wibbenbury*, 9 Sept. 1620. 3. *George*, who dy'd in June 1652. 4. *Francis*: 5. *Hugh*, laid with his Ancestors at *Wibbenbury*, 27 May, A. D. 1635. 6. *Stanley*, who had Sepulture the 4th of June, A. D. 1624. 7. *John*, bury'd 7 April, A. D. 1593. And 8. *William* of *Owere* in *Com. Salop*, bury'd 12 Sept. A. D. 1654. Also three Daughters,

Daughters, *Frances*, *Mary* marry'd to *Richard Stacey* of *Bitham*, in *Com. Linc.* and *Ursula*, who dy'd an Infant.

*Thomas Delves* of *Dodington*, Esq; Son and Heir of *Henry*, was baptis'd at *Alderley*, in *Com. Cestr.* 30 Nov. 14 *Eliz.* and being educated in *Brazen Nose* College in *Oxon*, became a Benefactor there-to: He receiv'd the Honour of Knighthood from King *James* at *Whitehall*, 10 July 1609, and was created to the Dignity of a Baronet the 8th of *May*, A. D. 1621: He was constituted Sheriff of *Che-shire* in 13 *Car. 1.* and dying the 23d of *April* 1658, in the 74th Year of his Age, was bury'd with his Ancestors at *Wibbenbury*, under a Tablet of black and white Marble, against the North Wall of the said Church, with this Inscription, shewing his Marriages and Issue.

P. M.

*Thomæ Delves de Dodington, Eq. Aur. & Baronetti (Henrici Filii) Qui Mariam Thomæ Wilbrabam de Wodhey natam primo in uxorem duxit Equa Henricum Delves, Baronettum Laurentium vero Richardum ac Thomam sine Prole defunct. Filios suscitavit, deinde Mariam Edwardi Baber de Chew in Com. Somersettensi Servientis ad Legem unam Filiarum (Rogeri Wilbrahim Mil. Unius Magistrorum Libell. Supplicum relictam) copulavit. Qui quidem Thomas patriæ charus (præcipua cujus Munera maximo cum honore subivit) obiit xxiii°. Apr. A°. ab Incarn. Dni. M DCLVIII. Ætatis lxxiiii. Posito hoc Marmore A°. Dni. M DCLXIX.*

His 1st Wife, *Mary*, was bury'd at *Wibbenbury* 23 *June*, A. D. 1603; and his 2d Lady the 6th of *January* 1644. He had by the former four Sons; 1st,

1st, *Henry*, 2d, *Lawrence*, who dy'd Issueless, *A. D.* 1641, at the Age of 40 Years; 3d, *Richard*, (baptis'd 12 *May*, *A. D.* 1602.) a Merchant trading to *Hamborough*, who dy'd, *A. D.* 1643, at the same Age of 40 Years, and left Issue his youngest Son, *Thomas*, baptis'd 19 *June*, *A. D.* 1603, and was bury'd 29 *Oct.* following.

Sir *Henry Delves* of *Loddington*, in *Com. Cestr.* Bar. (eldest Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas*) christen'd 24 *May*, *A. D.* 1599, was Sheriff of the County of *Chester* *A. D.* 1649, and departed this Life at *Wibbenbury* the 23d of *May*, *A. D.* 1663, in the 64th Year of his Age; and on a Marble Tablet, at *Wibbenbury*, near the last, is this Inscription to his Memory.

P. M.

*Henrici Delves de Dodington Barronetti (Thomæ Filii) Qui Catherinam Rogeri Wilbrabam Equ. aur. uniusq; Magistrorum Libellorum Supplicum Filiam & Cohæredem primo in uxorem duxit Equa Filios Henricum & Thomam in Cunis defunct. ac Thomam Delves Bar. Filias vero Mariam Tho. Manwaring de Peover Bar. Katherinam Edw. Glegg. de Gayton Ar. & Graciam Josuæ Edisbury (Filio & Heredi Johannis Edisbury de Pentry yr Claud in Agro Denbigh Ar.) enuptas genuit deinde Mariam Ramulphi Leicester Civis Lond. Filiam copulavit. Qui quidem Henricus obiit xxiii Maii A. ab Incarn. Dni. MDCLXIII Ætat. lxxiii°.*

*Prædict. Tho. Delves Bar. Qui hæc Monim. posuit duxit in Uxorem Eliz. Filiam unicam Halli Ravenscroft de Horsham in Suffexia Ar. sub tumulo Marm. in Eccles. Horsham prædict. conditam Equa suscepit Mariam in Cunis defunctam & Tho. ac Henricum jam superstites.*

His first Lady had Sepulture at *Wibbenbury*, 28 Aug. A.D. 1630; and *Mary*, his 2d, (who was a Daughter of *Randal Leicester*, Citizen of *London*, branch'd from the ancient Family of *Leicester* of *Toft*, in *Com. Cestr.* by whom he had no Issue) was bury'd in *St. Michael's Church* in *Chester*, and a small Monument is erected to her Memory, against the Wall on the North Side of the Chancel, near the Communion-Table, with this Inscription, viz.

*Near this Place lyeth the Body of Dame Mary Delves, Relict of Sir Henry Delves of Dodington Bart. and Daughter of Randle Leicester of the City of Chester Gent. She died Feb. 1st. 1690. Aged 68.*

*Sir Thomas Delves*, Bart. (3d, but eldest surviving Son of *Sir Henry*) was baptis'd at *Dodington* the 28th of *August*, A. D. 1630, and in 1665 was Sheriff of the County of *Chester*. He marry'd two Wives; 1st, *Elizabeth*, only Daughter and Heir to *Hall Ravenscroft* of *Horsbam*, in *Com. Suffex*, Esq; which Lady lies bury'd in the South Part of the Chancel at *Horsbam* aforesaid, under a Monument of black and white Marble, with this Memorial engraven thereon.

*Here lyeth, expecting a joyful Resurrection, the Body of Elizabeth, late Wife of Thomas Delves, Esq; Son and Heir apparent to Sir Henry Delves, of Dodington, in the County of Chester, Bart. who deceased the 2d Day of December, 1654, being somewhat more than 25 Years old, then in Childbed of Henry, their second Son, who, with Thomas, their eldest Son, did both survive her. She was enrich'd with many Ornaments, both of Mind and Body, and memorable for Virtue in the several Relations of her Life, whereunto she*  
was

was any Way engag'd, being religious as she was a Christian, dutiful as a Daughter, affectionate as a Wife, tender as a Mother, discreet in her Family as a Mistress, charitable in the Relation of a Neighbour, also of a sweet and affable Disposition, and of a sober and winning Conversation. She was the only Child of Hall Ravenscroft, Esq; of this Parish, by the Mother, descended of the Family of the Stapleys of this County.

*Her sorrowful Husband (sadly weighing such a considerable Loss) erected this Monument, that an impartial Memorial of her might be the better communicated to Posterity.*

The said Sir Thomas marry'd to his 2d Wife Rachel, Daughter to Frances Forester of Watlingstreet, in Com. Salop, Esq; but left no Issue by her, and deceasing the 15th of May, A. D. 1713, was succeeded by his only Son.

Sir Thomas Delves, Bart. born 4 Oct. A. D. 1652, who marry'd (A. D. 1674.) Jane, Daughter to Sir Richard Knightley of Fausley, in Com. Northamp. Knight of the Bath: Which Lady was bury'd at *Wibbenbury* 24 December, A. D. 1692, leaving Issue an only Child, Elizabeth, born 4 Dec. A. D. 1670, who marry'd (10 Feb. 1700.) Sir Bryan Broughton of Broughton, Co. Staff. Bart. Sir Thomas marry'd 16 Feb. 1696, the Lady Elizabeth, eldest Daughter to the Right Honourable Henry Booth Earl of *Warrington*, but had no Issue by her, she dying the next Year, and was bury'd at *Wibbenbury*, 13 Oct. A. D. 1697.

He again marry'd (1 May, A. D. 1699) Elizabeth, Daughter to Andrew Barker of Fairford, in Com. Glouc. Esq; by whom he hath one Son, Henry, born 18 July, A. D. 1700, the fifteenth in a

Genealogical Series, from *John de Delves* of *Delves-Hall*, in *Com. Staff*.



## A R M S.

*Argent, a Cheveron Gules, Fretté Or, between three Delves (or Turves) Sable.*

## C R E S T.

*Out of a Ducal Coronet proper, a Demi-Eagle, Wings display'd, Argent; but in the \* Hall Windows at Dodington, the Crest is, A Boar, Argent; and the Motto JE NE PVIS: Another Motto was likewise used, viz. † JE DEFIE FORTVNE, as appears by an ancient Seal.*

*Sir*

\* *E Lib. MS. in Mus. Astmol. No. 854, p. 340.*

† *Ex Inform. Tho. Delves, Bart.*

Sir LEWIS WATSON of ROCKINGHAM-  
CASTLE, Kt. Northamp. N<sup>o</sup> 151.

[23 Junii 1621, R. Jac. I. 18.]

English Earl, viz. Earl Rockingham.

Sir THOMAS PALMER of WINGHAM,  
Kt. Kent. N<sup>o</sup> 152.

[29 Junii, 1621. A. D. R. Jac. I. 19.]

THE Sir-name of *Palmer* (a) owes its Rise to that Zeal for the Holy Land, which for some Ages was very warm in Christendom; and drew in many Persons of Distinction from divers Countries, to embarge in the Crusades for carrying on the Holy War. The Soldiers, who return'd Home, frequently brought a Branch of *Palm* of the Growth of *Palestine*, and wore it as a sacred Badge and Token that they had perform'd their Vows of fighting against the Infidels; and from this they were call'd *Palmers*, as Sir *H. Spelman* tells us. In the Number of these Warriors, were some of the Ancestors of this ancient and worthy Family: At the Head whereof, after the *English* military Expeditions to *Jerusalem* were dropp'd on the Death of our King *Edw. 1*, we find (b)

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Ralph

(a) *Camden's Remains in Surnames*, p. 128.

(b) *Ex Stemmate penes Dom. Tho. Palmer, Bar.*

*Ralph Palmer* Possessor of a great Estate in the County of *Suffex*, in the Reign of *Ed. 2.* 1307, whose Son,

*John Palmer*, marry'd a Daughter of Sir *John Pelbam*, Kt. of the *Bath*, Sheriff of *Suffex* and *Surrey*, by whom he had

*Adam Palmer*, who match'd with one of the Coheirs of *John Sedinghous*; and, by Deed, *Ann. 48 Ed. 3.* join'd with *John Stopham* in passing over some of the Lands of *Sedinghous*; and by her left a Son,

*Robert Palmer*, of *Steyning* in *Suffex*, Esq. He marry'd *Isabel*, Coheir of *William Stopham* of *Stopham*, in that County; and, by Indenture, *Anno 7 Rich. 2.* divides his Father-in-Laws Estate with *John Bartlet*, Esq; who had marry'd the other Daughter. By this Partition, all the Lands in *Angmerin*, *Beringham*, *Polyng*, *Ruston*, and *Preston*, with Part of the Lands in *Terring* and *Goring*, fell to the Share of *Palmer*, which he left to his Son,

*Robert Palmer* of *Angmerin*, Esq; and from him the Patrimony descended to his Son and Heir,

*John Palmer*, Esq; who, by *Joan*, Daughter of ——— *Julian*, Esq; was the Father of another

*John Palmer*, Esq; who considerably augmented the Estate, by marrying *Isabel*, sole Heiress of *Edward Bilton*, Esq; and by her had three Sons, *Edward*, *Robert*, and *Thomas*. The youngest of these came to be Sir *Thomas Palmer* of *Calais* in *France*, that dy'd without Issue. *Robert*, the 2d Son, marry'd *Beatrix*, sole Heiress of *John Wesse*, and became the Head of a younger Branch of the Family, seated at *Parbam* in *Suffex*, whose 2d Son, *Robert*, marry'd *Mary*, Daughter of *James Audley*, younger Brother of the Lord *Audley*; but his eldest Son was Sir *Thomas Palmer* of *Parbam*, Kt. that by a Daughter of Sir *Edward Stradling*, left a Son, *John*; and he, by *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Hugh*



*Hugh Verney* of *Fairfield*, left another *Sir Thomas Palmer*, Kt. that dy'd in *Spain*, leaving by a Daughter of *John Mallet*, Esq; a Son, *William Palmer*, Esq; transplanted to *Fairfield* in *Somersetshire*. The Head of which Family is *Thomas Palmer*, of the same Place, now living.

The eldest Son continu'd on the Succession of the Family at *Angmerin*, and was *Sir Edward Palmer*, Kt. who marry'd one of the Sisters and Coheirs of *Sir Richard Clement* of the *Moat*, in *Igh-tam*, in *Kent*, and by her had three Sons, born on three Sundays successively, who all liv'd to be eminent in their Generation. *John*, the eldest, had the Paternal Seat at *Angmerin*, and was twice Sheriff of *Suffex* and *Surrey*, *Ann.* 25 & 35 *H.* 8. and marrying *Mary*, Daughter of *William Lord Sandys*, left *Sir Thomas Palmer*, Kt. who matching with *Mary*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Palmer* of *Parham*, was the Father of another *Sir Thomas Palmer*, that first marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *Sir John Parker*, Son of *Archbishop Parker*, and after his Death with a Daughter of *Sir Miles Sonds*, but left no Issue.

*Thomas*, the youngest of the trine Brothers, made his Fortune at the Court under *H.* 8. & *Ed.* 6. and being knighted, began to build a spacious House of Brick in the *Strand*, (which was afterwards enlarg'd and beautify'd by *Sir William Cecil*, Lord *Burleigh*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*) but unfortunately taking Part with *John Dudley*, Duke of *Northumberland*, in Favour of the Lady *Jane's* Title to the Crown, by Virtue of King *Edward's* Will; he was, upon Queen *Mary's* Accession to the Throne, beheaded with the Duke upon *Tower-Hill*, where he had the Christian Courage and Constancy upon the Scaffold to own his Religion to be Protestant.

The 2d of the trine Brothers was advanc'd likewise to the Honour of Knighthood, and came to be

Sir *Henry Palmer* of *Wingham*, in *Kent*; whither he trasplanted himself, and where, his Family has continu'd to this Time. This Gentleman follow'd the Camp, and made some Addition to his paternal Fortune by the Sword. He was Master of the Ordnance at *Guisnes* in *Picardy*; and in 30 *H. 8.* (c) was constituted Supervisor and Warden of the Forest of *Guisnes* during Life; and the Year following (d) had a Grant of the Office of Bailiff or Steward of the County of *Guisnes* during Life. In 36 *H. 8.* he (e) was at the Taking of *Bulloign*, had his Arm broke when he was old, in a Rencontre with the *French*; (f) and when their Forces, under the Conduct of the Duke of *Guise*, first made themselves Masters of the important Fortresf of *Calais*, at the latter End of the Reign of *Ph. & Mar.* and then, with their victorious Army, sat down before *Guisnes*, this brave Man, (whose Motto was, *Vie pour mon Prince*) in the noble Defence thereof lost his Life, at above 70 Years of Age; and that Castle quickly follow'd the Fate of *Calais*; both which Places had been above 200 Years in the Possession of the *English*. He (g) marry'd *Jane*, Daughter of Sir *Richard Windebank* of *Guisnes*, and by her left three Sons, *Arnold*, *Edward*, and as eldest, and Heir of his Estate,

Sir *Thomas Palmer* of *Wingham*, who was (h) knighted by the Earl of *Essex*, for his Valour at the Taking and Sacking of *Cadiz*, and created to the Dignity of a Baronet the 29th of *June*, Anno

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(c) *Bill. Sign.* 25 Feb. 30 *H. 8.* (d) *Bill. Sign.* 25 Feb. 31. *H. 8.* (e) *Rymer's Fed.* Tom. 15. p. 54. (f) *Ex Stem. prad.* (g) *MS. A Woods in Museo Ashmol. Not. F. 3.* (h) *Camden's Annals of Queen Eliz. in Anno 1595.*

19 *Jac.* I. 1621. He marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *Edmund Pooley* of *Badly*, in *Suffolk*, Esq; and liv'd to keep threescore *Christmas's* very hospitably with her at *Wingham*; without ever breaking up House-keeping in that Space of Time. By her he was the Father of four Sons, (three of which were dignify'd with Knighthood: *Sir Thomas*, *Sir Roger*, and *Sir James*; the other, which was *John*, dy'd single) and two Daughters; of which *Margaret*, the Younger, became the Wife of *Richard Amberst* of *Bayhall*, in *Kent*, Serjeant at Law; and *Jane*, the Elder, was first marry'd to *Sir William Meredith*, Kt. Pay-Master in the Reigns of *Queen Elizabeth* and *King James I.*, of their Majesties Army and Cautionary Towns, *Brill* and *Flushing*, with all other their Garrisons in the *Low-Countries*; and, after his Death, to *John Lord Vaughan*, Earl of *Carbury*, who had no Issue by her: To her first Husband she brought *Sir William Meredith*, Bart. and two Daughters; *Anne*, marry'd to *Francis Lord Cottington*, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Master of the Court of Wards under *King Charles I.*, and commission'd by *King Charles 2.*, in his Exile, to be Lord High Treasurer of *England*; and *Jane*, marry'd to *Sir Peter Wyche*, Ambassador to the Grand Seignior, to whom she brought *Sir Peter* and *Sir Cycil Wyche*, and a Daughter, *Jane*, marry'd to *Sir John Greenville*, created Earl of *Bath*: Of the Sons, *Sir Roger Palmer*, the 2d, was Knight of the *Bath*; and having been Cup-bearer to the two Princes of *Wales*, *Henry* and *Charles*, was first made Master of the Houthold, and Cofferer to *King Charles I.* He marry'd *Catharine*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Porter* of *Gloucestershire*, Widow, and Relict of *Sir Ralph Welsh*, but dy'd without Issue, leaving his Estate to the Descendants of his two Brothers; the younger of which, *Sir James Palmer*, was of the Bedchamber to *King James I.*, and Gentleman of

of the Privy-Chamber to King *Charles I.*, who, by his 1st Wife, *Martha*, Daughter of Sir *William Garrard* of *Dawney*, in *Bucks*, left Sir *Philip Palmer* of *Dawney*, aforesaid, Kt. (that marry'd *Phebe*, Daughter of Sir *Henry Palmer* of *Howleeck*, in *Kent*, Vice-Admiral of the narrow Seas, under K. *Char. I.* and had by her *Roger Palmer* of *Dawney*, Esq; who match'd with *Anne*, Heiress of *Henry Ferrers*, Esq;) and, by his 2d Wife, *Catbarine*, Daughter of Sir *William Herbert*, Kt. of the *Bath*, created Lord *Powis*, was the Father of *Roger Palmer* Earl of *Caslemain*, in *Ireland*, who marry'd *Barbara Villiers*, sole Daughter and Heiress of the Lord *Grandison*, created Dutchess of *Cleveland*.

The eldest, Son of Sir *Thomas Palmer* of *Wingham*, Kt. and Bart. aforesaid, was

Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Kt. who marry'd *Margaret*, Daughter of *Herbert Pelham* of *Suffex*, Esq; and dy'd in the Life-Time of his Father, leaving two Sons: *Herbert*, the younger, was bred a Scholar, enter'd into Holy Orders, and became President of *Queen's College* in *Cambridge*, but dy'd unmarried. The Elder, upon the Death of his Grandfather, *Anno 1625*, came to be

Sir *Thomas Palmer* of *Wingham*, Bart. who suffer'd much for Loyalty to his King, and Zeal to the Church, by several Sequestrations of his Estate, and Imprisonments of his Person; and dy'd at last, under Confinement. He marry'd *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Shirley* of *Isfield* in *Suffex*, Kt. by whom he had six Sons, *Henry*, *Roger*, *Herbert*, *James*, *Thomas*, and *John*: And six Daughters; *Margaret*, the 2d Wife of Sir *Arnold Bream* of *Bredg* in *Kent*; *Sybilla*, marry'd to *John Everard* of *Seabrights* in *Essex*, Esq; and after his Death, to *William Mildmay*, Esq; who bore Arms in Defence of K. *Charles* the 1st: *Elizabeth*, to *Samuel Argol*, Doctor of Physick: *Mary*, wedded

wedded first to *Francis Sommers, Esq;* and last to . . . *Sainthill, Esq;* *Anne*, that dy'd young; and *Esſher*, marry'd to *George Clayton of London, Esq.*

Of the Sons, *Roger*, and *James*, Fellow of *Trinity College in Cambridge*, with *John*, who travell'd into *France* with the *Lord Hollis*, when he went Ambassador from *King Charles the 2d* to the *French King*, dy'd Batchelors. *Herbert* the 3d Son, marry'd *Dorothy*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *John Pincheon of Writtel in Essex, Esq;* and dying in  $\frac{1}{17} \frac{2}{2}$ , left by her two Sons, *Thomas*, hereafter mention'd as the Head of the Family, and *Henry*, who dy'd a Bachelor, *A. D. 1710*, in the 26th Year of his Age, belov'd and lamented by all that knew him; and two Daughters, *Anne*, the now Wife of *Robert Whitfield of Chartham in Kent, Gent.* and *Elizabeth*, that dy'd a Maid. The fifth Son is *Thomas Palmer of London, Esq;* now living, an eminent Member of the Company of Merchants trading to the *Levant*, who has fin'd for Sheriff of the City. He marry'd *Lucy*, Daughter of *James Young of London, Merchant*, descended from an ancient Family of the *Yongs of Axminster in Devonshire*, and is yet without Issue.

The eldest Son and Heir, who succeeded his Father, *An. 1656*, was

*Sir Henry Palmer of Wingham, Bart.* always loyal to the Crown, faithful to the Church, and respected by the County, of which he was Sheriff in the Year 1691. He marry'd *Anne*, Daughter of *Sir William Luckin of Waltham in Essex, Bart.* but dy'd without Issue, *An. 1706*, in a good old Age, leaving his Estate and Dignity to his Nephew,

*Sir Thomas Palmer of Wingham, Bart.* the present Possessor of them both; who was elected to the serving his Country as Knight of the Shire in the Parliament summon'd 8 Q. *Ann.* and in the first

Parliament

Parliament call'd by our present Sovereign King *George*, was chosen for *Rocheſter*, and is one of the Commissioners for ſtating the Debts of the Army. He is the Patron of four Parochial Churches in the Dioceſe of *Canterbury*, viz. *Wingbam*, *Swingfield*, *Wickambreux*, and  *Eaſt-Church*: And having marry'd *Elizabeth*, one of the Daughters of *Sir Robert Marſham*, of the Moat near *Maidſton* in *Kent*, Kt. and Bart. and Siſter to the preſent Lord *Romney*, has been already made the Father of three Sons, *Henry*, *Thomas*, and *Robert*, with two Daughters, *Margaret* and *Elizabeth*.

This *Sir Thomas* is the 14th in a lineal Deſcent from *Ralph Palmer*, the firſt mention'd Head of this Family; whoſe Deſcendants have match'd into 4 noble Houſes, have marry'd 9 Heireſſes; and, among them, there have been 12 or 13 Knights, 4 Barons, and 1 Earl.

## A R M S.

*Or, two Bars Gules, each charg'd with three Trefoils of the Field; in Chief, a Greyhound current, Sable.*



## C R E S T.

*A Demi-Leopard rampant, holding a Palm Branch, all proper. Which Palm Branch has been ſome time alter'd to a Vine-Branch with a Bunch of Grapes.*

## M O T T O.

*Palma Virtuti.*

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