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The William Salt Archaeological Society.

At the General Meeting of the Subscribers, held at Stafford on the 17th September, 1879—present, the Right Honorable Lord Wrottesley (Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford) in the chair; the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, Colonel the Hon. George Wrottesley, Colonel Bagnal, Captain Congreve, Messrs. J. Averill, C. H. Bayley, Alan Bagot, the Revd. William Beresford; Messrs. J. W. Duignan, R. Garner, M. Hancox, J. H. Smith, J. Horton, N. Joyce, W. Lloyd, J. Morgan, W. Molyneux, W. J. Pater, the Rev. F. P. Parker; Messrs. F. C. Perry, J. Stubbs, J. C. Tildesley, E. Viles, and F. Whitgreave—the following resolutions were passed:—

I.—That the Society be called the "WILLIAM SALT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY."

II.—The leading objects of the Society shall be the editing and printing of original documents relating to the County of Stafford, to which, however, may be added papers selected by an Editorial Committee, illustrative of the same, or coming under any of the eight following heads:

- (a) Abstracts of the Monastic Chartularies, and of Ancient Family Deeds, with the names of witnesses and fac-similes of seals; Genealogies of Nobility and Gentry (accompanied by proofs), Heraldic Visitations, and other papers touching the general history and descent of properties and families.
- (b) Printing and editing of the Public Records relating to the County, including the Exchequer or Pipe Rolls, the Assize Rolls, Fine Rolls, Inquisitions, Perambulations of Forests, Subsidy Rolls and Assessments, &c., &c.

- (c) History of Parishes and of Manors, and of Manorial Customs and Tenures, illustrated by Copies of, or reference to, original grants.
- (d) Church Notes hitherto unpublished, such as Ecclesiastical Surveys, Extracts from Episcopal and Parish Registers, Copies of Epitaphs, and Description of Monuments and Ecclesiastical Buildings, Abstracts or Copies of Wills, &c.
- (e) Notices of British and Roman Remains, and Roads and Buildings, and the Antiquities generally of the District.
- (f) Autograph Letters and other Documents relating to the Civil War.
- (g) Notices of distinguished Worthies, Broadsides, Election Squibs, &c.
- (h) Correspondence in which enquiries may be made and answered, on any of the above subjects, and miscellaneous information, including corrections of errors.

III.—The general affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council of ten, of whom five shall be trustees of the William Salt Library, and nominated by them, from time to time, and five shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers. The Council shall be empowered to delegate, if they see fit, the selection of the papers to be printed, to an Editorial Committee. Of the Council, three shall be a quorum, and in case of equality of votes, their Chairman shall have a casting vote.

IV.—The Officers of the Society shall be a Treasurer, Secretary, and an Auditor, to be appointed by the Council. These Offices shall be honorary, but the Council shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary to be paid at the discretion of the Council, as the nature of his duties may warrant.

V.—The Subscription shall be One Guinea annually, to be paid in advance, upon the first of January in each year, and such annual payment shall entitle each Subscriber to the volume issued for the year of such subscription. Any Subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw from the Society by giving notice of his intention three months before the termination of any year of Subscription.

VI.—The names of the Subscribers shall be printed in the first volume issued.

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The Meeting then appointed the following five from the general body of the Subscribers, to act as members of the Council, viz : Colonel the Hon. George Wrottesley, the Rev. R. W. Eyton, the Rev. F. P. Parker, Colonel Gould Weston, and Francis Whitgreave, Esq. Colonel the Hon. George Wrottesley was appointed Honorary Secretary, Captain Congreve, Auditor, and E. C. Sergeant, Esq., Honorary Treasurer of the Society.

The Council was subsequently completed by the appointment of the following Trustees of the William Salt Library, at the Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees, held on the 13th October, 1879, viz : The Right Hon. Lord Wrottesley, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, H. Sydney Grazebrook, Esq., and W. Molyneux, Esq.

The Council at their first meeting appointed the following to act as an Editorial Committee, viz : The Rev. R. W. Eyton, the Rev. F. P. Parker, H. Sydney Grazebrook, Esq., and Francis Whitgreave, Esq.

Wm. Salt Archaeological Society.

GENERAL MEETING

29th December, 1880.

THE RT. HON. LORD WROTTESELEY IN THE CHAIR.

The following Report of the Council was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated with the First Volume of the Proceedings of the Society.

At the first Meeting of the Council, appointed under Rule 3 of the Society, the following Members of their body were requested to perform the functions of an Editorial Committee, viz :—

THE REV. ROBERT W. EYTON.

THE REV. F. P. PARKER.

MR. H. SYDNEY GRAZEBROOK.

MR. FRANCIS WHITGREAVE.

These gentlemen consented to act in this capacity, and have made the following Report of their proceedings during the past year :—

Acting on the advice of Mr. Eyton, the Editorial Committee propose to appropriate a certain proportion of the funds at their disposal, for a regular and systematic publication of the national records, so far as they relate to this county.

The cost, however, of transcribing these records is so heavy, that it would not be practicable, even if it were desirable, that the whole contents of each volume issued by the Society, should consist of extracts from the Rolls; and, therefore, for the second part of each volume, the Editorial Committee have to invite contributions from other quarters.

In pursuance of this policy, the first national record of importance which came under consideration, was the Domesday Survey of Staffordshire. It was soon apparent, however, that a reprint of this Survey, with anything approaching an exhaustive annotation of its contents, would form a work far too bulky for insertion into a single volume of the proceedings of the Society—nor would it be advisable to separate the work into parts.

The Committee have, however, the satisfaction of announcing that Mr. Eyton has undertaken, independently of the Society, the reprinting and editing of the Staffordshire Domesday, upon a principle of tabulation and comparison with modern times, which has proved very successful and popular in the case of other counties which have been taken up in this way by the same author, and it is understood that this work will be ready for issue in a very short time. It will form a most important contribution to the history of the county.

The records which in point of antiquity and continuity come next under notice, are the Pipe Rolls. These are ancient Exchequer documents, of which the entire land revenue of the Crown was inscribed for each regnal year. One Roll of the reign of Hen. I. is extant, and from the second year to the end of the reign of Hen. II. the series is complete for Staffordshire, with the exception of one Roll. They are documents of great value for general as well as local history, and it has always been a source of regret amongst historians that they have not been printed at the cost of the public. The Committee have decided, therefore, on printing these Rolls in the first instance, and have been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Mr. Eyton in the editing of them. The Rolls to the end of the reign of Henry II. will be found in the first volume about to be issued, and it is proposed to insert those of Richard I. and John, in the second volume.

There is also extant, of the reign of Henry II., a document of considerable importance and interest for county history, which is called the Liber Niger, or Black Book of the Exchequer. It is a return into the Exchequer of the names of most of the tenants by Knights' service living at the date of the Record, which is the 12th year of Hen. II., or A.D. 1166. A somewhat inaccurate copy of this return was printed by Shaw, in the introduction to his History of Staffordshire, but no attempt was made by that author to identify the holdings of the tenants named in it. It was determined, therefore,

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ERRATA.

- Page 148, line 3, for *durat* read *duret*.
" 155, " 1, for *Staffordis* read *Staffordshire is*.
" 182, " 33, insert *Oto* in space left blank.
" 186, " 20, for *an* only read *a*.
" 187, " 7, for *la* read *le*.
" 189, " 2, for *Harwise* read *Hawise*.
" 200, " 28, for *Lultelton* read *Luttelton*.
" 207, " 16, for *Staffordshire* read *Leicestershire*.
" 210, " 13, for *he* read *he*.
" 292, " 33, leave out comma at the end of the line.
" 293, note, line 4, for *remembrancer* read *remembrancer's*.
" " " " 5, for *1* read *19*.
" " " " 7, for *Newo* read *Newwoot*.
" 295, line 13, for *1250* read *1259*.
" 304, note, line 1, for *Ormerod* read *Ormerod*.
" 334, line 35, for *1332* read *1339*.
" 384, note line 41, omit words, *he which*.

MAGNUS ROTULUS PIPÆ

DE ANNO

TRICESIMO PRIMO REGIS HENRICI PRIMI.

STATFORDSCIRA. ET GLOCESTRESCIRA.

Milo de Glocestria reddit compotum de lxxvij li. et xiiij.s. et x.d. blanc. de veteri firmâ Statfordsira. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Et idem de Novâ firmâ In thesauro c et xx li. blanc.

Et in liberationibus constitutis xxx.s. et v.d. numero.

Et in Terrâ ij Vaccariarum Regis quas Walterus Croc custodit x.s. numero.

Et in Terris datis per breve Regis Roberto de Ferrariis 1 marc. argenti numero pro Escambio terræ suæ quam Rex dedit Monachis.

Et in Corredio Regis pro x modis de Medâ et x modis Cervisæ xxx.s. numero per breve Regis. Et habet de superplus xv.d. blanc.

Et idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de liij li. et xix.s. blanc. pro plegio Roberti de Stanlega de veteri firmâ quarti anni. Et de lxxvij li. et xii.s. et ij.d. blanc. de veteri firmâ terci anni pro plegio ejusdem Roberti. In thesauro xxix li. et xis. blanc. Et debet c.li. et lx.s. blanc.

Robertus de Stanlega debet xx marcas argenti pro Comitatu habendo usque ad V annos. Et ipse tantum tenuit. Et xx marcas argenti pro placito cervi.

Nicolaus filius Roberti de Statford reddit compotum de xxiiij.s. et viii.d. pro plegio Symonis de Sais. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Orm de Derlavestonâ reddit compotum de xl. marcis argenti pro pace fractâ. In thesauro x marc. argenti.

Rogerus filius Elyonis Scutellarii reddit compotum de vii marcis argenti pro Latrone quem celavit. In Perdonis per breve Regis eidem Rogero V marcæ pro paupertate suâ. Et debet ij marcas argenti.

Andreas de Felda reddit compotum de xls ut habeat terram

quam Abbas de Burtona ei dedit. In Thesauro xxxij.s. et iiij.d. Et debet vis. et viij.d.

Hugo Malus-vicinus reddit computum de iiij marcis argenti de placitis Galfridi de Clinton. In thesauro xx.s. Et debet xxxij.s. et iiij.d.

Gotso dapifer debet xxv marcas argenti de placitis Milonis Gloucestre de Foresta de Episcopatu Cestrie.

Et idem Gotso reddit computum de xiiij marcis argenti pro Alve de de Sumerford. In thesauro xij marc. argenti. Et debet j marcem argenti.

Et idem Gotso reddit computum de V marcis argenti de placitis Milonis Gloucestre et Pagani filii Johannis. In thesauro ij marc. argenti. Et debet xl solidos.

Et idem Vicecomes reddit computum de xij marcis argenti de placitis foreste de ij Forestariis. In perdonis eisdem Forestariis c. et xiii.s. et iiij.d. pro paupertate eorum. Et debent xlvi.s. et viij.d.

Et idem Vicecomes reddit computum de iiij li. et x.s. de præterito danegeldo. In thesauro iiij. li. Et in Perdonis per breve Regis in dominicis Carrucatis Episcopatus Cestrensis x.s. Et Quietus est.

Nicolaus filius Herwin reddit computum de xv marcis argenti de placitis Gaufridi de Clinton pro pace fracta. In thesauro x marc. argenti. Et debet V marcas argenti.

Bagotus reddit computum de ij marcis argenti pro placito hominis sui pro quodam escambio. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Homines de Lapeleia reddunt computum de xl. pro pace fracta. In thesauro xx.s. Et in Perdonis per breve Regis Monachis Sancti Remigii de Remis xx.s. Et Quieti sunt.

Et idem Vicecomes reddit computum de xlijs. et ix.d. pro I murdro in Hundredo de Cudelvestan. Et de c. et vjs. et x.d. pro i murdro in Hundredo de Saiesdona. In thesauro ix.s. Et in perdonis per breve Regis Roberto Burnello v.s. et vi.d. Johanni Vigili iiij.s. et vi.d. In dominio Regis xxxjs. et vi.d. Episcopo Sarum xix.s. Et debet lxxix.s. et i.d.

Homines de Erleia reddunt computum de x. marcis argenti pro Essartis. In perdonis per breve Regis eisdem Hominibus x marc. argenti pro paupertate eorum. Et Quieti sunt.

Homines de Cildentonâ et de Suenefordâ reddunt computum de j marcâ argenti de eisdem placitis. In thesauro liberaverunt Et Quieti sunt.

directed by the Writ-Royal became *pro tanto* irrelevant; was disallowed by the Sheriff; and the correlative gheld—due was collected from the Knight or Sub-tenant who had become *pro tanto* liable. Such was the general law and observance with regard to the bona-fide demesnes of Tenants-in-capite being exempt from Dane-geld. But I cannot say that the King never issued Writs directive of special and irregular exemption; nor can I say that the Barons or other Tenants-in-capite always asserted and made good those full rights of exemptions,¹ which their fathers or ancestors had unquestionably enjoyed under the regime of Norman William.²

Subjoined is a list of such Persons and Estates as came under exemption in the Staffordshire Gheld-levy of 1130. To each entry is appended a note as to the person or estate thus exempted and as to the probable value; thus, pro hac vice, enfranchised.

GRIMBALD MEDICUS, whose demesnes in Staffordshire were probably 2 hides. He was Court Physician to K. Henry I. He was a Tenant-in-capite of land in the several Counties of Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Essex, and Cambridgeshire.

WILLIAM DE HIGLEY, whose demesnes, whether as a Tenant-in-capite, or a Knight Tenant in the Baronry of Dudley, were 1½ hides.

MATHILDIS DE AQUILA, whose demesnes as a Tenant-in-capite were 3 hides, was a noble Lady, a daughter of the Norman House of L'Aigle. Her father and grandfather had both fallen in the service of William the Conqueror—the grandfather Ingenulf, on the field of Senlac in 1066—her father, Richer, at the siege of St. Susanne, in 1081.

In 1095, Mathildis married with Robert de Mowbray, that Earl of Northumberland, who, in the very year of their espousals, rebelling against William Rufus, was outlawed and condemned to perpetual imprisonment. Mathildis, thus free to remarry, took for her second husband, Nigel de Albini, nephew to her first husband, and permitted to succeed him in most part of his vast possessions.

¹ At a later period, viz., in the reign of Henry II., it seems certain that the King issued Writs of exemption in favour of some who were not Tenants-in-capite of the Crown, but were Tenants-in-capite of a Bishop, or of a Baron, and whose demesnes, but for the King's special Writ, would have been ordinarily liable to gheld.

² It seems that the immunity from gheld allowed by the Conqueror to his immediate Vassals, was in consideration of their personal services. King Henry I. creating a new aristocracy and causing frequent disaffection among the heirs of the Conquestal Leaders, was likely enough to dispense with the personal services of the later, but was unlikely to spare them in the matter of Taxation.

life, was the Earl in question. He married, probably about this time, Mathildis, daughter of Robert de Caen, Earl of Gloucester.

RICHARD DE BEAUCHAMP seems to have had a considerable estate involving demesnes of $7\frac{1}{2}$ hides. Richard de Beauchamp was a Tenant-in-capite, in Essex, where his demesnes were 9 hides, and in Bedfordshire, where they were $3\frac{1}{2}$ hides. He seems also to have held some office in Huntingdonshire (R. Pip. 31 Hen. I., p. 49).

IN DOMINIO TERRÆ ROBERTI DE BELISMO c et x sol, (representing 55 hides).—The Staffordshire estates of Robert de Belesme, once Earl of Shrewsbury, were in the King's hand by escheat. He himself was living, and a prisoner, under charge of the Sheriff of Dorset, who, on the King's part, paid one shilling a day for the late Earl's livery, and £2 per annum for his wardrobe. He was probably confined in Corfe Castle.

IN DOMINIO REGIS DE CHENEFARA (Kinver) xi sol representing demesnes of $5\frac{1}{2}$ hides. Kinver, an estate of Ancient Demesne of the Crown, was frequently visited by the Norman and Anjoivin Kings.

"IN WASTO FORESTE, xxx sol" indicating an exempt territory of 15 hides. Perhaps fifteen hides of the Royal Demesnes of Staffordshire were exempt from Danegeld, and absorbed in the Royal Forest. Had they remained in the King's Manors and not been tenanted by a Grantee, they would still have been exempted, but under the head of *Dominium Regis*.—

Or this entry may indicate that 15 hides of ordinarily geldable estate, had been afforested by the Crown, and so become ingeldable. The Hampshire Domesday demonstrates precisely how the creation of the New Forest had in like manner destroyed the geldability of a whole region.

EPISCOPUS SARISBERIENSIS.—The Bishop had Staffordshire demesnes of 20 hides. He has been already noticed as a Tenant-in-capite in the County. He had made like acquisitions in a plurality of Counties.

SUSFASCUS, probably a King's Serjeant, had a Staffordshire demesne of two virgates. Susfascus had $1\frac{1}{2}$ hides of demesne in his tenement-in-capite, in the Shrievalty of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire (R. Pip. 31 Hen. I., p. 6).

HAMO PEVEREL held, in capite, some Staffordshire estate whose demesne was 1 hide. Hamo Peverel had in the Shrievalty of Notts and Derby 14 hides of demesne. His principal tenures-in-capite were in Shropshire, the contemporary Pipe-Roll of which County is lost.

NORMAN DE VERDUN is exempt in proportion to a demesne of 1 hide. Norman de Verdun had perhaps acquired his Staffordshire estate by his marriage with Lescelina, daughter of Geoffrey de Clinton. In the Leicestershire Pipe-Roll of this year he pays 60 shillings, being part of 100 shillings, his fine on succession to his father (pro terrâ patris sui). It is probable that his actual succession had taken place years before, and that the hundred shillings thus charged against him was only an arrear of some greater fine. It was his son (Bertram) who afterwards married a Staffordshire heiress.

ROBERTUS DE FERRARIIS, retained in demesne but a fragment of his Staffordshire lands, viz., 2 virgates. Robert de Ferrers' exemption from Danegeld was perhaps in respect of his demesne in that *mercate* of Crowland, which the King, as already mentioned, had given him. He was exempted also in respect of 2½ hides of demesne in Berkshire. And in this same year he accounts £80 to the Crown as Farmer of Worchesworda (apparently in the Shrievalty of Nottingham and Derby). This is all that the Pipe-Roll under notice says of Robert de Ferrers; and whereas he was undoubtedly the then Baron of Chartley and Tutbury, we are at a loss to account for his obscurity. Stephen made him Earl of Derby in 1138; and he is said to have died in 1139. The history and genealogy of this house of Ferrers needs much revision.

GAUFRIDUS DE CLINTON.—His demesnes, in Staffordshire, were 4 hides. Geoffrey de Clinton has been already spoken of (Supra. pp. 7, 8).

RICARDUS BASSET.—His exemption in Staffordshire, represents demesnes of 3½ hides. Richard Basset, of Weldon, Northants was at this time one of the chief men in England. Son and heir of Ralph Bassett, chief-justice of England, the Pipe-Roll abounds with records of Richard's acts as a Justice-in-Eyre in several Counties. His exemptions from Danegeld and Murder-Fines record the Counties wherein he was a Landholder. Withal he was Sheriff, or rather Co-Sheriff, of at least ten Counties.

ROBERTUS DE STANLEGA.—His exemption represents demesnes of 3 hides. Robert de Stanley, late Sheriff of Staffordshire, has been noticed above (See pages 4 & 7).

§ The Borough of Stafford had, in the current year, been assessed to a Royal Auxilium at the rate of £3 6s. 8d. The Bishop of Salisbury's quota, evidently as a Burgess, was 3 shillings. It had been excused.

Among the *Nova Placita et Novæ Conventiones* of the year 1130. The Warwickshire Pipe-Roll (p. 108) records the following:—

Fulco de Mauritania reddit computum de xxx marcis argenti pro placito pecuniæ Mathildis de Statford. In Thesaurò v marcæ argenti. Et debet xxv marcas argenti. I cannot profess to have apprehended the nature and object of this Fine. Suffice it then to remark that Matilda is the name, bespoken by Genealogists, for the wife of Nicholas, second Baron Stafford.

MAG. ROT. PIP. 1 HEN. II (1154-5).

Robertus de Stafford reddit Computum de firmâ de Staffordscirâ. In thesauro xviii. li. : iiii. sol. blanc.

In operatione Castellæ de Bruges I marc. per breve Regis.

In terris datis Willelmo de Bellocampo xxx. li. iiii. sol. in Novo Castello unde respice in Wircestschira.

Gaufrido Marmiun xiiii. li. Walter Hose viii. li. : viii. sol. Monachis de Bordealeg vi. li. In Tordebigge xl. sol. In terris quas Barones tenuerunt,—Robertus Marmiun,—Gervasius Painel,—Robertus de Monhaut,—Monachi de Ralemore lxii. xiiii. sol. Et quietus est.

Episcopus Cestriæ v. li. pro essartis suis.

Idem Vicecomes xvii. li. de aliis essartis.

NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 1 HEN. II (MICHAELMAS, 1155).

The Red Book of the Exchequer (fo. 185) preserves mere extracts of the lost Pipe-Roll of Henry II., i.e., of the fiscal year ending Michaelmas, 1155. The collection is entitled *Annus Regni Henrici primus*. All that is said of Staffordshire is printed above.

§ Robert de Stafford, probably appointed Sheriff of Staffordshire at the accession of K. Henry II., continued in office till Michaelmas 1160.

The Ferm of the County was still, as in 1130, what was technically known as a *Blanche Ferm*.

The items of account, so far as we can gather them from a manifestly corrupt text, resolve themselves into a ferm of £122 19s. 4d. *numero*, and £18 4s. *blanche*. Were we sure of the accuracy of the entries, we should suggest that these two sums represented something like a ferm of £135 *blanche*, as that of Staffordshire in the year ending Michaelmas, 1155. But it will be seen from the Rolls of 1156 and 1157, that, besides suspicions of textual error, there is no evidence to show, that, from year to year, the Ferm of Staffordshire was invariable, nor that Exchequer

year 1156, at the rate or rent of £143 7s. 8d. ordinary currency. But besides some doubt on the point of verbal accuracy, it would seem that at this period the rules of Exchequer process were not as yet clearly established. Neither can we find what was the then proportion which ordinary coin bore to *blanche* money.

At this rate we will not pretend to inquire what *blanche* ferm, such as that of Staffordshire normally was, or became, may have been represented by £143 7s. 8d. of common currency. We may safely say that the *blanche* ferm of 1130, viz., £124, had now been materially enlarged.

ROBERT DE STAFFORD, after paying a sum of £46 15s. into the Treasury, shows how the balance (viz., £96 12s. 8d.) of his Ferm had been disposed of.

The King had recently charged his County Ferm, generally, with an annual subsidy to the Order of the Temple. The Sheriff of Staffordshire had paid the quota set upon his Ferm. It was, as in other Counties, one merk.

He had also paid the annual *linny*, due to the Custos of the King's house at Canocot. This was £1 10s. 5d.—just, we observe, one penny per day; only the Sheriff, seeing that the current year was Bissextile, should have given the House-keeper one penny more.

The King had reduced both the resources and responsibilities of the Sheriff, by giving ten Librates of Crown-land at Tarbeck (now in Worcestershire), to the Monks of Pordesley Abley eight Librates at Penkridge to Walter Hose, and eight (perhaps it should be xxii. rather than viii.) solidates in Rugeley to Robert de St. Paul; also by assigning thirty Librates of Crown-land at Trentham to the special custody of William de Beauchamp, then Sheriff of Worcestershire.

Robert de Stafford, by the King's order, had forwarded two sums of £15 and £1 2s. 11d. to the Court, where it had been paid to Geoffrey le Moyne, a Marshall, we find, of the Royal Household.

In restocking the whole of the Royal Manors of Staffordshire, the Sheriff had expended the sum of £29 18s.

Thus ends the Sheriff's Debt and Credit account of his ferm. This item of the account was technically known as the *Corpus Comitatus*.

WILLIAM DE RIDEWALA (perhaps Ridewara) accounts personally for a sum of 13s. 4d., being the ferm of his land,—probably forest-land, given to him in fee-farm.

THE COUNTY had been assessed in this year to a Royal *donum* of

pro plegio Willialmi. Et de i. marcâ de Willielmo Moin et Godwino fleccario pro plegio Godwini. Et de dimid. marc. de Tedinga de Neubotlea pro plegio Bruni. Et de j. m. de Tedinga de Ettingehal pro plegio Radulphi. Et de dimid. marc. de Tedinga de Wanburn pro plegio Rogeri. Et de c.s. de Thoma Dapifero quia assedit Tensariam in Dominio Regis. Summa xvij.li. In th'ro lib. in xvj. tallis. E. Q. E.

Item Vicecomes r. c. de catallis fugitivorum scilicet de xv.s. et xj.d. de catallis Rogeri qui uxorem suam interfecit. Et de vj.s. et viij.d. de catallis Godwini fugitivi. Et de v.s. de catallis Bruni fugitivi de Newebotlea. Summa xxvij.s. et vij.d. In th'ro liberavit in iij. tallis. E. Q. E.

Placita et Conventions per Willielmum filium Radulphi et Bertramum (de Verdon) et Willielmum Bassel in Curia Regis.

(Willielmus filius Ooberyti de Braneford debet i.m. pro recreantisâ. Vicecomes debet respondere.

Placita Curie.

(Gervasius Pain) debet D. marcas pro habendâ benivolenciâ domini Regis.

(Simon) filius Nicholai debet c.s. pro habendâ pace per breve Regis ut non mittatur in placitum de tenentisâ suâ nisi coram Rege.

(Edelina) uxor Alani de Covene debet x.m. pro habendâ terrâ suâ post suspensum viri sui.

(Hamo de) Masci debet ccc. m. et x. fugatoris et x. accipitres pro habendâ benevolenciâ Regis.

(Under Warwickshire and Leicestershire, where Bertram le Verdon was Sheriff, and under the Title 'Nova Placita et Novæ Conventions per Willielmum de Lanvall et Thomam Bassel,' are the following entries.)

Willielmus de Wulfsieslega debet dimidiam marcham pro disseisinâ contra assisam, sed debet requiri in Staffordscira. Stephanus de Dravenepport debet dimidiam marcham pro disseisinâ contra assisam sed debet requiri in Staffordscira.

NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 21 HEN. II. (MICHAELMAS, 1175).

The Ferm of the County (£140 *blanche*) and the Shrievalty continue as before.

§ In the Corpus Comitatus, the Sheriff discharges his responsibilities of a quarter's revenue, derivable from the Royal estate of Mera (probably Meertown). The whole estate, its fiscal figure of value being £8 per annum, had been given in ferm to Roger Mussun, who would henceforth account personally for such ferm. This grant to

Tything was an association of ten heads of families, who were Frank-pledges to the King for the good behaviour of each other, and to have offenders in their district forthcoming.

§ 'Quia assedit tenariam in Dominio Regis.' Because he had assessed or taken part in the assessment of a 'tensary' or tallage in the King's demesne.

§ Brun, of Newbold, was an escaped felon (fugitivus). His Chattels had been sold, for 5 shillings, by the Sheriff. The justices fined the Tything of Newbold, half a merk 'pro plegio Bruni.' All Tythings were under legal obligation or suretyship, in respect of their denizens. The frequent application of the Laws of Frank-pledge, apparent in this Roll, seems to connect itself with the troubles of the period, and an unsettled state of the district.

§ *Placita et Convictiones, &c., in Curia Regis.* It happened that two of the Justices, here named, were subsequently appointed to the Circuit of Assizes, which included Staffordshire. Such appointment was under the Statute of Northampton, which passed in January, 1176. This Schedule on the Roll of Michaelmas, 1175, has nothing, therefore, to do with the *Itinera*, of 1176. It is supposable that the five matters, here alluded to, were negotiated by the three above-named Justices, while they were attending the King's Court and person in Staffordshire, and elsewhere, during the Summer of 1175. (See Itinerary of Henry II., pp. 192-194.)

Though a Court which was attendant on the King's movements, was called a *Curia Regis*, it does not follow that the King always presided personally at the session of such Court. At a later period the presence or absence of the Sovereign was more certainly indicated on Plea-Rolls. Hence the well-known distinction between *Placita coram Rege* and *Placita in curia Regis*.

§ Gervase Painel's Fine of 500 merks *pro habenda benevolentia Regis* is very pertinent to contemporary history. He was notoriously one of the Rebels of 1173-4. The sequel will show how the King dealt with this Fine.

§ Hamo de Masci's Fine is also relevant to the contemporary attitude of parties. He was one of the Earl of Chester's Barons. The Earl had been a Leader in the late Revolt.

The Exchequer copy of the Staffordshire Pipe-Roll of 21 Hen. II., is somewhat mutilated at its close. The passages given in the text and enclosed in brackets, are from the Chancellor's Antigraph.

his Fridborg¹ (that is the district associated with him in civil responsibility) had not produced some malefactor to whom they had given lodging.

SIMON SAPIENS, here amerced one merk for default, is he who appears on a former Roll as 'Simon Clerk, of Lichfield', and on a later Roll as 'Simon le Sage.'

DE HIS QUI TOTUM REDDIDERUNT.—The Sheriff had collected the amercedments of thirty-seven other vills and persons, fined for lesser offences. He paid the amount £19 into the Treasury; and therewith handed in a full schedule of particulars. Which schedule was not copied in the Pipe Roll. (This is, we observe, the first attempt to economize Pipe-Roll space. Afterwards, the bulk of entries on Assize Rolls came to be similarly abridged, and the sums collected were all that was recorded on the Pipe Roll.)

DE MISERICORDIA REGIS DE FORESTA.—The history of this important Schedule is as follows:—During the year ending Michaelmas, 1176, the King in person traversed the realm, holding everywhere a Forest-Court, and amercing all those who in the recent disturbances had shown their disaffection to the Crown by overt trespass on the Royal Forests. Of four counties viz., Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, and Northamptonshire, it is supposable that the King may have thus visited them previous to Michaelmas 1175, though the penalties inflicted at such visitation are not formally recorded till Michaelmas 1176. In fact, as will hereafter appear, some of them were not recorded on the Pipe Rolls till the year ending Michaelmas 1178.

In criticizing this Schedule we would first observe how Gervase Paynel of Dudley having compounded for his offences by a Fine of the former year, was not visited by a misericordia of later date. Four of his Knights, however, viz., William Buffere, Peter de Suzcolmunt, William Fitz Widon, and William son of Peter de Birmingham were compromised.

Robert de Stafford's disaffection had also been shared by certain of his Knights *e.g.*, William Bagot, Roger de Sumervill, and Philip de Kinver. Tenants and Vills, which owned the Seignery of the Bishop of Chester or of Fitz Alan shared in an insubordination which had no countenance of their respective Suzerains.

¹ Both the Fridborge and the Tything subserved the institution of Frank-pledge, already noticed (*Supra* pp. 75, 76). Some Glossarists make the Fridborge and the Tything to have been synonymous. Others reckon that a Tything was composed of ten Free-boroughs.

§ Twenty five misericordie of another type had realized £15 17s., which sum, with a list of the offenders, had been handed into the King's Treasury by the Sheriff. This item of account seems to me to belong properly to the civil and criminal Assizes, presently to be mentioned. I would interpret the interlined words 'preter segentes' as distinguishing two fiscal results of one Eyre—the results of amerement, where offences were so punishable, from the results of confiscation where offences involved outlawry or death.

§ "Adm Vicecomes reddit comptum, &c., &c., per assisam de Northanton."

It will be remembered that Hugh de Gundevill and his Fellow-Justices made Eyre in Staffordshire in pursuance of the Statute, here called 'the Assize, of Northampton, whose date was January 1176. The Schedule entered on the Pipe Roll shows that the 'Assize of Northampton' prescribed not merely the circuits of the King's Judges, but a stringent course of criminal procedure.

Twenty two persons were either executed at Stafford after failing to undergo the Water Ordeal or fled from Justice. Their chattels were forfeit to the Crown. The Sheriff seized and sold them. In this Schedule he accounts for the proceeds of such sale.

MAG. ROT. PIP. 23 HENRY II. (1176-1177.)

Herveus de Strattona r. c. de firmâ de Staffordscirâ. In th'ro quarter xx et vj.li. et viij.s. et x.d. blanc. in ij tallis. Et in suo superplus xij.s. et ij.d. blanc. Et in Elemosinis Constitutis Militibus de Templo i.m. Et in liberatione constituta Canonicis de Laetoni dimid. marc. pro Custodiâ Domorum Regis de Cnot. Et in terris Datis Monachis de Bordeslea x.li. blanc. in Terdebigga. Et in Trentham xxx.li. blanc. de quibus Galfridus Salvagus reddit comptum in terris. Et Radulpho Boterell iiij.li. blanc. in Wodnesberia. Et in Mera viij.li. blanc. de quibus Rogerus Muisson reddit comptum. E. q. e.

Galfridus Salvagus r. c. de xxx.li. blanc. de firmâ de Trentham. In th'ro xij.li. et xiiij.s. et vj.d. blanc. in ij talliis. Et in terris datis Militibus de Templo xliij.s. et vij.d. numero in Kiel. Et Johanni Capellano c.s. Et Waldevio xxx.s. Et in liberationibus constitutis Decem Servientibus ix.li. et ij.s. et vj.d. Et in Pasturâ quam Rex concessit Johanni Extraneo viij.s. et viij.d. E. q. e.

Idem Galfridus r. c. de xl.s. numero de Cremento de Trentham pro Novo foro. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Rogerus Muissun r. c. de viij.li. blanc. de firmâ de Mera. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

De Propresturis et Escactis.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xxxij.s. et iiij.d. de firma de Brom. Et de xij.s. et iiij.d. de Halvehida Helye. Et de xij.s. et iiij.d. de Buelega. In th'ro lib. In iij tallis. E. q. e.

Robertus de Broc r. c. de vj.li. et xij.s. et iiij.d. de Censu forestæ de Cnot de hoc anno. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Idem Robertus r. c. de lx.s. et j.d. de Pasnagio ejusdem forestæ. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Tomas filius Bernardi r. c. de xxx.s. et x.d. de pasnagio forestæ de Kinefara. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Idem Vicecomes debet lxij.s. de Wastis et Essartis de Staffordscira qui remanserunt super Gilbertum forestarium qui fuit occisus in Servitio Regis.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xij.s. et iiij.d. de veteribus placitis forestarum per Alanum de Nevill. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xij.s. et iiij.d. de Assisâ de Bromlega. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xiiij.li. et x.s. de assisâ Burgi de Novo Castro. In th'ro ij.m. Et debet xi.j.li. et iij.s. et iiij.d.

Robertus de Stafford r. c. de xxxiiij.li. et xij.s. et iiij.d. de Catallis Walteri Prepositi. In th'ro xxx.li. Et debet vij marcas quæ debent requiri in Warewicscira.

Gervasius Painel reddit comrotum de D. marcs pro habendâ benevolenciâ Regis. In thesauro cc. et xxx.li.

Et in Soltis per breve Regis Benedicto et Josce et Deodato Episcopo et Vivo Judæis xiiij.li. et vj.s. et viij.d. Et debet c.li.

Adelina uxor Alani de Covene r. c. de v.m. pro habendâ terra suâ. In th'ro lib. Et Quieta est.

Rogerus Duredent r. c. de v.s.m. ut placitet saisitus de Fischerevion. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

De placitis Hugonis de Gunde vill et Sociorum ejus.

Stephanus de Belcampo debet v.m. quia conclavit de Stephano de Admerdeston. Gladewinus de Dudeleia debet x.s. quia non habuit quem plegiavit. Willielmus Faber debet dimid. marc. de misericordiâ.

De his qui totum Reddiderunt.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xij.li. et vj.s. et viij.d. de misericordiis hominum quorum nomina et debita et causæ debitorum annotantur in Rotulo xxij.do. In th'ro liberavit in xvj tallis. E. q. e.

Robertus filius Pagani r. c. de xx.s. pro recto de Catallis suis versus Willielmum Wastineis. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Laurencius Pugil r. c. de lx.s. pro recreantisâ suâ per plegium

Rogeri de Sumervill. In pardonis per breve Regis Rogero de Sumervill lx.s. E. q. e.

Willielmus de Wulfieslega debet dimid. marc. pro dissaisinâ.

Stephanus de Aveneport (*sic.*) debet dimid. marc. pro dissaisinâ.

Simon filius Nicholai r. c. de ij.m. et dimid. pro habendâ pace per breve Regis ut non mittatur in placitum de tenurâ suâ nisi coram Rege. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

De Misericordiâ Regis pro Forestâ.

Stephanus de Bello Campo r. c. de ccl. marcis de misericordiâ pro forestâ. In th'ro c. et xlii. Et debet lv.li. et xiiij.s. et iiij.d. Idem r. c. de eodem debito. In Soltis per breve Regis Benedicto et Joseas et Donato et Viro Judeis lv.li. et xiiij.s. et iiij.d. E. q. e.

Robertus de Stafford r. c. de cc.m. pro eodem. In th'ro c. et xxviij.li. et xvij.s. Et debet iiij.li. et viij.s. et viij.d.

Willielmus filius Wiconis r. c. de xl.m. et ij dextrarios pro eodem. In th'ro xl.m. Et debet ij Dextrarios.

Radulphus de Evenesfeld r. c. de v.m. pro eodem. In th'ro xlvj.s. et viij.d. Et debet x.s.

Philippus de Kenfara r. c. de quater xx et xv.m. et dimidiâ pro benevolenciâ Regis habendâ et pro forestâ et pro terrâ suâ pro se et plegiis suis. In thesauro lvij.li. et xij.s. et vij.d. in v talliis. Et debet vj.li. et ix.d.

Willielmus filius Petri r. c. de v.m. pro eodem. In th'ro v.m. Et debet v.m.

Rogerus de Puteis r. c. de xxv.li. et iiij.s. et iiij.d. pro se et pro plegiis suis. In th'ro ix.li. et xiiij.s. et iiij.d. Et debet xv.li. et x.s. Idem r. c. de eodem debito. In th'ro xxviij.s. et iiij.d. Et debet xiiij.li. et xx.d.

Stephanus de Edmodeston et filij ejus debent iiij.m. pro eodem. Henricus Mariles debet ij.m. pro eodem.

De his qui totum Reddiderunt.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xlvj.li. et xiiij.s. et iiij.d. de minutis misericordiis hominum et Villarum quorum nomina et debita annotantur in Rotulo xxij.do. In th'ro lib. in xxxij talliis. E. q. e.

Comes de Ferrariis r. c. de cc. marcis de misericordiâ pro forestâ. In th'ro xliij.li. et xj.s. et j.d. Et debet quater xx et viij.li. et xv.s. et vij.d.

De Auxilio Burgorum et Villarum per Willielmum Bassel et Willielmum filium Radulphi et Michaelem Belet.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xx.m. de Auxilio Burgi de Stafford. Et de iiij.m. et dimidiâ de auxilio de Tamewurda. Et de v.m. de auxilio

ton in January, 1176. Michael Belet had not as yet acted as a Justiciar. Clent and Rowley Regis, though associated in this taxation, were not conterminous manors. The former was in Worcestershire at the date of Domesday, and is so now. But in Henry II's time, and for long after, Clent was the southermost manor of Staffordshire.

The Royal estate, written 'Pencula,' was Penkhill. It is written Pinchetel in Domesday. It was and is in the Parish of Stoke-upon-Trent. Stoke, as a Manor, is not mentioned in Domesday.

MAG. ROT. PIP. 24 HEN. II. (1177-1178).

Herveus de Stratton r. c. de firmâ de Staffordscr'. In thesauro quater xx et vii. li. et xiii. d. blanc. in duobus talliis.

Et in elemosinis constitutis militibus de Templo i. m. Et in liberatione constitutis canonicis de Laentoni dim. marc. pro custodiâ domorum Regis de Cnoc. Et in terris datis monachis de Bordeslea x. li. blanc. in Terdebigga. Et in Trentham xxx. li. blanc. de quibus Galfridus Salvagius reddit compotum inferius. Et Radulfo de Boterell iiii. li. blanc. in Wodnesbia. Et in Mera viii. li. blanc. de quibus Rogerus Muission reddit compotum. E. q. e.

Galfridus Salvagius r. c. de xxx. li. blanc. de firmâ de Trentham. In th'ro xii. li. et xiii. s. et vii. d. blanc. in duobus talliis. Et in terris datis militibus de Templo xiii. s. et vii. d. blanc. in Kiel. Et Johanni Capellano c. s. Et Waldevio xx. s. Et in liberationibus constitutis decem servientibus ix. li. et iis. et vii. d. Et in pasturâ quam Rex concessit Johanni Extraneo viii. s. et viii. d. E. q. e.

Idem Galfridus r. c. de xls. numero de cremento de Trentham pro novo foro. In th'ro lib. E. q. e. Rogerus Muission r. c. de viii. li. blanc. de firmâ de Mera. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

De propresturis et escaetis.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xxxiii. s. et iii. d. de firmâ de Brom. Et de xiii. s. et iii. d. de Halveyda Helye. Et de xiii. s. et iii. d. de Ruelega. In th'ro lib. in iii. talliis. E. q. e.

Robertus de Broc r. c. de vi. li. et xiii. s. et iii. d. de censu forestæ de Cnot. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

Tomas filius Bernardi (*sic*, blank).

Idem Vicecomes debet lxiii. s. de wastis et essartis de Staffordscr' qui remanserunt super Gilbertum forestarium qui fuit occisus in servitio Regis.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xiii. li. et iis. et iii. d. de assisâ Burgi de Novo Castro. In th'ro i. m. et debet xi. li. et xvi. s. et viii. d.

Rogerus Muissun r. c. de viii.li. blanc. de firmâ de Mera. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Robertus de Broc r. c. de vi.li. et xiii.s. et iii.d. de censu forestâ de Cnot in th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de vi.li. de cremento de Walesbala. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de iii.s. et vi.d. de domo quæ fuit Walteri prepositi in cymiterio de Stafford. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de iii.s. de exitu molendini de Cradelega. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes debet x.li. de assisâ Burgi de Novo Castro qui remanent super Radulfum de Sondon pro paupertate suâ. Willelmus de Wulfiesleg. r. c. de dim. m. pro dissaisinâ. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

De misericordiâ Regis pro forestâ.

Willelmus filius Wido. is debet ii. dextrarios de misericordiâ Regis pro forestâ.

Philyppus de Kenefara r. c. de xxix.s. et ix.d. pro benevolenciâ Regis habendâ et pro forestâ et pro terrâ suâ. In th'ro iia. per Willelmum Haket et xii.d. per Simonem Rokulf, et debet xxvii.s. et ix.d. qui debent requiri in Wirecestrescira.

De placitis Randulphi de Glanvilla et Godfridi de Luci et spectrum ejus.

Homines de Waleshala r. c. de ii.m. et dimid. pro plegiis eorum qui se retraxerunt. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Robertus le Franceis r. c. de iii.m. de misericordiâ pro plegio hominis. In th'ro xx.s. et debet ii.m. et dimid. Idem r. c. de eodem debito. In th'ro xx.s. et debet xiii.s. et iii.d.

De Placitis Curie.

Robertus de Witston r. c. de ii.m. pro summonendo Yvon. Parce ad primam assisam in Staffordscira. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Gervasius Painel debet xxii.li. ut sit quietus de plevinâ comitis Legrecestscira versus Aaron Judeum.

Baldwinus de Parles r. c. de x.s. pro fine facto inter eum et Paganum de Parles. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de c. et xv.s. et viii.d. de wastis et essartis et propresturis et placitis forestarum de Staffordscira per Tomam filium Bernardi. In th'ro lix.s. et viii.d. et debet lvi.s. Idem r. c. de eodem debito. In th'ro xviii.d. per Vicecomitem de Wirecestrescira et debet liiii.s. et vi.d. Bertramus de Verdun r. c. de iii.li. et viii.s. et xi.d. de pecuniâ Galfridi de Costentin ut Vicecomes dicit. In th'ro xlix.s. et viii.d. et debet xxxix.s. et iii.d. Idem Vicecomes r. c. de iii.s. de

i fabricâ in Stafford hoc anno. In th'ro lib. E. q. R. Uxor Galfridi de Costentin debet iiii.li. et viii.s. et xi.d. de pecuniâ viri sui ut Vicecomes dicit quod (*sic*) debet requiri in Notingshamscirâ.

Nova Placita et Novæ Conventiones per Godefridum de Luci et Hugonem de Morewic et Robertum de Witefeld.

Item Vicecomes r. c. de i.m. de Roberto filio Pagani pro injustâ assisâ. Et de dimid. m. de Ivettâ Bagot pro dissaisinâ. Et de dimid. m. de Hugone filio Nicholai pro falso clamore. Et de dimid. m. de Wilhelmo de Hildeveston pro defaltâ et de dimid. m. de Tomâ de Kersewall pro dissaisinâ. Et de i.m. de Alinâ de Dorlaveston pro eodem. Et de dimid. m. de Ranulfo Danzeprut pro defaltâ. Et de dimid. m. de Wilhelmo de Butereton pro defaltâ. Et de dimid. m. de Roberto Copsi pro defaltâ. Et de dimid. m. de Roberto de Tamehorn pro dissaisinâ injustâ. Et de dimid. m. de Galfrido de Winton pro defaltâ. Et de i.m. de Adwino Schute pro falso clamore. Et de ii.m. de Pirehulle hundredo pro ii murdris. Et de dimid. m. de Nicholao de Cotes de veteri misericordiâ. Et de xx.s. de Offelawe-hundredo pro murdro. Et de dimid. m. de Roberto Coppe pro falso clamore. Et de dimid. m. de Swein de Waleshala pro falso clamore. Et de i.m. de Pagano de Parles de misericordiâ. Et de i.m. de Seidon hundredo pro murdro. Et de dimid. m. de Warino de Penna de misericordiâ. Et de dimid. m. de Radulpho de London pro vino vendito contra assisam. Et de i.m. de Rogero de Wetelea pro eodem. Et de dimid. m. de Turstino mercario pro eodem. Et de dimid. m. de Gilberto filio Adamæ pro eodem. Et de dimid. m. de Rogero Careterio pro falso clamore. Et de dimid. m. de Roberto le franceis Vinitore pro vino vendito contra assisam. Et de dimid. m. de Ricardo Cambrige pro falso clamore. Et de dimid. m. de Galfrido Male-soures quia non habuit quem plegiavit. Et de i.m. de Roberto de Standonâ pro recognitione. Summa xiii.li. et viii.s. et iiii.d. In th'ro in xxiv. talliis. E. q. R.

Hunfridus filius Thurgoti c. de i.m. pro falso clamore. In th'ro xiii.d. et debet xii.s. et iii.d. Adwinus Willegrom debet dimid. m. pro defaltâ.

De oblatiis Curie.

Eudo de Metton (*sic*) r. c. de i.m. pro assisâ versus Adam de Aldidelega. In th'ro lib. E. q. R.

Henricus de Hegwaldeston debet ii.m. pro recto terræ versus Badwinum et Paganum de Parles.

Willelmus de Herovilla r. c. de xviii.li. de reragio firmæ de Wodnesburia. In th'ro c. a. et debet xiii.li.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de iiii.s. de catallis Roberti et Ricardi fugitivorum. Et de vi.s. de catallis Ketelli fugitivi. Et de x.s. de catallis Wulfridi de Sumerford utlagati. In th'ro lib. in ii. talliis. E. q. r.

Tomas filius Bernardi r. c. de lviii.s. et iiii.d. de exitu terræ de Kenefare. In th'ro lib. E. q. r.

NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 28 HEN. II. (MICHAELMAS, 1182).

The account of a *blanche* Ferm of £140 is again intelligible, and arithmetically correct. The Sheriff recoups himself for his surplus expenditure of last year, viz., 16s. *blanche*, and takes credit for a surplus of £2 8s. expended in the year now ended.

§ The Sheriff discharges the Corpus Comitatus of 60 solidates of Crown-land in Wednesbury, entrusted this year to William de Heronville, by order of Ralph de Glanville (now Viceroy of England, in the King's absence overseas).

§ The subsidy of 40 marks to John de Courci was by the King's order, and will, therefore, have been enjoined before the King quitted England in March. It was probably in relation to the affairs of Ireland.

§ The men-at-arms expedited overseas were probably to attend the King in his summer visit to Le Marche, Perigueux and Limousin. The Chronicles report no military operations as having resulted.

§ A *crementum* of £6 is this year set upon the Sheriff in regard of his fermorship of Walsall.

§ The escheated House in Stafford Church-Yard had been let for 3s. 6d. in this year.

§ William de Wolseley's amercement, entered as a Crown-debt for many past years, is now liquidated.

§ The *Nova Placita* of this year introduce the fiscal gain resulting from the visit of the three Justiciars named in the text.—

Their Eyre was probably early in the year, for, at Easter, Robert de Whitfield became Sheriff of Oxfordshire, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire had collected 24 out of 26 amercements decreed at these Assizes.

DE OBLATIS CURLE.—Under this head, two Fines, probably negotiated with the aforesaid Justiciars, are recited.

§ William de Heronville (whose acceptance of three Librates of Crown-land in Wednesbury is first recorded in the Corpus Comitatus of this year) now appears as holding the same in fee-farm and as

for the issues of the land of Kinver. Probably Philip de Kinver's Fine not having been yet liquidated, he was not allowed to repossess his Serjeantry. His Serjeantry entitled him to hold the King's Manor of Kinver, by service of keeping the King's Forest of Kinver.

MAG. ROT. PIP. 29 HENRY II. (1182-1183).

Herveus de Stratton r. c. de firmâ de Staffordscirâ. In th'ro quarter xx. et vj. li. et xiiij. s. et x. d. blanc. Et in suo superplus xxvij. s. et x. d. blanc. Et in Elemosinis constitutis Militibus de Templo i. m. Et in liberationibus constitutis canonicis de Laentoni dimid. m. pro custodia Domorum Regis de Cnot. Et in terris datis Monachis de Bordeslega x. li. blanc. in Terdebigga. Et in Trenteham xxx. li. blanc. de quibus Galfridus Salvage reddit compotum infra. Et in Mera viij. li. blanc. de quibus Rogerus Muissun reddit compotum. Et Willielmo de Herovilla ix. li. blanc. in Wodnesb'ia. Et habet de superplus ij. s. et viij. d. blanc.

De Proprietariis et Excaetis.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de xxiij. s. et iiij. d. de firmâ de Brom. Et de xiiij. s. et iiij. d. de firmâ de Rueleig. In th'ro lib. in ij. tallis. E. q. E.

Galfridus Salvage r. c. de xxx. li. blanc. de firmâ de Trentham. In th'ro xiiij. li. et ij. s. blanc. Et in terris datis Militibus de Templo xliij. s. et vij. d. in Kiel. Et Johanni Cavellano c. s. Et in liberationibus constitutis x. servientibus ix. li. et q. s. et vj. d. Et in Pastura quam Rex concessit Johanni Extraneo viij. s. et viij. d. Et Quietus est.

Idem r. c. de lx. s. numero de Trentham pro Novo foro. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de iiij. s. de j. fabricâ in Stafford. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Rogerus Muissun r. c. de viij. li. blanc. de firmâ de Mera. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Robertus de Broc r. c. de vj. li. et xiiij. s. et iiij. d. de Censu forestæ de Cnot. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de vj. li. de cremeto de Waleshala. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de ij. s. et vj. d. de domo qui fuit Walteri Prepositi in Cymiterio de Stafford. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes r. c. de ij. s. de exitu Molendini de Cradelega. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

Idem Vicecomes debet x. li. de assisâ Burgi de Novo Castro que remanent super Radulphum de London pro paupertate suâ.

dexxix.li. et x.s. de redditibus Archidiaconatum Episcopatus. Summa c. et x.li. et xiii.s. et iii.d. In th'ro quater xx. et vii.li. et xiiii.s. et x.d. in ii. talliis. Et Archiepiscopo Develin xls. pro prebendâ suâ per breve Ranulfi de Glauvilla et Ricardo Decano de Lichesfeld xxv.s. de cremento decanatus sui per Ricardum Episcopum per breve Ranulfi de Glanvilla. Et in communiâ ecclesiæ de Lichesfeld quam Ricardus Episcopus ei assignavit iiiii.m. per breve Ranulfi de Glanvilla. Et in defaltâ i. molendini in Sallawe xiiii.s. et vi.d. Et in defaltâ i. molendini de Lichesfeld xiiii.s. et vi.d. Et in procuratione ipsius Episcopi ante mortem ejus xls. de redditu de Lichesfeld quam acceperat de die in diem per breve Regis. Et debet xiiii.li. et x.s. et vii.d. de quibus vii.li. et xv.s. sunt super homines de Lichesfeld et super Archidiaconatum quod restat, scilicet vii.li. et xv.s. et vii.d. sicut ipse dicit. Idem r. c. de xlii. et xvii.d. de perquisitionibus ejusdem episcopatus. In th'ro lib. E. q. e. Idem r. c. de xlii. et v.d. de paanagio episcopatus. In th'ro lib. E. q. e.

NOTES ON THE PIPE ROLL OF 29 HEN. II. (MICHAELMAS, 1183).

The Corpus Comitatus is clear an account of £140 2s. 8d. *blanche*, leaving a surplus of 2s. 8d. *blanche* at the Sheriff's credit.

§ All entries continue (*mutatis mutandis*) as in former years, till we come to the Fine of 2 merks proffered last year by Henry de Hegwaldeston *pro recto terre*. In this year the Plaintiff had increased his fine by one merk, that his cause might be heard in the Curia Regis;—that is, not by Justices of Assize.

§ Hugh fitz Nicholas fines one merk that his Duel with Ivo Pantulf should come off in the presence of the King's Justices.

NOVA PLACITA.—The Eyre of Thomas fitz Bernard and his two associates extended into Herefordshire and Shropshire. They or their Chief seem to have dealt with forest-matters as well as matters of ordinary assize. The Roll which the Justiciars themselves are said to have deposited in the Treasury, was probably a Roll of Forest amercements only, and though the Sheriff of Staffordshire had to collect the said amercements from a duplicate list, he did not copy the said list into the Pipe-Roll.

§ Fulk, son of Fulk fitz Warin, negotiated a Fine with these Justices, which related not to any Staffordshire locality, but to Broseley, in Shropshire. For full particulars of this affair, we refer elsewhere (*Antiquities of Shropshire II., p. 6*).

§ William de Heronvill accounts for a further instalment of his arrears as Fee-farm Tenant of Wednesbury. But it seems clear

that he paid the rent of £1 accruing in the current year to the Sheriff, whose due it was. Consistently with this, the Sheriff discharges his ferm of £3 only in respect of *Terræ data* in Wednesbury. The fourth pound he had received. It was part of his official income. The King had not given it to another.

§ A Prebend of Penkrige, of which there were eight, vacant probably by the death of 'Archdeacon Roger,' was in *manu Regis* at this period (Michaelmas, 1183). The Fasti of the See of Lichfield are at the same epoch of very doubtful chronology. Roger is said (Hardy I., 578) to have held the Archdeaconry of Salop (Lichfield Diocese) "from about 1121 to 1180," and Richard Peche to have held the same dignity "about 1180 and 1190." If, instead of reading '1180' in these two cases, we read '1183' in both, it would do something to illustrate the Pipe-Roll entry. The Prebend of Penkrige, here alluded to, was a century later, worth £4 per annum. It was clearly in the gift of the Crown. It had nothing to do with the Archdeaconry of Salop.

§ Thomas fitz Bernard, Justice of the Forest, instead of merely accounting, as in the year 1182, for the issues of the land of Kinver, now holds the same in fee farm at a rent of £9 per annum. He explains that he has expended £3 thereof in a livery of Forest Officers. Though no remark is made in the Pipe-Roll as to his right to this deduction, his *quietus* is omitted. The sum was afterwards treated by the Exchequer Barons as an arrear, and was eventually recovered from the Justiciar's Widow.

EPISCOPATUS CESTRIÆ.—Bishop Richard Peche is said to have died on Oct. 6, 1182, having shortly before (*in fine vitæ suæ*) assumed a Canonical habit in the Church of St. Thomas, at Stafford (See Hardy's Fasti, Vol. I., p. 545). The Pipe-Roll, before us, gives a few hints which enable us to add a chronological account of the vacancy, consequent on Bishop Peche's resignation.—

The said resignation and the commencement of Thomas Noel's custody of the See, clearly take date at Michaelmas (Sep. 29), 1182. Between the resignation and the death, the King allowed the Prelate out of the revenues of his late See, a daily 'procuration' which, whatever the rate per day, amounted in the end only to 40 shillings. Noel's custody endured three parts of a fiscal year,—obviously then till Midsummer, 1183.

Meantime, as we are told, Gerard La Pucelle, the succeeding Bishop, was elected,—in January, 1183, says our authority. About the date of Bishop Gerard's consecration there can be no doubt. It took

THE LIBER NIGER SCACCARII

OR

BLACK BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER (A.D. 1166.)

The Liber Niger of the Exchequer is a small quarto volume of 85 folios of vellum, which was formerly lodged at the Office of the King's Remembrancer, and is now deposited with the early Records of the Kingdom in the New Record Office in Fetter Lane.

Amongst much miscellaneous matter, it contains a list of Knights' fees of the reign of Henry II., which, excluding the great Domesday Survey, is the earliest record of the kind in existence in this country.

Hearne printed the volume in 1774, from a copy of the MS. lent to him by the Earl of Harley, collated with another in the possession of Sir Simon D'Eves* and Shaw reprinted the portion relating to Staffordshire, in the introduction to his History of that county. Neither of these were the same printed from the existing Record in the Office of the King's Remembrancer.

The Record itself, however, is not an original document. The actual Returns to the King's writs have been lost, but have been copied into two books of the Exchequer, named respectively the Liber Niger, and the Liber Rubeus. Both copies appear, by the handwriting, to belong to the reign of Henry III., and both contain numerous errors in the names of the subtenants. The text printed below has been taken from the Liber Niger, but notes have been added, showing the points of difference between the two Records.

The older generation of antiquaries have usually described this document as a Return of Knights' fees made for levying the Aid on the marriage of the King's (Hen. II.) eldest daughter, but there is no evidence in support of this view, and it is far more probable that the returns were drawn up for general fiscal purposes connected with the levy of Scutage, which had been substituted in this reign for personal service in time of war. This question, as well as that of the date of the Record, has been very

* Hearne has added a great deal of matter which is not in the original Record, and styled it all the Liber Niger Scaccarii. The real Liber Niger of the Exchequer ends at Page 396 of the first volume of Hearne's edition of 1774.

fully discussed by the Rev. Robert Eyton, in his *Antiquities of Shropshire*, and in the *Itinerary of King Henry II.*, published by the same author in 1878. In this latter volume, Mr. Eyton has clearly established the fact that the King's writs ordering these Returns, were issued at the date of the second Council of Clarendon in the early part of 1166, and that the writs were made returnable before Lent of the same year, which occurred on the 13th March. He has also made the interesting discovery of a charge entered against the Exchequer by the Sheriff of Wiltshire, on the Pipe-Roll of Wiltshire of the same year—"pro una huchia ad custodiendas cartas Baronum de Militibus"—that is, "for a chest for keeping the returns of the Barons respecting their Knights."

The Bishop of Coventry recites the terms of the writ addressed to him, by which it appears that the tenants in capite were required to certify the number of Knights' fees, they held of old feoffment; viz., those of which the tenants had been enfeoffed before the death of King Henry I.; the number and names of the tenants enfeoffed subsequent to that date, and the number of Knights' fees they held in demesne.

As the Sheriff addressed the writ to the *caput* or chief seat of each Baron or tenant in capite, and the returns of every Barony, with one or two exceptions, are rendered complete, irrespective of the geographical position of the fees held under them, the Record printed below, although headed Staffordshire, contains the subtenants of fiefs situated in many other counties; and on the other hand, many Staffordshire subtenants will be found returned under other counties, in which the capital seat of their overlord was situated. Thus, the Staffordshire tenants of the Earl of Ferrars will be found under Derbyshire, and those of the Barony of Fitz Alan under Shropshire. The Earl of Chester, as Earl Palatine, makes no return; and that of Pantulf, Baron of Wem, is missing. Both these last tenants-in-capite held Staffordshire fiefs.

CARTA DOMINI COVENTRENSIS EPISCOPI.

Domino suo venerabili Henrico Regi Angliæ, Duci Normaniæ et Acquitaniæ, Comiti Andegaviæ, Ricardus * dei gratiâ Coventrensis Ecclesiæ, minister humilis. Salutem et Dei benedictionem.

Mandavit nobis, venerande Domine, Vicecomes Stephanus, ex parte vestrâ, quatinus numerum quos vobis debemus, militum, qui

* Richard Peche—Bishop of Coventry, between 1161 and 1182. [Hardy's Fasti].

fuere feodati tempore Henrici Regis, avi vestri, et qui fuerunt feodati post obitum ipsius, et eorum, si quos in dominico tenemus, et eorum nomina, scripto nostro, vestræ significaremus majestati. Mandata igitur vestra pro posse nostro, per omnia et in omnibus, exequi volentes, presenti scripto prædictos milites, et eorum nomina, significamus vobis.

Margareta de Bubend ¹	duos milites.
Robertus de Gresleia	1 militem.
Petrus Selvein ²	1 militem.
Willelmus de Timor	1 militem.
Robertus filius Galfridi	1 militem.
Rogerus de Stanford ³	1 militem.
Robertus de Stafford	1 militem.
Henricus filius Geroldi	dim. militem.
Robertus fil. Noel	dim. militem.
Robertus de Handeslora	dim. militem.
Robertus de Tamenhorn	dim. militem.
Robertus Jocel ⁴	dim. militem.
Galfridus filius Reigni ⁵	dim. militem.
Herebertus Rufus	dim. militem.
Robertus de Pakintous	quartam partem militis.
Eutropius Hasteng	quartam partem militis.
Adam de Moreton ⁶	quartam partem militis.

Hamo de Maaci, and Willelmus filius Dunsing⁷ in Cestrescira, minutas tenuras ab antiquo tenent, unde nunquam nominatum servitium audivimus: Isti qui nominati sunt, de tempore H. Regis, avi vestri, sunt feodati.

Post obitum ipsius feodati sunt.

Helyas⁸ filius Galfridi, qui tenet quintam partem militis.

Thomas filius Roberti, quartam partem militis.

Parabel⁹ septimam partem militis.

Robertus filius Ricardi, dim. militem.

Robertus filius Odonis, quintam partem militis.

Galfridus Peccm quartam partem militis.

De tempore etiam H. Regis, avi vestri, tenet.

Walterus de Cherletona dimidium militem.

Henricus de Pipa octavam partem militis.

In Dominico nostro nullum feodum militis tenemus ultra illos xv

1. The Liber Rubens has Bubenduns. 2. L. R. Silvein. 3. L. R. Stamford.
4. L. R. Joceram. 5. L. R. Reineri. 6. L. R. Merton. 7. L. R. Dursg
8. L. R. Elias. 9. L. R. Parabel.

milites, quos vobis debemus. Sed quod de eorum numero hic deficit, de camerâ nostrâ adimplere solemus. Valeat, et in prosperitate tempore longo durat sanitas vestra, et Regni vestri potestas et honor.

CARTA ROBERTI DE STAFFORD.

Robertus de Stafford habet LX feoda de veteri feamento, scilicet LI de servitio militum et IX feoda de dominio suo de tempore Henrici Regis de et anno quo fuit vivus et mortuus. De supradictis LI feodis tenet:

Willelmus filius Gileberti feoda trium militum, scilicet duo in suo dominio. Et Galfridus Peron duas partes militis tenet de eo, et Radulfus de Molewic tertiam partem.

Robertus filius Radulf tenet feoda VII* militum scilicet duas partes in suo dominio.

Ivo de Mottone* duas partes militis tenet de ipso.

Engenulfus de Greseleia duas partes.

Nicolaus de Sardona* duas partes.

Rogerus de Dicford* duas partes.

Ricardus de Mara duas partes.

Philippus de Nortona duas partes.

Galfridus Peron duas partes duorum militum.

Robertus filius Odonis tenet feoda III militum, scilicet duo in suo dominio, et de ipso tenet Robertus de Peceswile duas partes I militis.

Robertus de Waura duas partes.

Thomas de Cotes duas partes.

Henricus de Oili* tenet feoda III militum, quorum unum tenet filius Walteri de Tywa, alterum Radulfus filius Rogeri, tertium Radulfus Boterel.

Willelmus de Chainai tenet feodum I militis, cujus dimidium tenet Baldewinus, et de Baldewino tenet Paganus frater ejus medietatem.

Galfridus Martel tenet feodum I militis, quod Herveius de Duncheswrthe* tenet de ipso.

Herveius Bagod tenet feoda trium militum, quorum unum est in suo dominio, et Aluredus de Hacubi de ipso tenet duas partes militis.

Et Herveius de Acleia* tertiam partem militis.

Rualdus de Dulerna tertium feodum.

* Sic. in original, in both versions. 1. L. R. Molewic. 2. L. R. Moreton. 3. L. R. Sardonia. 4. L. R. Scuford. 5. L. R. Oyll. 6. L. R. Duntsworth. 7. L. R. Acle.

Herveius de Strottona tenet feoda II militum, scilicet I in suo dominio, et de altero Robertus de Hardif⁸ tenet dimid. et Adam de Eton⁹ dimid.

Rogerus fil. Henrici tenet feoda trium militum scilicet duo in suo dominio, et tertium tenet de ipso Willelmus de Mers¹⁰ et Ricardus filius Noeli.¹¹

Robertus fil. Pagani tenet feoda II militum scil: unum in suo dominio et de altero tenet Nicolaus de Stokes dimidium, et Nicolaus de Werleson dimidium.

Robertus fil. Aelem¹² tenet feodum I militis et tertiam partem I feodi militis, I feodum in suo dominio, et tertiam partem tenet de ipso Radulfus de Rokebi.¹³

Hugo Marecaus tenet duas partes I militis et sic isti duo, scil. Robertus et Hugo tenent feoda II militum.

Willelmus de Wasmeis tenet feoda II militum in suo dominio.

Ranulfus de Belmeis tenet feoda III militum, quorum duo Johannes Bigod tenet de ipso, et Herveius de Wilbrichton¹⁴ tertium.

Osebertus Basevius tenet feoda III militum, quorum I est in suo dominio, et de altero Willelmus de Gretford¹⁵ tenet tres partes, et Cadiou de Chelda quartam, et de tertio feodo Alex. de Dentona tenet dim. et Rogerus de Creston¹⁶ dim.

Nigellus filius Alexandri, tenet feodum I militis in suo dominio.

Philippus filius Elgod, tenet feodum I militis et tertiam partem in suo dominio.

Galfridus de Wastineis tenet feodum I militis et tertiam partem I militis, scilicet, duas partes in suo dominio, et Willelma de Caldona duas partes militis tenet de ipso.

Ivo filius Ernaldi, tenet feodum I militis et tertiam partem, scilicet I feodum I militis in suo dominio. Et de isto tenet Eudo de Eston tertiam partem I militis, et sic isti tres, scilicet Philippus, Galfridus, et Ivo tenent feoda III militum.

Robertus de Blora tenet feodum I militis, et tertiam partem I militis in suo dominio, et Willelmus Bagod tres partes I militis tenet, et sic isti duo tenent feoda duorum militum.

Walterus de Sumervilla tenet feoda II militum in suo dominio.

Robertus filius Nigelli,¹⁷ tenet feodum I militis in suo dominio.

Radulfus Purcel tenet duas partes I militis.

8. L. R. Kardif. 9. L. R. Ecton. 10. L. R. Mers. 11. L. R. Noely.
12. L. R. Aleur. 13. L. R. Rokebi. 14. L. R. Wilbiton. 15. L. R. Gireford.
16. L. R. Creston. 17. L. R. Robertus Filius Willelmi.

Robertus de Castreton² feodum I militis.
 Paganus de Embertof³ feodum I militis.
 Mainfelinus de Ovunges⁴ feoda duorum militum.
 Petrus de Stamford⁵ feodum I militis.
 Willelmus de Yetingedena⁶ feodum I militis.
 Elias de Englefeld⁷ feoda III militum.
 Ricardus de Ditto⁸ feoda III militum.
 Philippus de Hamto⁹ feoda II militum.
 Willelmus de Abbenwrthe¹⁰ feodum I militis.
 Willelmus filius Widonis feoda III militum.
 Bernardus de Frankelega feoda¹¹ III.or. militum.
 Gervasius de Berneke¹² feoda III.or. militum.
 Willelmus de Bello Campo feoda II militum.
 Willelmus de Haggalega¹³ feodum I militis.
 Milo de Ringestona feodum I militis et dimidii.
 Willelmus Buffare feoda II militum et dimidii.
 Robertus de Esingetona feodum I militis.
 Henricus de Oili tenebat feodum I militis.

Hac est summa militum de quibus antecessores mei antecessoribus vestris fecerunt servitium et ego vestri gratia vobis, scilicet I.

Et isti sunt milites quibus pater meus et ego dedimus terram de dominio nostro post mortem Henrici avi vestri, scilicet.

Henricus de Erdinto¹⁴ feodum I militis.

Radulfus Mansel feodum I militis.

Willelmus Paganellus feodum I militis.

Michael filius Osberti et Willelmus de Lovent¹⁵ feodum dimidii militis.

Godwinus Dapifer tertiam partem I militis.

Walterus Mansel feodum I militis.

Petrus de Surcomunt¹⁶ feodum dimidii militis.

Galfridus de Ruilli¹⁷ tertiam partem I militis.

CARTA ROBERTI DE BRINTONA.

Karissimo Domino suo ligio Henrico Regi Anglie, &c., suus homo ligius Robertus de Brinton salutem et fidele servitium.

Michi et aliis comparibus meis, per literas vestras innotuit, ut per fidem et ligantiam, quam vobis debemus, vobis per breve nostrum,

2. L. R. Casterton. 3. L. R. Cumbton. 4. L. R. Eunges. 5. L. R. Stanford.
 6. L. R. Gretingedena. 7. L. R. Englesfeld. 8. L. R. Albenworth. 9. L. R.
 Frinkeloges. 10. L. R. Bernet. 11. L. R. Haggleges. 12. L. R. Amington.
 13. L. R. Lovinton. 14. L. R. Surkemunt. 15. L. R. Rivli.

Staffordshire all Athelaxton [Ellaston], except eight bovates of land and the mill, together with Stanton, Calewich [Colwich], and Prestewude. John Sautcheverel's portion of the same inheritance consisted of Hopwell, and other manors of Derbyshire, Chedell, Norwerde [Northwood], and the eight bovates and mill in Athelaxton above-named; all of which were to be held by him of Oliver, as of the first born "ut de antenato."

The lands are stated to be the inheritance of two sisters. Margaret de Bubenon appears to have been the eldest, and married to the father of Oliver: the Nigellus de Bobinton named on the Pipe-Roll of 16 Hen. II.

This family subsequently assumed the name of Longford. Kirkby's Quest, a Feodary of the reign of Edward I., states that

Nigell de Longeford held Longeford, Bodington, Hopwell, Stanton, Athelaxton, and Charnes of the Bishop of Coventry, by the service of two Knights-fees. The same Feodary states that Reginald de Charnes held $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a Knight's fee in Charnes, of the Prior of St. Thomas, of Stafford, and that the Prior held the same of Nigel de Longeford, and Nigel held it of the Bishop of Coventry.

ROBERTUS DE GRESLEY, i.f.m. This fee is Morton, Tamhorn, and Wolsley.

The Domesday Survey names Mortone, Uilslei, and Tamahore, amongst the Bishop's lands, all of which are held at that date, by Nigel, the grandfather of Robert de Gresley.

Kirkby's Quest, tem. E. i., states that Galfrid de Gresley holds one Knight's fee of the Bishop in Morton, Tamenhorn, and Wolsley.

RICARDUS SELVEIN, i.f.m. This fee is Haselor and Statfold.

Neither of these places are named in Domesday, but the Testa de Nevill, a Feodary of the reign of H. 3, states that Robertus Selvein holds one Knight's fee of the Bishop in Haseloure and Stodwald.

WILLELMUS DE TIMMOR, i.f.m. This fee is Timmore, Freford, and Fradswell.

The Domesday Survey names Frodeswelle, Fraiford, and Timmor amongst the Bishop's land; the last two being held by one Ralph.

Kirkby's Quest states that Hugh de Tymmor holds Tymmore, Freford, and Frodeswell, of the Bishop, by the service of one Knight's fee.

ROBERTUS FILIUS GALFRIDI, i.f.m. This fee is Hints, and Tipton. The Domesday Survey names Hintes and Tibintone amongst the Bishop's lands.

Circa 1156, Robert fitz Galfrid and Helyas his brother, witness two deeds of Walter the Bishop, granting Bromhall to his "Dapifer" Ralph de Horborne. (*Huntbach MS. at Wrottesley*).

The Monasticon names amongst the gifts to the Templars, 12d. rents in Hints by Robertus filius Galfridi.

The *Festa de Nevill*, tem. H. 3, states that Galfrid le Sauvage holds 1 Knight's fee of the Bishop in Hintes, and Galfrid fitz Warine $\frac{1}{4}$ fee in Tibinton. According to Shaw, Galfrid fitz Warrine obtained this portion of the fee of Hints by marriage with Lucia, a daughter of Galfrid le Savage.

Kirkby's Quest, tem. H. 1., states that Hugh de Meignill holds half a Knight's fee of the Bishop in Hints and Tibinton. The pedigree of Savage in Dugdale's Warwickshire, under Baginton, shows that Hugh de Meignill married Philippa, sister and co-heir of Geoffrey Savage, who died without issue in 32 H. 2.

Geoffrey Savage appears to have infeofed a Sub-Tenant at Hints; as a Ralph de Hintes occurs as a Knight-Juror in suits of Great Assize, on rolls of the 5th and 8th years of John. Shaw's inability to distinguish between mesne tenant and a rière tenant, causes much confusion in his account of this, as well as of other places, in his history of Staffordshire.

ROGER DE STANFORD, i f.m. This fee is probably Weford and Thickbroom.

Domesday names Weforde and Tichebroc amongst the Bishop's lands.

Kirkby's Quest states that William de Odingsel holds one Knight's fee of the Bishop, in Weford and Thykebroon. William de Odingsel was co-heir of the Barony of Limesi. (See Dugdale, under Solihull). According to the Monasticon, Roger de Sanfort gave to the monks of Bordesley the mill at Lea, in Warwickshire, and there is some evidence that the manor of Lea in Warwickshire formed a portion of the Limesi Barony.

ROBERT DE STAFFORD, i f.m. This fee was Acton and Clavelton.

Acton is named amongst the Bishop's manors in Domesday; and according to Kirkby's Quest, Nicolas Baron de Stafford held in Acton $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of a Knight's fee, of the Bishop. In the same Feodary,

Kirkby's Quest, tem. E. I., states that William de Handesacra holds half a Knight's fee of the Bishop in Handesacra.

Dugdale's Collections in the Bodleian Library shew this family to have been a younger branch of the Noels of Ranton.

ROBERTUS DE TAMENHORN, $\frac{1}{2}$ f.m. This half fee is Pipe Ridware, alias Parva Ridware.

As Tamhorn formed a portion of Gresley's fee, this Robert is probably the sub-Tenant of the Gresleys at Tamhorn; but holding a half fee elsewhere of the Bishop.

Shaw quotes a deed showing that Thomas de Tamenhorn gave Parva Ridware in frank marriage to Robert de Pipe, with Matilda his daughter.

The Testa de Nevill, tem. H. 3, states that John de Tamenhorn holds $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a Knight's fee in Tamenhorn, and $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a Knight's fee in Acovre and Rideware, of the Bishop.

ROBERTUS JOCERAN, $\frac{1}{2}$ f.m. This half fee is probably Bishops Offley and Great Suggal, which formed half a Knight's fee, held under the Bishop at this date, by Robert de Sogenhull.

The Testa de Nevill, tem. H. 3, states that the heir of Robert de Sogenhull holds half a Knight's fee of the Bishop, in Sogenhull.

Kirkby's Quest, of the next reign, states that Bishops Offley is held by Henry de Cresswall, William de Chatculne, and John de Prato, of John Muriel,—who holds it of the Bishop by the service of $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a Knight's fee, and Great Sennhall was held by Roger and John, sons of Stephen de Asseleg, who held it of John Muriel, and John holds it of the Bishop, by the service of one-fourth of a Knight's fee.

GALFRIDUS FILIUS REIGNI, $\frac{1}{2}$ f.m. This was Norton under Cannock, and Little Wirley in Staffordshire, and Longner-upon-Severn in Salop.

The Domesday Survey names Norton and Wereleia in Staffordshire, and Langenalre in Shropshire, amongst the Bishop's lands.

The Haugmond Chartulary names Geoffrey, son of Reiner de Wirley. (*Eyton's Antiquities of Shropshire.*) On the Stafford Pipe Roll of 13 H. 2, Norton *Gaufridi* is amerced half a merk "pro forestâ."

HEREBERTUS RUFUS, $\frac{1}{2}$ f.m. This was probably Caldecote in Warwickshire, which is named in Domesday amongst the Bishop's lands.

According to Dugdale's Warwickshire, William le Roux held Caldecote 13 H. 3, and Margaret la Russe held it 32 E. I.

Kirkby's Quest, tem. E. I., states that William Rufus holds of the Bishop one-fourth part of a Knight's fee in Goldicote.

In 11 H. 3, William Rufus gave five merks for the King's confirmation of the grant of Walshall, made by King Henry, grandfather of the King, to Herbert Rufus, the grandfather of William. (*Fine Roll.*)

ROBERTUS DE PAKINTON, $\frac{1}{4}$ f.m. This was Pakington near Lichfield. The Domesday Survey names Padintone amongst the Bishop's lands. And in Kirkby's Quest, David de Pakinton holds one-fourth of a Knight's fee in Pakinton of the Bishop.

EUTROPIUS HASTANG, $\frac{1}{4}$ f.m. This was Walton and Slindon near Chebsey.

Domesday names Waleton in Cutleston Hundred amongst the Bishop's manors.

The pedigree of Hastang, in Dugdale's Warwickshire, under Lemington-Hastang, shows Eutropius Hastang and Avice his wife living tempore H. 2. Peter Giffard of Chillington obtained Walton in frank marriage with Avice his wife.

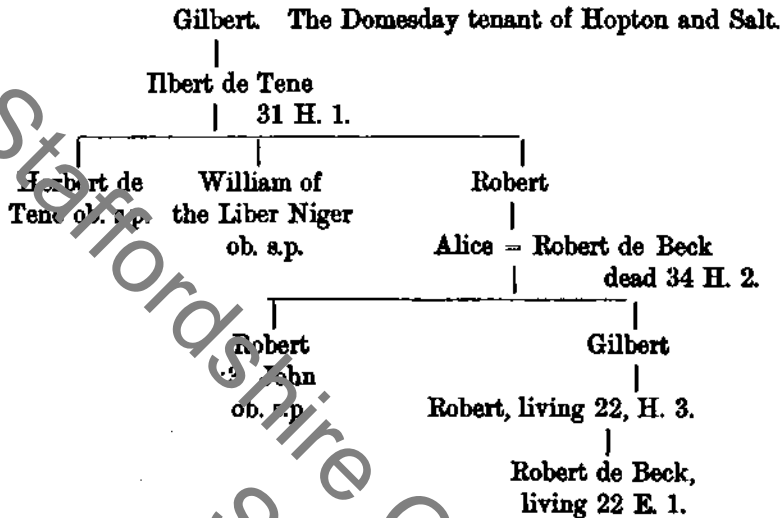
The Testa de Nevill states that Peter Giffard holds one-fourth of a Knight's fee of the Bishop in Waleton. In the latter part of the reign of Henry III., or early in the reign of Edward I., Sir Robert Hastang, son of Robert Hastang, lord of Chebsey, releases to Magister John, son of Peter Giffard, lord of Walton, all claim to the vill of Waleton; so that the said John may hold it as freely, as his brother William, or any other ancestor of the said John had held it. (*Chillington Deeds.*)

Kirkby's Quest states that John Giffard holds Waleton, and Robert de Slundon holds Slyndon of Robert de Hastenk, by service of one-fourth of a Knight's fee; and Robert de Hastenk holds the same of the Bishop.

ADAM DE MORTON, $\frac{1}{4}$ f.m. This was probably Brocton, near Wolseley.

Adam seems to be a sub-Tenant of the Gresleys at Moreton, near Wolseley, and holding a fourth of a Knight's fee elsewhere of the Bishop. The only clue I have met with, to the identity of this fee, is a Fine levied 12 H. 3, by which Adam le Lord acknowledges $\frac{1}{4}$ a virgate of land in Brocton; to be the right of Hugh fitz Walter and

The above extracts, put together, give the following pedigree.—



HOPTON AND SALT. According to Kirkby's Quest, tem. E. 1., Richard de Draycote held a Knight's fee in Hopton, of Nicolas, Baron of Stafford; and in 10 E. 2., Joan, the widow of Philip de Draycote, sues John Hodinet, of Weston, and Malculine de Wasteney, for abducting Margaret, one of the heirs of Henry de Salt, out of the custody of the said Joan, at Hopton; Margaret's marriage belonging to Joan. At this date, Middle Aston, Hopton, and Salt, had passed, apparently, by a co-heiress, to the Draycote family.

SALT. The Myttons were Sub-Tenants of this Fief at Salt, shortly after the date of the Liber Niger; for by a deed in Glover's MS. in the William Salt Library, Ralph de Mutton grants to John, son of Nicolas de Mutton, all the land in Salt, which his father Nicolas had held by the service of $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a Knight's fee. This deed, by the witnesses, is of the reign of John, or early in H. 3., and in a suit on the Stafford Assize Roll of 56 H. 3., Eudo de Salt states he is son of John de Mutton. Ralph de Mutton was succeeded by a son Adam, who was succeeded by a second Ralph de Mutton, who left an only daughter and heiress, Isabella, married to Philip de Chetewynd; Kirkby's Quest, tem. E. 1, states that Hugh de Salt holds Salt of Philip de Chetewynde, by the service of one Knight's fee, and Philip holds it of Nicolas, Baron of Stafford.

MIDDLE ASTON. The Oxfordshire Hundred Roll of 3 E. 1. (printed)

Penkridge, of an annual value varying from £8. 8s. to £8. ; moreover, that at Michaelmas, 1163, Walter Hussey entered on the farm of the King's great Manor of Trentham, a trust which he ceased to discharge at Michaelmas, 1168, he being then in arrear for three years' account of the same. The sum which he thus owed to the Crown was no less than £94. 10s. of ordinary currency, but he showed payments made on the King's behalf for most of the sum. Of the balance, he paid £36. 9s. in 1169, and £4. 10s. in 1170, and so was quit.

Walter Hose, I should judge from his term at Penkridge, died about Easter, 1172. He was succeeded at Albright Hussey, and in the mesne Lordship of Colton by his eldest son, Ralph, who had already occurred in Staffordshire affairs, and who I have ascertained, on other evidence (*Antiquities of Shropshire* x. 81, 82), to have been Lord of Albright-Hussey from 1174 to 1204.

In 1176, K. Henry, dealing amercements for forest-trespass on the Knights and Villis of Staffordshire, sentenced Robert de Stafford's Vill of Colton to a fine of 2 merks and the Vill of Colton, which was "of the fee of William fitz Alan," to a fine of 3 merks.

In Michaelmas Term, 1203, a cause was heard at Lichfield, which shows most clearly the feudal position of Ralph Hose and his Tenant, Nicholas Mauveysin, of Colton, and their respective views of the Tenant's obligation. Such documents are marred by translation. The original is always correct, and often more intelligible.—*"Assisa venit recognitura si Nicholaus Malveysin injuste et sine iudicio disseisivit Radulphum Hose de libero tenemento suo in Colton, &c., &c. Et Nicholaus venit et dicit quod ipse tenet tenementum unde hæc assisa arraniata est de ipso Radulpho per servicium dimidii Ascensoris (elsewhere Muntatoris) ad custodiam Castri de albo Monasterio (Oswestry) tantum, et illud servicium paratus est facere, sed idem Radulfus (Hose) exigit ab eo, ut dicit, illud servicium et præterea unam marcam argenti. (The disseizin was obviously of the merk rent, which the mesne-lord claimed as his due, and sued his tenant for).*

There was a contemporary suit wherein certain parties claimed the Advowson of Colton (Conton) against Nicholas Mauveysin. It appeared, according to the pleadings, that the antecessor of the Plaintiffs, one Girard, had last presented a parson to the Church. The cause was referred to the Bishop's Court. I will not pursue the subject further; the *Liber Niger* being no fitting text for subsequent details. The sub-tenure and the mesne-tenure of Colton be-

came indistinct in the 13th century. I think that in one of the Sub Tenants of 1284, in John Griffin to wit, we may possibly have a descendant of one of the Plaintiffs of 1203, viz., of Alicia, wife of Richard Griffin.

Another Fitz Alan Fee of "new feoffment" stands in the *Liber Niger*, as—

12. "IWO PANTOY, DIMIDIUM MILITEM." The full import of the entry is that the late William Fitz Alan had, between the years 1135 and 1160 enfeoffed Ivo Pantulf, Baron of Wem, in all such portions of the Staffordshire Manor of Sheriff Hales, as Rainald Bailgiote had held in demesne under the Earl of Shrewsbury at Domesday. This feoffment perforce excluded Burlington.

Pantulf's Barony of Wem was by no means great, and there is no inconsistency in a Minor Baron accepting a feoffment in a Fief like Fitz Alan's. Probably at the time of the feoffment an agreement was on foot whereby Hugh, the eldest son and expectant heir of Ivo Pantulf, was to marry Christiana, the infant daughter of the first William fitz Alan. The marriage took place about ten years after Fitz Alan's death, and about six years before the death of Ivo Pantulf. King Henry II assigned as a portion for the bride the Gloucestershire Manor of Badminton, part of Fitz Alan's inheritance as a coheir of Arnulf de Hesling. (See *Antiquities of Shropshire*, ix. 163, 164.)

About 1175-6 Ivo Pantulf died, having given to Haughmond Abbey, with consent of William fitz Alan (William fitz Alan II.) the land called Hyde, an appurtenance of (Sheriff) Hales. On William and Norman, two younger sons, Ivo Pantulf bestowed other parts of his Manor of Hales. Norman's portion appears to have been Cuttesdon, then a member of Hales. It was his daughter, I think, Alice le Poer who, being childless and a widow, eventually gave Cuttesdon to Lilleshall Abbey. But William Pantulf, having apparently, by gift of his father, the residuary Manor of Hales, became the progenitor of the line which was distinctly marked as 'of Hales and of Cublesdon.'¹ William's descendants seem to have held Hales sine medio of Fitz Alan, in other words the mesne tenure of Pantulf of Wem was effaced.

It was the son and successor of William Pantulf of Hales to whom the Feodaries of 1240-2 allude when they enrol William Panton

¹ Cublesdon as a Vill or Manor is now obsolete. The name is remembered in Kibblestone, one of the quarters of the civil parish of Stone. The fee of Cublesdon was not at any time appurtenant to Fitz Alan's Barony.

Castle-guard at the Shropshire Castle of Shrawardine.

To the Aid of 1235-6, Philip de Burwardsley paid one merk, being the sum proportionate to half a knight's fee, which he held *in capite* at Asseleg. Philip was eldest son and heir of Warin. His tenure of *Esseleg*, is elsewhere described as a pure Serjeantry, which obliged him to provide a mounted man at arms at Shrawardine Castle, fifteen days in the year, and at his own charges.

For many points in the further history of Ashley, I must refer to the account given in the *Antiquities of Shropshire* (Vol. II., pp. 1-31) of the Family of Fitz Warin of Burwardesley.

LIBER NIGER.—ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

P. 152, *line* 20. IOBBINGTON.—This name appears to have become extinct, as the designation of a separate manor or hamlet. Mr. Eyton suggests it was the old name of Longford in Derbyshire, a portion of which still retains the name of Bupton Green.

P. 162. SALT.—There is no direct evidence that Adam de Mutton was succeeded by a second Ralph de Mutton. Possibly Isabella, heiress of the Muttons may have been a daughter of the first Ralph de Mutton, born late in the life-time of her father.

P. 154, *line* 18. For 32 H 2 read 32 E. 3

P. 167, *line* 17. For Budepion read Budeidon.

P. 170, *line* 35. For Estrepe read Estreton.

PP. 171 and 172. NORBURY.—Since the above went to press Mr. Eyton has pointed out that the statement in the Hundred Roll respecting this manor is erroneous, Norbury forming no part of the Stafford fief. (Vide *supra*, p. 236, note 1).

P. 186, *line* 7. I have followed Erdeswick in the statement that William de Duston married a daughter and coheirress of Thomas Noel, but Mr. Eyton is of opinion such a marriage never took place. See the *Antiquities of Shropshire*, under Longuer-upon-Severn.

P. 188, *line* 7. For is read in.

PP. 163 and 174. To persons unused to the divergence between the Latin and French or English form of the same name, it may appear singular that I should venture to pronounce Edelo, and Aalen or Aelem, to be the same person.

The [s] before the [l] in French being mute, Aalen and Aelem were pronounced alike, the [s] and [e] being employed indifferently to prolong the sound of the preceding vowel. Then the early writers, in Latinizing a name which contains a diphthong, insert a [d] or [h] or another consonant, between the two vowels composing it. Thus the French name Raoul becomes Radulphus in Latin, Rou becomes Rollo, Gui becomes Guido or Wydo, and Aalen becomes Adelin or Ehelin. In this way, Aalen, Aalen, Ealuen, Ehelen, and Edelo, are all forms of the same name.

This Register

is entitled

Regm. Dni Rogeri electi, confirmati,
Dei gratia Sobentrien et Richfelden :
de commissionibus et aliis Riteris
emanantibus.

a ij Id. April, Ano. Dni. millesimo cccc. vices' secundo.
1322—1353. A. D.

Marginal Headings,

With abstract of contents and remarks.

BY

Bishop Hobhouse.

INTRODUCTION.

THE following particulars relating to Bishop Roger de Norbury, are here inserted by way of introduction to the Register of his episcopate.

Roger was a Canon of Lincoln, Archdeacon of Richmond, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and one of its commemorated benefactors; he appears, from the account given in *Wharton's Anglia Sacra*, Vol. 1, p. 443, to have been intruded on the See of Lichfield, by Pope John 22nd, who took advantage of a double election, and the consequent appeal to the Roman Curia by the two electoral bodies, the chapters of Coventry and Lichfield.

His consecration, under Papal Provision, took place at Hales Abbey; the Bishop of Worcester, and five others, officiating A.D. 1322. Though raised to be Lord High Treasurer, five years later, Bishop Roger was continually resident in his diocese, personally visiting the different parishes, and especially the religious houses, and struggling energetically to carry out a much needed discipline, not without success, in spite of considerable opposition from his Lichfield chapter. Considering his elevation we are the less surprised to find a marked allegiance to the Papacy evident in his Register, particularly in his complicity with one of the worst aggressions of the time, namely, reserving vacant benefices to the use of the Papal Camera, and prolonging the vacancies. In his time the Deanery was twice filled by foreigners of the Pope's appointment, who were never seen in England.¹ Bishop Roger held the See of Lichfield until his death, which took place on Nov. 22nd, 1358, A.D.

With regard to the Register itself, we need only observe that it contains samples of particular kinds of documents, which are not repeated after one has been entered. Some of these though occupying several pages are summed up in a single line of marginal heading.

The 'Institutions' were preserved in a different volume, still extant at the Cathedral Registry.

¹ Bishop Roger's name is variously spelt as Northburgh, Northburg, Norbrige, Norbury, &c.

MARGINAL HEADINGS.

Commō. facta magistro R de Holbeche ad officium generale commissarii exercendum.

Commō. facta magō. R. de Holbeche pro Prebenda de Gaia Majori.
Mandatum ad inducend: Wm. de Harlaston* in Possm. Prebendos de Gaia Major'.

Commō. facta Dnō Enagdunensi ' Epō pro ordinibus celebrandia et aliis periculis faciendis in Dioc'.

Commō. facta Dnō Steph' le Blound ' pro officio Senescalli.
Mandatum ad inducendo Dñm Johaum. de Kynardseye in possm Prebendos de Fuxton.

Litera Sententie contra frangentes Parcum de Brewode. *

Commō. facta Magō W. de Bosco, pro Penitentiariis ' cura exercenda.

Litrā directa Mō G. de Blaton * de constit. ipsum Vicarium generalem. *

" Alia commō. facta magō R de Holbeche pro offiō commissarii generalis.

Pro sequestratore constituend. "

REMARKS.

* On King's presentation, sede vacante.

' Suffragan under the last Bishop. Enagdun was a small see in Galway, serving chiefly as a title for suffragan Bishops.

' Benediction to the Prioress elect of Polesworth, basilicas, Altaria, cimiteria consecrandi et reconciliandi, nec non confessiones in quibus auctoritas nostra specialiter est requirenda, audiendi.

* Clericus. ' To receive Homages, appoint and dismiss bailiffs, &c.

On King's presentation, sede vacante. Both King and Bishop date from Rothwell. The Bishop being probably in attendance on the King.

' In the text Blore jā Eccleshall. Excommunication to be threatened during mass in Eccleshall Church; and the culprits, when caught, to appear in the Cathedral before the Bishop. Dated at Eccleshall.

' Chancellor of the Church of Lichfield. ' Through the whole Diocese, especially in the Cathedral—no definition of duties.

' Archdeacon of Derby. * To institute and also to give assent in Provincial Councils and Parliaments. Dated at Boseworth.

" This adds to his former powers 'the cognizance of causes,' 'inquiry into charges,' and 'acceptance of canonical obedience.'

" John de Brichull, Rector of Staunton.

¹⁶ Pro Cartis amotis vel occulte detentis.

¹⁷ Pro assisis capiendis in Adventu aut Quadragesima.

¹⁸ Pro fructibus ecclesie derelictae sequestrandis.

From Nones of Decbr, 1322, to Janry, 1324, a gap occurs here.

¹⁹ (Page 13. 1324 A.D.) Commō pro Waltero de Askeby off: commissarii Exercend.

²⁰ Commō. facta Willmo de Apulton in negocio de Dieulacre et Chetilton.

²¹ Negotium Permutationis Decanatus Salop eccla de Rollesby, Lincoln Dioc.

Four Documents on the same subject.

²² (Page 14.) Ltrā missa p dñm (i.e. the Lord Bishop) pro quodam moniali monasterii Salop. * Illegible.

²³ Pro Cancellō de Blampton.

²⁴ Contra infringentes. Farcum de Blore.

(Page 15, 1324.) Collation to two Prebends in Lichfield, 1324.

²⁵ Ad denunciand: Excommunicationem . . . evuls . . . arbores . . . in manerio de Wybbenbury.

²⁶ Pro Monacho de Wombruge.

²⁷ Archdeacon of Chester was to ban the unknown offenders.

²⁸ Sanction to the King's Justices to hold assizes in Derby—not a precedent.

²⁹ The Rector of Whittington, Derby, had abandoned his post.

³⁰ In Consistorio Lichf.

³¹ To determine the claim of Geoffrey de Will in possession of Chetilton Chapel against the Abbey of Dieulacres near Leek. Cheddleton was subsequently annexed to the Abbey.

³² The Dean of St. Chads exchanged with the Rector of Rollesby.

³³ Runaway Monk surrendered to the Bishop, who commended him to penitence.

³⁴ A dispensation for prohibited marriage (of 3rd cousins) at Wybanbury, Cheshire.

³⁵ The Dean of Lincoln, as rector, threw the onus on the Parishioners of Chesterfield. Archdeacon and Dean were to inquire as to custom.

³⁶ Excommunication to be threatened in the neighbouring churches.

³⁷ Trees lately planted "circā ambitum manerii" had been torn up.

³⁸ A monk who had broken his vow, under cover of a Pilgrimage, had surrendered to the Bishop. He is to be received by the Prior under Penanca.

* (1929, A.D.) *Certificatorium directum Epō Lincoln : Contingens Ecclæ de Etton, Lincoln Dioc : With a return of the Institution.*

* *Pro iuribus et consuetudinibus ecclæ cathedralis conservand.*

* *Copia Ordinationum Vicariarum. (Intended apparently to serve as a model ordinatio.)*

(Page 23a.) *Roucester pro Capella de Holywell (Askeby), probably the name of the Proctor.*

1926 A.D., *i.e.* three years out of place.

* *Consensus Abb. et Conv. Salop.*

* *Sr. Vicarie Ordinanda in Ecclesia de Walton.*

Ordinatio Vicarie eccl' de Walton.

* A church in the Archdeaconry of Northampton, and patronage of Hugh de Northburgh, perhaps a kinsman of the Bishop's else there is no apparent reason for the entry.

✓ * *Trespassers on temporal rights and property, Warrens and Fisheries, to be threatened with Excommunication in all the churches.*

* *Vicarage of Acton, Cheshire, impropriated to Combermere Abbey, now endowed 'certis portionibus.' The Vicar to have the whole altarage and oblations at Acton, and the 2 chapels of Wrambury and Wyc Malbanc, and half the Hay-tithe, but to sustain chaplains in the chapels.*

* *Leave to apply a Benefaction, from Wm. Fyler, of Schadwell, designed for founding a chantry at Halywell, in the parish of Chirchewover, (the pleas being the danger of loneliness, and the neighbourhood of Watling Street, with its frequent violences) to founding one within the convent instead. The King, as Patron, having consented. * As Patrons, not Impropriators.*

* *The rector being desirous to have a 'perpetuus' Vicarius, assistant to him on account of the size of the Parish "adeo diffusa." The Vicarage thus constituted became an endowed curacy presentation in the Rector's Patronage, to be instituted 'cum juramento obedientie, &c. The Vicar to have a house and the oblations at the altar of the church and chapels, with those at marriages and churchings. Tithe of St. Martin, of milk, eggs, hemp, et denarios caritatis of the whole Parish, also the tithe of hay and corn in Lynaker Hamlet, also herbam gm. (? gravem) of the church yard and chapel yards. Reserve of Candles, at Candlemas, to the Rector. The Vicar to find 2 chaplains in the chapels, and one deacon at xx.s. p. annum.*

* (Page 24.) *Ordinatio Vicariæ de Albrighton.* (Dated Clifton Camville, 1330, A.D.)

** (1330, A.D.) *Lilleshull. Provisio pro Abbate statu suo cedente.*

** *Sententia Generalis contra violentes Libertates.*

** (July, 1331, A.D.) *Commō. pro custodia domorum apud Coventry.*

* (Page 25 a.) *Dimissio Religiosorum de Markyate.*

(Page 25 b.) *Dimissio Religios. Virorum Prioris et conventus de Malverne, Wygorne supr' appropriatione L. sol' pensionis annue in Eccl' de Quatte.*

** *Pro Baptisterio de Pevere.*

** *Super percussione Sacramentorum die Pasch: apud Roncestre.*

** (1331, A.D., page 26 a.) *Processus concernens monialem de Brewood que recessit apostatando.*

No heading.

* Improprate to the Abbey of Dore, Herefordshire. The Vicars income had already been arranged by the rectors.

✓ ** The convent specify the provision they will make for their retiring Abbot, who is much beloved. The particulars are very detailed and interesting—two manors, and rents of two other places are assigned with chambers, horses, fodder, attendants.

** Some rights of the Church of T violated. Offenders to be banned.

A second form 'consimili materie' for the church of St. John's, Chester.

** To Richard de Lodbroke, Sacristan of Coventry Cathedral. The rents with arrears, to be carried to the fabric account for a term of 3 years.

** Prioress of M. having shewn her title to the Impropriation of Coleshill and its chapelries, is quit of all challenge.

** Peover Chapel in the parish of Budworth, impropriated to the Prior of Norton, is to have a font.

** The convent and parishioners of Rocester ask the Bishop to arbitrate on the question whether the H. Eucharist should be given to the parishioners at the Conventual Church, or the Parochial (St. Michael's.) Decision: At whichever church the parishioners desired. Rocester is here, as elsewhere, described as in Dovedale.

** Elizabeth la Zouche's Confession before the Bishop in Brewood Church, her petition at the convent gate for readmission, after which absolution by the Bishop and admission to penance.

* (Page 30a.) Dispensatio Domino Thō. de Halghton, milite, et Margareta le Botiller.

* (Page 30b., 1332, A.D.) Commō. Magistri Johis, Rectoris Ecclesie de Wrockwarthyn pro officio Penitentiariæ.

* Dimissio Abbatis et Conventus de Hales.

* Confirmatio Ordinationis de Lilleshall.

* (Page 32, 1334, A.D.) Ordinatio Vicariæ de Weston (now called *St. Wethby*).

* Ordinatio Vicariæ de Stanton, in Hineheth?

* (1312, A.D.) Ordinatio Vicariæ de Leyland.

* Ratification by Bishop of Pope's dispensation. The parties, after marriage, and birth of children, having discovered kindred 'in quarto gradu.'

* For Archdeaconry of Salop. Similar Commissions to the Vicar of Prees, for same Archdeaconry. Vicar of Wynwick, for Archdeaconry of Chester. Vicar of St. Werburgh, for Archdeaconry of Derby. All clergy and laity of each district may confess to the Penitentiary—exceptis casibus ex-judicialia Potestate descendentibus necnon corruptoribus monialium et corruptis eisdem illis etiam qui perjuriam in assisis et in inquisitionibus juratis in foro seculari incurrerint—et percussoribus clericorum.

* The Abbot of Hales Owen has exhibited his claim to the impropriation of Walsall, with the chapels of Wednesbury and Rushall. Dated "Apud Bellum desertum" (Beaudesert) 1332, A.D.

* Touching the allowance to the retiring Abbot.

* In visiting the Deanery of Stoneleigh, the Bishop found the Prior of Erdbury, as Rector of Weston, at issue with the Vicar. He adjusts their rights.

* Stanton, Salop, lately impropriated by the Pope to the Abbey of Haghmond.

* Leyland (Lancashire?). Lately impropriated by the Pope to Evesham Abbey.

(Page 33a.) Here begins a series of Injunctions, based upon the Visitation of religious Houses . . . headed—*Decreta domini super compertis in Visitationibus Relig'is.*

¶ Bourthon (Burton-on-Trent) 1323.

(P. 34.) ¶ Kyrkeby No date.

(P. 35.) ¶ Brewode No date.

* Pro Cantaria Cecilie de Compton.

* Commō. Dñi Magnassien ad visitand. (1358.)

Item alia ad dedicandum Ecclias et altaria.

* Ad Sequestrand' fructus Ecclie de Byrton. (1358 A.D.)

* (Page 147a.) Breve concernens Nichm. Grene. (32 Ed. 3.)

* (Page 147b.) Appropriatio Medietatis Ecclie de Egynton in Archidiaconatu: Derby. (1345.)

* (Page 148a.) Ad recipiendum Procuraciones Cardinalium pro tercio anno. (1358 A.D.)

¹¹ Super ordinatione Vicarie de Frodesham. (1358.)

¹² (148b.) No heading. ¹³ Concernit Nichl. Grene.

¹⁴ Certificatorium pro Procuracionibus Dñorum Cardinalium pro tercio anno. (1358.)

¹⁵ (Page 149a.) De ara et Cāpo Lichf. ad Visitandum.

¹⁶ Commō. ad Visitand. Capit. Lichf. (1358 A.D.)

* The Prioress and convent of St. Mary's, Chester, bind themselves to maintain a secular priest to celebrate for the soul of Cecilia de C. and others.

* The Bishop, Thomas Magnassiensis, commissioned to carry out the Papal visitation and to consecrate. (The Papal writ is recited.)

* The Incumbents of Couard and Condever are to provide for the ministrations of this church, neglected by its incumbent (probably Berrington.)

* King's writ, issued on a question of inheritance, to inquire whether Joanna had not professed at Nuneaton. (The return has probably perished by the cutting off of the bottom of the page.)

* To the Abbey of Dale and 24 monks, on the bare episcopal authority.

¹⁰ Chapter of Lichfield appointed collectors.

¹¹ The Abbey of Vale Royal, the Rectors, are at issue with the Vicar, their respective rights are settled.

¹² The Church at Ercalwe Parva (Little Ercall) valued at 5 marks in the Diocesan Registers.

¹³ Letter from the Dean of the Arches, complaining (apparently of the Bishop's Commissaries in the inquiry about Joanna Grene's Nunship.

¹⁴ Certificate of steps taken to collect Cardinal's Procurations.

¹⁵ Summons like the last, but for a later day.

¹⁶ Geoffrey Thurlby, "Confessor noster," and Robert Primme, the Sequestrator, are commissioned to visit.

" (149b.) Ad levand' debita dñi Will'mi de Grenburgh nuper Archidiaconi Stafford defuncti.

" Commissary to collect all debts, due to deceased "ratione dignitatis suæ, ut ad animæ suæ salutem debita convertantur," and to administer the intestate's estate, and also to carry on the correctional part of the office, out of which some of the profits accrued.

Can. Fly-leaf

A List of Improvements made by Bishop Roger, under the authority of the Holy See—24 in No., all contained in the Register

On another Fly-leaf the following notes.

(1332.) The Prieory of Eccleshall is certified (apparently to an Italian collector) to be divided into 3 portions, *i.e.* Slyndon, Offeley and High Eccleshall.

'Return' to the King of defaulters, cited for not paying the King's Tenth for two years.

'Return' to the Barons of the Exchequer, of names of Collectors of the King's tenth for 3 years. Great difficulty in collecting.

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SOME ACCOUNT
OF THE
MANOR & PARISH OF BLYMHILL,
IN THE
COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

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SOME ACCOUNT OF THE MANOR AND PARISH OF
BLYMHILL, IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

Blymhill, or Blumenhull, is one of those Staffordshire manors of which the history has never been written by either county or local historian.

Divided, at an early period, into several portions, it has not for centuries possessed any great resident landlords whose varied fortunes might have afforded matter for personal biography, or from whose muniment rooms authentic information might have been derived to shew how it passed through the hands of its successive proprietors. Erdeswick the venerable county historian, and his later editor, have passed it over with very little notice, and that little is calculated to mislead; nor does it fall within the area which was treated of by Mr. Shaw in his unfinished History and Antiquities of Staffordshire. The materials for its history must, therefore, be gathered from various unpublished sources; and in recording the result of my own enquiries I feel that I am merely acting as a pioneer for the future historian of that part of the county in which it lies.

The Parish of Blymhill, anciently written Blumenhull, is situated in the Hundred of Cuttleston and County of Stafford. It contains the townships or manors of Blymhill and Brineton, which were held under the Barony of Stafford until the attainder of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in 1521, since which time they have been held of the King *in capite*. These manors are thus mentioned in the Domesday Survey:—ROBERT de STAFFORD holds in PRUMPTONE ij hides, and WARIN of him. Five thanes held it [*i.e.*, in Saxon times] and were free men. There is land sufficient for three oxteams. There are three villains and two boors with two oxteams. There are eight acres of meadow, wood two quarantines in length and the same in breadth. It is worth ten shillings. The same ROBERT holds in BRUMHELLE [Blymhill] one hide, and WARIN of him. Five brothers held it and were free men. There is land sufficient for four oxteams. In demesne is one (oxteam) with one serf and seven villains and four boors with six oxteams. There are two acres of meadow, wood one league in length and one quarantine in breadth. In RUSCOTE is one hide pertaining to the same manor. The whole value is twenty shillings.

In 1165-6 Ranulph de Belmeis held three knight's fees under the Baron of Stafford. These fees were apparently of old feoffment, that is, had been bestowed on Ranulph's ancestors before the death of Henry I. His under tenant in two of them was John Bigod [Bagod or Bagot] and in the third Hervey de Wilbrichtone.¹ The latter will have been identical with the manor of Wilbrington and the two former with those of Blymhill and Brineton.

At this period, then, we have Ranulph de Belmeis as *mesne* Lord of Blymhill and Brineton under the Baron of Stafford, and JOHN BAGOD as the tenant in fee.

For an account of the family of de Belmeis, who were also Lords of the neighbouring manor of Tong in Shropshire and persons of great note from the reign of Henry I., and for a history of their successors, the Zouches, Marcourts, and Pembruges, I must refer my readers to Mr. Eyton's *Antiquities of Shropshire*.² These *mesne* Lords, however, appear to have retained no substantial interest at Blymhill, though we find them for a while occasionally alluded to in connection with it. Their tenure was accordingly soon lost sight of, and in the inquisition taken with respect to these lands, the heirs of John Bagot are invariably reported to have held this manor of the Baron of Stafford.

These Bagots were doubtless a branch of the knightly family of that name now represented by Lord Bagot, of Blichfield; but I am unable to trace their exact connection.

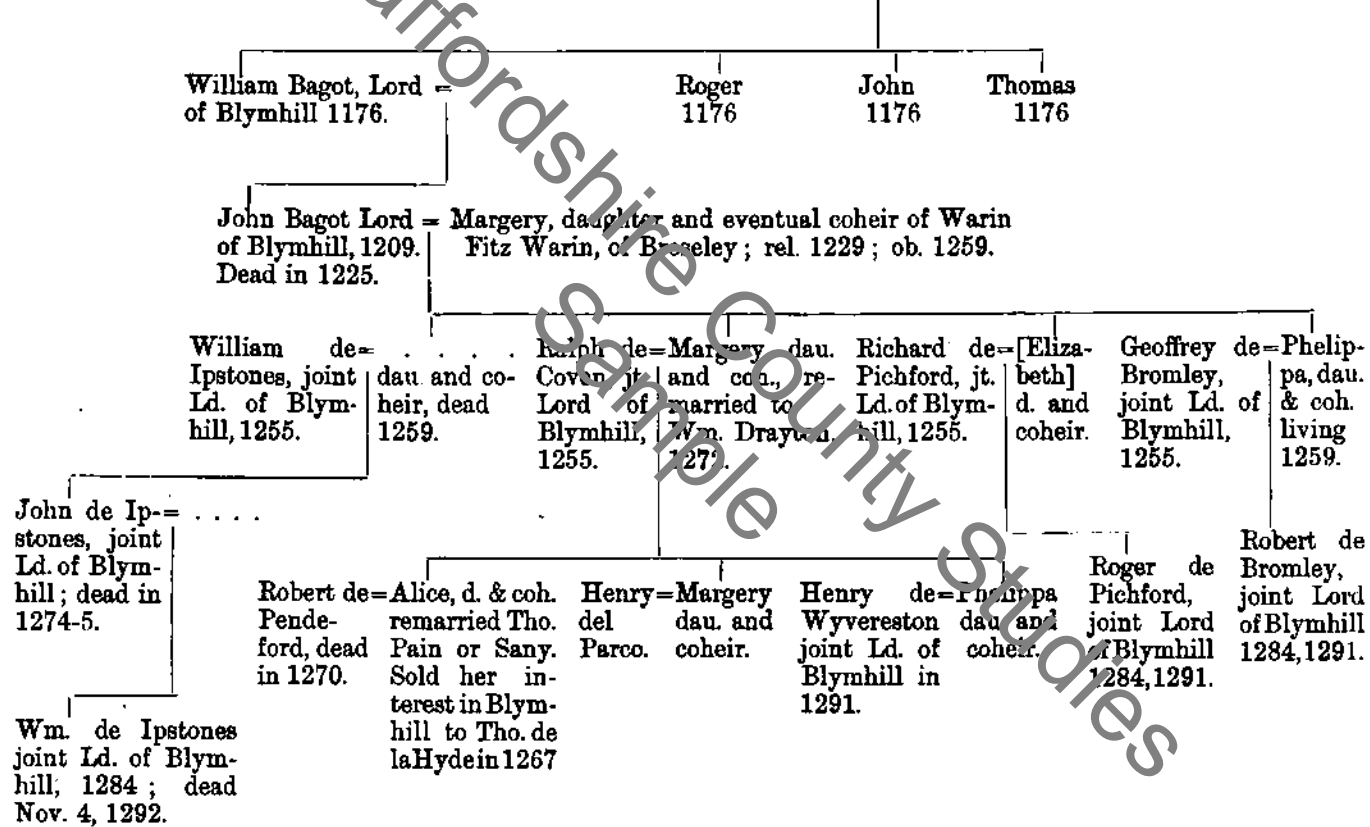
Mr. Eyton preserves the following deed of William son of John Bagot (of Blymhill), being a grant to the Abbey of Buldewas in Shropshire.³

"I William, son of John Bagoth, have conceded to the Abbot and Convent of Buldewas the whole convention which was made between them and my father about the land which is beyond the Rivulet, from the boundaries of Westune [Weston under Lizard] to the boundaries of Broctune [Brocton], and to observe all these things firmly for the (specified) term we have made *affidavit* in the County Court of Staffort, viz., I, my mother and my brothers, Roger, John, and Thomas. And of all these things are witnesses, Hervey de Stratton, sheriff,⁴ Geoffrey Salvage, Adam de Wrotesleg, Nicholas de Mutton, Ralph de Belcher, Adam de Bildewas, William Crasset. This last convention was made in the year from the Lord's incarnation 1176."

¹ Lib. Niger I. 136. ² *Antiquities of Shropshire*, vol. ii. p. 208. ³ *Ibid.* vol. ii. p. 264 note, quoted from Blakeway's MSS., from Mytton's collections. ⁴ Hervey de Stratton was Sheriff of Staffordshire from 1166 to 1184.

PEDIGREE OF BAGOT OF BLYMHILL

John Bagot, Lord of Blymhill temp. Hen. II.; dead in 1176. = rel. 1176.



He was dead before the 4th of November, 1292, the date of a writ to Malculine de Harley, the King's escheator, reciting that Theobald de Verdun has shewn to the King that whereas William de Ipestanas, lately deceased, held, on the day of his death, certain lands and tenements in Ipestanas of the aforesaid Theobald by military service; wherefore the custody of the said lands and tenements, until the lawful age of the heir of the said William, together with the marriage of the same heir, being under age, pertains to the said Theobald, and that because the aforesaid William held certain other lands and tenements of the heir of Nicholas de Stafford, deceased, who held of the King *in capite*, which said heir, being under age, is in the King's custody, the Sheriff did thereupon take into the King's hands the lands and tenements which were holden of the said Theobald as aforesaid, and the heir of the same William, together with the other lands and tenements which belonged to the said William and unjustly detains them from the said Theobald to the great damage and loss of the said Theobald. The King therefore desires the said Sheriff to make an inquisition on the subject and to certify to him the truth in the premises, in order that justice may be done in the matter to the said Theobald. Dated at Berwick-upon-Tweed, 4th Nov., 20 Edw. I.

The inquisition was taken at Stafford on Thursday next before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the 21st year of the reign of King Edward (December 13, 1292), by Henry de Colton, John de Casterne, Roger de Bagenholt, Benedict de Borcidens, William at Blakelegh, Thomas de Baddileye, Richard de Rudyerd, Robert de Stanlowe, Adam de Kyngh, Robert de Heton, William de Bagenholt, and Thomas de Tene, who say upon their oath that William de Ypestanas, lately deceased, held the Manors of Ipestanas and Foxwyst of Theobald de Verdun; viz., Foxwyst for homage and the service of ten shillings, and Ipestanas for homage and the service of twopence and suit of court at Alveton every three weeks, and he ought to find one man in the Castle of Alveton in the time of war for forty days for all services, and not by military service; and the Manor (*sic*) of Ipestanas and Foxwyst is worth yearly in all issues 40s. Also the same William held Sharpecliff Padewyk Le Gnypp and Le Whitehalg of the Lord of Chetelton, for homage and the service of one pound of pepper yearly for all services, and they are worth yearly in all issues 100s. The same William held of the Lord of Kynggesley, Anketil de la Ward, two bovates of land, and twelve acres of land with one water mill for homage and the service

of 12s. 2d. yearly and suit at his Court of Kynggesley every three weeks, and they are worth in all issues 60s. Also the same William held the moiety of Casterne of John, Lord of Ockover, by homage and service of 7s. yearly and suit of Court at Ockover every three weeks, and it is worth yearly in all issues 40s. And the same William held the fourth part of the Manor of Blumenhull with appurtenances of the heir of the Baron of Stafford (who is within age and in the King's custody) for the fourth part of one knight's fee and suit at his Court of Stafford every three weeks, and it is worth yearly in all issues £6 6s. 8d. Also they say that John, son of William de Ipstones, is the heir of the said William, and he was eight years old at Easter in the 20th year of the King's reign. Also they say that the marriage of the said heir pertains to the Lord the King, by reason of the custody of Blumenhull and not to the said Theobald de Verdun. The total yearly value in all issues is £18 6s. 3d.¹

On the 20th of January, 1293 the King's escheator is ordered to accept security from Agnes, the widow of William de Ippestones that she will not marry without the King's licence, and to assign to her reasonable dower out of the lands and tenements in his bailiwick which her late husband held of the heir of the Baron of Stafford, who is under age and in the King's custody. The precept recites that the King had ascertained by his said escheator that William de Ippestones, deceased, held the 4th part of the Manor of Blumenhull of the heir of the Baron of Stafford by the service of a 4th part of a knight's fee, and doing suit at the court of Stafford every three weeks; wherefore the custody of the said 4th part of the said manor pertains to the King. The escheator, however, is commanded not to intrude into the said 4th part nor into any other of the lands in his bailiwick which the said William held of other lords on the day of his death, and which the escheator seized into the King's hands, saving to the King the marriage of the said William's heir. Dated at Alvreton, 20 January.²

Agnes, the widow of William de Ipstones, afterwards married a certain William Wycher; and in 26 Edw. I (1297,8) Justices were appointed to take the assize of *novel disseizin* which Richard de Brunton arraigned against William Wycher and Agnes his wife concerning common of pasture in Blumenhull.³ Again in 33 Edw. I.

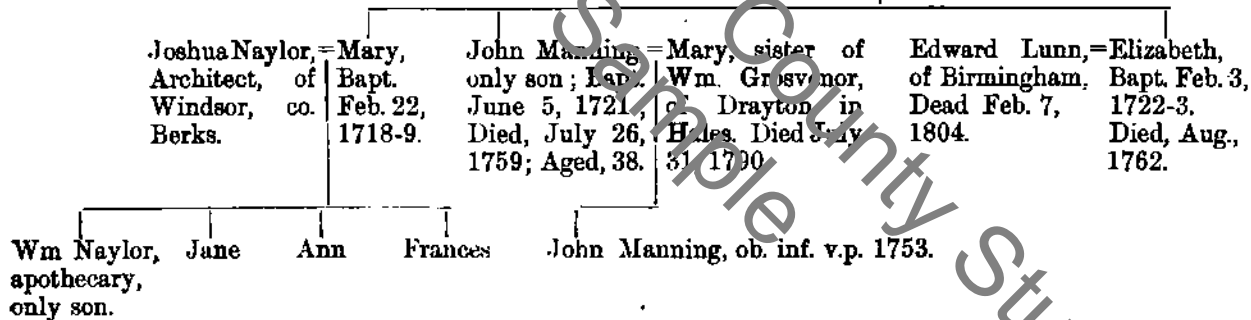
¹ Inq. 21. Edw. I., No. 134. ² Rot. Clana. 21 Edw. I., m. 10 (Salt's MS.)

³ Rot. Pat. 26 Edw. I., m. 20 in dorso (Salt's MS.).

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PEDIGREE OF MANNING OF HIGH HALL.

Mary, dau. of Edmund Lenthall, Esq., 1st wife. Buried at Blynhill, May 25, 1717, s.p. = John Manning, of High Hall in the Parish of Blynhill, gent. Died Nov. 30, 1724. = Mary . . . 2nd wife. Buried at Blynhill, June 4, 1769.



PEDIGREE OF COVEN.

Robert de Pendeford, son of Robert, Lord of Pendeford. Dead in 1270. = Alice, eldest daughter and co-heir of Ralph de Coven; wife of Thomas Sany or Pany 1270-1276.

John de Pendeford, Lord of Pendeford, 6 Edw. I. = Agnes Ralph de Coven, =
rel. 21 Edw. I. Lord of Coven.

Ralph, son of Ralph, Lord of Coven, living 3 Edw. III. = William, son of Ralph de Coven.

John, Lord of Coven, 6-28 Edw. 3. = Julian, daughter of William Hewett, 16 Rich. II. Ralph de Coven.

John, Lord of Coven, 18 Rich. II. 4 Hen. V. = Richard, brother of John, 4 Hen. V.

John, son of John, Lord of Coven, 10 Hen. V.

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By deed, without date, but which must have passed in the reign of Henry III., Roger de la Hyde, son of William de Hyda, gives to Petronilla, his daughter all his lands and tenements in Hyda. He gives also to the same Petronilla and her heirs all the services, rents, and customs of all the under written persons and their heirs for ever, viz., Robert de Ochte, John de Hyda, Richard Rotarii, Richard son of Richard, William de Wlvenet, Richard le Buker, and others, with all profits, reliefs, &c., to be held of the grantor and his heirs for ever. The reserved rent is a pair of shoes of the value of fourpence at Christmas. For this donation, Petronilla gives 8 merks on entry (in germanum). Witnesses, Ralph de Lacock and Nicholas de Lega, then serjeants to the Lord Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, Ralph de Coven, Peter Giffard, Umfrey de Umfriston, John de Engleton, Robert de Pendeford, Robert de Sumerford, Peter de Brewode, Ralph de Broomhall, John Dispensario, Ralph, son of Walter, the clerk, &c.¹ By deed, also without date, the same lady, describing herself as "Petronilla, relict of Tho. de Gyperico" and "daughter of Roger de la Hyde, grants to Thomas, her eldest son, all her lands, &c., in the vill of Hyda; witnesses, William Giffard, Master Thomas de Cobham, Robert de Pendeford, &c."

This grant was afterwards confirmed, in the following terms, by Walter, the son and heir of Roger de la Hyde, who, being a priest, was unable to marry and carry on the line. "To all the world, &c., Walter de la Hyde, son of Roger de Hyda, Rector of the Church of Broatton, greeting; whereas the said Roger, my father, gave to Petronilla, my sister, all the lands, &c., which he had in le Hyde juxta Brewood, to have &c., by military service, and the same Petronilla gave to her son Thomas, my nephew, all the aforesaid lands, &c., to have and to hold of the heirs of the said Roger de la Hyde by the same military service; I, the said Walter, as next heir to the said Roger, my father, do confirm the same grants, &c.; moreover I will and concede that the said Thomas, my nephew, should have and hold for the future all the aforesaid lands, &c., in le Hyde in free and pure socage, rendering therefore one pair of white gloves (cirotecarum); witness, the Lord Ralph de Sapcot; dated on the morrow of St. Fidis, the Virgin, in the 23rd year of King Edward, son of King Henry" (Oct. 7, 1295).

In 4, Edw. I. (1275,6), the year in which they purchased their lands at Blymhill, Thomas de la Hyde, and Alice, his wife, give half a merk to have a writ of *ad terminum*, and the Sheriff of Stafford is

¹ & ² Huntbachs MS., vol. II.

ordered to take security.¹ In 6 Edw. I. (1277,8), Thomas de la Hyde gives half a merk to have an assize.² In 1284, with William de Ipstones, Robert de Bromley, and Roger de Pichford, he is described as joint lord of Blymhill.³ And it was probably the same Thomas de la Hyde, who in 1291, had awarded to him the second, out of four turns, to present to the Church of Blymhill in conjunction with Ralph Streche and Henry de Wyverston (who will have then represented the other two portions of Coven's share).⁴

In 25 Edw. I. Tho. de la Hyde is 2nd witness to a deed of Richard, son of Hervey de Stretton, together with Sir John Giffard, Thomas de Engleton, Robert de Somerford and Robert de Wystone.⁵

In 27 Edw. I. John the son of Ralph de Bromhale grants to Thomas de la Hyde and Margaret, his wife, all his lands, tenements, &c., which he had within the vill of Bromhale, or without, in the parish of Brewood, with the Royalty of the said vill, as freely as it was granted to any of his ancestors—rent, &c., as accustomed; witnesses, Sir Robert de Pipe and William Trumwyn, Knights, Ralph de Coven, Thomas de Engleton, Robert le Meyne, Peter de la Seche, Roger le Hevester, John de Northale and Robert Trumwyn.⁶

As there were two or three of the same name in succession, it is difficult to distinguish between them, but since this Thomas de la Hyde has a different wife to the Thomas who purchased Blymhill, it is probable that he was the son of Thomas and Alice, and the second of that name who was joint Lord of Blymhill.

In 34 Edw. I. (1305,6), Sir John Giffard, Knight, Lord of Chillington, grants to Thomas de la Hyde, and his heirs, all and singular his estovers in his wood of Chillington; witness, Sir William Trumwyn, Knight.

In 9 Edw. II. (1315,6), Thomas de la Hyde grants to John, son of Richard de Blimenhull, and Hervey, brother of John, for term of life, two places of land in Blimenhull; to which are witnesses John de Ipstones and Richard de Pichford.⁷

It incidentally appears from an inquisition taken at Cameleford in the County of Cornwall, in 10 Edw. II. that Thomas de la Hyde held the manor of La Hyde, in the County of Stafford, of the King *in capite*, by knight's service, which was worth £20 *per annum*.⁸

In 20 Edw. II. (1326) John Giffard, Lord of Chilinton, grants to

¹ Rot. Fin. 4 Edw. I. m. 16. ² Ibid. 6 Edw. I., m. 11. ³ & ⁴ see p. 294. ⁵ Huntbache, MS. vol. II. ⁶ Huntbache MS. (Salt's MS.) vol. I. p. 352 compared with Parke's History of Brewood, p. 74. ⁷ Huntbache, MS. vol. II. ⁸ Inq. ad quod damnum 11. Edw. II. No. 33.

Thomas de la Hyde and Margaret his wife all his right &c., in Overmore Rudding, &c., in Bromhale, which said moor devolved upon the grantor by right of inheritance after the death of his brother Peter; to which are witnesses Ralph, Lord of Coven, Thomas, Lord of Engleton, and others.¹

According to the writer of the History of Brewood this Thomas de la Hyde (II.) had issue another Thomas de la Hyde (III), who had issue Ralph, Nicholas, and John.² There was also another son Giles, who is described as brother to Ralph and Nicholas and son of Thomas de la Hyde, and was living in 16 and 27 Edw. III.³

In 6 Edw. III. (1332) is a lease from Thomas the son of Thomas de la Hyde to William de Donyngton of Leicester, of his manor of Bromhale near Brewode, to hold from the Feast of St. Dionisius, 1332, for the term of nine years, paying a yearly rent of 28s. and to the chief light of the cathedral church of Lichfield for the said Thomas at Michaelmas 4s.; witnesses the Lord John Giffard, Knight, Hugh de Engleton, Roger son of Roger Tinctoris de Brewode, Peter de Wolfvoley, Jordan le Boteler, John de Strangleford, John son of John Henry, &c.

In 10 Edw. III. (1336) Thomas de la Hyde is 2nd witness, with John, Lord of Weston, Robert de Sancto Petro, and Richard le Bedelle de Chilinton, to a deed of William de Nore de Chilinton to Sir John Giffard, Knight.⁴ And in 16 Edw. III. (1342) is a lease from Thomas de la Hyde to Nicholas his son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, of all his lands, &c., in Bromhale, and if the said Nicholas should die without heirs of his body then to Giles, brother of Nicholas for term of life, and after his decease to the right heirs of the said Thomas for ever; to which are witnesses John, Lord of Somerford, John le Marchal, Richard son of Richard Jordan de Singleton, William son of William Jordan de Somerford, Roger son of Nicholas le Hevster de Engleton, &c.⁵

In 27 Edw. III. (1353) Giles son of Thomas sometime of the Hyde releaseth to Ralph his brother all his lands, &c., in Bromhale, which he had by the gift of his father for the term of his life; witnesses John Giffard, Richard de Engleton, Edmund de la Lee, William Oliver and others.⁶ And in the following year Ralph de la Hyde

¹ Huntbache MS. vol. II. ² History of Brewood, printed by William Parke, Wolverhampton, 1850, p. 74. The Pedigree given in the Huntbache MS. does not recognise the second Thomas in the descent, but I think it more probable that there was such a person. ³ Huntbache MS. (Salt's MS.) vol. 1, p. 352. ⁴ Huntbache MS. vol. 1, p. 352. ⁵ Huntbache MS. vol. II. ⁶ Huntbache MS. vol. I. p. 352. ⁷ *Ibid.*

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