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GIFFARDS

FROM THE CONQUEST TO THE PRESENT
TIME.

BY

MAJ.-GEN. THE HON. GEORGE WROTTESLEY.

P R E F A C E .

HAVING undertaken a history of the Giffards of Chillington for the William Salt Society, I found the work so obstructed at every step by reason of the number of Giffards in various parts of the country, many of whom bore the same Christian name as the contemporary members of the Chillington branch, that I have thought it advisable to preface the work by an account of the other Giffard houses which formerly flourished in other counties of England.

The necessity for a work of this kind will be appreciated when it is stated that in the reign of Henry II there were two, if not three, contemporary Walter Giffards. In the reigns of King John and Henry III there were three Osbert Giffards more or less contemporary. In the reign of Edward I there were three contemporary William Giffards. In the reign of Edward II there were four contemporary John Giffards. In the reign of Edward III there were five contemporary John Giffards. And all these, it must be understood, were men of importance, lords of manors, and large landowners. The matter became further complicated when, as often happened, they had wives of the same name; thus, in the reign of Edward III there were two contemporary Edmund Giffards, both of whom had wives named Margaret. Into this pitfall, I am sorry to say, I fell, and I have mixed up these two Edmunds in my extracts from the Plea Rolls in Vols. XIII and XIV of the *Staffordshire Collections*.

The investigation of the subject has led me further than I anticipated, and the following pages contain a sketch of thirty branches of the Giffard family, all of which are now extinct. To quote old Fuller's quaint description of the gentry of Bedfordshire, "Hungry time hath made a glutton's meal on this catalogue of gentry, and hath left but a very little morsel for

manners remaining," nor must it be assumed that the subject is exhausted, for mention is to be found on the public records, of other families of the same name, of which, however, the traces are so slight, that without local knowledge it is impossible to give any connected account of them—they are to be found, in fact, in nearly every county of England as well as in France and Ireland. They even penetrated across the border, and an important line of Giffards was established in the Lowlands of Scotland as early as the reign of William the Lion. On the Charter Roll of the second year of King John, there are letters of safe conduct for the Abbot of Aberbrothock, William Cumin and William Giffard, ambassadors from William King of Scots to King John.¹

The work has been very laborious, owing to the number of authorities it has been necessary to consult, but I have derived considerable assistance from Mr. Hardinge F. Giffard, for which I have to express my acknowledgments and best thanks.

G. W.

¹ The second title of the Marquesses of Liveddale, viz., the Earl of Gifford, is derived from the Giffards of Kester in Scotland, although they pronounce the G hard. The preposition is likewise improperly used, as the name is a patronymic and was never territorial. According to Sir David Dalrymple's *Annals* a Hugh Giffard of Yester died in 1267.

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Page 15, line 15. Delete the three lines following the words, "*de parte Comitibus Ricardus*." The Earl Richard here named could not be the Earl of Devon, as the latter Earls were never chief lords of Clovelly.

Page 30, bottom line, for "Yewborough" read "Irishborough."

Page 51, line 23, omit "of Spore, co. Cornwall."

Page 52, line 1, omit "of Spore."

Page 86, add to account of Peter Giffard, II:—"The Inspeximus of Taunton Priory enrolled on the Charter Roll of 8 E. III, m. 5 and 6, recites amongst the gifts to the House, 'a rent of 20s. from the land of Hupesterte by Peter son of Peter Giffard.' Taunton Priory was founded by William Giffard the Chancellor *temp.* H. I."

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PLANCHE, in his well-known work on the *Conqueror and his Companions*, describes Walter Giffard, the patriarch of this family, as "the progenitor of a race from which the noblest families in England may be proud to trace their descent," and to this it may be added that there are few families of which the members have risen to so many high offices in the State, or have been distinguished in so many spheres of life. Walter Giffard was one of the Commissioners appointed by the Conqueror for the compilation of Domesday. His brother William Giffard was Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor under the first three Norman Kings of England. Richard Giffard was a Justiciary appointed under the Constitutions of Clarendon in the reign of Henry II. Godfrey Giffard was Bishop of Worcester and Chancellor to Henry III, his brother Walter was Archbishop of York and Chancellor to the same king. Hugh Giffard was Constable of the Tower of London in 1235, and his son Alexander was distinguished in the Crusade of 1240. To come to more recent times, William Giffard, an eminent English Jesuit rose to the position of Archbishop of Rheims and Duke and Peer of France in 1622. The Giffards of Chillington and Whiteadies played a conspicuous part in the preservation of Charles II after the battle of Worcester. A member of the same house, Dr. Bonaventure Giffard, was the first Vicar Apostolic of England and is famous for the panegyric upon him in the pages of Macaulay. In the domain of literature they occupy a place in the persons of William Giffard, the editor of the *Quarterly Review*, Humphrey Giffard, the Elizabethan Poet, and Andrew Giffard the Antiquary and Librarian of the British Museum. Robert Giffard of Exeter rose to the position of Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in 1824, and was elevated to the rank of a baron in the same year, and at the present day a Giffard has been raised to the rank of an Earl, and has held the post of Lord Chancellor of Great Britain under two sovereigns and under three administrations.

Walter Giffard "the elder," as he is styled in the chronicles of Orderic Vitalis and William de Jumièges, flourished between the years 1035 and 1084. The story of his relationship to the Ducal House of Normandy is told by the latter historian, who relates how the Earl Richard, being lodged in the house of one of his foresters during a hunting expedition, was so struck with the beauty of the forester's wife, he ordered her to be conducted at night to his chamber. The forester sadly recounted these orders to his wife, who, being a virtuous woman, consoled him by saying that she would put in her place her sister Gunnora, who was younger and much better looking than herself. This was done, and the Duke, after he was informed of the deception passed upon him, was rejoiced to find that he had not committed so great a sin. Gunnora afterwards lived with him for many years as his mistress, until, wishing to promote Robert, one of his sons by her, to the Archbishopric of Rouen, the Earl was informed that the canonical laws would not permit an illegitimate son to be consecrated, and for that reason he married Gunnora according to Christian rites, and in this way legitimated all his offspring by her.

The story "*si non è vero è ben trovato*," but it bears too close a resemblance to a well-known scriptural incident, and was probably invented by the monks to embellish the reputation of Gunnora after she had become Duchess of Normandy. Like our own Queen Elizabeth Woodville, in somewhat similar circumstances, Gunnora had a bevy of younger sisters whom she promoted by marrying them to the sons of great Norman houses who were in ward to the Duke, and in this way the third sister, Avelina, was given in marriage to Osbern de Bolebec, Lord of Longueville, by whom she had Walter Giffard the first, and Godfrey, father of William d'Arques.

Walter married one of the daughters of Girard Flatel or Fleitel, and had issue Walter Giffard the second and several daughters, one of whom, Rohais, married Richard, the son of Earl Gilbert¹ (de Brionne). As Duke Richard died in 996, even

¹ *Histoire des Normands*, by William of Jumièges, chapters 36 and 37. The reader will note the origin of the names of Osbern and Gerard afterwards borne by the Giffards. Gunnora is the Danish Gunnor, from which is derived Guinevra, Guinevere, and finally Geneviève.

past, and that Leonard his brother was his nearest heir. At the time of his death he held the manor of Bradeford of the Earl of Devon, and lands in Methe, Godelegh, and Trewe.

A deed of 18 H. VIII, between Nicholas Denys of Orleigh and Thomas Giffard of Yeo, shows that John Giffard had issue Robert, Robert had issue John, and Leonard had issue the said Thomas Giffard.¹

The inquisition *p.m.* on the death of Thomas Giffard was taken on 25 H. VIII (1533). It states that he held the manor of Stoklegh Dabernoy of the fee of Torbryan and Stokleigh Franceis of Giles Dabeny, and the manor of Goodlegh of the King. Lands and tenements in Methe and the advowson of the church and lands in Morthou, held of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Lands in Gratton and Hollegh and Yeo held of Nicholas Denys of Orleigh, and lands in Bolland held of Thomas Gifford of Halsebury. Lands in Esthonde, Westlonde, Poppsham, and Thorne held of the Abbot of Tavystock. The manor of [. .]legh, and lands and tenements in Exeter held of the Prior of Plympton, and the manor of Bradeford, and the advowson of the church held of Peter [. . .]. The inquisition also shows that he had married Elizabeth the daughter of William Denys, late of Orleigh, and had died on the 17th March last (1533), and that John Gifford his son was his nearest heir and 21 years of age and upwards.²

By an inquisition held 20th October, 33 H. VIII (1541), on the death of John Gifford of Yeo, it was found that he had died on the 19th March last past, leaving Margaret his widow who was the daughter of John Mylyton, Esq., and a daughter Wilmete, who was his sole child and heir, and that Thomas Gifford, the father of the said John, had been seised of the manors of Stokelegh Daverñon and Stokeleigh Francis and of the advowsons of Meeth and Goodleigh, and had enfeoffed in them, by deed dated 24th October, 18 H. VIII, Hugh Stukeley, Anthony Pollard, John Gifford of Halsbury, and three others named, to the use of the said Thomas Gifford and Elizabeth his wife, the daughter of

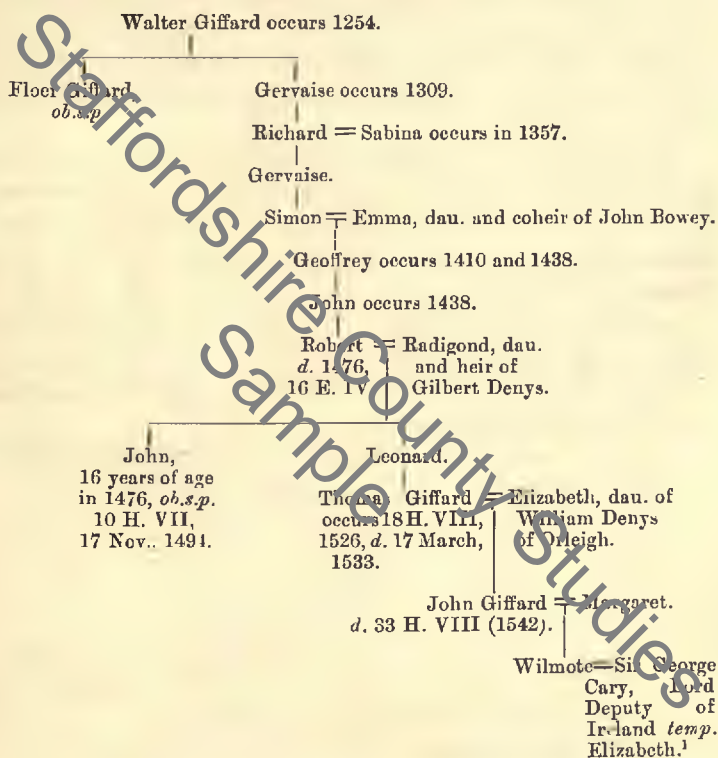
¹ Notes in *North Devon Journal*, 1879, by the Rev. J. R. Powell.

² Most of these possessions had been obtained by the marriage of Robert Giffard, who died in 1476, with Radigond, the daughter and heir of Gilbert Denys (Deeds of R. S. S. Cary, Esq., of Cockington). This Gilbert was one of the representatives of Sir Roger Giffard of Awliscoombe.

William Denys of Orleigh, Esq., and that the said Thomas had died 4th February, 27 H. VIII, leaving Elizabeth his widow.

Wilmote, the heiress of this house married in 1540 George, the son and heir-apparent of Thomas Cary of Cockington, who was afterwards Lord Deputy of Ireland, by whom she left issue.

The above evidence gives us the following pedigree:—



GIFFARD OF HALSBURY

The Awliscombe deeds in the possession of the Corporation of Exeter show that Sir Roger Giffard had a son Bartholomew. By deed *s.d.* Roger Giffard lets to farm his land of Aulescombe to Alice Coffin for her life, for which Alice granted to Roger the third part of Welcumbe, which she held in dower. And the said Alice was to exonerate Roger from a rent of 2 marks payable to

¹ Wilmot Cary's brass in Tormohun Church shows the Cary arms impaled with those of Giffard of Awliscombe, and a crescent for cadency on the latter arms.

and Katharine, his wife, on the other part, a messuage and a carucate of laud in Lannevet and the advowson of the church were settled on Nicholas and Isabella and the heirs of their bodies.

Sir John Maclean in his *Trigg Manor*, shows that a part of Lannowmure was held of the Bishop of Exeter, and that in 1283 Lannowmure and Lanyvet and the advowson of the church of Lanyvet had been settled by fine on Hugh de Munketon and Katharine, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and failing such on Nicholas de Munketon, the uncle of Hugh, and Marjery, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies.

It would appear, therefore, that there was a double manor in Lannowmure, one held by the family of Monketon of the Bishop, and the other by Bartholomew Giffard under the Earl of Cornwall, and Bartholomew had united the two fees by marrying his son Robert to the heiress of the Bishop's fee. In the Book of Aids, under date of 1303, Robert Giffard is returned as holding a full knight's fee in Lannowmure of Edmund, Earl of Cornwall.

In 26 E. I he was in prison at Lancaster for the death of Richard de Spekcote, the Parson of Parham, but was released on finding security to serve the King in Scotland at his own costs, and he afterwards obtained a full pardon for the felony.¹

Robert was Knight of the shire for co. Cornwall in the Parliament of 28 E. I, and again in 34 E. I.²

His son, Nicholas Giffard, was returned as a Knight for the County in the Parliament of 18 E. II.³

Sir John Maclean gives also the following useful dates:—

Robert Giffard was dead before 1312, for in that year Walter Giffard, Doctor of Theology, and others presented to the church of Lanivet.

In 1330, Nicholas Giffard presented to the church. John Giffard occurs in 1346 and was dead in 1359. Roger Giffard, his son, was dead in 1362.

Henry Giffard occurs in 1392 and presented to the church in 1404.

Benedict Giffard presented in 1423.

¹ Close Roll, 26 E. I, m. 7. *Ex inf.* H. F. Giffard.

² Parliamentary writs (printed).

³ *Ibid.*

In the Book of Aids, under the date of 1428, Benedict Giffard occurs as part owner of two knight's fees in Kylguyt, co. Cornwall, formerly held by Richard Sergeaux.

According to Sir John Maclean, the manor of Lannowmure passed to John Lanhergy, who died in 1406, and from him it descended to John, his son. The last John was succeeded by Thomas Lanhergy, who occurs in 1438 and was dead in 1465, leaving Joan, his sister and heir, who married Edmund Beket.¹

GIFFARD OF TWYFORD, CO. BUCKS.

The Herald's Visitations name Richard Giffard, living *temp.* H. II, as the earliest known ancestor of this family, and they are probably correct, for this branch of the Giffards held Lodeston or Leiston in the Isle of Sheppey *in capite*, and Richard Giffard is shown in the Liber Rubeus to have held Lodeston, co. Kent, in 1166 of Walter de Meduan.²

Richard occurs in 1172 as one of the Justiciaries appointed under the Constitutions of Clarendon.

Their principal manor and seat, however, was at Twyford, co. Bucks, which they held under the Earls of Ormond. The Ormond family derived their claim from the Broards, and the "*Quo warranto*" Pleas of 12 E. I state that John Giffard le Boef had been enfeoffed in two-thirds of Twyford by Robert, son of Nicholas, the ancestor of Ralph Pipard, and this grant had been ratified by the King.

The "*Nomina Villarum*" of 1316 returns John Giffard as lord of the villis of Twyford, Charndon, and Pounden in co. Bucks, and of Elmington, Tansor, Naseby, and Hallidon in co. Northampton, and of South Newington and Begbrooke in co. Oxford.³

Besides these manors they are found afterwards in possession of Somerton and a moiety of Firingford in co. Oxon, both held *in*

¹ *Trigg Manor*, by Sir John Maclean.

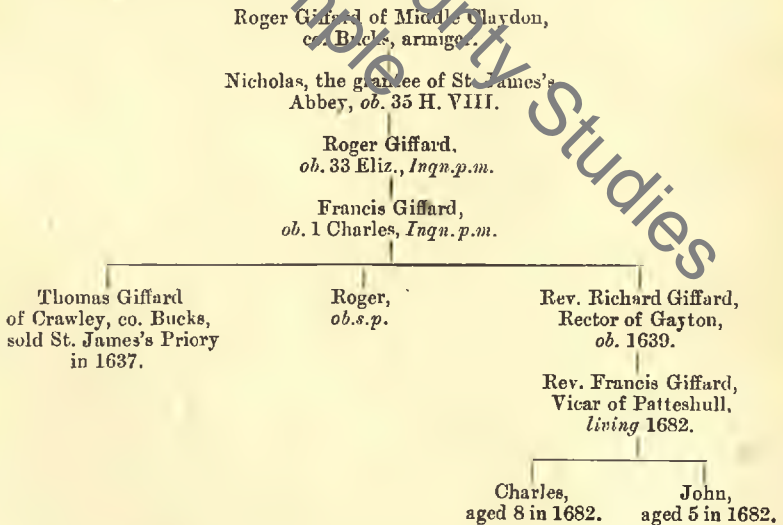
² Richard Giffard is named as one of the knights holding under the Honor of Buckingham on the Pipe Roll of 19 H. II, in which year he was excused 15s. for seutage. He appears, therefore, to be holding at this date one of the knight's fees held of that Honor by Elias Giffard in 1166 (*Liber Niger*) and was doubtless a cadet of the House of Brimsfield. On the Pipe Roll of 21 H. II, under Kent, he is returned as paying £18 15s. as fermor of the King's manor of Ailisford for three-quarters of the year.

³ Parliamentary writs (printed).

New Series, Vols. III and IV, and is taken from an authentic armorial of the reign of Edward I, now in the College of Arms, Johan Gyfford le Boef bears gules, three lions passant in pale, argent, and a label of five pendants, azure. These are the arms of Giffard of Brimsfield, differenced by the label as a mark of cadency, and there can be no doubt that this family were a younger branch of the Giffards of Brimsfield. The latter were a powerful baronial house in full vigour at the date of this armorial, and the Giffards of Twyford could not have assumed these arms if they had not been descended from them.

GIFFARD OF ST. JAMES'S ABBEY, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

This is a younger branch of the Giffards of Twyford. According to Baker's *History of Northamptonshire*, Nicholas Giffard, a son of Roger, who was a younger brother to Thomas Giffard of Twyford and Helidon, obtained a grant in 37 H. VIII of the dissolved priory of St. James in Duston parish, and he gives this account of his descendants:—



The Nicholas of this pedigree could not have been the direct heir of Roger Giffard of Middle Claydon, for the inquisition taken

of Alice, for the reasonable purparties which fell to the said Sibil, John, Alice, and Ysabella of the lands, etc., which the said Alice de Craucumbe held of the King *in capite*. The Sheriff of co. Hereford to take security for the relief and to give seisin. The relief of Sibil was subsequently remitted by the King by a writ dated from Woodstock 9th September.

In this year, viz., in 1238, Sir Hugh had the guardianship of Prince Edward, and on the death of Sir Hugh, which is said to have taken place in 1248, his widow Sibil was appointed governess to the younger children of Henry III.¹

The eldest son of Sir Hugh, Alexander Giffard, was a distinguished Crusader. He was one of two hundred knights who accompanied the Earl of Salisbury to the Holy Land in 1249. He was present at Mansoura in the following year, when his chief was killed. Matthew Paris states that Alexander Giffard escaped with difficulty after the defeat of the Crusaders, and was severely wounded in making his escape. He died *s.p.* The fine cross-legged effigy of him in Boyton Church displays on the shield the three lions of Giffard of Trimsfield.

The second son of Sir Hugh Giffard was Walter, who was elected Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1264 and translated to the See of York in 1266. On his death in 1279, the estates of this family devolved on his brother Godfrey, who was Bishop of Worcester and Chancellor of England 1267-9.

The inquisitions *p.m.* on the Archbishop give the following account of his property:—

The Hampshire inquisition states he held the manors of Itchull and Cove of the Bishop of Winchester by the service of one and a half knights' fees.

The Wiltshire inquisition states he held the manor of Boyton by the service of one knight's fee of John Giffard.

The Gloucestershire inquisition shows he held the manors of Norton and Weston under Egge of the King *in capite* for the service of half a knight's fee.

The Oxfordshire inquisition states he held the manor of Alerinton (Alkerton) of John de Lodbroke, knight.

¹ In 24 H. III Hugh Giffard was paid £20 for the expenses of Prince Edward, and in 26 H. III he and William Brun received £200 for the same. In the latter year Hugh Giffard had a gift of 30 marks from the King, to marry his daughter (Fine Rolls, printed).

All these inquisitions add that Godfrey, the Bishop of Worcester, was his nearest heir, and the last inquisition gives the age of Godfrey at forty-four.

Godfrey, the Bishop of Worcester, died in 1302, when John Giffard, his nephew, the son of William Giffard, brother of the Bishop, was found to be his heir.¹

As this branch of the family held lands *in capite*, there is no difficulty in tracing their descent and identifying the various members of it by means of the inquisitions *p.m.* which are extant.

The John Giffard above named died in 13 E. II (1320), and John Giffard, his son, was found to be his nearest heir and twenty years of age.

This John Giffard, like the Baron of Brimsfield, joined the league against the Despensers, and by close writ of 7th February, 1322, the Sheriff of Gloucestershire was ordered to take all his manors into the King's hands. He, however, escaped the fate of his kinsman, John Giffard of Brimsfield, and his manors were subsequently restored to him on the fall of the Despensers. He died, however, very shortly afterwards, for he was deceased on the 10th June, 1327. An inquisition taken on the 13th February, 1328, states that John, his son, was his nearest heir and six months of age.

The "Aid" on the knighting of Edward the Black Prince in 1348 states that John Giffard held Weston and Norton by reason of the minority of the heir, John Giffard. It is difficult to identify the guardian of the heir, for at this date there were no less than five contemporary John Giffards, viz., John Giffard of Bures (Bowers in Essex), John Giffard of Chillington, co. Stafford, John Giffard of Twyford, co. Bucks, John Giffard of Lannowmure, co. Cornwall, and John Giffard of Helland, in the same county.

John Giffard proved his age on the 8th October, 1348. The inquisition states he was born at Sheynton (Sherston), co. Wilts, in 1 E. III. No specific mention of this John Giffard has been found of later date, but he must have been alive in 1349, for his daughter and heir Elizabeth was born in 1350, and I think it

¹ According to Gage's *Suffolk*, under "Barrow," William Giffard, knight, the son of Hugh Giffard of Boyton, married Katherine, the daughter and heir of Hamon Passelewe, and had issue John Giffard of Weston and Hugh Giffard. Parson of Barewe.

WILLIAM GIFFARD.

1263 TO 1272.

During the disturbances of the kingdom consequent on the rebellion of Simon de Montfort and the Barons against Henry III in 1264 and 1265, this William must have been ejected from his estates, for the Forest Roll of 55 H. III has a presentment made against Robert Cheney, a Shropshire knight, for taking three bucks and other venison from Cannock Forest in 49 H. III to Chillington, which was at that time in possession of the said Robert,¹ and Deed No. 10 of the Chillington Charters printed with this history shows that he had also been ejected from Walton.

I conclude this ejection was consequent on William's loyalty, for the county of Stafford at this date was entirely in the power of Simon de Montfort's adherents. The chief amongst these in Staffordshire was Ralph Basset of Drayton, and a presentment made against eleven of the landowners of that county for taking venison from Cannock Forest in 48 H. III states that they had so "*advocarunt se*" by Ralph Basset that none of the foresters dared to attack them.² Robert Hastings, the lord of Chebsey who had ejected William from Walton, was also of the same faction, and several presentments were made against him and his servants at the same Pleas of the Forest for taking venison to his house at Chebsey.³

By a writ dated from Northampton 28th December, 50 H. III (1266), the King for the good service performed by William Giffard to himself and Prince Edward granted to him all the lands of Robert Motun in Sibetoft.⁴ It will be observed that a Robert Motun, probably son of this Robert Motun, is a party to Deed No. 14 of the Chillington Charters.

William was dead before July, 1272, for at the Stafford Assizes of that date the jury of the Hundred presented that John Gyffard, lord of Chilynton, held a full knight's fee and was of full

¹ *Staffordshire Collections*, Vol. V, part 1, p. 146.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, pp. 140, 141, 146. There were other presentments to the same effect against Ralph Basset. The men in arms against the King appear to have subsisted in a great measure on the King's venison. Ralph Basset of Drayton was afterwards killed at the battle of Evesham, fighting against the King.

⁴ *Rotuli Selecti* (printed), p. 211.

age and was not yet a knight. He was therefore *in misericordia* *i.e.*, at the mercy of the court for any fine it might think fit to impose on him.

JOHN GIFFARD I OF CHILLINGTON.

A.D. 1272 TO 1307.

John Giffard, who now succeeded to Chillington, was the fourth son of his father Peter. During the first part of his career and before he became a knight he has the prefix of "Magister" to his name, and had been probably brought up to the profession of the law. It was perhaps this circumstance which produced the numerous suits at law in which he was engaged during the whole of his lifetime. His first quarrel was with the Bishop, his superior lord, respecting the fishery of Copmere,¹ but a more serious cause of dispute was the service due for the manor of Chillington. John refused to pay his relief to the Bishop, alleging that he held the manor of the Mandevilles, and at the assizes of 56 H. III (1272) the Bishop sued him for the manor of Chylinton, excepting ten messuages, and four virgates of land as the right of his church.² The land excepted was evidently that held in demesne, and this shows that the Bishop was claiming only the suzerainty of the manor. John Giffard called to warranty John fitz John, who was to be summoned to be at Salop on the morrow of All Souls. This John fitz John was the son of the baron whom William Giffard had sued in 1257 to take his homage and a reasonable relief for the manor of Chillington. He was the descendant, by a second wife, of the famous Geoffrey fitz Piers de Mandeville, Earl of Essex, and was the senior coheir of the Giffards of Fonthill. The fact, therefore, of John Giffard calling upon him to warrant to him the manor of Chillington lends strong probability to the view that the Giffards of Chillington descended from the Giffards of Fonthill. When William Giffard of Chillington called John fitz John to warranty in 1257 he must have been under the impression that Chillington was a Giffard fief which had come into the possession of Peter Corbuson through marriage with his wife, Margaret Giffard, and

¹ Assize Roll, Salop, 56 H. III, Vol. IV, *Staffordshire Collections*, p. 183.

² Assize Roll, Stafford, 56 H. III, Vol. IV, *Staffordshire Collections*, p. 206.

under the influence of this belief John fitz John had accepted the homage of William Giffard.

John Giffard occurs either as plaintiff or defendant in other suits on the Assize Roll of 56 H. III (1272). In one of these Richard, son of Richard de Huntinbach, sued him under the name of John, son of Peter Giffert of Chilynton, for common of pasture in two acres of land in Walton. John stated that William Giffard, his brother, and whose heir he was, had held a several pasture there, but the jury found in favour of the plaintiff.¹

The other suits present no feature of interest.

In his plea against the Bishop respecting the fishery of Copmere, Magister John Giffard put in his place as his attorney John Giffard, *his brother*. It was not uncommon in former days to give the same Christian name to two brothers.

On the De Banco Roll of Mich., 2-3 E. I, John Giffard again sued John Fitz John to warrant to him the manor of Chilynton which Roger, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, claimed against him; and at the same sittings of the Court John Giffard sued the Bishop to permit him to fish in the water of Okemere (*sic*), as he formerly used to do. The Bishop did not appear and was to be attached by better sureties.²

At the same term Roger, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, sued John Giffard for the manor of Chilynton, excepting ten messuages, four virgates and 140 acres of land as the right of his church, and of which Hugh, his predecessor had been in seisin in the time of King Henry, the great-grandfather of the King. John appeared by attorney and put himself on a great assize (of knights) and the suit was adjourned to the following Easter.³

John fitz John, who had accepted the homage of William Giffard, died in 1276, whilst the suit was in progress; and when this took place John Giffard must have approached the Bishop with some view to an accommodation, for by a fine levied at Shrewsbury in 6 E. I the Bishop acknowledged the manor of Chillington to be the right of John Giffard and his heirs, for which concession John Giffard acknowledged the manor of Sogenhull to belong to the Bishop and his successors.⁴

¹ *Staffordshire Collections*, Vol. IV, p. 194.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. VI, part 1, p. 65.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 70.

⁴ *Pedes Finium*, Staffordshire.

The nature of the claim of the Giffards to the manor of Sogenhull¹ (Sugnall) does not appear either from the Rolls or from the Chillington deeds.

The De Banco Roll of Trinity term, 7 E. I, has a suit which contains much interesting matter concerning the descent of the family from Peter Giffard the second. It states that Robert de Somerford was summoned by John Gyffard of Chilinton in a plea that he should perform the customary services owing for a freehold he held of the said John in Chilinton, and he stated that Robert held of him a messuage and a virgate of land in Chilinton by homage and the service of a pound of pepper and suit at his court of Chilinton every three weeks, of which service Peter, the ancestor of John, had been seised in the reign of King John, by the hands of William, the father of Robert de Somerford, and from the said Peter the right descended to Peter, as son and heir, and from the last Peter, who died *s.p.*, the right descended to one William, his brother and heir, and from William, who died *s.p.*, the right descended to one Hugh, as his brother and heir, and from Hugh, who died *s.p.*, the right descended to the plaintiff John as brother and heir.

Robert appeared and admitted that he had the tenement by homage and the service of a pound of pepper, but denied the suit of court and the alleged seisin of the said Peter, the ancestor of John, and he put himself on a great assize. The suit was adjourned to Michaelmas term, when four knights went to elect a jury.²

At the Pleas of the Forests of Kinver and Cannock held in 14 E. I (1286) Magister John Giffard of Chillington produced a Charter of King H. III, by which the King conceded, at the instance of W., Archbishop of York, that John should not be placed on any assize or jury, or made sheriff, verderer, reguardor, or any other office against his will. The Archbishop named was Walter Giffard, the head of the house of Giffard of Weston-under-Edge, co. Gloucester (see p. 56).

John de Mandeville, the Baron fitz John, had been succeeded by his brother Richard in 1276, and at Trinity term in Banco, 18 E. I, John Gyffard summoned him to acquit him of the service

¹ Pedes Finium, StafforJshire.

² *Staffordshire Collections*, Vol. VI, part 1, p. 96.

ordered by their lordships hath this day accordingly made his apparence here, and is willed to yeeld himself unto the Knight Mareschalls charge untill hee shall by their lordships bee from thence discharged."

At the Council of the 28th June, 1581, permission was given to him "to resort to the new wells at Newenham Regis in the co. of Warwick, to remain for the space of 14 days, as also to repair unto a lordshippe of his called Marson in the county of Stafford ther to abyde for his necessarie business by the space of eight dayes. It was likewise ordered notwithstanding his said bond that (touching that pointe of his band for not retayning of any servaunt that shal be knowen to be a Recusant) if within xx daies after his arrival at his owne house he shall therein accomlishe the contentes of the condition of his said bond, he shall likewise avoyde the daunger of the forfeiture thereof and finallie if the said John Giffard shall before the Feast of All Saintes next ensuing appeare before the Lordes and others of her Majesties Privie Counsell yelding himself to their Lordships appointment and direction, that then his said bond to be redelivered unto him and be discharged thereof."

At the Council of 11th July, 1581, it was ordered "that John Gifford being heretofore committed to prison in the Gatehouse for not conformynge himself in matters of Religion upon his bonde with two suerties to her Majesties use in the summe of C *li*, with the generall condition appointed by their Lordships to be taken of the Recusants, was this daye discharged of prison and sett at libertie."

On the 1st November, 1581, it is noted that "John Gifford of Chillington appeared before the Council, and was allowed liberty for one month and to appear again."

On the 30th, 1581, we read that "John Giffard appeared and was allowed a further liberty of 15 days."

On the 14th December, 1581, John Giffard appeared before the Clerk of the Council to have his appearance recorded and "was thereupon ordered to give his attendance untill by their Lordships order he should be dismissed."

When Robert Glover, Somerset Herald, made his Visitation of Staffordshire in 1583, John Giffard appeared and certified to

his pedigree commencing with his grandfather Sir John Giffard, and detailing all the younger sons and daughters of the house and their wives and husbands. At this date John had two grandsons living, Peter Giffard and John Giffard, and he therefore certifies to the correctness of five generations of his family, with all of whom he had been personally acquainted. This Visitation therefore gives authentic evidence respecting the family and its offshoots for a period of 80 years. In 1063, when Sir William Dugdale made his Visitation of Staffordshire, Walter, the son of the above-named Peter Giffard and great-grandson of John, certified to the correctness of the pedigree up to that date, and this Walter had also a grandson then living, aged five, who is duly entered in the pedigree signed by his grandfather. We have, therefore, official certificates of the births and marriages of eight generations of the family, based upon personal knowledge—a remarkable example of the value of these Heraldic Records for the period over which they extend.

An interval of more than three years now elapses before we find any more records respecting Recusants in the Acts of the Privy Council. At this date Francis Calacre and Thomas Peshall of Horsley had left the country.¹

At the Council held on the 3rd March, 1585-86, there is an entry that "John Gifford of Chillingeton in the Countie of Stafford, Esquier, upon commaundement of the lords of her Majesties most honorable Privy Counsell for matter of recusance restrained to remaine in or about London, upon his humble suite for recovery of his health being moche impaired, as also for other his necessarie busines, is enlarged and licensed at his pleasure to repaire to the welles at Newman (*sic*) Regis, or to the Bath, as also to his house at Chillingeton for his necessarie busines or els where as his occacions in anie place shall serve to make his abode with his household so as the said John Giffard doe not remaine at his said house at Chillingeton nor at anie place within the countie of Stafford above one moneth at one time so longe as the Quene of Scotos is or doth remaine in anie part of the shire nor untill she be clearlie removed out of that countie

¹ At the Visitation of 1583, Somerset Herald has written against their names "*Hors du Pays.*"

The Act of Oblivion and Indemnity was styled by the Cavaliers, oblivion for loyalty and indemnity for treason. The estates of the loyalists who had not compounded had been sold and were in possession of *bonâ fide* purchasers. As the Government had received the purchase money, Government should have repaid it to the purchasers and restored the lands to their lawful owners, but the King did not possess the requisite means, after the cost of disbanding the standing army of Cromwell, and the modern scheme of a loan for such a purpose had not been discovered. Men, therefore, in the position of Peter Giffard were left, in many cases, the victims of their loyalty, whilst the purchasers of their lands remained in the undisturbed enjoyment of their ill-gotten estates.

Peter however, it has been seen, had been able by borrowing money to redeem his estate, but he does not appear to have obtained complete possession of it before his death, which took place on the 25th June, 1663. At this date he was 82 years of age.

By his wife, Frances, daughter of Walter Fowler, of St. Thomas, near Stafford, he had six sons and seven daughters. These were:—

1. Walter Giffard, who succeeded him at Chillington;
2. Richard; 3. Joseph; 4. John; 5. Edward; 6. Charles.

The daughters were named Mary, Dorothy, Margaret, Ursula, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Winifred. Of these, Catherine alone appears to have married: her husband was Henry Hugford, of Solihull, co. Warwick.¹

Richard, the second son of Peter, is named amongst the recusants and delinquents by the Committee for Compounding in 1653. He appears to have died unmarried.

Joseph, the third son, died young. The Brewood Register shows he was buried there on the 9th December, 1621.

John, the fourth son, succeeded to Blackladies after the death of Humphrey Giffard. He is stated to have married Catherine, the daughter of Richard Hawkins of Nash, co. Kent,² and his posterity eventually succeeded to Chillington.

¹ Dugdale's Visitation of Staffordshire, 1663-64, Vol. V, part 2, of *Staffordshire Collections*. The pedigree of Giffard is certified by Walter Giffard on the 25th September, 1663.

² Grazebrook's notes to the Giffard Pedigree in the Visitation of 1663, Vol. V of *Staffordshire Collections*, p. 148

Scotch Horse under General Lesley, which was retreating northwards, but shortly after passing Newport, they found their way barred by a party of rebels, and were taken prisoners, and carried first to Whitechurch, and from thence to an inn at Bunbury in Cheshire, where Charles Giffard found means to escape, and eventually found his way to Holland. Six years afterwards however, Charles Giffard was a prisoner in Shrewsbury Castle, owing probably to his share in the abortive conspiracy of Penruddock. On this occasion his life must have been in great danger, for Cromwell showed no mercy to the Royalists who were engaged in this conspiracy. Amongst the proceedings of Cromwell's council of 4th August, 1657 (His Highness being present), an order was issued to the Sergeant-at-arms to receive into his custody William Astley and Charles Gifford, who having received commissions from the late King of Scotland for raising forces in England, were now imprisoned at Shrewsbury Castle. The Lord Deputy of Ireland to appoint a party of horse to guard them to London, when they were to be brought before the Council.¹

On the 9th November, 1657, there is an order of Council, stating that several examinations of the prisoners having shown that Charles Gifford and William Astley had received commissions from Charles Stuart for the command of troops of horse, on a design to levy war here against His Highness they were to be brought to trial.

Charles Giffard, however, escaped with his life upon this occasion, and, after the Restoration, there is a petition from him to the King, stating that he had been the means of rescuing His Majesty from the fury of the rebels at Worcester, and was thereupon ordered at Breda to be entered on the list of those, who for their services were to have employment, but he had waited long and spent £500 in finding out things which have turned to the benefit of others, and he asks for an order on the Attorney General for certain fines and amerciaments of the King's courts.

In the same year, viz., 1660, he petitioned for the "fines on prohibited goods whereof the customs are concealed, his grant of the lead mines of Derbyshire proving to be only a reversion of a lease of which 24 years have yet to run."

¹ Proceedings of the Privy Council (printed). Rolls Series.

as holding a pension of £375. He must have been over 70 years of age at this date, and probably died not long afterwards.¹

WALTER GIFFARD.

1663 TO 1688.

Walter Giffard, the son of Peter, was born in 1611, and has been already mentioned on several occasions during the lifetime of his father. Like the other members of his family he bore arms for the King during the great rebellion, and the proceedings of the Committee for forfeited estates show that in October, 1653, the property of Walter Gifford of Marston Manor, a Papist and delinquent, had been sequestered, together with parcels of land in Chillington and Brewode and other places named, and that Netham Manor, co. Hants had been bought by Samuel Foxley.

On the 4th December, 1680, at the time of the so-called Popish Plot, a bill was before the House of Lords to require every recusant to declare to the sheriff of his county, the quantity of armour, arms, gunpowder, and other munitions, which they possessed, and the Attorney General delivered to a committee of the House a catalogue of Papists in each county. The list for Staffordshire was as follows:—

- Walter Lord Aston of Tixall.
- Sir Richard Fleetwood of Calwich, Bart.
- Sir Walter Heveningham of Ashton (Aston).
- Sir James Symons of Ashton.
- Walter Fowler of St. Thomas, Esquire.
- Philip Draicote of Painley, Esquire.
- Robert Howard of Hore Crosse, Esquire.
- Walter Gifford of Chillington, Esquire.
- Thomas Gifford of Cock Street, Wolverhampton, a priest.
- Herbert Ashton of Colton, Esquire.
- Walter Grosvenor of Wolverhampton, Esquire.
- Richard Gerrard of Hilderstone, Esquire.
- Basil Fitzherbert of Swynnerton, Esquire.
- Alexander Harcourt of Ronton, Esquire.
- Thomas Brooks of Comberford, gentleman.

¹ Historical MSS. Commission. MSS. of the House of Lords.

John Stanford of Wolverhampton, gentleman.

Thomas Winford of Wolverhampton, gentleman.¹

Walter Giffard must have been at Chillington in 1663, when he certified his pedigree on the occasion of Dugdale's Visitation, but he is stated by Parke to have lived and died abroad, and there is no note of his burial at Brewood. According to the above visitation he had been married to Anne, the third daughter of Sir Thomas Holt of Aston, co. Warwick, knight and baronet, but she was dead at that date, and he had married for a second wife, Anne, the third daughter of Sir Thomas Hugford of Solihull, co. Warwick. By his first wife he had issue John, his eldest son, who was aged 25 at the date of the visitation, and was married and had a son, Thomas, aged five years. His eldest son must, therefore, have been married at the age of nineteen.

Walter had also a son, Walter, then living, and a third son, Charles, who had died young. He had also six daughters by his first wife, three of whom had died unmarried, and three were still alive. These were named Mary, Catherine, and Magdalen.

According to Parke's Brewood, Walter Giffard took up his residence in France after the Restoration, and on the occasion of his grandson's marriage in 1688, he was resident at La Flèche in Normandy, and died there in the same year being then 77 years of age.

JOHN GIFFARD.

1688 to 1696.

John, the eldest son of Walter, succeeded to Chillington, and was resident there during his father's lifetime. In 1675 he was appointed by Letters Patent a Crown Trustee for the administration of an annual sum of £451 6s. 7½*d.* for the benefit of the Pendrell family, and of the widow of Francis Yates who had assisted in the concealment of the King after the battle of Worcester.

The preamble of the Letters Patent is as follows: "Charles the Second, by the Grace of God. King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. To all to whome these

¹ MSS. House of Lords, 1678-1688. Historical MSS. Commission (printed).

THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS OF THE GIFFARDS.

The arms borne by the various branches of the Giffard family in ancient days are of importance from a genealogical point of view, as they give a clue to the stock from which they sprang.

Beginning with the three baronial houses of the Giffards, it is evident that the arms of the Giffards, Earls of Buckingham, cannot be known, for this family became extinct before hereditary armorial bearings were shewn on seals.

The arms of the Giffards of Brimsfield are well known from authentic sources, for they occur in many of the early armorials. In Planché's Roll, *temp.* E. I, which is printed in Vols. III, IV, and V of the *Genealogist*, New Series, they are blazoned as follows:—

“Johan Gyfforde, Gules, three lions passant in pale argent.”

The Heraldic Roll, printed amongst the Parliamentary writs, and which is of somewhat later date, has—

“Sire Johan Giffard, de gules a III lyouns passauns argent.”

The arms of the Giffards of Fonthill are not known, but in Planché's “Roll of Arms,” under the arms of John Giffard which are given above, is written, “Le viel Gyffarde, Gules three stirrups pendant from their straps argent.” These arms with a change of tincture have been borne from time immemorial by the Giffards of Chillington, who without doubt descend from the Giffards of Fonthill.

It is a curious circumstance, however, that on the shield of William Giffard living *temp.* Ric. I, and who was a member of the Fonthill branch of the Giffards (*see* p. 10), is plainly depicted as escarbonele,¹ and the same device is found at a later date

¹ This seal is attached to William Giffard's confirmation of his uncle's grant to the monks of Bordesley. It has the effigy of a knight charging on horseback, with a drawn sword, a pointed helmet, and a heater shield, on which an escarbonele is plainly depicted. The legend is, “Sigillum Willelmi Giffard.” (Dugdale's Collections, Bodleian Library.) I am not inclined, however, to lay much stress on

on the shield of a Mandeville who is buried in the Temple Church. The Mandevilles are shown in the foregoing pages to have been the elder coheirs of the Giffards of Fonthill.

The next authentic evidence respecting the Giffard arms are those set down for William Giffard in Jenyns's "Book of Arms" which was printed by Greenstreet in the *Reliquary*. These are "D'argent, a trois estripes de goules ove les cuires."

William Giffard was lord of Chillington from 1263 to 1272.

These arms are also ascribed to William Giffard in the Howard Roll, but with the tinctures reversed.¹

The Giffards of Twyford bore the arms of Giffard of Brimsfield with a blue label for difference. They are set down in the Rolls of Arms printed with the Parliamentary writs² as under.

"Sire Johann Gyffard le boef De goules a III lions passant de argent e un label de azur."

Planché's "Roll of Arms," printed in the Volumes III, IV, and V of the *Genealogist*, New Series, has Johan Gyfford le boef, "Gules three lions passant in pale argent, and a label of five pendants azure."

The Giffards of Weston-under-Edge bore "argent ten torteaux (roundells) 4, 3, 2, and 1 gules."

In Jenyns's ordinary these arms are given to John, Alexander and Ralph Gyffard,³ and they are supposed to be derived from the family of "de Corneilles," of which this line of the Giffards were coheirs.

Planché's Roll contains a coat for Richard de Cormale, "Argent on a fess sable, three roundels or."⁴

The Armorial Roll printed amongst the Parliamentary writs

this circumstance, for the younger branch of the Mandevilles (the Barons Fitz-John) who represented the Giffards of Fonthill, bore the ancient arms of Mandeville within a bordure. In Planché's "Roll of Arms" Johan le fitz John bears "Quarterly or and gules, within a bordure vairé nebulée." For a very interesting disquisition on the Mandeville arms, see Round's *Geoffrey de Mandeville*.

¹ Forster's *Feudal Arms*, 1901.

² This roll has been reprinted in Vols. XI and XII of the *Genealogist*, N.S.

³ Forster's *Feudal Arms*, 1901.

⁴ *Genealogist*, Vol. IV, New Series, p. 18.

Dugdale's *Visitation of Staffordshire of 1663* contains the same arms and crest for Giffard of Chillington.

A drawing of the standard, or rather pennon, granted to Sir John Giffard in 1523 is given in Vol. III of *Staffordshire Collections*. The drawing is taken from a contemporary MS. in the College of Arms, but the same standard has been carved in stone on the lintel of the Tudor fireplace in the great hall at Chillington. The pennon is poudré with panthers' heads, and has on it a demi-archer taking aim with a bow and arrows, and the motto PREGNS A L'INE TIRES FORT.

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APPENDIX.

No. 1.

Comes Ricardus, filius Comitis Gilberti, omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me de (*sic*) dedisse et hac carta mea confirmavi Petro Giffard villam que dicitur Techmulin, et dimidium cantredum in quo sedet sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete, et honorabiliter in bosco et plano et aquis pro servitio decem militum. His testibus Rogero monacho de Lincol, Joselino de Pomeria, Roberto de Aula, Radulpho Bloet, Waltero Bloet, Ricardo Bloet, Ruelet Bloet Giffardo de Eveci, Nicolao de Sancto Brig.: In Hibernia apud Waterford. (Seal destroyed.)

Original deed at Chillington. The seal is now missing, but there is a drawing of it in Harl. MS. 5810 attached to a transcript of the deed taken "*ex evidentiis Walteri Giffard de Chillington armigeri 29 August, 1631.*" At this date the seal was perfect and bore the effigy of the Earl on horseback brandishing his sword and carrying a shield on which were plainly depicted the three chevronels of Clare. As the date of the deed is *circa* 1170, this is one of the earliest instances of the use of armorial bearings. Richard fitz Gilbert, the Earl of Strigul, died in April, 1176, and when Henry II constituted his son John feudal lord of Ireland in 1177, he cancelled all the grants made of land in Ireland up to that date.

Of the witnesses, Josceline de Pomeroy, a cadet of the baronial house of Berry Pomeroy in Devonshire, played a conspicuous part in the conquest of Ireland, and Henry II confirmed to him in 1177 the grant of sixty knights' fees in Ireland. On the separation of Normandy from England, *temp.* King John, Josceline passed over to Normandy, and his lands are included among the *terra Normannorum* which had escheated to the Crown.

The Bluets were tenants of the Honor of Strigul and Clare, and Ralph Bluet accounts for the profits of the Honor of Strigul on the Pipe Roll of 1 Ric. I. He must therefore have been the Earl's steward.

Mr. John Batten, F.S.A., in his "Historical Notes on Somersetshire," states that the family of D'Evercy is found in England at a very early date, and seems to have been connected with the Isle of Wight and were probably in the retinue of the Earls of Devon, Lords of the Isles. In the reign of Henry II Geffard (*sic*) de Everci was one of the witnesses to a grant, *sans*

date, of the vill of Techmul in Ireland to Peter Giffard of Chillington by Earl Richard fitz Gilbert, progenitor of the great family of Clare, and husband of Rohesia Giffard (*Proc. Brit. Arch. Assoc.*, Vol. III, p. 347), and the same Giffard de Evreci (*sic*) was also witness to a charter, *sans* date, of William de Vernon, afterwards sixth Earl of Devon, granting land at Piddletown, co. Dorset, to the Abbey of Quarr in the Isle of Wight (Harl. Chart, 55, D. 22).

No. 2.

Petrus Corbesun omnibus hominibus et amicis suis, Francis et Anglicis, futuris et presentibus, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, etc., Petro Giffardo nepoti uxoris mee et heredibus suis, manerium de Chilinton, etc., tenendum de me et heredibus meis per servitium dimidii militis, adeo bene sicut ego vel aliquis antecessorum meorum illud melius vel liberius tenuit: pro hac autem donationem predictus Petrus ad concessionem Willelmi filii mei dedit mihi viginti marcas et unum chartorum et Margarete uxori mee, quinque marcas. T. Henrico de Monteforte, Rogero Murdac, etc.

This deed is copied from one of Huntbach's MSS. formerly at Wrottesley, and was printed and annotated by me in Vol. III of the *Staffordshire Collections*, p. 202.

Henry de Montford, the first witness, was married to Emma, the daughter of Peter Corbuson, and was living in 1191.¹ Roger Murdac, the second witness, occurs amongst the tenants of the Earl of Warwick in the Liber Niger of 1166. The date of the deed is *circa* 1180. Peter Corbuson or Peter de Stodley is returned as the tenant of ten knights' fees held of William, Earl of Warwick, in the Feodary of A.D. 1166, and at the same date he held five knights' fees of Earl Walter Giffard (Liber Rubens).

For an account of the family of Corbuson of Stodley see Dugdale's *Warwickshire* and the notes to the Giffard deeds in Vol. III of the *Staffordshire Collections*.

No. 3.

Petrus Corbisun, omnibus hominibus, etc., dedi Petro Giffard, Chilintonam que fuit liberum matrimonium Margarete sororis mee, et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis per servitium dimidii militis, tenendum ita libere sicut Petrus Corbesun eam tenuit, hec autem concessio facta fuit in curia Ricardi Peche Coventrensis

¹ Dugdale's MSS.

No. 33.

Thys indenture made the seventh day of June in the fyve and thyrtyeth yere of the reygne of our soverayn lord Henry the eyght By the grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland Kyng, Defender of the feyth and in Yerthe supreme hedde of the churche of England and Ireland. Between Sir Johan Gyfford of Chylngton in the Countye of Stafford Knyght of the owne partye and Raulf Bolde in the seyd Countye, of the other partye wyttensseth that where our soverayn lord the Kyng by hys gracious letters patent sealed wyth hys grett seale of England beryng date at Westminster the nyneth day of July in the two and thyrtyeth yere of hys gracious reygne gave and graunted amongst other lands and tenements to the seyd Sir John Gyfford, the manor of Normecote wyth all maner of lands, medowes, etc., to the same maner belonging etc. To hold all the same premysses of our seyd soverayn lord the Kyng by the fyfteenth parte of a Knyght's fee and by the rent of thyrteen schylllyngs eyght pens sterling, for the sum of £45 sell to Raulf Bolde the messuage nygh the meere in Normecote in the Paryshe of Stone in the seyd Countie of Stafford: To be held by Raulf Bolde and the heirs of hys bodye, etc., to be held of Sir John Gyfford and hys heyr by fidelity and sute to the Court of the seyd Sir John and hys heyr of the seyd manor of Normecote, by the yerely rent of £4. (7 June, 1543.)

Original deed at Chillington. The foregoing deeds, which are marked as original deeds at Chillington, and one printed at p. 193 of Vol. III, *Staffordshire Collections*, referring to the nuns of Brewood, are the only ancient deeds now remaining at Chillington. Hundreds must have been lost, and the few remaining have been very badly preserved, the seals having been destroyed in every case.—(G. W.)

[THE END.]

MUSTER ROLL, STAFFORDSHIRE. A.D. 1539.

(Continued from p. 257 of Vol. IV. New Series.)

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MUSTER ROLL, STAFFORDSHIRE. A.D. 1539.¹

Harry lord Stafford, John Gyfford, knight, Edward Aston, knight, John Harecourt, knight, Edward Lyttelton, Esquyer, Thomas Gyfford, Esquyer, and Thomas Moreton Comissioners of our sovereign lorde the kyng for takynge of the musters of his grace's subjectes within the Countie of Stafford.

By force of hys grace's Comysson unto us directed, do certefye hys grace and hys Counsell by this our wrytynge that we the said Comissioners by force of the said Comission did take upon us the execucion of the same Comission in the hundreds of Cutleston and Pyrehill within the said Countie of Stafford and have caused to muster afore us the kyng's subjects within the said hundreds beyng above the age of XVI yeres and have vewed and seyn them and their horses and harnes, and have caused them to make harnes accordynge to the contents of the said Comission. And furthermore we do certefye in certen leffes of papyr to thys certificat annexed as well the names of all persons able abull to serve the kyng's grace in hys warres as the townes that they dwelle in with their horses and diversite of weppons and harnes as also the names of all persons within the said hundreds with the names of the townes that they dwell in that have horses and harnes to serve the kyng in his warres and also the diversite of ther harnes and weppons as in the said papyr leffes hit doth playnly appere and also we do certefye the horses and the diversite of harnes that we the aboffe named Comissioners and other Comissioners dwellynge within the said hundreds have our selves to serve the kynges grace as appereth under wyttton.

In wyttenes whereof we the said Comissioners to thys certificat have put our seales the iiijth dey of May the xxxj yere of our seid sovereign lord the kyng's reyn.

Staff.

HUNDRED DE CUTLESTON

Harry lorde Stafford, horse and harnes complete for x men.
John Gyfford, knyght, horse and harnes complete for vij men.
Edward Lyttelton, Esquyer, horse and harnes complete for vj men.
Thomas Gyfford, Esquyer, horse and harnes complete for iiij men.
Thomas Skrynisher, Gentilman, horse and harnes for iij men.
Thomas Moreton, Gentilman, a horse and harnes for ij men

Staff.

HUNDRED DE PYREHILL.

Edward Aston, knyght, horse and harnes for x men complete.
John Harecourt, knyght, horse and harnes for vj men.

¹ For an explanation of the technical terms used in this Roll, see p. 216 of Vol. IV, New Series.

"Harness for a man" on foot appears to consist of a jack, a salet, a pair of splints, and a gorget. (See under Shutborough.) "Harness" is the old word for "equipment," but it does not include offensive arms, which are detailed separately.

HUNDRED DE CUTLESTON IN COM. STAFFORD.

These persons next foloyinge be able men with bowes to serve the kynges grace, and have harnes and artyllarie as foloyth ther names.

PENKERICH CUM MEMBRIS.

In primis, Edmonde Dickynson a gestern and a sallett.

Item, John Duncalf a bowe.

Item, Wylliam Lyott a bowe.

Item, Thomas Harte.

These persons foloying next be able men with bylls and have harnes and artyllarie as foloyth ther names.

In primis, John Warde gent. harnes for one man.

Item, Roger Alen a gestern.

Item, Robert More a gestern.

Item, Ric. Meke a gestern and a byll.

Item, John Beecher a gestern a sallett and a peire of splentes.

Item, John Corke a gestern.

Item, Thomas Bayly a byll.

Thomas Illesley a byll.

Hugh Kendall a byll.

John Kyng.

Hugh Preston.

Roger Stylgo a byll.

Stephyn Browne a byll.

John Talbott a byll.

John Clerke a byll.

Robert Barton a byll.

Thomas Burry Taler.

John Fletcher the younger.

Harry Neball xij arrowes.

Thomas Ryder a byll.

Thomas Preston a gestern.

William Kyng a byll.

William Harte a gestern and a sallett.

John Harris harnes for one man.

William Empson.

Michell Abbott.

Thomas Lynehill the younger.

These persons next foloying have hernes as hereafter foloyth their names.

In primis, Alexander Kyng a gesterun and a sallet

Item, John Fynchley a byll.

Item, Roger Morton a peire of splentes.

Item, Ric. Corke a gestern.

Item, John Mills a bowe and xij arrowes.

Item, Ric. Hare a byll.

Item, Robert Tailer a byll.

Item, John Liott a byll.

Item, Michell Smyth a byll.

Item, Harry Smythman a byll.

Item, Ric. Shepard a byll.

Item, Edward Aberell a sallett.

Item, Ric. Henney a sallett.
 Item, William Fynlow a bill.
 Item, Thomas Collens a byll.
 Item, John Hollies a bill.
 Item, Robert Ryder a bill.
 Item, John Fletcher of Lynehill a gestern.
 Item, Thomas Lynehill a byll.
 Item, Robert Milles a bill.
 Item, William Burne a sallet and a byll.
 Item, John Burn a gesterun and a sallet.
 Item, William Thornes a gestern.
 Item, William Montford a byll.
 Item, William Reyde a gestern.
 Item, John Acton a gestern.
 Item, William Warde a peire of splentes.
 Item, Robert Pole a bill.
 Item, Roger Woley a sallett.
 Item, Herrie Pole a byll.

CANK OF MEMBRIS.

These persons next foloyng be able men with bowes and have hernes and artillarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, William Colman, hors and harnes and a bowe for hymselfe and also harnes for another man.
 Item, Thomas Smyth.
 Item, Thomas Janson a bow and a sheff of arrows.
 Item, Hugh See a bowe and xii arrows.

These persons next foloyng be able men with . . . as foloyth their names hereafter.

In primis, Thomas Mathew a horse and hernes for a man.
 Item, Ric. Salte a gestern.
 Item, Humfrey Eyton hors and hernes for a man.
 Item, Raffe Bostock hors and hernes for one man.
 Item, Humfrey Chapman a jack a sallet and a bill.
 Item, Thomas Alporte a hors a jack and a sallett.
 Item, William Deykyn a hors splentes and gestern.
 Item, John Trym'yn a byll.
 Item, John Jacson.
 Item, Raffe Poler a byll.
 Item, Thomas Tyll.
 Item, William Cowper a salett.
 Item, Richard Reve a sworde.
 Item, Ric. Grene.
 Item, William Packynton.
 Item, John Arnold.
 Item, John Poler a sallett.
 Item, William Massock a gestern a sallett a pair of splentes and a bill.
 Item, William Clerke.
 Item, William Alporte a gestern a sallett splentes and a bill.
 Item, Xpofer Aston hors and hernes for one man.
 Item, Ric. Grateley a sallett.
 Item, William Palmer a sallett.
 Item, Thomas Casson.

Item, Ric. Alporte hors and hernes.
 Item, John Justice a gestern and a sallett.
 Item, John Salte a sallett.
 Item, Humfrey Cooke a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, Nicolas Seys.
 Item, John Myner a bill.

These persons next foloyng have barnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

In primis, William Ashbye gent. hors and harnes for a man.
 Item, William Packyngton senior a hors and a bill.
 Item, Ric. Parker a gestern.
 Item, Raffe Wood a peir of splentes and a bill.
 Item, William Baxter a jack and a sallett.
 Item, William Nycolle a sallett and a peir of splentes.
 Item, Ric. Trymyn the younger a bill.
 Item, John Smyth a bill.
 Item, Thomas Ball a peir of splentes.
 Item, Hemmas Swyncote a bill.
 Item, John Perkyngs a bill.
 Item, Raffe Smyth a bill.
 Item, Roger Byrch a bowe and xxiiij arrows.

DUNSTON AND DREYTON.

These persons next foloyng be able men with bowes to serve the kynges grace in his warres and have hernes and artillarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, Thomas Lattren a bowe and xxiiij arrows.
 Item, William Beyrley a bowe xxiiij arrows and a sallett.
 Item, Thomas Webbe a gestern.
 Item, John Fildeshows.

These persons next foloyng be able men with bills and have hernes as hereafter foloyth their names.

In primis Thomas Touke a gesterun and a bill.
 Item, Laurence Corbet a gestern.
 John Spooks a sallett and a bill.
 Harrie Haspley a sallett.
 Item, William Hogeson a bill.
 Item, Hugh Hynke xij arroys.
 Item, Gyles Coley a sallett and a sworde.
 Item, William Russell hors and hernes for a man.
 Item, John Whitehurste.
 Item, Thomas Cockett a sword and buckeller.
 Item, Ric. Touke.

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In primis, Thomas Hyckyn a jack.
 Item, Laurence Daws a bow.
 Item, John Pyckystock the elder a sallett.
 Item, William Fyldhous a bill.
 Item, John Kerdall a gestern and a sallett.
 Item, William Tumlymson a jack.
 Item, William Bobett a sallett and splentes.

LAPPELEY.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, Thomas Lee.
- Item, John More a jacke and a sallett.
- Item, Ric. Madeley.
- Item, John Wynsehurst a bow.
- Item, Thomas Wright a horse.
- Item, Hugh Madeley a bill.
- Item, William Turner a peyr of splentes.
- Item, John Hatton a horse and a bill.

Thes persons foloing have harnes as hereafter ensuith their names.

- In primis, William Hatton a bill.
- Item, John Smyth the elder a bill and a armynge sworde.
- Item, Ric. Sawer a bowe.
- Item, John Meyre a bowe and arrows.
- Item, Philippe Wade a salett and a bill.
- Item, Edmond Smyth a bill.
- Item, Hamlet Nocke a bill.
- Item, Ric. Tomlynsyn a peyr of splentes.
- Item, Thomas Sawer a bowe and xi arrows.
- Item, Thomas Chamberlyn a salet.
- Item, Harry Smyth a bill.

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GNOSALL, CHATWORTH AND COTON.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bowes and have harnes and artilarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, Thomas Meseton.
- Item, George Hill.
- Item, Ralph Mosse.
- Item, Ric. Barrett a gesturne.
- Item, Roger Ecclesall a bowe.
- Item, Thomas Ecclesall a bowe.
- Item, Robert Smyth.
- Item, Thomas Congreve.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bills and have harnes and Artilarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, John Moye a jacke a salet and a bill.
- Item, William Lynacurs a salet and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Swynesched a horse a sallett and a peyr of splentes.
- Item, Roger Steynson harnes for a man.
- Item, John Steynson.
- Item, William Whitgreve.
- Item, Ric. Swanecote a gesturne.
- Item, James Meseton a sallett.
- Item, Francis Jobber.
- Item, William Caldwell a peyr of splentes.
- Item, Thomas Flecher a bill.
- Item, Ric. Tyrer a bill.
- Item, Roger Strynger.

Item, William Tirer.
 Item, Edward Asteley a bill.
 Item, Ric. Stiles.
 Item, William Elys a bill and a pair of splentes.
 Item, John Hill de Ford a bill.
 Item, Thomas Hompestones.
 Item, Richard Steyn a bill.
 Item, Roger Huntbache a jacke and a salet.
 Item, William Meseton a horse.
 Item, Ric. Tyrerr.
 Item, Harry James a swerd and bockeler.
 Item, Edmond Honde.
 Item, Humfrey Barrett a swerde.

Thes persons foloing have harnes as hereafter ensuith their names.

In primis, Elys Meseton a jacke a sallet a bowe and arrowes.
 Item, John Congreve a gesturne and a bowe.
 Item, Ric. Podmore a bill.
 Item, Ric. Flecher a sallett.
 Item, Thomas Dobbler a bill.
 Item, Ric. Flecher a scheiffe of arrowes.
 Item, John Chapman a sallett.
 Item, Thomas Sterky a bill.
 Item, Thomas Hichyns a bill and a knyffe.
 Item, John Bariat the yonger a salet.

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WHYSTON AND BICKFORDE.

This person next foloyng ys an able mon to serve the kyng's grace in hys warres with a bow.

In primis, Matthew Warde.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloweyth their names.

In primis, John Warde a bill.
 Item, Thomas Walloes horse and harnes for a man.
 Item, Harry Coton a gesturne and a bill.
 Item, Thomas Harper.
 Item, Hamlet Warde, a salet and a gorget.
 Item, Stephen Hare harnes for a mon.
 Item, Roger Alparte a cote and a salet.
 Item, Ralph Jouke a bill.
 Item, Robert Puller a cote.
 Item, Harry Coton a bill.
 Item, Ric. Coton.
 Item, George Mason.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

In primis, Thomas Ryley a bill.
 Item, William Warde a pair of splentes.

LEVEDALL

Thes persons next foloyng be able men with bowes and have no harnes.

In primis, Robert Talbotte.
Item, Jhon Anson.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, William Anson a gesturne.
Item, John Coke a peyr of splenttes and a bill.
Item, William Stanelowe a bill.
Item, Robert Lez a pere of splenttes.
Item, Ric. Labner.
Item, Ric. Stanlowe.
Item, Roger Alsop.
Item, Hugh Anson.
Item, William Anson.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

In primis, John Greswall gent. horse and harnes for a man.
Item, Roger Anson a salett.
Item, John Stanlowe a bill.

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HADDERTON.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bowes and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, John Becket a bowe and a sheyffe of arrows.
Item, William Malpas a bowe.

Thes persons foloyng be abull men with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, Ric. Lymals.
Item, Thomas Swancote a bill.
Item, Homfrey Hande.
Item, Hugh Trant.
Item, Hugh Alport.
Item, Ralph Alport a gesturne.
Item, Robert Scherwyn a gesturne and a salett.
Item, Homfrey Salt.
Item, Ralph Norton.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

In primis, Roger Alport a salett.
Item, John Till a bill.
Item, John Norton a salett.
Item, Roger Stanley a bill.
Item, John Russell a peir of splenttes.
Item, John Milles a salet.
Item, Thomas Bothe a gesturne and a salet.
Item, Sampson Bothe a gesturne.
Item, Richard Hart a gesturne and a salet.

BROCTON.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bowes harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, John Cleveley a bowe and a scheyffe of arrowes.
 Item, John Parkyn.
 Item, Thomas Loo.
 Item, Ric. Touke.
 Item, Harry Eldysmeyr a bowe and arrow a salet and a pair splentes.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, Steven Warde harnes for a man.
 Item, William Baker a gesturne a salet a gorget and a bill.
 Item, Thomas Pove a gesturne.
 Item, Roger Martyn a gesturne a salet and a scheyffe of arrows.
 Item, John Couks.
 Item, Nicholas Tadderton.
 Item, Ric. Eldysmeyr a bill.
 Item, John Kendowe.
 Item, Harry Dawes.
 Item, Thomas Loo a bill and a salet.
 Item, Ric. Monyfelde a bill.
 Item, John Riler.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes and artilarie as hereafter foloyth their names.

In primis, John Eldysmeyr a salett.
 Item, William Larrans a bill.
 Item, Thomas Forde a bill.
 Item, William Hordorne a gesturne and a salet.

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BRADELEY.

Thes persons foloyng next be abull men with bowes and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, William Stapleton bowe and arrow and a gesturne.
 Item, William Cartewryth harnes for a mon.
 Item, John Mason bowe and arrow.
 Item, Roger Hogeson a bill.

Thes persons next foloyng with bills and have harnes and artilarie as foloyth their names.

In primis, John Cartewrith.
 Item, Thomas Horton.
 Item, Thomas Mylns.
 Item, John Huntbache a gesturne and a bill.
 Item, John Chow a gesturne.
 Item, Thomas Jenyns a gesturne a salet and a bill.
 Item Roger Alsop.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

- In primis, Ralph Mason harnes for a mon.
- Item, Roger Horton a gesturne a peir of splenttes a salet.
- Item, William Flemmyng a bill.
- Item, William Blakemon a peir of splenttes.

HAUGHTON.

Thes persons foloyng next be abull men with bills and have harnes and artillare as foloyth their names.

- In primis, Nicholas Coke a jake a salet and a bill.
- Item, John Arcall a jake a salett and a bill.
- Item, Roger Smyth a gesturne a salet and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Lyne horse and harnes for a mon.
- Item, Thomas Abryghte a jake a salet and a bill.
- Item, William Taylor horse and harnes for a mon.
- Item, John Hodgeson a jake a salet and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Hodgeson a gesturne and a bill.
- Item, Ric. Bayle a peir of splenttes and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Downes.
- Item, Ric. Arcall.
- Item, Homfrey Sall.
- Item, Alisander Hodgeson.
- Item, Robert Stenson.
- Item, John Swaucote a gesturne.
- Item, Edmonde Corke.
- Item, Ric. Boydon.
- Item, Thomas Payne.
- Item, Thomas Hill.
- Item, Nicholas Hodgeson.
- Item, William Smyth.
- Item, Ric. Talbot.

Thes persons foloyng have harnes as hereafter ensuyth their names.

- In primis, Peter Sponef a gesturne a salet and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Hyll a gesturne a salet a peir of splentes and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Boydon a salet and a bill.
- Item, Hugh Leche a bill.
- Item, Thomas Stanlowe a bill.
- Item, Thomas Clyffe a bowe.

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RUDGELEY.

Thes persons next foloyng be abull men with bowes and have harnes as foloith their names.

- In primis, William Wetton a bowe.
- Item, Ric. Schurlys a bowe.
- Item, Ric. Kytson.
- Item, Roger Cocke.
- Item, Ambrose Herve.
- Item, Antony Reed.
- Item, James Bullocke.
- Item, William Gibson.
- Item, Thomas Montfort.
- Item, John Olyver a bowe.

Item, Ric. Bolde a jacke.
 Item, John Coppocke a peir of splentes.
 Item, Ralph Gudwyn a peir of splentes.
 Item, Roger Lowe a peir of splentes.
 Item, Thomas Kenderycke xij arowes.
 Item, John Ruscheton.
 Item, Laurens Brodwall a salet.
 Item, John Nayller.
 Item, John Thaccker a salett.

Thes persons foloing have harnes as hereafter ensuith theire names.

In primis, John Baille a bill.
 Item, Ric. Astber a bill.
 Item, John Walter a bill.
 Item, Ric. Amynson a bill.
 Item, William Tenton.
 Item, Robert Walter a salet.
 Item, John Hycheocke a bowe.
 Item, John Hycheocke a bill.

ARTILLERIE.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bowes and have harnes and artillarie as foloith their names.

In primis, Rondull Podmore a bowe and a scheif of arrowes.
 Item, John Garnett a bowe and a schiff of arrowes.
 Item, Ric. Colton harnes for a man.
 Item, Thomas Olcott a bowe and a scheiff of arrowes.
 Item, Hugh Bolton a jacke a salet and a peir of splentes.
 Item, William Hanley harnes for a mon.
 Item, William Schawe.
 Item, John Batche.
 Item, Ric. Parker harnes for a mon.
 Item, Robert Sout.
 Item, Ralph Parker.
 Item, Andrew Mosse.
 Item, Ric. Colclozgh.
 Item, Rondull Yerdeley.
 Item, Symond Hurst.
 Item, Rondull Smyth a jacke.
 Item, John Smyth the younger.
 Item, John Wedoyes.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bills and have harnes and artillarie as foloith their names.

In primis, John Reve a jacke.
 Item, Rondull Reve.
 Item, Thomas Smyth a salet and a bill.
 Item, John Smythe.
 Item, John Garrett.
 Item, Thomas Abnett harnes for a mon.
 Item, John Abnett.
 Item, Ric. Knyght a jacke.
 Item, Homfrey Lowe a bill.
 Item, Ric. Yerdeley a jacke.

- Item, William Piggott.
 Item, John Reve a jacke and a bill.
 Item, John Knyght a peir of splentes and a salett.
 Item, Ric. Tayler a jacke.
 Item, Robert Whytlouzth a salet.
 Item, William Welche a peir of splentes.
 Item, James Butt } a peir of splentes.
 Item, Rondull Butt } a bill.
 Item, James Boughey a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, Ric. Olcott harnes for a mon.
 Item, John Smythe of Cowpers Grene a jacke a salet and a poll axe.
 Item, John Boughey harnes for a mon.
 Item, Thomas Scarett.
 Item, Ric. Crokett.
 Item, Homfrey Smythe.
 Item, James Kelsall a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, William Bradschawe.
 Item, William Vernon harnes for a mon.
 Item, Rondull Vernon.
 Item, Ric. Smyth of Boyllle hall harnes for a man.
 Item, John Yerdley of Miles Grene a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, George Hurst.
 Item, John Celetoo.
 Item, John Latham.
 Item, William Boughey harnes for a man.
 Item, Thomas Maxfeld.
 Item, Ralph Hulle a peir of splentes.
 Item, Rondull Weggewood a jacke a salet and a bill.
 Item, John Rawne.
 Item, Hugh Bowey.
 Item, Ric. Baker.
 Item, John Riley a salett a gorgett and a peir of splentes.
 Item, Roger Henshawe a bill.
 Item, Ric. Snede a salett.
 Item, William Tayler.
 Item, Roger Colclozth a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, John Podmore a peir of splentes.
 Item, John Schawe a salet a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, Robert Snede a jacke a salet and a poll axe.
 Item, William Lawton a jacke a salet and a bill.
 Item, Robert Chantlar a salett a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, John Yordley of Halmerend harnes for a man.
 Item, Ric. Baddeley.
 Item, Rondull Crockett.
 Item, Hugh Fylson a horse.
 Item, John Blore a salett and a bill.
 Item, William Somerforde.
 Item, William Smyth a bill and a peir of splentes.
 Item, John Wodde.
 Item, Antony Orffever.
 Item, George Devenys.
 Item, William Adderton.
 Item, Geofferey Thomas.
 [214.] Item, Homfrey Stubes.
 Item, Laurens Hancocke.
 Item, Edward Hall.
 Item, Ralph Janson.
 Item, Ralph Crockett.

Thes persons folloing be abull men with bowes and have hernes and artillarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, Roger Cradock a bowe and xij arrows.
- Item, Hugh Wod a jack and a sallett.
- Item, Randall Baguald a bow and xij arrows.
- Item, William Bullock.
- Item, Ralph Lou^{yt}.
- Item, John Clowman.
- Item, John Fenton.

Thes persons foloing be abull men with bills and have hernes and artillarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, Francis Cradock, a sallett and a peir of splentes.
- Item, Thomas Wakelot a peir of splents and bow and xij arrows.
- Item, John Alen a peyr of splents and a bill.
- Item, Roger Machyn a jack and a peire of splentes.
- Item, John Botton a sallett and a bill.
- Item, Ric. Pare a sallett.
- Item, Thomas Poison a bill.
- Item, Thomas Belle a bill.
- Item, William Barber.
- Item, Roger Harreson a peir of splentes.
- Item, Harrie Coweppe a bill.
- Item, William Hotton.
- Item, Thomas Brycow.
- Item, Harry Lovett a peir of splentes.
- Item, Roger Flexson.

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TUNSTALL.

Thes persons next foloing be abull men with bowes and have hernes and artillarie to serve the king's grace in his warr^{ys} as foloith their names.

- In primis, John Colclough a sallett.
- Item, James Hautschaw a gesterne.
- Item, John Addams a bowe and a scheff of arrows.
- Item, James Smyth a bowe.
- Item, Perys Borne a bowe.

Thes persons foloing be abull men with bylles and have hernes and artillarie as foloith their names.

- In primis, Thomas Bursale a hors a jack a sallett and a bill.
- Item, Edward Unwyn a hors a gestern a peir of splentes.
- Item, Ric. Tunstall a gestern and a sallett.
- Item, William Rowley of Turnhurste a sallet.
- Item, John a Souerton (*sic*) a gesterne.
- Item, James Rowley a sallett a peir of splents and a bill.
- Item, Thomas Doxsey a gesterne.
- Item, William Rowley a bill.
- Item, Nicholas Addams a gestern and a peir of splentes.
- Item, Thomas Torner a sallett.
- Item, Thomas Middelton a gesterne.
- Item, Thomas Baddyley a sallett.
- Item, John Crokye a peir of splentes and a bill.
- Item, Roger Drakeford a gesterne.
- Item, John Canton a sallett.
- Item, Thomas Prynce a peir of splentes.

- A. William Glover a jack a salet gorget poll axe sword and a horse.
John Whitbe bowe and arrowes.
- A. John Rawlyns.
- A. Robert Atkyns.
- A. Thomas Boughey.

AMBERTON.

- Ar. John Galan } junior bowe and arrowes and a sword.
- Ar. Richard Webe bowe and arrowes.
John Walker a jake a salet and a sword.
Richard Walker his sone.
Richard Harrys a sword.
Thomas Alyn.
- A. John Alyn senior.
- A. Jamys Alyn a byll.
- A. John Coke a payer of splyntes and a salet.
- A. William Caye a byll.
William Parkehall.
- A. Richard Nabbes.
- Ar. John Alyn junior a bowe and xij arros.

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PROYNGTON.

- A. Radulph Lyon a jacke a salet a gorget a byll and a sword.
- A. John Pakemars salet a jack a gorget a byll and a sword.
- Ar. Morgayn Caye a sword a dagger and a bowe with xij arrowes.
John Tothe a payer of splynts.
John Glover a byll.
John Bond.
Richard Phelip a payer of splyntes.
- A. William Ashenhurst a sword and a salet.
- A. Jamys Poyser a byll.
- A. Morgayne Phelip a byll.
William Phelipe.
William Hodyeson.
- Ar. Leonard Bradshaw bowe and vj arrowes.
- Ar. Richard Glover a sword bowe and vj arrowes.
Thomas Bond a sword.
- A. Thomas Hill.
- A. Richard Stretton.

LEE.¹

- John Smyth.
- A. John Parker a sword a jack a salet.
- A. John Cheperd senior a payer splyntes.
John Chepherd junior.
- A. Richard Smyth a byll.
- A. Richard Toth a jake a salet and a sword.
John Smyth junior.
John Caye.
William Lane.

¹ This must be a very incomplete return for the large parish of Leigh.

HYXTON,

- A. Anthonye Wolssley gent. harnys for a man.
 A. John Lyegh.
 A. John Gryme a sword.
 A. Lewys Parton a salet and a byll.
 Robert Harrys.
 A. William Falowes a bill and a sword.
 A. William Bernard a payer of splyntes.
 A. William Glover a jake a salet a bill and a sword.
 A. Thomas Grey.
 A. Thomas Gretton a gestorne and a sword.
 John Clarke al' John Hewster a salet a gorget and a bill.
 John Hall } a jacke.
 A. William Toth }
 A. William Sebbridge a gestorne a byll a sword and splyntes.
 A. Raulfe Wrygn a byll.
 Arthur Caye.
 A. Thomas Gryme a gestorne a salet gorgett and a horse splyntes and
 sword.
 A. Morgayne Clarke al' Morgayne Heuster a sword.
 Jamys Stretton.
 Hugh Packeman a jacke a salet a gorget a byll and a sword.
 John Webe.
 A. William Kelynge.
 A. William Slyght.
 Thomas Yate.
 Ar. William Yate bowe and xiiij arrowes
 William Heth.
 A. Richard Johnson a gestorne a salet a bill and a gorget.
 Edward Grouffyn xij arrowes.
 [471.] A. Richard Yat junior a sword and a bill.
 A. Jamys Glover a byll.
 A. Richard Couyse a byll.
 Ar. Randall Hardeyn a sword.
 A. John Glover.
 A. Richard Glover.
 A. John Hall.
 Richard Hall.
 Henry Newton.
 A. Thomas Wythinhall.
 A. John Graye.
 A. Robert Ball a sword.
 Ar. Thomas Gruffyn bowe and xij arrowes.
 Ar. William Rydinge.
 Richard Yat senior.

GRYNLEY.

- A. Thomas Gruffyn a sword and a bill.
 Ar. William Byland bowe and arrowes xij.
 A. Peter Gyller a salet.
 William Broune.
 A. Roger Turner.
 A. Thomas Philipe a byll.
 Henry Robothon.
 Thomas Gamble.

John Pereson.

John Wordell.

A. Ralfe Harve a sword.

A. Richard Sochworkę a payer aman (almain) revette a sword and a byll.

A. Robert Harve syngilman.

A. William Stubbes syngilman.

Thomas Alsop.

William Hyron.

A. Thomas Wolseston.

Robert Woleston his sone.

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