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THE Second Volume of this Work, in which we propose to include Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, and Cornwall, has been unexpectedly delayed; but the account of Cambridgeshire being already printed, we are induced to publish it alone, as a First Part of the Volume: and as we conceive that the publication of the Counties singly, will in several respects be the more eligible mode, we propose to adopt it through the remainder of the work. The account of Cheshire will go to the press immediately, and we hope to be able to publish it in the course of the present year, and then to proceed with Cornwall. Our progress must necessarily be comparatively slow, till we come to those Counties, of which regular histories have been published, unless we could be satisfied with more cursory enquiries than would be consistent with the plan of our Work, and the accuracy we are anxious to attain. With the utmost attention some errors are unavoidable, where so great a number of facts are to be stated. Though we have left no source of enquiry untried, whence it appeared to us probable that we should obtain accurate information, yet no doubt there may be individuals, who are more particularly acquainted with the details of several matters here stated, than those to whom we have applied: if any such should discover material errors or omissions in our Work, we shall feel much obliged, if they will favour us with notices of them, as it is our intention to insert corrections and additions at the end of each Volume.

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No Map of Cambridgeſhire having been hitherto publiſhed, which is by any means accurate, either in the general outline, or the poſitions of the ſeveral Places, we are peculiarly fortunate in being able to give a more correct one, having been obligingly furniſhed by Mr. Thomas Fiſher, banker, of Cambridge, with the uſe of a Trigonometrical Survey of that County, made by the late Charles Maſon, D. D. Fellow of Trinity College; we are alſo indebted to Mr. Arrowſmith for a corrected outline, and to Mr. William Cuſtance of Cambridge, for corrections of the Courſe of Rivers and Roads in the Southern part of the County.

The number of Plates in this part of the ſecond Volume will be greater than in the two others, in conſequence of the numerous remains of Gothic Architecture, which are to be found in Cambridgeſhire; ſuch of theſe as ſerve to exhibit a ſeries of the ſtyles of different Centuries, have been ſelected with the friendly aſſiſtance of Mr. Robert Smirke, by whom the greater part of the Drawings has been made, with that ſkill and accuracy which are well known to thoſe who have had opportunities of examining his Architectural Drawings; and it is but juſtice to Mr. Lee to ſay that his Etchings are executed with the utmoſt fidelity.

Many of the ſubjects are expreſſed by little more than an outline, in order to ſhew the ſeveral parts diſtinctly, which are often in a great meaſure loſt in more laboured Engravings. We think it neceſſary here to obſerve, that our Plates are intended to convey correct ideas of the forms of curious objects, for the purpoſe of information; and not to produce a pictureſque effect; beſides, when executed in this manner, they not only anſwer our purpoſe better, but we are enabled at the ſame time to give a much greater number of them. We have made ſuch a ſelection of the Braſs Plates from ancient graveſtones, as ſhews the greateſt variety of the dreſſes

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dresses of former ages; these have been engraved with the most scrupulous accuracy, and some of them * under the most favourable circumstances; as we have been favoured by Craven Ord, Esq. with the use of impressions printed off from the originals.

* Those of Sir Thomas Braunton in Wisbech Church, Thomas Peyton, Esq. and his wives in Iffham Church, and a knight and his lady in Westley-Waterlefs Church.

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- Page 50. line 22. *for* St. Cyric *read* St. Mary.
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98. — 11. *dele* by whom it
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- 24 — 4, & 24, for *Britany* read *Britanny*.
- 28 — *note*, (3), for 1749, read 1764.
- 30 — & p. 200, l. 30, for *John* (*Wilkieson*), read *William*.
- 32 — 18, for *county* read *country*.
- 49 — 26, for *began* read *begun*.
- 53 In the title of the *plate*, *dele* old part of.
- 54 In the title of the *plate*, for *presbytery* read *present choir*.
- 60 — 32, for *Basingbourn* read *Bassingbourn*.
- 68 — 1, for *marmor* read *marmore*.
- 23, & l. 25, for *Sir Thomas Peyton Knight* read *Thomas Peyton Esq.*
- 70 — 4, for *Trumpington* read *Impington*.
- 20, for *Hacombyn* read *Hacombleyn*.
- 71 — 20, and p. 72, l. *uit.* for *abbey* read *priory*.
- 100 — 4, for 44 read 51.
- 101 — 23, for *at the schools* read *in the arts school*.
- 102 — 1, for the *lecturer in mineralogy* read *the Woodwardian professor*.
- 6, for *North*, read *South*.
- 103 — 22, for *jesuits*, read *friers de Pœnitentiâ Jesu Christi*.
- 26, for *new* read *two*.
- 105 — 12, for *seventeen* read *sixteen*.
- 14, for *three* read *two*.
- 106 — 8, for *Parker* read *Parkin*.
- 109 — 10, for *ten* read *nine*.
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- 112 — 9, for *supientix* read *sapientix*.
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- 117 — 33, 34, 35, for *master* read *president*.
- 121 — 1, *dele* *Dr.* before *Joseph Mede*.
- 123 — 27, for *huilt* read *founded*.
- 124 — 1, for *reverted* read *became forfeited to*.
- 127 — 4, *after north wall* read *of the ante-chapel*.
- 131 — 6, for *Garratt* read *Garrard*.
- 135 — 10, *dele* *again*.
- 22, for 1101 read 1191.
- 146 — 19, for *at* read *near*.
- 147 — 10, for *half* read *near*.
- 11, for *supposed to have been built out of the ruins* read *being part of the remains*.
- 150 — 2, *after Masters of Arts* read *Bachelors of Laws and Physic*.
- 185 — 14, for 15 read 16.
- 187 — 29, for *the keep* read *the hill of the keep, and earth-works*.
- 201 — — in the *note* for 1806 read 1680.
- 210 — 1, for *West* read *South-West*.
- 217 — 24, *after portraits* *add* and other *pictures*.
- 240 — 2, for *Whitsun-Tuesday* read *Whit-Tuesday*.
- 259 — 26, for *perfecit* read *perficit*.
- 267 — 4, for *central* read *western*.
- 269 — 14, for *Crabtree* read *Clamtre*.
- 280 — 14, for *Bellborough* read *Befsborough*.
- 287 — 15, for *Richard* read *Robert Rich*.
- 292 — 22, for *three* read *five*.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Vol. II.

B

C A M B R I D G E S H I R E.

Ancient Inhabitants and Government.

THIS county, called in the Saxon Chronicle *Granta-brycg-scir*, takes its name from the ancient town of Cambridge, which is there written *Grante-brycge*, *Grantan-brycge*, and *Granta-brycge*. It was formerly inhabited by a British tribe, supposed by Camden to have been the *Iceni*, *Cenomagni*, or *Cenomanni*. Mr. Whitaker is of opinion, that the kingdom of the *Iceni* contained two nations, and that the *Cenomanni* being one of them, inhabited the counties of Suffolk and Cambridge^a. In the first division of Britain under the Romans, Cambridgehire formed a part of *Britannia Superior*; in the second division it was in *Britannia Prima*^b; and under the last division was included in the district of *Flavia Casariensis*^c. After the expulsion of the Romans, this county became part of the kingdom of the East-Angles.

During the wars which happened among the nations which composed the Saxon Heptarchy; the kingdom of the East Angles, in which Cambridgehire was included, became subject successively to the kings of Mercia, and the kings of Kent: when Edward the Elder had rescued it from the power of the Danes, he annexed it to his own dominions, it having been the only kingdom of the heptarchy which was not united under his great predecessor Egbert. On a subsequent division of England into three great districts, Cambridgehire was comprised within that which was denominated *Denelege*, or the Danish jurisdiction. Here it may be proper to observe, that from an early period, the Isle of Ely formed a separate district, with an independent jurisdiction: it was called by the Saxons South *Girwa*, and its inhabitants were sometimes denominated the *Girvii*; Tonbert, the husband of Etheldreda, foundress of Ely abbey, gave it her in dower, and she bestowed it on that monastery with all its liberties and privileges: after the destruction of

^a Hist. of Manchester, 1. 95.

^b See Gough's Camden, 1. cxxviii.

^c Whitaker ut supra.

Ely by the Danes, king Burrhed annexed the isle to the crown of Mercia. Having been restored with all its privileges to the abbey, after it was refounded by king Edgar, and again confirmed by Edward the Confessor; the abbots of Ely, and afterwards the bishops, continued to exercise the privileges of a county palatine, till the reign of Henry VIII. when they were, in common with those of other jurisdictions of a like nature, considerably abridged by an act of parliament. The bishop of Ely nevertheless, still possesses a jurisdiction of considerable importance and dignity, he is Custos Rotulorum of the isle, and has almost Sovereign Authority within his franchise, which is styled the royal franchise, or liberty of the bishops of Ely. The civil officers of this franchise are a chief justice, who holds a session of pleas above forty shillings, under a commission from the bishop and a session of Oyer and terminer and goal delivery by virtue of a commission from the king; a chief bailiff who exercises the same functions in the isle as the sheriff does in a county; a deputy bailiff and two coroners, and several subordinate officers, all of whom are appointed by the bishop. The spring assizes for the isle are held at Ely, and the April and October sessions; the summer assizes and the other sessions at Wisbech: at each place there is a shire-hall and a goal. The inhabitants of the isle are exempt from serving on juries in the county, as well as from every other office^d, and from contributing to the county rate.

Historical Events.

MOST writers, who have treated of the historical events connected with this county, have related the exploits of queen Boadicea, and her brave but unsuccessful struggle against the Roman power; but although Cambridgeshire formed part of the dominions of this heroine, yet as it does not appear to have been the scene, either of her successes or defeat, we shall pass on to the conquest of East-Anglia by the Danes, in which Cambridgeshire sustained more than its share of the general calamity. This conquest was effected by a large army of the Danes, who came over to England under the command of Inguar, or Hungar, and Hubba, sons of Lothbriç, a Danish chief, accompanied by several other chiefs or generals. Their rage was principally directed against the East-Angles, on whose coast their father Lothbriç, having been shipwrecked, was by king Edmund hospitably received, and permitted to partake, at his pleasure, of the sports of the field, to which he was much addicted, but was shortly afterwards slain by one of the king's falconers. This man having been, by way of punishment, committed to the mercy

^d Excepting that of sheriff to which some gentleman of the isle is appointed every third year.

of the waves in the same bark which had conveyed Lothbric to England, reached the coast of Denmark; where he represented to his sons, that Lothbric had been put to death by Edmund's command, instigated them to revenge their father's death, and accompanied them in their expedition. An extract from a chronicle of the monastery of St. Edmundsbury (preserved by Leland ^e;) in which the above particulars are briefly related, states this invasion to have happened in the year 870, which corresponds with a passage from the chronicle of the church of Ely, copied by the same author ^f. Abbot Bromton observes, that some writers have placed the death of king Edmund, and the consequent subjection of his kingdom to the Danish power, in the year 866, others in 870^g; the latter agree with the chronicles of St. Edmundsbury and Ely. The consequence of this success of the Danes to the county of Cambridge, was plunder and devastation every where; and the destruction of its chief town ^h, and of the monasteries of Ely, Soham ⁱ, and Thorney ^k, with the slaughter of their defenceless inhabitants. It appears by the chronicle of Ely, that the Danes in their first attack upon the isle of Ely were repulsed, and obliged for the present to abandon their intention; and that, on their second landing, they met with an obstinate resistance, but being at length overpowered by numbers, the islanders were put to flight, and together with many of the English nobility, who had retired with their effects to the isle as a place of security, became a prey to the invaders ^l.

In the year 875, Cambridge, which it is probable had in the mean time been rebuilt, became the head quarters of the Danish army under Guthrum, or as he is called by some historians, Godrim, who had been made governor of the East-Angles, and two other generals ^m. At this time the army continued at Cambridge a year; and it is probable, that in the fifty years during which East-Anglia continued under the Danish yoke, it was frequently one of their principal military posts; for we are told, that in the year 921 the Danish army, which was stationed at Cambridge, surrendered themselves to the victorious Edward ⁿ. In the year 1010, the Danes landing at Ipswich, fought a battle at a place called Ringmere, with Ulfkettel, general of the East Angles; whose troops all fled at the first onset of the Danes, excepting the men of Cambridgeshire, who fought manfully, and obtained

^e Collectanea, vol. 1. p. 220.

^f Collectanea, vol. 1. p. 221.

^g Decem. Scrip. I. 805.

^h Leland's Collect. I. 407. from the chronicle of Thomas Rudbourne, a monk of Winchester.

ⁱ Ibid. I. 221. from the chronicle of Ely. See also J. Bromton in Decem. Scrip. I. 807.

^k See Stevens's Continuation of Dugdale, I. 493.

^l See Bentham's Ely, p. 68.

^m Simon Dunelm. and J. Bromton in Decem. Scrip. I. 127, 817. See also Sax. Chron. and Leland's Collectan. I. 193.

ⁿ Sax. Chron.

for their county a high renown, which lasted as long as the British throne was filled with monarchs of the Saxon race°. The Danes, nevertheless, overpowering them by numbers, proved victorious, and ravaged the whole kingdom of the East Angles during three successive months: having plundered the rich monasteries in the fens[°]; among other devastations, they burnt Hokington, Drayton, and Cottenham manor houses belonging to Croyland Abbey[¶], and Cambridge again fell a sacrifice to the flames[†]. In their route thence towards Essex they halted at the village of Balsham, where the helpless inhabitants were slaughtered, without distinction of age or sex, with the exception of one man, who, as abbot Bromton informs us, defended himself against the whole Danish army on a step of the church tower, which was standing in his time[‡].

After the Duke of Normandy had by his victory at Hastings gained possession of the English throne, most of the prelates and nobility, who could not brook submission to the conqueror's power, retired to the isle of Ely, which being surrounded on all sides by deep fens promised them a secure retreat; and for a while enabled them to baffle all the efforts of the victorious monarch, although he employed his whole army in the attempt to subdue it. Almost all our ancient historians seem to comprise within the year 1071, the whole of these transactions, from the retreat of the English nobility into the island to the conqueror's final success. The ancient monastic history of Ely, preserved among the Cotton MSS. and a register of the abbey of Peterborough, both agree that it was in the *seventh* year of their holding the island against the king, that he at length succeeded in gaining possession of it; and this appears to have been in the year 1074.

The sum of what the learned antiquary Sir William Dugdale has collected[†], chiefly from the above-mentioned sources, is as follows[‡]. Not long after the battle of Hastings,

° “Dum Angli regnaverunt, laus Grantebrigiensis provinciæ splendide floruit.” Hen. Huntingdon inter Scriptores post Bedam, f. 207. See also Simon Dunelm. and J. Bromton, Decem. Scrip. I. 167, and 887, and Mat. West. 199. ¶ Bromton.—Florence of Worcester speaks of these devastations in Cambridgeshire as having happened in the year 1011. † Ingulphus Hist. Angl. Scrip. Vet. I. 56. ‡ Sim. Dunelm. and J. Bromton, Decem. Scrip. I. 168, 888. See also Roger Hoveden.

* Decem. Scrip. I. 888. † See his History of Draining and Embanking, p. 187—191. ‡ It must be observed, that most of our historians differ from the histories of Ely and Peterborough, not only in dates, but in the manner of the conqueror's taking possession of the island, which is described to have been by a successful assault in the year 1071. The circumstantial account of the Ely historian, who may be supposed to have derived his information from annals of the monastery, written at the time and upon the spot, seems to have the best claim to credit. It is probable, that the death of Earl Edwin, and the surrender and imprisonment of Earl Morcar, spoken of by the historians, happened after they had quitted the island and joined Ralph de Waler, earl of the East Angles.

archbishop Stigand being obnoxious to the conqueror fled to the isle of Ely; the abbot of St. Alban's, the bishop of Durham, and a great number both of the clergy and laity to the amount of many thousands, among whom were the Earls of Leicesters, Warwick, Hereford, Suffolk, and Northumberland, from time to time followed their example. Being assembled in such force they chose Hereward, a brave knight, younger son of Leofric Earl of Mercia, for their general, and fortified the island against the king. According to the register of Peterborough, this must have been in the year 1067. Matthew Paris, who lived in the reign of Henry III. tells us, that a wooden fortress, then erected in the fens, remained till his time, and was known by the name of Hereward's Castle. The king, on hearing of these transactions, hastened towards Cambridgeshire with his whole army, invested the isle by land and water, caused a castle to be built at Wisbech*, and a fortress to be made at Reche on the south side of the isle: and having ordered a rendezvous of his army at Aldreth, where the fen was four furlongs in breadth, caused a bridge or causeway to be made of wood, stone, and faggots of all kinds, with trees and great pieces of timber fastened underneath with cow hides; but this structure proved so insecure, that the greater part of his army in attempting to pass it were drowned in the fens. He now gave over for the present any farther attempts to subdue his enemies in the island, and retired with the remains of his army, leaving certain guards of soldiers on the borders of the fens, to prevent them from laying waste the neighbouring country: some incursions, nevertheless, were made by the islanders, in one of which they set fire to the town of Burwell, and had a successful skirmish with some soldiers from the king's garrison at Reche.

During all this time the earls and knights were entertained in the refectory of the abbey at Ely, the earls sitting at the high table with the abbot, and the knights and monks at the other tables alternately, every man with his target and lance hanging near him on the wall, to be ready for immediate action. The king being with his court at Brandon in Suffolk, a few miles to the east of the isle of Ely, Hereward went thither in disguise, and succeeded in gaining information of the measures which had been concerted for reducing the island. The king now advanced a second time with his army to Aldreth, and caused great store of wood and faggots to be brought thither for the purpose of making another causeway; having summoned all the fishermen in those parts to meet him with their boats at a place called Cotingelade, to convey the materials to Aldreth: Hereward having disguised himself as one of that occupation, repaired thither with a boat, and was among the most active in bringing materials to the place appointed at Aldreth; but as soon as

* M. Paris.

they were collected together in a great quantity, he took an opportunity of setting fire to the whole pile. The king having ordered a more strict guard to be kept night and day, caused certain earth-works to be thrown up near the causeway, which are supposed to be those now called Belfar's hills, a name which is conjectured to have been derived from Belafius the Norman general¹. When the besieging army was on the point of making another attack on the island, the inhabitants set fire to the reeds, which, spreading far and wide, caused a great panic among the assailants, and a hasty retreat with much loss.

About this time, which must have been in the year 1074, Ralph de Waher, or Guader, whom the conqueror had made Earl of the East Angles, rebelled against his benefactor, and having encamped with his army near Cambridge, was joined by most of the chief English nobility from the island; but on the advance of the king's army, under the command of the bishops of Baieux and Constance, retired precipitately to Norwich². Hereward with his forces still resolutely defended the isle, and the king despairing of succeeding in his attempts to reduce it by assault, seized on all the lands of the monastery, which were without the limits of the island, and divided them among his soldiers, who were thus excited to more than ordinary diligence, in the service in which they were engaged. No sooner had the abbot and monks received this unwelcome intelligence, than they resolved to send private messengers to the king, then at Warwick, with an offer of the payment of 1000 marks, and the surrender of the island, on condition that he would resume his grant and restore the possessions of the church: the offer having been accepted, they took the opportunity while the brave Hereward, who had defended their island for seven years, was absent on a foraging party, to admit the king and his army, who before Hereward's return were encamped at Witchford, within two miles of Ely. Finding that resistance would now be vain, but disdainingly to submit to the mercy of the Norman invader, Hereward with a few followers made good his escape, and though he never ceased, as we are told, to concert hostile measures against the conqueror, he not only had the singular good fortune to escape death or imprisonment, but what is more remarkable, it appears that his estates descended to his heirs, and continued, although in turbulent times, for many generations in his posterity³.

¹ The field where these earthworks are to be seen is called, in a record of the reign of Henry III. *campus de Belafis*. In the ancient picture of the Norman officers at Ely, the name of Belafius occurs, and he is stiled *Præfes Militum versus Elye*.—See Bentham's History of Ely. ² Sim. Dunelm. See Decem. Scrip. I. 208. Bromton makes Ralph de Waher's rebellion to have happened in the year 1075.

³ Hereward's only daughter and heir married Hugh de Evermue Lord of Deping, in Lincolnshire, from whom the great lordship of Brunne, in the same county (being Hereward's patrimony) descended, by female heirs, to the families of Rullos, Fitz-Gilbert, and Wake.

At the commencement of those civil wars, which distracted the nation during the greater part of king Stephen's reign; Nigellus bishop of Ely, being attached to the interest of the empress Maud, built a wooden castle at Ely, surrounding it with bulwarks; and having repaired the castle at Aldreth, placed a garrison in it, and after consulting with some of the more powerful of his lay neighbours, they resolved to defend the island against the king. Stephen having sent an army to besiege it without success, went himself with a fleet of small vessels to Aldreth; and having made a temporary bridge for his cavalry, entered the island, put his enemies to flight, marched to Ely, obliged the bishop's soldiers to quit Aldreth Castle, and garrisoned it with some of his own troops. The bishop made his escape, and joined the empress Maud, who was then at Gloucester: this was in the year 1140. Two years afterwards (the island being still in a state of revolt) Geoffry de Mandeville Earl of Essex, and Gilbert Earl of Clare, were sent thither by the king, to take and imprison such of the bishop's men as they should find in arms: meantime, the bishop being returned, he with the assistance of the empress, again possessed himself of the island and of Aldreth Castle.

Some time after this in the year 1144, the men of Ely (the bishop being then at Rome) suspecting that the king's friends were meditating mischief against them, and being aware that they had not force sufficient to defend the Island, called to their assistance Geoffry de Mandeville Earl of Essex, whom the empress Maud had won over to her party, and committed to his care the castles of Ely and Aldreth. The earl being much incensed against the King, who had not long before imprisoned him, and afterwards granted him his liberty, upon what he thought hard terms, laid waste the royal demesnes wherever he came, as well as the lands and possessions of such as were attached to the King's interest. Having spoiled Ramsey abbey, he traversed Cambridgeshire from west to east: at Benwick near Doddington where was a passage into the Isle of Ely, he placed a garrison; thence passing by way of Ely he went to Fordham at the eastern extremity of the county, where he placed a strong garrison of horse. Stephen in revenge laid waste the possessions of the bishop, and in addition to these repeated devastations, the miserable inhabitants of the isle of Ely were afflicted with the complicated horrors of famine and pestilence: meanwhile the earl of Essex lost his life in an encounter with the king's forces^b: Gervase of Canterbury says that he was slain at the siege of a castle, which the king had built at Burwell^c in this county, which is only a few miles from Fordham.

^b From an account written by Richard of Ely in the Ely Annals, printed in Leland's *Collectan.* I. 599, 600.—and Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, I. 619—624.

^c *Decem Scrip.* I. 1360.

In the year 1216 the war between king John and his barons being then at its greatest height, the king appointed Falcaſius de Brent governor of Cambridge caſtle^d. The iſle of Ely was now doomed again to deſolation: Walter Buuck, with a party of Brabanters, entered the iſland, oppoſite a place called Herebie, and plundered the monaſteries, carrying away the monks and extorting great ſums for their releaſe^e. Soon after the earl of Salisbury, Falcaſius de Brent, and Savary de Mallo Leone, entered the iſland at Stuntney bridge, ſpread deſtroy as they went, and robbed the churches of what had been ſpared by Buuck and his party; they entered the cathedral of Ely with drawn ſwords, threatening to burn it to the ground, a fate which by the payment of 209 marks, the prior with ſome difficulty averted; many perſons of all ranks were taken priſoners, but moſt of the richer inhabitants made their eſcape over the ice, and either concealed themſelves in the neighbourhood, or fled to London^f.

About this time the barons who were in London, went with ſome cavalry into Cambridgeſhire, laid waſte the whole county, took Cambridge caſtle, and carried away priſoners, twenty of the king's ſervants whom they found there^g. The king ſhortly afterwards quitted Wincheſter, with the intention of wreaking his vengeance on the eſtates of ſome of the rebellious barons, and in the proſecution of this purpoſe, marched into Cambridgeſhire, where we are told he did "hurt enough"^h. From thence he paſſed on into Norfolk and Suffolk, and not long afterwards died at Newark caſtle in Nottinghamſhire: meantime the barons took poſſeſſion of the iſle of Ely, one fortrefs excepted, whither the king's friends had retreated. Leland ſeems to be of opinion that this was Ely caſtle, the keep of which he deſcribesⁱ: this keep is ſtill to be ſeen.

Soon after the acceſſion of Henry the third a council was held at Cambridge, by Louis the Dauphin of France and the Engliſh barons^k. In this reign the iſle of Ely was again doomed to become one of the chief ſcenes of civil diſcord and its attendant evils; in 1266, whiſt the king was engaged in the ſiege of Kenilworth, John Dayville with other rebellious barons and diſinherited perſons, having laid waſte Cambridgeſhire and Huntingdonſhire, took poſſeſſion of the town and the iſle of Ely on the eve of St. Lawrence^l; the biſhop who had undertaken to keep the iſle for the king's uſe^m, ſaved himſelf by flight, and went with the news to court, where he met with a cool reception for having ſo ill defended his poſtⁿ. The barons having eſtabliſhed themſelves in the iſland, fortified it on every ſide^o, and daily ſent

^d M. Paris, 276.^e Ibid. 278.^f Ibid. 286^g Ibid. and Mat. Weſt. 276.^h Holinſhed III. 604.ⁱ Leland's Colleſtan. II. 322.—See a marginal note on a paſſage

in the Annals of Walter of Coventry

^k Holinſhed.^l M. Paris 1000.—Annal

Waverl. and W. Hemingford.—Rer. Ang. Scrip. II. 222, and 588.

^m Holinſhed.ⁿ M. Paris.^o W. Hemingford.

out their foraging parties, who plundered Cambridge ^p and committed great depredations in various parts of the county.

In the month of February following, the king, with the intention of checking these depredations, came himself to Cambridge, where he commanded gates to be erected, and a ditch to be dug round the town, with all possible expedition ^q; but unchecked as it should seem by the king's presence, the Barons continued their depredations. Whilst they were plundering the village of Hornsey, Sir Walter Cottenham, (who had been knighted by the barons,) with a few others of plebeian rank, fell into the king's hands and were executed ^r. The king remained at Cambridge the whole Lent ^s, and was there joined by prince Edward who brought with him from Scotland an army of 30,000 men to his assistance.

With this reinforcement he marched to Windsor, his presence being more immediately wanted in the neighbourhood of the metropolis, by reason of the rebellion of the earl of Gloucester: Cambridge was left undefended ^t to the mercy of his enemies, who, as soon as they heard of his departure came thither, burnt down the house where he had been lodged, and destroyed the gates which had been put up by his command; they threatened also to set fire to the priory of Barnwell, but were persuaded to desist at the entreaty of the Peches, patrons of that monastery, who were of the barons' party ^u.

Matthew Paris speaks of the king's blockade of the isle of Ely and its subsequent capture by prince Edward, as having happened in 1268; as to the former (besides the evidence of the Barnwell Chronicle) it is certain from record, that the king's residence at Cambridge already spoken of, was in the early part of the year 1266, and it is most probable that the capture of the island took place before prince Edward left Cambridgeshire with his Scottish forces. The king had given authority to William Charles, to provide barges with soldiers to serve against his enemies in the isle of Ely, with power of fining such as should resist him in the execution of his commission. Whether this armament was to co-operate with prince Edward, or whether it had been employed in any previous attack, it is certain, that a warrant for the levying of fines on such as had resisted the king's commission, bears date March 20, 1267, the king being then at Cambridge ^v. The capture of the island by prince Edward appears to have been effected without opposition; when by means of bridges of boards and hurdles, which were made by the instructions of the neighbouring

^p M. Paris. ^q Leland from a chronicle of the monks of Barnwell—Collectanea, I. p. 439. ^r Ibid.

^s Holinshed. ^t Holinshed, who evidently translates in this instance from Matthew of Westminster, seems to have misinterpreted the expression, "*dimissis custodiibus*" which he renders "leaving a convenient number to defend Cambridge." The Barnwell Chronicle, which relates the consequences of its unprotected state, expressly says "*relinquit sine custodia.*" ^u Leland's Collect. I. 439. ^v Pat. 51. Hen. III. M. 24. *in dorso*.

peafantry, he had procured a safe passage for his army; the barons attempted no farther resistance, some sought their safety by flight, the remainder capitulated^w. It is somewhat remarkable that among the latter was lord Wake a lineal descendant of the brave Hereward, who two centuries before, held the island against William the Conqueror.

We meet with no other historical event, connected with this county before the civil wars in the 17th century, except the proclaiming of the lady Jane Gray at Cambridge by the duke of Northumberland in 1553^x.

At former periods, Cambridgeshire appears to have experienced the miseries of civil commotions more than other counties; but in the war between king Charles and his parliament, it had the good fortune to be almost wholly exempt from them, none of its towns sustained a siege, no battle was fought in it, nor does it appear that either of the contending armies made any long stay there. The only injury which it sustained during the war, seems to have been some plunder committed by the king's troops, when he came into Cambridgeshire with his army in 1645^y. At the beginning of the war, Cambridgeshire and the isle of Ely, associated under lord Grey of Werke for the parliament^z, and petitioned for arms for the defence of the county against the commissioners of array^a. Lord Clarendon speaks of Cambridgeshire, as one of the associated counties in which the king had not any visible party, nor one fixed quarter^b. The university indeed were for the most part loyal, and did what was in their power for the king's service, by voting their plate.

In 1643, Cromwell took possession of Cambridge for the parliament^c; and the Earl of Manchester being sent down to visit the university, expelled a great number of the most eminent loyalists. In the year 1645, Cromwell, who had a considerable estate in that district, was sent down with three troops of horse to secure the isle of Ely^d; Sir Francis Russel one of the sequestrators for Cambridgeshire, and afterwards one of Cromwell's lords, was governor of the isle^e; his son-in-law, Hugh Underwood, was governor of Whittlesea^f. In the month of August 1645, the king marched towards Cambridge, but departed without attacking it^g; Whitlocke says that his troops plundered the county. In the month of June 1647, the parliamentary army under Fairfax and Cromwell, had their head quarters at Kennet, near Newmarket^h. Whilst they were stationed there, the king was seized at Holdenby by cornet Joyce, who was proceeding with his charge towards the army, when Cromwell dispatched a messenger, with instructions to convey his Majesty to Lady Cutt's house at Childerley near Cambridge, whither he

^w See M. Paris and Walter Hemingford.

^x Holinshed.

^y Whitlocke.

^z Ibid.

^a Vicars.

^b Vol. II. 8vo. edit. 172.

^c Vicars's Parliamentary Chronicle, I. 273.

^d Heath's Chronicle 77.

^e Noble's Memoirs of the Cromwells.

^f Ibid.

^g Heath.

^h See Whitlocke, Heath, &c.

arrived on the 7th of June. The next day, Fairfax and Cromwell waited on him, and disavowed any knowledge of the seizure of his person. At his majesty's request they gave orders for his removal to Newmarket, which took place on the 9th.^a Whilst the army remained in Cambridgeshire they had a general rendezvous, on Triplow heath, and another near Royston¹. During this important period, Cromwell who had obtained leave from the parliament to repair to the army, acquired that influence with them, which laid the foundation of his future greatness.

Ancient and modern Division of the County.

WHEN the Survey of Domesday was taken, the town of Cambridge was taxed as a hundred; the remainder of the county was divided into 14 hundreds, exclusively of the two hundreds of Ely; these two hundreds are now divided into three, Ely, Witchford, and Wisbech: Ely contains, besides the city of that name, the parishes of Downham, Littleport, and Stuntney; that of Witchford, contains the parishes of Wichford, Dodington, Chatteris, Haddenham, Wentworth, and Witcham; the hundred of Wisbech, contains the parishes of Wisbech, Elme, Leverington, Stretham, Sutton, Whittlesea, and Wilberton; besides Mepall, Newton, and Tidd St. Giles, which are not mentioned in the Survey. The other hundreds remain as they were, and contain the same parishes and hamlets, excepting that Clopton, which in the Survey is described in Armingford, is now deemed to be in Wetherley hundred.

The following is a list of the hundreds with their modern names.

Cestretone	- -	Chefferton	Radefelle	- -	Radfield
Chavelai	- -	Cheveley	Stanes	- -	Stane
Cildeford	- -	Chilford	Staplehou	- -	Staploe
Ermingford	- -	Armingford	Stou	- -	Stow
Flamindic or Flaminidic	- } - }	Flendish	Trepelau or Trepelau	- } - }	Triplow
Norestou	- -	North-Stow	Wederlai	- -	Wetherley
Papeword	- -	Papworth	Witelesford	- -	Whittlesford.

The following is a list of the manors noticed in the survey of Domesday, with their modern names, as far as they could be ascertained.

Abintone in the hundred of Armingford	} }	Abington near Shengay, or Abington Pigotts	Badburgham or Badburgham	} }	Baberham or Babraham
Abintone in the hundred of Chilford	} }	Great and Little Abington	Barentone	- -	Barrington
Atelai or Hatelai	- -	East Hatley	Basingborne	- -	Basingbourn
Averefdone	- -	Everfdon	Bece	- -	Landbeach
			Belesham	- -	Balsam
			Bellingeham	- -	Badlingham
			Bercheham	- -	Barham

^a Dugdale's view of the troubles.

¹ Whitlocke.

Bertone - -	- Barton	Duncham - -	- Downham
Bochefworde - -	- Boxworth	Elfworde - -	- Elfworth
Bodichesham - -	- Bottisham or Botsham	Epintone - -	- Impington
Brone or Brune - -	- Bourn	Erningtone or Er-	} Arrington
Burch - -	- Burgh or Burrow Green	ningtone	
Burewelle - -	- Burwell	Esfelforde - -	- Shelford
Caldecote - -	- Caldecot	Esfepriid - -	- Shepreth
Campas or Canpas	} Castle Camps and Shudy Camps	Esfelinge - -	- Qu. Ashley
Carlentine or		} Carlton	Eurefdone - -
Carleton	Fordeham - -		- Fordham
Cauftone - -	- Caxton	Foxtune - -	- Foxtton
Cefstretone - -	- Chesterton	Fugelesmere - -	- Fulmere or Foulmere
Cetritz - -	- Chatteris	Fuleberne - -	- Fulbourn
Chavelai - -	- Cheveley	Gamelingei - -	- Gamlinghay
Chenepewelle - -	- Knapwell	Gifselham - -	- Ifelham
Chenet - -	- Kennet	Grantefete - -	- Granchester
Chertelinge - -	- Kirtling	Gratedene - -	- Little Granden
Chingefstone - -	- Kingfton	Gravelai - -	- Graveley
Chipeham - -	- Chippenham	Gretone - -	- Girton
Cildrelai or Cil-	} Childreley	Hadreham - -	- Haddenham
derlai		Hardwic - -	- Hardwick
Cloptunc - -	- Clopton	Hallingefeld - -	- Hallingfield
Coelia in the hun-	}	Hatelai and Hec-	} Hatley
dred of Stanes		rellie	
Contone or Cuni-	} Conington	Havocheftun - -	- Hawkfton
tone		Helle - -	- Elme
Cotelham - -	- Cottenham	Herlefton - -	- Harlfton
Crawedene - -	- Crowden	Herletone - -	- Harlton
Crocheftone - -	- Croxton	Hefstitone or Hif-	} Hinxton
Cumbretone - -	- Comberton	titone	
Ditone in the	} Wood Ditton	Hichelintone or	} Ickleton
hundred of		Chevely	
Ditone in the	} Fen Ditton	Hintone - -	- Hinton
hundred of Flen-		dith	Hiftone - -
Dodesworde - -	- Duxford	Hochinton - -	- Hockinton or Hogginton
Dodington - -	- Doddington	Horningefie - -	- Horningfey
Draitone in the	} Dry Drayton	Horfei - -	- Horfeheath
hundred of Chef-		terton	Lidlintone - -
Draitone in the	} Fenny Drayton	Lindone - -	- Lindon-end in Haddenham
hundred of Pap-		worth	Lintone - -
Dullingham - -	- Dullingham	Litelport - -	- Littleport
		Litel-tedford - -	- Thetford in the ifle of Ely
		Lolefworde - -	- Lolworth
		Madinglei - -	- Madingley
		Melleburne - -	- Melbourn
		Melrede - -	- Meldreth
		Merche - -	- March

Middletone	- - Milton	Utbeche	- - Waterbeach
Mordune	- - Gilden and Steeple Morden	Wadone or Wadune	- Whaddon
Ordwelle, Oredwelle or Orewelle	} Orwell	Wandrie in the	} hundred of Wit-
Ovre		- - Over	
Pampesworde	- - Pampisford or Pampfworth	Waratinge	- - Wratting
Papeworde	- - Papworth	Watewelle or	} Witwelle
Rantone	- - Rampton	Werateworde	
Saham	- - Soham	Weslai	- - Westley
Salfiton	- - Sawfton	Westone	- - Weston
Scelgei	- - Shengay	Westwiche	- - Westwick in Hockinton
Severlai	- - Silverley	Wiborgham or	} Wilbraham
Sextone	- { Saxham or Saxon, in Wood Ditton	Witborham	
Snellewelle	- - Snailwell	Wiceford	- - Witchford
Stantune	- - Stanton	Wiceham in the	} Witcham in Witchford
Stapleforde	- - Stapleford	hundred of Ely	
Sticesworde or	} Stechworth	Wiceham in the	} West Wickham
Stivicesworde		hundred of Chil-	
Stou	- - Stow	ford	
Stradham	- - Stretham	Wicham in the	} Wicken
Stuntenei	- - Stuntney	hundred of Sta-	
Suafam	- - Swafham	pletou	
Sudtone	- - Sutton	Wilbertone	- - Wilberton
Svavefye	- - Swavefey	Winepole	- - Wimpole
Tadelai	- - Tadlow	Winteworde	- - Wentworth
Teversham	- - Teversham	Wifbece	- - Wifbech
Toft	- - Toft	Witelesforde	- - Whittlesford
Trepesflau	- - Triplow	Witesie	- - Whittlefea
Trumpintone	- - Trumpington	Wivelingham	- - Willingham

The parishes of Bartlow, Brinkley, Coton, Eltisley, Leverington, Mepall, Newton, Outwell, Tidd St. Giles, and Upwell, as well as a great number of hamlets, and manors, are omitted in the Survey.

Ecclesiastical Division and Jurisdiction.

THE County of Cambridge was formerly part of the diocese of Lincoln, but the abbots of Ely always claimed an independent jurisdiction, within the limits of their own isle. In the year 1108, a bishopric was founded at Ely; and the whole of the county of Cambridge, with the exception of a few parishes, having been taken out of the jurisdiction of the see of Lincoln, was added to the isle of Ely, to constitute a diocese for the new bishop. The manor of Spaldwick in Huntingdonshire, was given

given to the bishop of Lincoln, as some compensation for the diminution of his Jurisdiction ^k.

All those parishes (being 15 in number) which lie on the east side of the ancient boundary of Mercia, and never formed part of the diocese of Lincoln, continue to be comprised within that of Norwich, to which they originally belonged; and constitute part of the deanery of Fordham, within the archdeaconry of Sudbury. The parish of Ifelham is in the diocese of Rochester; Emneth in the county of Norfolk is in the diocese of Ely. Whilst Cambridgeshire was in the diocese of Lincoln, that county, with Huntingdonshire, and part of Hertfordshire were under the jurisdiction of one archdeacon: immediately after the foundation of the see of Ely, Cambridgeshire was placed under the jurisdiction of an archdeacon, who took his title from the county town; the sacrist of the abbey exercising archidiaconal powers within the isle of Ely, as he had been accustomed to do before the foundation of the bishopric; but the second archdeacon, William de Lavington, having assumed the title of archdeacon of Ely, claimed jurisdiction in the isle, as well as in other parts of the county. From this time disputes were perpetually arising between the bishop and the archdeacon, till the year 1401, when their respective jurisdictions were finally settled by an award^l.

The diocese of Ely is divided into 8 deaneries, Berton, otherwise Barton, Bourne, otherwise Knapwell, Camps, Cambridge, Chesterton, Ely, Shengay, and Wisbech.

Wolfey's list, as quoted by Camden, makes the number of parishes in this county, 163; Heylin makes them 141, including probably only the rectories and vicarages; the editor of the *Magna Britannia*, published in the year 1720, makes them 183, which is evidently erroneous. The present number, appear to be 165: the number occasionally varies in all counties, by the creation of new parishes, and the depopulation of others. The only modern parish in this county, is that of All Saints in Newmarket: in some instances of depopulated villages the parishes continue distinct, although the churches have been long dilapidated, and scarcely a house remains, as is the case at Childerley^m; in others the payment of taxes having been consolidated with that of neighbouring parishes, the places are no longer considered parochial, such as Clopton, Malton and Silverley. At Histon the memory of the parish of St. Etheldred is almost lost, even in the village, yet that and St. Andrew, are both recognised in the inclosure act, passed in 1801: there were formerly two parishes at Burwell, Duxford, Long-Stanton, and Whittle-

^k Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*. Vol. I. p. 615. in the notes. of Ely's Register. See Bentham's *Ely*, p. 270.

^l The award is in the bishop of

^m There were formerly two parishes of this name, Childerley-Magna, and Childerley Parva, the latter is quite lost; Childerley-Magna remains as a parish, although the church has been destroyed.

fea, still contain two parishes, and have two churches in each, but at Whittlesea, the boundaries of the respective parishes are unknown. Fulbourn contains two parishes, but only one church, that of St. Vigor; Swaffham-Prior also has two parishes, but the church of St. Mary has lately been taken down.

Several of the benefices are consolidated, as Hawkston with Newton; St. Giles's and St. Peter's in Cambridge; Mepal and Sutton; Clopton and Croydon; Swaffham-Prior St. Mary, and Swaffham-Prior St. Cyric, and Elme with Emneth in Norfolk; Wendy and Shengay also are held together: others have chapels annexed, as the chapel of Willingham to Carleton; Maney to Coveney; March and Benwick to Doddington; Thetford to Stretham; St. Mary's chapel and Gyhern to Winbech; St. Mary's in the Marsh to Newton in the isle of Ely; Parson-Drove to Leverington; Stuntenev to the church of the Holy Trinity, and Chetisham to St. Mary's at Ely.

Of the 165 parishes, sixty-two are rectories, with cure of souls, eighty-one vicarages, and twenty-two curacies or donatives; among the vicarages, six have sinecure rectories, and two are endowed with the great tithes. Of the vicarages and donatives, sixty-eight were before the reformation, appropriated to religious houses; three to the bishop of Ely; two to the bishop of Rochester; two to the archdeacon of Ely; sixteen to colleges in Cambridge; two to colleges in Oxford, and one to the dean and chapter of Windfor. Of those which had belonged to religious houses, sixteen are now vested in colleges at Cambridge, sixteen in the bishop of Ely; and eleven in the dean and chapter, the others are in lay hands.

Monasteries, Colleges, and Hospitals.

THE Benedictine monks had an abbey at Ely, which was placed under the government of a prior, when Ely was converted into a bishop's see; an abbey at Thorney, and for a short time cells at Cambridge and Denny; the Benedictine nuns, an abbey at Chatteris, and priories at Cambridge, Ickleton, and Swaffham-Bulbeck; the Austin-canon, priories at Anglesey, Barnwell and Spinney; the Gilbertines, priories at Cambridge, Fordham, and at Mirmaud, in the parish of Upwell; the Minorites an abbey at Denny; the Templars had for a short time houses at Denny, and Great Wilbraham; the Knights-Hospitallers preceptories at Chippenham and Shengay; the Austin-friers, Black-friers, Grey-friers, White-friers, Bethlehemite-friers, the friers de Sacco, and friers of St. Mary had all establishments at Cambridge; the Crouched or Crossed Friers had a house at Barcham in the parish of Linton. Ancient records and historians speak of a nunnery at Eltesley, and monasteries at Horningsea and Soham. There were Alien priories at Iselham,

Linton, and Swavefey, and a small priory at Thirlinge, in the parish of Upwell, of which no particulars are known.

There was a college at Newton, in the isle of Ely, consisting of a warden, and several chaplains; the present number of colleges in Cambridge is 16 exclusive of Downing college, newly founded, and not yet built. King's hall, and Michael-house, two ancient colleges, were incorporated into Trinity college, by Henry VIII. Christ's college was built on the site of an ancient college called Gods-house.

There were three ancient hospitals at Cambridge, one of which, St. John's hospital, was converted into St. John's college. There were ancient hospitals also, at Sterebridge, near Cambridge; at Ely; at Leverington; at Long-Stow; at Thorney; at Wisbech; at Whittlesford, and at Wicken; none of these are now in existence.

Market Towns, &c.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE contains one city, Ely: the county returns two members to parliament*; the town, and the university of Cambridge, each two members; there is no other borough in the county. The number of market towns exclusively of Cambridge, and Ely, is four; Linton, March, Thorney, and Wisbech. A part only of Newmarket, and Royston are in this county; Cambridge, Ely, Linton, and Wisbech are considerable corn markets.

The markets at March, and Thorney, are merely for butchers meat; that of Thorney is held under the incorporation charter of the conservation of the fens, (which bears date 1634). Under the same charter a market, long since discontinued, was granted to Stretham. Markets were formerly held at the following places, by virtue of ancient charters, Great-Abington, Abington-Pigotts, Baberham, Balsham, Barrington, Basingbourn, Brinkley, Caxton, Chippenham, Clopton, Cottenham, Fen-Ditton, Foxton, Fulmere, Gamlingay, Ickleton, Impington, Kingston, Ramp-ton, Reche in the parish of Burwell, Sutton, Swaffham-Prior, Swavefey, Whittlesford and Wicken. Soham had a market which has been disused about a century; there was a market also at Whittlesea, which has not been discontinued more than 20 years; it is probable that both these were held by prescription, the charters not having been found on record; they were both in ancient time places of note: Soham was a bishop's see.

* By stat. 34 & 35 Hen. 8. the sum of 10l. was charged on the manor of Burlewas in Madingley for the payment of the fees and wages of the knights of the shire for Cambridgeshire. See the account of Madingley.

Population.

IN the year 1377, the number of persons charged to a poll-tax, from which the clergy, children, and paupers, were exempted, was 27,350; but it seems doubtful whether it was exclusively of the town of Cambridge, and the city of Ely, in each of which 1722 persons were taxed; if they were taxed separately, the total number would be 30,794. In Carter's history of Cambridgeshire, published in 1753, the county is said to contain 20,000 houses, and 100,000 souls, but this was evidently a vague calculation, and considerably over-rated the population. It appears, by the returns made under the act of parliament for ascertaining the population of this kingdom in 1801, that there were 16,451, houses in Cambridgeshire, of which 16,139 were inhabited; the total number of inhabitants, is stated to be 89,346, of whom, 44,081, were males, 45,265, females. Of this total number, there were 28,054, principally employed in agriculture, and 11,988, in trade, manufactures and commerce.

The following account of the number of houses, families, and persons, is taken from the above mentioned return, and arranged alphabetically

	Inhabited Houses.	Unhabited Houses.	Families:	Persons.
Abington-Great	47		50	272
—— Little	34		38	185
—— Pigotts	24		41	177
Arrington	30		44	190
Ashley (with Silverley)	38		54	272
Baberham	38		50	196
Balfham	143		180	542
Barrington	63	4	85	348
Bartlow	13	1	17	83
Barton	29	1	43	218
Bassingbourn	128	2	189	828
—— Kneefworth a hamlet of Bassingbourn	24		24	120
Bottissham	125	1	179	864
Bourne	91	2	111	554
Boxworth	37		41	220
Brinkley	33		45	275
Burrough-Green	46	1	53	276
Burwell	269	1	269	1250
Caldecot	13		15	75
Cambridge—All Saints	127	1	131	704
—— St. Andrew, Barnwell	79		79	252
—— St. Andrew the Great	168	4	229	1082
	D 2			Cambridge

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	Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Cambridge—St. Benedict	110	11	127	650
—St. Botolph	117	3	142	645
—St. Clement's	109	4	149	651
—St. Edward's	131	4	160	665
—St. Giles's	194	4	240	916
—St. Mary's the Great	140	3	165	761
—St. Mary's the Lefs	94	2	116	555
—St. Michael's	51	1	54	310
—St. Peter's	82	3	102	392
—St. Sepulchre's	104	1	110	479
—Holy Trinity	185	1	274	1214
—Univerfity				811
Total in Cambridge	1691	42	2078	10,087
Camps-Caftle	74	1	106	546
—Shudy	51		59	349
Carlton cum Willingham	34		44	229
Caxton	44		63	336
Chatteris	387	3	520	2393
Chefterton	134	3	171	741
Cheveley	82	5	85	398
Childerley	4		7	47
Chippenham	98		113	524
Clopton cum Croydon	31		34	208
Comberton	45		62	295
Connington	28		31	182
Coton	25	1	34	126
Cottenham	189	2	245	1088
Coveney	41		49	212
—Manea, a hamlet of Coveney	76	2	100	500
Croxton	34		43	171
Ditton-Fen	49	2	76	337
—Wood	113	7	121	648
Doddington	57		75	374
—Benwick	58	1	77	346
—March	536	19	616	2514
—Wimblington	97	1	102	557
Downham	169	1	179	844
Drayton-Dry	76		80	376
—Fenny	51	2	61	256
Dullingham	83	4	103	468
Duxford St. Peter and St. John	105	1	114	464
Elme	162	5	186	951
Elfworth	94	1	127	585
Eltesley	46	1	52	250
				Ely

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	Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
St. Mary	221	3	256	1117
— Chetisham, hamlet of St. Mary's	7		7	48
Ely { Trinity	535	37	562	2596
— Stuntney, hamlet of Trinity parish	23	2	27	125
College	11	8	11	62
Total in Ely	797	50	863	3948
Everiden Great	34	1	46	212
— Little	25		34	150
Fordham	125		152	700
Foxton	46	1	68	322
Fulbourn-All Saints and St. Vigors	129	5	163	702
Fulmere	76		85	420
Gamlingay	146	2	208	847
Girton	30	3	47	232
Granchester	35		58	294
Gransden, Little	38	1	41	232
Gravelly	30	2	36	156
Haddenham	186	8	226	1090
Hardwicke	19		28	152
Harlston	64		90	412
Harlton	36		38	156
Hastlingfield	65		90	387
Hatley, East	15		11	94
Hatley-St. George	19		21	101
Hawkston	31	1	44	144
Hildertham	26		45	170
Hinton	67		67	319
Hinxton	45		60	270
Histon St. Andrew and St. Ethelred	76		104	523
Horningsea	39		48	293
Horfeheath	50	1	74	342
Icklington	77	2	121	493
Impington	18	1	22	92
Ifelham	272	4	306	1212
Kennet	17	2	26	111
Kingston	31		43	225
Kirtling or Catlage	78	1	96	458
Knapwell	21	2	21	97
Landbeach	45		51	235
Landwade	3	1	5	25
Leverington	108	1	130	593
— Parson-Drove, a township of Leverington	68		93	454
Linton	183		246	1157
Litlington	62	2	73	350
				Littleport

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	Inhabited Houfes.	Uninabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Littleport	234	3	336	1602
Lolworth	17	1	18	98
Madingley	36	1	36	190
Melbourn	130		182	819
Meldreth	73		103	444
Milton	40		58	273
Morden-Gilden	84	3	84	428
——-Steeple	74		98	430
Newmarket, All Saints *	61	5	86	485
Newton	18		29	114
Newton in the ifle of Ely	46	1	58	283
Okington	42		55	284
——-Westwick, a hamlet of Okington	7		7	33
Orwell cum Malton	68		102	375
Outwell †	46	2	52	228
Over	144	1	144	689
Pampisford	35		46	202
Papworth-Agnes	9		9	80
——-Everard	21		22	111
Rampton	27	1	35	162
Royfton ‡	77	3	81	356
Sawfton	94	3	120	466
Shelford-Magna	83	4	135	570
——-Parva	47		61	220
Shengay	5		7	42
Shepreth	42		46	202
Snailwell	21		37	200
Soham	444	7	444	2004
Stanton Long, All Saints	58		58	296
——-St. Michael's	18		24	104
Stapleford	47	1	64	235
Stechworth	56	2	74	342
Stow, Long	22	1	31	175
Stow cum Quy	44	1	50	235
Stretham	104	1	137	636
——-Thetford, a hamlet of Stretham	23		25	119
Sutton	153	2	217	944
Swaffham-Bulbeck	83	3	108	540
——-Prior	168	2	181	791
Swavefey	168	5	181	831

* This is only the Cambridgeshire part of Newmarket. The parish of St. Mary, which is in Suffolk, contains 252 houfes, and 1307 inhabitants.

† The church of this parish, and part of the vil-
lage are in Norfolk.

‡ This is only the Cambridgeshire part, the Hertfordshire part contains 206 houfes, and 975 inhabitants.

	Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Tadlow	18		17	101
Teverham	22		35	154
Thorney	245	1	291	1598
Toft	34	1	44	208
Triplow	46	1	73	334
Trumpington	60		100	494
Tydd St. Giles	82	2	108	535
Upwell *	150	3	153	830
Waterbeach	114		129	553
Welches-Dam, extrapar.	16		22	102
Welney	48	1	50	265
Wendy	12		23	109
Wentworth	15	1	25	115
Westley	18		31	126
Weston-Colville	47	2	72	318
Whaddon	37		48	221
Whittlesea, St. Andrew and St. Mary	734	11	842	3841
Whittlesford	60	2	100	416
Wicken	84		116	614
Wickham-West	78		78	332
Wilberton	48	2	67	301
Wilbraham, Great	55	1	72	354
—— Little	34		41	183
Willingham	145	1	183	795
Wimpole	47		56	324
Wisbech St. Mary's	150	2	169	831
—— St. Peter's	1008	14	1042	4710
Witcham	58	2	68	323
Witchford	44	1	60	294
Wratting-West	110	2	124	541

Principal Land Owners, at various Periods, and principal extinct Families.

AT the time of the Norman survey, 68 hides, and 40 acres of land, making 8,140 acres, were vested in the crown, besides 14 hides and a half, which were held by tenants, immediately under the crown: 20 hides belonged to the fee of Lincoln, and about 12 hides were held under that fee; a small estate was attached to the fee of Rochester: the bishop of Winchester had 13 hides and a half, and two hides and a half were held under him; this appears to have been private property, not attached to his fee. Two hundred and eighty five hides were vested in religious houses: the abbot and convent of Ely had 187 hides, (12,440 acres) in their own

* The church, and the greater part of this parish, are in Norfolk.

possession, besides 19 hides held under them. The abbot and convent of Ramsey had 52 hides; the abbey of Croyland 26 hides; the abbies of Thorney, Chatteris and St. Wendrille in-Normandy, smaller estates.

The largest lay proprietors were, Alan Earl of Britany, Picot de Cambridge, Hardwinus de Scariis or D'Echallers, and Eustace Earl of Boulogne. The Earl of Britany had seventy-eight hides in his own possession, and ninety hides were held under him, all of which had belonged to Editha, the queen of Edward the Confessor. Picot de Cambridge had sixty-four hides in possession, and eighty-seven others were held under him; Hardwin D'Echallers, thirty-six hides, and the fee of thirty-eight; and the Earl of Boulogne, twenty-five hides, and the fee of five others.

In a second class of land-holders may be reckoned Judith, Countess of Northumberland; Robert Gernon, ancestor of the Cavendish family; Eudo, steward of the king's household; Aubrey de Vere, ancestor of the Earls of Oxford; Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel; Wido de Rainbuedcourt; William de Warren, (afterwards Earl of Surrey); Geoffrey de Mandeville, ancestor of the Earls of Essex; and Walter Giffard, Earl of Buckingham; who had in their own possession, from ten to twenty hides each, besides what was held of them by other persons. John Fitz Waleran had nine hides and a half; Hugh de Porth, ancestor of the St. Johns, and David de Argentomago, had six hides and a half each: there were fourteen smaller proprietors, none of whom held so much as five hides.

Very few of these estates continued for any length of time in the descendants of the families who possessed them at the time of the Norman survey. A small part of the vast property of the Earl of Britany, consisting of the manors of Fulbourn and Swavefey, continued in his descendants of the male line, the Zouches, as late as the year 1400, and afterwards passed by female heirs to the families of Botetort, Burnell, Boteler, and Carey. Most of the estates of Picot de Cambridge, passed by female heirs to the families of Peverell and Pecche, the last of which became extinct in the male line about the end of the fourteenth century. Whaddon, the seat of the barony of Scales or D'Echallers, continued in the male descendants of Hardwinus de Scariis for several generations: Whaddon in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was in the family of Moor, descended from D'Echallers in the female line. The descendants of Aubrey de Vere retained some of the manors of their ancestor for several generations: Great-Abingdon and Castle-Camps were not alienated until the sixteenth century.

Among the earliest possessors of lands in Cambridgeshire, of whom we have any notice from records subsequent to the Norman Survey, were the Bassingbourns and the Argentines. The Tiptofts, who were before possessed of several manors in the county, succeeded to the estates of the Bassingbourns, whose chief seat was at the village of

of that name; but whether by purchase or inheritance does not appear. They had seats at Burwell and Great-Everfden; their estates passed by female heirs to the Ingoldsthorps and Nevilles, and eventually became divided among the co-heiresses of John Neville, heir to the Alingtonsⁿ; some of them were alienated at an earlier period, but Horseheath the seat of the family, and the manors of Argentines in Melbourn, and Alingtons in Bottisham, were not sold till after the death of William Lord Alington, the last heir male, which happened in 1692.

Next after those already mentioned, in point of date, we find the families of Colville, Bustler, Freville, Trumpington, St. George, Delahay, Engayne, Burgerst, Hestarton, Hobledod, Huntingfield, Hafelden, and Avenell; of these the only family now extant, is that of Colville, no longer resident in the county; Newton their ancient seat, was sold by R. Colville^o esq. in 1792. The heiress of the Bustlers married into the family of Paris, the principal branch of which, after possessing their estates for several generations, ended in an heir female, who brought them to the family of Andrewes, afterwards baronets. The family of St. George, whose name appears as early as the reign of Edward I., became enriched at a later period by marriage with the heiresses of Engayne, Delahay, and Avenell: the last heir male of the St. Georges of Cambridgeshire, was Sir Henry St. George, Garter principal king of arms. Hatley St. George, the seat of the family, being the only remaining part of their estates, which in former times had been very extensive, was alienated several years before his death, which did not happen till the year 1715. The memory of most of the above mentioned families, is still kept up by manors called after their names; some of them occur in several parishes. Towards the middle of the fourteenth century, the ancestor of the Cottons^p, who had been settled in the county, for some generations before that period, became possessed of the Landwade estate by marrying a heiress of the Hastings family.

In the early part of the fifteenth century, we find the Pigotts possessed of estates at Abington near Shengay, (which from them acquired the name of Abington-Pigotts,) and elsewhere in that neighbourhood: the heiress of the late Granado Pigott esq. married the Rev. Wm. Foster, who has taken the name of Pigott in addition to that of his own family. Nearly contemporary with the Pigotts, as to

ⁿ With the estates of the Argentines, the Alingtons inherited the honorable office of cup-bearer at the coronation.

^o The Rev. Nathaniel Colville, of Lawshall in Suffolk, (brother of the late R. Colville esq.) still possesses some of the family estates in Elme, Leverington, and Wisbech.

^p A branch of the Cottons of Huntingdonshire, who were descended from the Cottons of Cheshire, a distinct family from those above mentioned, settled in Cambridgeshire at Comington and Hatley St. George, in the seventeenth century: they are now extinct.

their settlement in this county, were the Peytons now baronets, and the Chicheleys. The last of the Chicheley family was Sir Thomas Chicheley, master of the ordnance to King Charles II., by whom most of the Cambridgeshire estates of that family were sold: the Peytons were of an ancient family in Suffolk. The families of Cutts and Hinde became possessed of estates in this county, about the close of the fifteenth or beginning of the sixteenth century: the estates of the Hindes passed by a female heir to the Cottons of Landwade; those of the Cutts family have been long alienated. Childerley, the family seat, was sold by John Cutts, afterwards Lord Cutts of Gowran, in whom the male line became extinct.

The principal grantees of monastic lands in this county, were Sir Edward North, Sir Richard Long, and Dr. Wendy, Physician to King Henry VIII. Sir Edward North made Kirtling, or (as it was generally called) Catlage, a noble mansion, which was pulled down a few years ago, his principal seat: the manor of Kirtling, with those of Carlton, Ashley, and Silverley, have descended to the Earl of Guildford; the remainder of his estates in this county, were either again surrendered to the crown, or otherwise alienated. Sir Richard Long's estates passed by a female heir to the Ruffells, and having been vested in Sir Edward Ruffell, (afterwards Earl of Orford) have passed by bequest and inheritance to the Marchioness of Downshire, on whose second son they are settled: Dr. Wendy's estates have passed by female heirs to the Earl of Delaware.

The principal families which became possessed of considerable estates in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, or early in the seventeenth century, appear to have been those of Dockwra, Burgoyne, Cage, and Willys, all extinct: their estates have been variously dispersed, excepting those of the latter, which appear to have passed entire by successive alienations, to their present owner, Mr. Panton. Towards the latter end of the seventeenth century, Dr. Watson, Bishop of St. David's, Sir Thomas Sclater, and Sir George Downing, became possessed of considerable estates in Cambridgeshire: those of Dr. Watson passed by inheritance to the families of Ward and Serocold, and some of them are still possessed by the latter. Sir Thomas Sclater's estates passed to the families of Bacon, King, and Standley: the greater part of Sir George Downing's constitute the endowment of Downing College, founded by his descendant, the last baronet of that family, who died in 1749.

About the beginning of the last century, Charles Duke of Somers set purchased large estates in Cambridgeshire, which he divided between his two daughters on their marriage, and they are now the property of his descendants the Duke of Rutland, and the Earl of Aylesford. About the year 1720, Edward Lord Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford, purchased several estates, most of which belonged to the Chicheleys: after an interval of about twenty years, the greater part of these
estates

estates passed by sale to Lord Chancellor Hardwicke, and are now the property of his grandson the present earl, who has considerably increased the family estate, by recent purchases.

Nobility of the County, and Places which have given Title to any Branch of the Peerage.

THE first earl of Cambridge, was William Meschines, a younger son of Ranulph Earl of Chester: David and John successively Earls of Huntingdon, the latter of whom died in 1237, were also Earls of Cambridge. John of Hainault, a relation of Queen Philippa, and William Marquis of Juliers, had successively^a that title given to them by King Edward III: after the decease of the Marquis, which happened in 1360, the king created his fifth son, Edmund de Langley, Earl of Cambridge; to whose eldest son, Edward Duke of York the title descended, and was afterwards conferred on his younger son Richard, who was beheaded in 1415. Richard Plantagenet created Duke of York and Earl of Cambridge by King Henry VI, lost his life at the battle of Wakefield in 1460. James Marquis of Hamilton, was, in 1619 created Earl of Cambridge; the title became extinct on the death of his younger son William Duke of Hamilton, in 1651. The title of Duke of Cambridge was successively conferred on four sons of James Duke of York, who all died young: Queen Anne conferred it on George Augustus, Elector of Hanover, afterwards King George I. In 1801 it was revived in the person of his Royal Highness Adolphus Frederic, youngest son of his present Majesty, by whom it is now enjoyed.

Philip Lord Hardwicke^r, Lord High Chancellor, was, in 1754 created Viscount Royston and Earl of Hardwicke, which titles are now enjoyed by his grandson. The brave Admiral Ruffell, was in 1697 created Baron of Shengay in this county, and Earl of Orford; which titles became extinct at his death.

Robert de Toni was Lord Toni of Kirtling in this county, and Gilbert Peche, Lord Peche, of Brune (Bourn) in 1297; Sir Edward North, (ancestor of the Earl of Guildford,) was created Baron North of Kirtling in 1553, and Henry Bromley Baron Montfort of Horseheath in 1741. In 1770, the Right Honorable Charles Yorke, second son of the Earl of Hardwicke was created Baron Morden of Morden in Cambridgeshire, but died before the seals were put to the patent.

^a Brooke states that it was first enjoyed by the Marquis of Juliers, but though the error is not corrected by Vincent, it is clear that John of Hainault preceded the marquis in the title. See Gough's Camden.

^r In 1733 he had been created Baron Hardwicke of Hardwicke in Gloucestershire, a manor which he possessed by purchase from the family of Trye, before he had acquired any property in this county.

Noblemen's Seats.

THE noblemen's seats in this county, are Wimpole, the Earl of Hardwicke's¹; and Cheveley, the Duke of Rutland's; Cheveley is seldom inhabited by the duke, except during the shooting season. Hare Park, built a few years ago by Earl Grosvenor on some land held on lease under Colonel Jeaffreson, is inhabited by his Lordship during the Newmarket Meetings, having been intended merely for that purpose. Catlage the ancient seat of the Norths, which has lately been pulled down, had not been inhabited by any of the family since the death of Lord Elibank's lady, who had it in dower from her first husband William Lord North. Horfeheath the seat of Lord Alington, and afterwards of Lord Montfort, was pulled down in the year 1777¹. Gogmagog Hill, sometime the seat of the Earl of Godolphin, is now the property and residence of Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne, younger brother of the Duke of Leeds.

Baronets extinct and existing.

THE extinct baronets of this county, are Sandys of Wilberton, created in 1612, Russell of Chippenham², 1629, Willys of Fen Ditton, 1641, another branch of the same family³, 1646; Cutts of Childerly created in 1660, Sclater of Cambridge⁴ and Bennet of Baberham⁵ the same year; Peyton of Doddington, created in 1660, and a younger brother in 1666⁶, Pickering⁷ of Whaddon created in 1661, Downing⁸ of East Hatley, created in 1663, and Clarke of Snailwell, created in 1698⁹. The ancestor of Sir Yelverton Peyton, now of Southampton, was of Ifelham when created a baronet in 1611.

There is not at present, one baronet in this county who resides at the place of which he was described in the patent of his creation; Sir Charles Cotton, the descendant of Sir John Cotton of Landwade, created a baronet in 1641, has a seat at Madingley, inherited from the Hindes.

Long-Stanton the seat of the Hattons, whose ancestor was created a baronet in 1641, is the property of Mr. Thomas Hatton. Doddington, sometime the seat of the Peytons, has been long deserted by the family: Sir Henry Peyton, father of the

¹ See the account of Wimpole in the Parochial Topography.

¹ There is an engraving

of it in Campbell's Vitruvius Britannicus.

² Extinct in 1804.

³ Extinct in or about the year 1732.

⁴ Extinct in 1684.

⁵ Extinct by the death

of Sir Levinus the third baronet.

⁶ Both extinct, but the title has been again revived.

⁷ Extinct in 1705.

⁸ Extinct in 1749.

⁹ Extinct in 1806.

present

present proprietor was created a baronet in 1776, the title being then revived for the second time in his family.

Sir James Bland Burgefs, when created a baronet in 1795, was described as of Westoe in the county of Cambridge, which he then rented of Mrs. Crop. The ancestor of Sir Charles Nightingale, bart. now of Kneefworth, was of Newport-Pond in Essex, when created a baronet in 1628.

Principal Gentry and their Seats.

MENTION has already been made, under the head of principal Land-owners, of some of the existing gentry, and of several ancient families now extinct, or continued only in the female line.

Indeed, almost all the ancient families are extinct; to the best of our knowledge there is not one family out of a list of 235 recorded in the year 1433, now resident in the county, excepting the Cottons of Landwade, now removed to Madingley, and of the rank of baronets: Richard Bendyshe esq., retains the mansion and estate at Barrington, which was then the residence of his ancestor^c, but does not at present live in the county: the descendants of Sir John Colville, whose name stands second in that list, have entirely quitted the county^d.

The ancestor of Mr. Huddleston settled at Sawston about the year 1500 having acquired that estate by marriage, with one of the coheiresses of John Neville, Marquis of Montagu. The ancestor of Mr. Leeds, settled at Croxton, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, having purchased that Manor of Sir Richard Sackville; Sir Thomas Dayrell ancestor of the present Mr. Dayrell of Shudy-Camps settled first at the adjoining village of Castle-Camps: Sir Thomas was grandson of Paul Dayrell of Lillingstone-Dayrell in Buckinghamshire, where this ancient family have been settled for several centuries. Mr. Jeaffreson's family have been settled at Dullingham ever since the year 1656; Mr. Holworthy is representative of the Disbrowes who settled at Elsworth in 1656; Mr. Jenyns's and Mr. Hitch's families have resided somewhat more than a century, at Bottisham^e and Melbourn; Mr. Hitch's ancestor purchased Melbourn in 1703.

^c Thomas Bendyshe esq. descended from the Bendyshes of Essex, settled at Barrington in consequence of his marriage with a coheiress of the family of Bradfield: he died in 1447.

^d See p. 25. ^e Sir Roger Jenyns, then Roger Jenyns esq., had a seat at March in the Isle of Ely, in 1673, several years before he purchased the manor of Allington and Vauxes in Bottisham.

The following is a list of the present Gentlemen's seats, as accurately as they could be ascertained:

Abington, ——— Lodge,	} the feat of	John Mortlock, esq. Mrs. Holt.	Hatley St. George'	} the feat of	J. W. Quintin esq. Richard Sumptersq.
Baberham,		Rob. Jones Adeane, esq.	Hilton, -		Wortham Hitch esq.
Barham Hall,		The master of Pem- broke Hall for the time being.	Melbourn, -		Sam. Knight esq.
Barrington,		Richard Bendyshe esq.	Milton, -		Ferdinand Huddle- ston esq.
Bartlow,		Sir Busic Harwood knt. M. D.	Sawton, -		
Bottisham, Shudy-Camps,		Rev. G. L. Jenyns. Marmaduke Dayrell esq.	Little Shelford, occupied by Mr. Ch. Finch.		
Cheveley, -		Mrs. Hand.	Long Stanton,	} the feat of	T. D. Hatton esq.
Chippenham,		— Tharpe, a minor.	Stechworth -		Rich. Eaton esq.
Comberton,		George Milner esq.	Swaffham -		J. P. Allix esq.
Connington (be- longing to the Hatton family),		In the occupation of George Nicholls esq.	Trumpington,		F. C. J. Pemberton esq.
Croxton, -		Joseph Leeds esq.	———, another feat, the property of the Reverend Christopher An- stey.		In the occupation of Nathaniel Wedd esq.
Dullingham		Christopher Jeaffre- son esq.	Tyrrels (Shepreth), Westoe Lodge (Castle-Camps),		Wm. Woodham esq. Mrs. Crop, (in the occupation of Ben- jamin Keene esq.)
Elsworth, -		Rev. Matthew Hol- worthy.	Whittlesford,		Ebenezer Hollick esq.
Fordham Priory, Fulbourn House,		Francis Noble esq. R. G. Townley esq.	Great Wilbraham, Woodbury Hall (Gamlingay), West Wrattling,		Rev. James Hicks. Rev. John Wilkiefon. General Hall.*

* It appears by a list of the seats of Nobility and Gentry in 1673, printed at the end of Carter's History of the county, that the following villages had mansions, which were then the residence of their owners. All these have since been pulled down or converted into farm-houses.

Bourne, -	} the feat of	John Hagar esq.	Littleport, -	} the feat of	Edw. Partheriche esq.
Barton, -		Devereux Martin esq.	Steeple-Morden,		Thos. Duckett esq.
Burrough Green,		Henry Slingsby esq.	Meldreth, -		George Pyke esq.
Castle-Camps, -		Sir Fr. Dayrell Knt.	Newton, -		Wm. Colville esq.
Childerley, -		Rich. Cutts esq.	Quy, - -		Jof. Child esq.
Haddenham, -		Towers Castle esq.	Long-Stow, -		Sir Ralph Bovey bart.
———		Wm. March esq.			Wm. Layer esq.
Haslingfield,		Sir Thomas Wen- dy K. B.)	Shepreth, -		Thos. Steward esq.
Hockington, -		Sam. Fortry esq.	Stuntney, -		Thos. Buck esq.
Ifelham, -		——— Ballard esq.	Westwick, -		

Geographical and Geological Description of the County.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE is bounded on the north by parts of Lincolnshire and Norfolk ; on the east by Norfolk and Suffolk ; on the south by Hertfordshire and Essex ; and on the west by Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, and Northamptonshire. Its greatest length from Tydd St. Giles to Odfey-Grange, is about 45 miles, and the breadth in the widest part, from Gamlingay to Ashley, is about 30 miles. Dr. Halley has calculated the number of statute acres contained in this county at 570,000, Dr. Beeke at 530,000. The want of an actual survey, precludes the possibility of so exact a calculation being made, as in most other counties.

The face of the country exhibits considerable variety. The north part, including the isle of Ely, is for the most part fen land, and quite level, intersected with numberless canals and ditches, and abounding with windmills like those of Holland, for conveying the water from the lands, into channels provided for carrying it off to the sea. The inclosures are here mostly formed by ditches, and few trees are to be seen, except pollard willows. There are some rising grounds in this part of the county ; the most considerable of them is that on which the city of Ely stands. Those parts of the county adjoining Suffolk, Essex, and Hertfordshire, have gently rising hills, with downs, and open corn fields ; and a considerable portion of wood in the part adjoining Suffolk, from Wood Ditton to Castle-Camps ; but in other parts the county is very bare of timber. A great change has been made in this county within the last fifteen years, from the inclosures which have taken place ; no fewer than thirty parishes having been inclosed by act of parliament, within that space of time. Gogmagog hills, which begin about 4 miles south-east of Cambridge, though of no great height, yet being the highest in the county, command a very extensive view. There is some pleasing scenery about Linton, Hildertham, and other villages, in the valley through which the Granta runs, between Cambridge and Bartlow, where there is no want of elm trees. The views from the upper part of the Earl of Hardwicke's park at Wimpole are very rich ; the park is well wooded, as is also that of Sir Charles Cotton at Madingley, and the Duke of Rutland's at Cheveley.

The substrata of this county are chalk, clunch, gravel, gault, sand, silt and peat-earth. The chalk extends though the hilly part of the county, from Roylton to Newmarket ; the clunch which seems to be the substratum of chalk, (being a calcareous substance found in large masses, and not so white nor so soft as chalk,) chiefly abounds in the parishes of Burwell and Iselham ; it is at present much used for lime and fire stones ; and it has been formerly employed in the churches of this county,

county, for coigns ; mullions, and stone tracery of windows ; for effigies on sepulchral monuments, and other works of sculpture.

The gault is a stiff blue clay, chiefly prevailing on the east and west sides of the upland division of the county. The stratum of sand which crosses Bedfordshire, begins in the parish of Gamlingay in this county. The *silt* which is a sea-sand very finely pulverized by the agitation of the waves, is found in the marsh land of several parishes in the northern extremity of the county near Wisbech, where it is used for mending the roads, and when it has been well wetted and begins to dry, it answers the purpose extremely well. The silty soil is esteemed very favourable to vegetation. The peat-earth extends through the whole of the fenland.

The vast extent of fen land in the north part of this county comprises nearly half of that extensive district, called the Bedford Level,^f which occupies also part of the counties of Norfolk, Lincoln, Northampton, and Huntingdon. From various circumstances which have occurred in digging channels through the fens, such as the finding timber trees, some felled, and others rooted in the earth, parts of buildings, and various building materials, it is supposed that at some remote period this county was all firm land, and that its fenny nature was occasioned by frequent inundations of the sea, and the still more prejudicial stagnation of fresh waters, caused by the obstruction of the old natural outfall at Wisbech, of the Ouse, Grant, and Nene, and of several lodes, and lakes. To endeavour to prevent these inundations commissions were from time to time issued to enforce the repair of banks and sewers. Instances occur in these early times of large estates being drained and brought into cultivation by their respective owners ; but it frequently happened, that what proved a source of profit to the individual was a great detriment to the public, as in the instance of Walter de Langton bishop of Lichfield, and lord treasurer to K. Edward I. who for the sake of draining his manor of Coldham, turned the course of the Nene, and obstructed the navigation of that river. His representatives were many years afterwards compelled to destroy the dams which had been constructed by the bishop.

The most important work as to publick utility, prior to the reformation, was the great channel made by bishop Morton, which served the double purpose of discharging the overflowing of the Nene, and affording the convenience of water carriage from Wisbech to Peterborough. It has been said that after the dissolution of monasteries, the fenny country became more overflowed than it had formerly been, the sewers and banks which, through the care of the religious houses, had been

^f The whole extent of the level is about 400,000 acres.

kept in a state of good repair, having been neglected by the new proprietors of the monastic estates. The first project of a general drainage, (which indeed was before the making of bishop Moreton's canal,) appears to have been in the reign of Henry VI. when Gilbert Haltoft, one of the barons of the exchequer, who resided near Ely, had a commission for that purpose, under which he proceeded to make laws, but nothing effectual was then done ^g.

In 1578 Queen Elizabeth granted a commission to Sir Thomas Cecil and others, for draining the fens by and through the drains called Clowes Crosse, and so to the sea; but it does not appear that any thing more effectual was done under this commission than under the former. About the year 1588, Needham Fen on the borders of Norfolk was drained by the land-owners. In 1600, an act of parliament passed for a general drainage, under which little was effected. King James soon after his accession to the throne, adopted several measures for encouraging the proceedings under this act, and ordered surveys to be made; according to which the fen lands appeared to contain 307,242 acres ^h. Sir John Popham, lord chief justice, with others, were the undertakers, and were to have 130,000, acres, of the worst of the fen grounds for their share; seven years were allowed for accomplishing the work, which commenced in 1605 ⁱ, by the making of a drain, still called Popham's Eau; but the undertakers met with various obstacles, and no great progress was made in the work; nor were Sir William Aylofffe and his coadjutors more successful, who in the year 1618 entered into an agreement, for which they had the sanction of the privy council, to drain all the fens in the Great Level, on the terms of having a beneficial lease of the king's and prince's lands, two thirds of such of the other lands as were drowned the whole year, and one half of those which were drowned half the year: the work nevertheless meeting with much opposition in the country, was carried on with little effect.

In consequence of these several failures, the king, in 1621, declared himself the principal undertaker, but being diverted from the subject by other affairs towards the close of his reign, no progress was made. In 1630 Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, a Dutchman, at a session of sewers then held at Lynn, agreed to undertake this great work, on condition of having 95,000 acres of the recovered lands, assured to him as a compensation for his cost and labour, but in consequence of preju-

^g History of the Navigation of King's Lynn, Fol. 1766. p. 19.
the number about 400,000.

^h Later surveys make
ⁱ An act passed this year for a particular drainage of 6000 acres, encompassed with a bank called the Ring of Waldersea and Coldham. This drainage was successful, and the land so drained has been exempted from the operation of subsequent acts of parliament with respect to the general drainage.

dices imbibed against him as a foreigner, the land-owners rejected his offer, and petitioned Francis Earl of Bedford, who himself had a large property in the fens, to undertake it on the same terms. The Earl having acceded to their request, an instrument was drawn up by which the agreement between himself and the land-owners was ratified and confirmed, and various regulations for the present and future management of the concern were laid down^k. This instrument, which was the foundation of the laws by which the Bedford Level Corporation is still governed, having been made and ratified at a Session of Sewers held at Lynn, in the year 1631, received the appellation of the Lynn Law. The Earl of Bedford associated with himself in this great undertaking, the Earl of Bolingbroke, Lord Gorges and others, the adventure being divided into shares.

In the year 1635, the king granted the adventurers a charter of incorporation with extensive privileges, and so rapid was the progress of the work that in about three years afterwards, at a Session of Sewers, held at St. Ives in October 1638, the Great Level was adjudged to be drained according to the intent of the Lynn Law, and the 95,000 acres were ordered to be set out for the adventurers according to the terms of their agreement. Of these 95,000 acres, 12000 had been made over to the king as an acknowledgement for his gracious favour in countenancing and assisting the undertaking, and 40,000 of the remaining 83,000 were made liable to taxation for the purposes of maintaining and repairing the works: but notwithstanding this great undertaking seemed at that time to have been so successfully accomplished, and the adventurers to have been on the point of receiving the recompence of their labours, the cost of which is said to have been not less than 100,000*l*. all these flattering prospects soon vanished, for at a Session of Sewers held at Huntingdon in 1639, the whole proceedings of the last commission were annulled, the drainage was adjudged to be incomplete and defective, and it was determined that the Earl and his associates had not performed their contract, nor were they entitled to the land which had been allotted them. The king now proposed to take the whole concern upon himself, and the Commissioners offered him 57,000 acres over and above the 95,000 already mentioned, of which 40,000 were to remain to the adventurers as a recompence for their loss incurred.

With respect to this part of the history of the Bedford Level, the statement of different writers varies very much, either from party biases or the discord-

^k Notwithstanding this general undertaking for draining the whole Level had been resolved on, it appears that some works of a less extensive nature were meanwhile carried on, for in 1632 an agreement was made by the land-owners of that neighbourhood for draining the fens in Tydd St. Giles, and some adjoining parishes in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk with Henry Dereham esq. who was to have two-fifths of the recovered land for his allotment.

ant nature of the source from which they have derived their materials, some¹ asserting that the drainage was *really* incomplete and defective, others,^m that the commissioners by whom it was so adjudged were persons wholly ignorant of the business, devoted to the court, and determined to transfer the undertaking, with all its expected advantages, from the Earl of Bedford and his associates to the king. Which-ever statement be true, the event was, that on account of the troubles which soon afterwards ensued, no attempt was ever made under the authority of the New Commission to improve the works of the drainage; meantime all the works which had been made at so great an expence went to decay, and in this condition things remained till the year 1649 when an act was passed by the Convention Parliament which declared all the proceedings at Huntingdon null and void, and the whole management of draining the level on the general plan of the Lynn Law was committed to the care of William Earl of Bedford, son and heir of Earl Francis, the original undertaker, who died in 1641.

In 1662 an act of parliament passed for confirming the act made during the interregnum (since called the Pretended Act) in its most essential points. By this act taxes were laid on the 95,000 acres for maintaining the works of the level, and this taxation was further adjusted by an act of 1667. Twelve thousand acres were allotted to the crown, including 2000 which had been granted by King Charles I. to Jerome Earl of Portland, and the remaining 83,000 were vested in the Corporation of the Bedford Level, which under this act (15th Charles II.) consists of a governor, 6 bailiffs, 20 conservators and commonalty. The officers are elected annually on the Wednesday in Whitsun week; the commonalty consists of all such persons as are possessed of 100 acres in the fens; a conservator must be possessed of 200 acres; the governor and bailiffs of 400 acres.

The Great Level has been from an early period divided into three great districts, the North Level, the Middle Level, and the South Level; the greater part of the Middle Level, and a considerable portion of the South Level are in Cambridgeshire, comprehending the whole Isle of Ely, and a few parishes to the south-east of the Isle, and including a district of nearly 200,000 acres. It would have been inconsistent with the compass of this work to have entered more minutely into the history of this important undertaking: further particulars may be seen by consulting Dugdale on draining and embanking, Vermuyden's discourses, Nalson Cole's Laws of the Bedford Level, the history of the Navigation of

¹ See particularly Dugdale on draining and embanking, and the History of the Navigation of Lynn, &c.

^m See Nalson Cole's Laws of the Bedford Level.

King's Lynn, and other treatises written professedly on the subject. Notwithstanding the immense sums which have been expended and the skill which has been exerted in this great work, much remains yet to be done. With the view of obtaining a more effectual general drainage, an act for making a navigable cut from Lynn to Eau Brink passed in the year 1795; and another act to amend the former, in 1805: measures have been since taken for carrying the plan into execution with all convenient dispatch.

Produce.

THIS county may be considered as chiefly arable, producing an abundant supply of corn, of which a considerable quantity is exported for the London markets: the average produce of wheat on the up-lands, is calculated at twenty-four bushels to the acre; barley, oats, &c. at thirty bushels: the fen-lands are more productive, particularly for oats, which yield on an average about forty bushels to an acre: it is supposed that about one fourth of the fen-lands which are actually in cultivation, are cropped with cole, which is principally sown to be eaten green with sheep, very little being now cultivated for the feedⁿ. The cultivation of hemp and flax is practised to a considerable extent, in the parishes of Upwell, Welney, Outwell, Elme, and Wisbech, particularly in the two former, in which there were last year (1806.) one hundred and eighty-seven acres of hemp, and eighty-two acres of flax^o. In the parishes of Fulbourn and Hinton, a considerable quantity of saffron was formerly cultivated, but its culture has been wholly disused more than thirty years^p. The neighbourhood of Ely is particularly favourable to the production of garden vegetables.

That district of the county, which by old authors is termed *the Dairies*, comprehends the parishes of Shengay, Wendy, Whaddon, &c.; but the dairy farms in this district, are now much more inconsiderable than those in the parishes of Chatteris, Mepal, Sutton, Swavefey, Over, Willingham, Cottenham, Rampton, Land-

ⁿ A great deal of cole-feed was some time ago grown for the purpose of making oil, but the culture of cole, when not eaten off by sheep, being found very detrimental to the land, it has been of late much disused.

^o In the five parishes there were about 500 acres of both: there is more grown in those parts of these parishes which are in Norfolk.

^p No tithe of saffron has been taken at Fulbourn since the year 1774, the great expence of hedge-wood to fence in the pens, and the comparative disuse of saffron, together with the importation of it from abroad, reduced the price so low, that the cultivation was no longer attended with sufficient profit: about 4lb. of dried saffron per rood, was reckoned a fair crop. The price varied very much, for the last few years, it was between 20s. and 30s. per lb.

beach,

beach, Waterbeach, Stretham, Ely, Littleport, Soham, and Fordham. The whole number of cows kept in these parishes, is supposed to be between nine and ten thousand; in the parish of Cottenham alone, about fifteen hundred are kept; in Willingham, about twelve hundred; these two parishes make the cheese so much esteemed, which goes by the name of Cottenham cheese: the parish of Soham also is celebrated for good cheese.

NATURAL HISTORY.

Fossils.—Pyrites balls, called by the country people horse gold, are found in the chalk pits of this county: Woodward also mentions a marcasite, in texture resembling the grain of wood, found in sinking a well on Gogmagog hills⁹. A great variety of extraneous fossils are found in the chalk pits, especially in the large one near Cherry-Hinton. Woodward enumerates *Echini*, Shark's teeth, and cones of fir⁵, as found in this pit, and *Vermiculi* in a pit near Haslingfield⁶; petrified wood in a pit near Cambridge⁷. The clunch pits at Burwell produce large *cornua ammonis*, *nautili*, and several other kinds of extraneous fossils. Elephants' grinders, and other animal remains, have been found in a gravel pit near Chesterford; and a small tortoise in flint at Milton⁸.

Rare Plants.—This county is peculiarly interesting to the botanist, the plants indigenous to the county being very numerous, and many of them rare. Its botanical history has been amply elucidated: Ray, who was a member of the University of Cambridge, published a catalogue of Cambridgeshire plants in 1660, and enlarged it in 1685. Professor Martyn in 1763, increased the number from 626 to 829. The Rev. Richard Relhan, F. R. S., in his last edition of the *Flora Cantabrigienfis*, has increased it to 1334: among the more rare may be enumerated, the *Veronica spicata*, growing in the neighbourhood of Newmarket, *Schannus mariscus*^{*}; *Campanula Hybrida*; *Herniaria glabra*, near Newmarket, *Caucalis daucoides*, and *Caucalis latifolia*, corn fields near Kingston; &c. *Selinum palustre*, sides of the drains which run eastward from Prickwillow; *Athamanta libanotis*, chalk pits near Hinton; *Cicuta virofa*, fens between Ely and Prickwillow; *Statice reticulata*,

⁹ Woodward's Catalogue, vol. 1. p. 181.

⁵ Ibid part 2. p. 22. 67. 84.

⁶ Ibid p. 22.

⁷ Ibid p. 20.

⁸ Now in the collection of Samuel Knight esq.

by whom it was found.

^{*} This, though usually esteemed as a rare plant, is so common on the moors about Cambridge, that it is often used for lighting fires. Botanist's Guide, from which most of the *habitats* are taken.

Tydd marsh, *Linum perenne*, Gogmagog hills, &c. *Ornithogalum Pyrenaicum*, Little Everfden; *Frankenia levis*, Tydd-gote near Wisbech; *Silene Anglica*, corn fields near Newmarket; *Silene otites*, plentifully on the balks near Chippenham; *Lythrum hyssopifolium*, Hinton and Teversham moors, Oakington, &c. *Euphorbia stricta*, Everfden wood; *Chelidonium Hybridum*, corn fields; *Stratoides aloides*, several places in the isle of Ely; *Anemone pulsatilla*, Gogmagog hills, Bartlow Barrows, &c. *Thalictrum minus*, about Linton, Bartlow; &c. *Teuerium scordium*, abundantly in the isle of Ely^v; *Ajuga chamæpitys*, the borders of Triplow Heath; *Leonurus cardiaca*, near Trumpington; *Galeopsis versicolor*, Aldreth causeway, and near Wisbech; *Malampyrum cristatum*, Madingley, Kingston, &c. *Arabis turrita*, walls of Trinity and St. John's Colleges; *Geranium Phæum*, near Teversham; *Geranium sanguineum*, Wood-Ditton, &c. *Lathyrus aphaca*, near Newmarket; *Lathyrus latifolius*, woody part of the Devil's-ditch; *Lathyrus sylvestris*, woods near Linton, Castle Camps, &c. *Lathyrus palustris*, Little Everfden, &c. *Astragalus hypoglottis*, Gogmagog hills, &c. *Astragalus glycyphyllus*, near Madingley, Trumpington, &c. *Trifolium ochroleucum*, near Comberton, Hinton, &c. *Hippocrepis comosa*, chalky hills; *Medicago falcata*, about Qui, Chippenham, &c. *Lactuca saligna*, between Histon and Cottenham; *Crepis biennis*, between Bottisham and Newmarket; *Hypochaeris maculata*, Gogmagog hills, &c. *Carduus eriophorus*, Madingley, Hinton, &c. *Gnaphalium luteo-album*, between Hawkstone and Little Shelford; *Gnaphalium dioicum*, and *Cineraria integrifolia*, Gogmagog hills; *Ophrys Loeselii*, moors at Hinton, Teversham, &c. *Ophrys muscifera*, about Hinton, Teversham, &c. *Ophrys Monorchis*, chalk pits near Hinton, and Gogmagog hills; *Ophrys aranifera*, chalky pastures near Shelford, Abington, &c. *Malaxis paludosa*, Gamlingay bogs, and Hinton moor; *Spargania natans*, Wilbraham moor, Burwell fens, &c. *Littorella lacustris*, Gamlingay bogs.

Rivers, and Navigable Canals.

THE Ouse, now called the old Ouse, enters Cambridgeshire at a place called the Hermitage, in the parish of Haddenham, near Earith bridge. It passes between Haddenham and Willingham, and between Wilberton and Cottenham, forming the boundary line between the isle of Ely and the rest of the county; thence it takes its course northwards, crossing the road from Cambridge to Ely at Stretham bridge (built under an act of Parliament passed in 1762), and passing Stretham to

^v Camden speaks of it as peculiar to the isle.

a place called Upware, where it receives the Cam; from thence it passes by Thetford to Ely, a few miles beyond which, at a place called Prickwillow, (where it receives the Lark^z, which is navigable to Bury St. Edmunds,) it becomes the boundary between the counties of Cambridge and Suffolk, and so continues to Brand Creek, eleven miles from Ely, at which place it receives the little Ouse, and quits the county.

The original course of the Ouse from Brand Creek is supposed to have been between the counties of Cambridge and Norfolk, by Welney, Upwell, Outwell, Elme, Emneth, and Wisbech, and that it fell into the sea at Cross-Keys wash. A navigable canal was made in this line a few years ago from Outwell to Wisbech.

The Ouse in its present course enters the county about two furlongs to the north west of Earith bridge, runs down the Hundred Feet, or New Bedford river, passing in nearly a north-west direction by Sutton, Mepal, and Manca, and enters Norfolk a little to the west of Welney.

The Cam or Granta is formed by the union of two small streams of water, one of which, the Rhee, rises at Ashwell in Hertfordshire, and enters this county at the point where Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire meet, thence by Gilden-Morden, Wendy, Arrington, Shepreth, Harlton and Harlston: between the last mentioned place, and Granchester, it unites with the other stream which rises at Little Henham in Essex and enters the county at Great Chesterford, and runs by Ickleton, Whittlesford and Little-Shelford, (where it receives another small stream coming from Bartlow,) thence to the point where it joins the Rhee. At this place, the Cam or Granta, acquires its name, and passes through Granchester to Cambridge where it becomes navigable; from thence it passes by Chesterton, Fen-Ditton, Horningsea, Milton and Waterbeach. Near Thetford, at a place called Upware, it falls into the old line of the Ouse, and passes as before described.

The river Nene, in its old course, enters this county at Benwick, and runs through March, Upwell and Outwell; at the last mentioned place it enters Norfolk, at the turnpike road leading from Downham to Wisbech, and discharges itself into the Ouse, at Salter's Lode, near Denver sluice.

The Nene in its present course divides Huntingdonshire from the isle of Ely, till it enters the isle at Moreton's Leam; passing by Whittlesea, Guyhirn, and

^z The river Lark, or Mildenhall, is a boundary for several miles between Cambridgeshire, and Suffolk.

Wisbech, to Cross-Keys wash: there is a navigable canal from Peterborough by Stanground sluice, Whittlesea, and through Whittlesea Dyke, to the old Nene, a little below Benwick, and so to March.

A navigable canal called Vermuyden's, or the Forty Foot Drain, commences at Ramfey; it enters the isle of Ely near Ramfey Mere, and passes by Puttock bridge, and between Chatteris and Doddington, to Welches Dam, where it enters the old Bedford river, and proceeding in the old course of that river, leaves the county a little to the west of Welney. Most of the canals which intersect the isle of Ely in various directions, were made for the purpose of drainage; but the greater part of them are applicable also to the purposes of navigation. The Hundred Foot river before mentioned, is the main channel for vessels passing from the upper to the lower parts of the Ouse. The old Bedford river, which runs parallel with the Hundred Foot river from Earith to Denver sluice, is now scarcely ever employed for the purpose of navigation, excepting the lower part near Denver sluice; having nearly been choaked up since the new Bedford river was made.

There is a short canal from the Ouse commencing near Barway chapel to Soham; another to Reche, and a third to Burwell.

The Cambridgeshire rivers abound with fish; pike and eels are particularly abundant and esteemed very fine; in addition to the more common fish, finelts are caught in considerable quantities in the new Bedford river.

Roads.

THE great north road to Edinburgh, &c. enters this county at Royston, passes through Kneefworth and Arrington, near Whaddon and Wimpole; between Bourn, and Long Stow, to Caxton, which is a post-town; from thence through Papworth-Everard and near Papworth-Agnes, where it quits the county between the 52d and 53d mile stone from London.

The road from London through Potton and St. Ives to Wisbech,^a passes through Gamlingay and Eltisley to Papworth-Agnes, where it crosses the great north road above mentioned; it crosses the county of Huntingdon and re-enters Cambridgeshire at Chatteris ferry in the isle of Ely, and passes through Chatteris, Doddington, March and Guyhirn to Wisbech; thence a turnpike road continues, passing near Leverington and Newton, and through Tydd St. Giles towards Boston.

^a The road from Cambridge to Wisbech, is by the Huntingdon road, till it meets the road above mentioned near Fenny-Stanton.

The great road from London to Newmarket and Norfolk, enters Cambridgeshire at Great-Chesterford, passes by Bourn bridge between Baberham and the Abingtons, crosses the Devil's ditch at the turnpike gate, about two miles from Newmarket, beyond which place it passes between Chippenham and Kennet, and quits the county near the five mile stone from Newmarket, (66 miles from London.) A collateral road branches off from it near Bourn bridge, and passes through Pampisford, by Whittlesford bridge between Duxford and Triplow to Royston.

The road from Cambridge to Norwich, passes through Barnwell, between Fen-Ditton and Teverham, Wilbraham-Parva and Stow *cum* Qui, and through Bottifham, after which it falls into the Newmarket road at the turnpike-gate, about two miles from that town. The road from Cambridge to King's Lynn in Norfolk, passes near Chesterton through Milton, and leaving Waterbeach on the right hand, and Landbeach on the left, proceeds through Stretham and Thetford to Ely; and from thence to Littleport, at a short distance from which place it enters Norfolk. *

There are three turnpike roads from Cambridge to London; one of these having passed through Trumpington, Great-Shelford, Stapleford, and Sawfton, joins the Newmarket road near Chesterford: a collateral road branches off from this at Shelford, which passing through Little-Shelford, Duxford and Ickleton, joins it again at Chesterford. Another road to London passes through Trumpington, Hawkston, Newton and Fulmere, and leaves Cambridgeshire near the eleven mile stone, not far from Heydon-Grange in Essex. A third road to London quits the last mentioned road at Hawkston, then passes through Harleston, near Foxton, Shepreth and Meldreth, through Melbourn to Royston, where it enters Hertfordshire.

The road from Cambridge to Huntingdon passes by Girton, Oakington, Long-Stanton, Swavefey, and Fen-Drayton on the right; and by Madingley, Dry-Drayton, Lolworth, and Connington on the left, and enters Huntingdonshire near the ten mile stone at Fenny-Stanton. The road from Cambridge to St. Neot's passes between Madingley and Coton, Dry-Drayton and Hardwicke, Childerley and Caldecot, Knapwell and Bourne, Papworth-Everard and Caxton, through Eltisley, and leaving Croxton on the left, enters the county of Huntingdon at the fourteen mile-stone, near White-hall.

The road from Cambridge to Colchester passes over Gogmagog hills † through

* This road was begun in the year 1763, by a bequest of 200l. left by alderman Rife. There was afterwards a subscription of 1963l. 2s. 6d. and a loan of 5000l. towards completing it.

† The part of this road called Wort's Causeway, extending from Cambridge to Gogmagog hills, was made by a benefaction of Mr. Wm. Wort, who in 1709 left the sum of 1500l. for that purpose, and 20l. per annum to keep it in repair.

the Abingtons, Linton and Horfeheath, and enters the county of Suffolk about the sixteen mile stone from Cambridge.

The road from Ely to Newmarket passes through Stuntney to Soham, to which place it is a turnpike road; from thence between Fordham and Landwade, near which place it enters the county of Suffolk. A turnpike road, from Ely to Wifbech, goes through Witchford, between Wentworth, Witcham and Sutton, and through Mepal to Chatteris, where it joins the road from London to Wifbech; another is making from Streatham through Wilberton and Haddenham to join the last mentioned road, about five miles and a half from Ely.

A turnpike road enters the Isle of Ely, near Ramsey-mere, and passing through Whittlesea and Thorney, enters the county of Lincoln, near the spot where that county and Northamptonshire join, at the extremity of the Isle of Ely: another has been begun from Cambridge to join the north road at Arrington, which is to pass through Barton, near Harleton and Orwell on the left, and Comberton, the Everdens and Wimpole on the right: some miles of this road are completed.

Manufactures.

FULLER who wrote in the reign of King Charles II. says "there are mills nigh Sturbridge-fair where paper was made in the memory of our fathers; pity the making thereof is difused^a." A pretty extensive paper manufactory is now carried on at Sawston. Fuller also speaks of the manufacture of baskets as being very prevalent in this county in his time. "Their making" he says, "is daily improved with much descant of art, splitting their wickers as small as threads, and dyeing them into several colours, which daily grow a greater commodity^b." A considerable manufacture of coarse earthen ware and of white bricks has been long carried on at Ely from the gault found in that neighbourhood. There are several mills in the county for preparing oil from cole and rape seed, some of the most considerable of which are at Wittlesford, Sawston, Hawkston and Shelford.

ANTIQUITIES.

Roman Antiquities.—Few Roman antiquities have been discovered in this county, except on the site of the station at Cambridge; where coins, urns and earthen ware of various kinds, particularly of the red Samian ware, and Roman utensils have been frequently found.

^a Fuller's Worthies. p. 149.

^b Ibid.

In the corner of Trumpington field in a gravel pit, several years ago, there were found many curious *pateræ* of fine red ware, one large vase three feet long; brads *lagenæ*, a dish of brads embossed, the handle of a sacrificing knife, the brasses of a table book, some large bones and Roman coins, all which were deposited in Trinity College library at Cambridge^c.

An urn full of Roman brads coins was taken up about the year 1713, at Elm^d not far from a *tumulus*; a Roman altar is likewise said to have been found near the same place^e. In the road between March and Ely, three urns full of burnt bones, and a pot containing 160 Roman *denarii* were found in 1730. Roman urns have likewise been found at Soham.

Roman coins have been found on Newmarket heath^f, within the site of the camp at Arbury, and within that called Vandlebury, on Gogmagog hills. Several of them in large brads, and a silver ring was found there in 1730^g. Several spear heads and celts were discovered in a gravel pit near Sawston, a few years ago, some of them are in the possession of Ferdinand Huddleston esq. of Sawston.

British and Roman Roads and Stations *.—“The whole county of Cambridge is traversed by ancient roads, in a great variety of directions, two of which are with reason supposed to be British, and others are evidently Roman; but it labours under a very great disadvantage, being almost the only county in England which has never been regularly surveyed; the maps of it are of course extremely inaccurate, and in some instances tend to embarrass instead of assisting our researches.

“The first of these roads is the *Ikeneld-Street*, which enters the county from Suffolk near Newmarket, and keeping by the hilly ground to the east of the present turnpike road, bears directly for Ickleton, without bending out of its course, or inclining towards the considerable Roman station at Chesterford, not far from which it passes. It has been remarked by Stukeley and Mafon, that in its crossing one of the ancient ditches, so common in this part of the country, the fosse has been evidently filled up to admit the road. It goes through Ickleton, and by Ickleton Grange over Fulmere field to Royston, where it crosses the *Ermin-Street*, and keeps strait on the side of the chalky hills to Baldock and Dunstable. In some part of the line here described, especially over Fulmere field, from frequent ploughing, and the confusion occasioned by numerous field roads, it is not easy to follow it; but in much of its way over the heath near Newmarket, on the hill south-west of Ickleton, and on the downs to the east and west of Royston,

^c Mafon's MSS.

^d Stukeley's Itin.

^e Gough's Camden. vol. ii. 142.

^f Ibid. 137.

^g Ibid. 138.

* Communicated by the Bishop of Cloyne,

the marks of its course are so evident, as to leave no doubt that a road of considerable antiquity and importance, under the name of the *Ikeneld-Street*, must have once proceeded in this direction: in the greater part of its progress, it runs not far from the boundary of the counties of Essex, Herts, and Cambridge.

“ Much less is known of the road which is supposed to have been the British *Ermin-Street*, and which entering Cambridgeshire at Royston, kept to the left of the present turnpike road, to Caxton and Godmanchester, preserving the old name of *Ermin-Street*, under which it may be found in our early maps.

“ Another celebrated ancient road, which passes through this country, is the great Roman way which connected the colonies of Colchester and Chester: we owe the discovery of the course of this road to the sagacity of Dr. Mason, who, after Horsley, appears to have been the most intelligent of all our antiquaries in this line^b. It enters Cambridgeshire from Withersfield in Suffolk, bearing nearly from east to west, passes through Horseheath Park, leaving Balsham on its right, crosses the Ikeneld-Street, and proceeds very straight over the open country: with its crest highly raised and visible, to Gogmagog hills*; it descends the hills, having the two large barrows close on its left, in a line with Wort's causeway, and bending a little to avoid the deep part of the fen, (just at the point where the Linton road falls in,) the Roman road keeping its line, while the causeway declines to the right, they become separated; and the former proceeds along the lands to the first old inclosure, where it has the appearance of throwing off a branch to the village of Granchester, at *Red Cross*, which we shall treat of presently; and keeping on the highest land, between the two fens of Cherry-Hinton and Shelford, continues its course down St. Andrew's Street, the church of that name standing upon it, in a direct line by Trinity church, to the river, and the great south-east gate of the Roman station beyond it: and there is some reason to think a bridge was constructed here for the accommodation of travellers, as was certainly the case over the river at Wroxeter, on the Rykeneld-Street at Birmingham, and at Little-Chester over the Derwent near Derby. Indeed the ingenious Mr. Essex in building the modern bridge is said to have discovered the foundation of one, which had been raised here in very early times, and which he conceived to be of Roman workmanship.

“ After passing through the station, our road left it by the opposite gate, keeping nearly in the line of the modern road to Huntingdon: it passed through the fields of the farm called Hows house, where a barrow containing several Roman coins, was removed in making the present turnpike road, and went close by Lolworth

^b See also Stakeley's *Carausius*, p. 203.

* Between Vandlebury and Balsham it is 40 feet wide,

and very perfect in many places.

hedges, to which it directly points; as may be seen in descending near the two barrows, on Gogmagog hills; and then proceeds through the village of Fen-Stanton, to the next station at Godmanchester, in its way towards Leicester and Chester.

“The branch of this road, which I mentioned as being thrown off at the first instance, after the junction of the Linton road on the south-east side of Cambridge, seems to descend immediately into Shelford fen, where it disappears for a short time; but as the ground rises on the west side of the fen, the road appears in its old line rising with it; it then crosses the great London road just to the north of the village of Trumpington, goes straight down a green balk in the corn field opposite, which soon becomes an old lane leading into Trumpington fen, nearly opposite Granchester church: in the fen it is again lost, as these ancient roads often are, in low marshy ground; but on crossing the river, and coming again on the line of the road, it is found, keeping its course as before in an old lane, which, after passing through the village of Granchester, becomes a more frequented way, leading to Barton, where it falls into the Roman way from Cambridge to Sandy.

“It must not be concealed however, that some antiquaries of the present day, are not convinced of the existence of this vicinal road; and though they confess it to have all the marks of a trackway used in ancient times, are inclined to account for these appearances, by the supposition, that when the Roman bridge and causeway were destroyed by the barbarians, travellers naturally looked on each side of the ruined station for the nearest fords, and passed the river Cam at Granchester and Chesterton, as they did the Ouse at Offord and Hemingford; and as no signs of a raised causeway appear in this line, the idea is by no means destitute of plausibility: of this however, any one who traces it, may judge for himself.

“As this Roman road from Colchester to Chester, connected the south-east and north-west coasts of Britain, and opened the country in the direction from one sea to the other; so another considerable road, whose course led also through Cambridgeshire, seems to have been made by the same people from the north-east coast of Norfolk to St. David's, in the south-west part of the island, which will be treated of more at length in other parts of this work.

“This road crosses the Ouse in its way from Downham, and enters the county about half a mile above the mouth of Stoke river: is visible in Coham farm, passes through Littleport (which Stukeley would derive from *Portlow*, the British word for a military way,) goes straight to Ely, then by the east end of Grunty fen to Stretham, and over the old river at a ford near an Ozier-holt, half a mile below the ferry-house; after which it goes over the road and ditch, into the fen; being visible until it drops into the fen, where as usual it disappears. It comes

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out into better ground at Denny-hedges, and the crest of it is plainly to be seen as it quits the turnpike road at the gate going into Landbeach common, where it leaves the modern road on its left, and crosses the common to some closes near Landbeach, leaving that village about a furlong to the east. It has now the form of an ancient drove-road, passes a place called King's-hedges, leaving Impington on the right; goes within a short distance of Arbury camp, which is also on its right, and to which it seems to throw off a road; then proceeds between the Chesterton and Histon roads, strait over the lands to the windmill; and so to the north-east gate of Cambridge castle. It is again visible on the other side of the station in an old lane, hardly passable except in summer; but after crossing the Madingley road, may be easily followed along the green balks in the fields at the back of the colleges, until it falls into the common road from Cambridge to Barton, at a *tumulus*, the usual attendant on ways of this sort: it then proceeds directly to Barton, being described in law writings by the name of the Old Road, and Barton church stands upon it; then passes over Bourne brooke, near the bridge called My Lords, just beyond which is another *tumulus*, and the raised crest of the road is plainly to be seen; it leaves Orwell to the left, mounts the range of hills not far from Orwell windmill, and descends strait by a hedge-row into a lane, crossing Lord Hardwick's long avenue, and presently after, the turnpike road, having Armingford bridge on the left; it then enters the closes on the opposite side of the road, and seems to have borne to the right, towards the Roman station at Sandy.

“ Dr. Mason, who, (being rector of Orwell,) had many opportunities of examining this ground, was of opinion that traces of another road were to be seen on the south side of the river, near this place, which he conceived to have been thrown off from this in some part of its course, and to have formed the communication between Cambridge and Verulam.

“ That the stations of Cambridge and Chesterford must also have been connected by a military way, there can be little reason to doubt; no traces indeed of the road appear at present, but it probably proceeded in the course of the present turnpike road by Sawston and Great-Shelford, in the latter of which villages very near the road on the north-east side of it, on a farm called Grahams, is a very complete Roman camp, with the square vallum and fosse still existing, which I am surpris'd to find has escaped the notice of Stukclely.

“ The Roman military way which succeeded the *Ermin-Street*, and is often called by the same name, appears rather to have had a more easterly course from Royston to Kneefworth, Arrington bridge, Cungrave, Caxton and Papworth-Everard, to God-

manchester, but has been completely obliterated by the modern London road which passes in the very same line.

“ Evident marks of another ancient road appear on the high ground near the stand, to the north of Newmarket; it seems to have come from Essex, crosses the Ikeneld-Street about one mile east of the town, and goes by Fordham and Soham, with a raised gravel crest, over the fens to Ely; it is conjectured by Dr. Mason to have been the Roman way from Colchester to Lincoln; and though Sir William Dugdale accounts for the origin of this road in another manner, it appears to me that Dr. Mason is right, and that what Dugdale calls the raising the causeway was in fact only the repair of it.

“ Sir William Dugdale mentions another road of no less than 60 feet in breadth, and three feet deep in hard gravel, leading across another part of the fens, viz. from Downham by Plantfield and Charke to the high grounds about March; and thence by Eldern Hall, Whittlesea and Peterborough, from which last place it has been recently traced to the Roman station near Castor. Such a road must have formed a most useful communication between the Roman garrisons in Norfolk and those in Northamptonshire; and Dr. Stukeley supposes that a branch of this Downham road, passed by way of Upwell and Elm, (where coins, urns and an altar have been found,) to Wisbech, and thence into Lincolnshire by Spalding and Sleaford: nor is this unlikely, as the care of the Romans was such in the latter times of the empire, to secure the sea coast, that we find forts and roads evidently constructed, with this sole view, along the whole east shore of the island; and it is by no means probable, that the line would be interrupted in this part of the coast only, and the troops obliged upon any alarm to make a considerable *detour* without reason.

“ Though Cambridgeshire is as it were surrounded by Roman towns of considerable importance, on the very borders of the county; by Godmanchester to the north-west, Icklingham to the north-east, Chesterford to the south-east, and Sandy to the south-west, one station only appears to have been within the county, and that was at Cambridge itself; where a gentle elevation of the ground, abundance of Roman remains, the meeting of different military roads, and other combined circumstances, point out a city to have existed; the site of it is extremely evident at present, on the north bank of the river: it contains about 30 acres, including part of the present castle, a spot likely to have been fixed upon by the Romans, as being sheltered by the ground rising to the north, and gently declining to the southern fun; here their coins and pottery are frequently found, and even the remains of the vallum appear very plainly on the south-west side of the station

station and in the terrace walk of the meadow belonging to Magdalen College.

“Whether this station was the *Camboritum* of the Itineraries is much more difficult to decide: Stukely gives that name to Chesterford, Horsley to Icklingham, Gale and Reynolds to Cambridge; and the confusion of the 5th Iter of Antonine and 3d of Richard, (which are the only iters where this town is mentioned,) is of so hopeless a kind, as to leave the subject in perfect obscurity: the case is almost without a parallel, for we find actual roads and decided marks of Roman stations, at the usual distances on these roads; but the distances themselves cannot possibly be reconciled to any of the numbers assigned in the Itineraries. The idea of Horsley who carries travellers back several miles, on the very road they came; and that of Mr. Reynolds who leads them into a part of the country, where he is forced to create both roads and towns for their use; appear to me to labour under insuperable difficulties: and the more ingenious and more plausible conjecture of Mr. Leman, that an X has been added to the three successive stations of *Iciani*, *Camboritum*, and *Durolipons*, and a V added to those of *Durobrivis* and *Causennæ*, in the same manner as we know that an X has been added to that of *Villa Faustini*, immediately preceding them, (though this emendation would undoubtedly make them fall exactly where every one would wish to place them,) seems to give a degree of regularity and system to the blunders of a transcriber, which the very nature of the case can hardly admit. I feel myself therefore incompetent to affix any certain name to the station at Cambridge, though if I was obliged to decide, I should on the whole prefer that of *Camboritum*.”

Ancient Church Architecture.—No county in England produces a richer display of ancient church architecture than Cambridgeshire; since Ely cathedral alone furnishes a pretty complete series of the styles which prevailed from the eleventh century to the sixteenth. The first examples we shall produce are of that species of architecture, generally known in this country by the name of *Saxon*, which is the same that prevailed throughout Europe, after the decline of the Roman Empire; and which is in fact nothing more than *Roman* in a degenerated state, and enriched with a great variety of grotesque and irregular ornaments. Of this mode of building, which with some variation in the magnitude of the edifices, and in their decorations, prevailed in England from the seventh century to the twelfth, a very curious example, and unquestionably one of the oldest in the kingdom, occurs in the remains of the conventual church at Ely; the greatest part of which still exists, though filled up with the prebendal houses. This building is undoubtedly of as early a date as the reign of king Edgar, in the tenth century; and indeed
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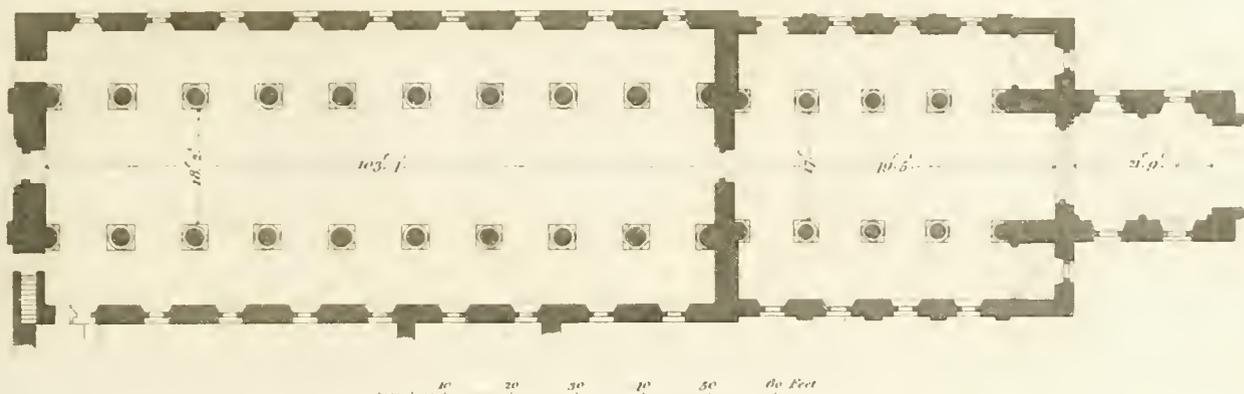


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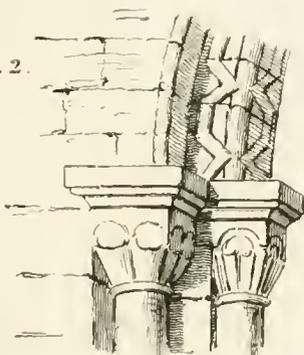
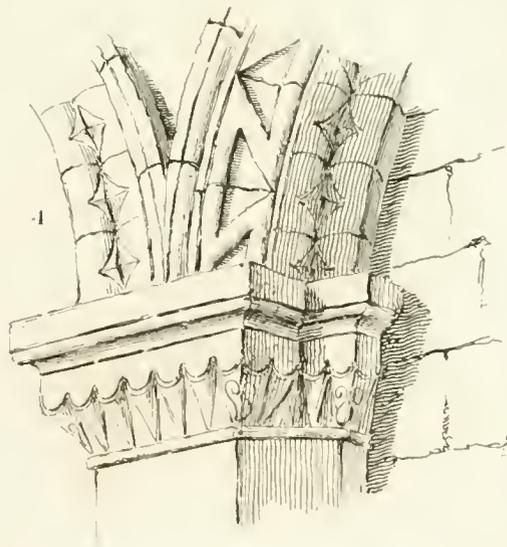
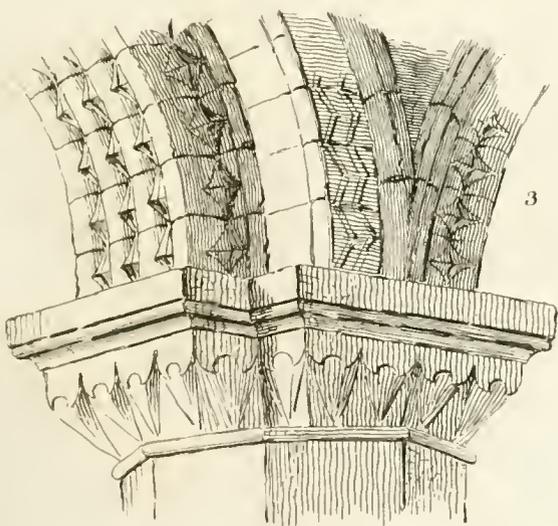


Fig. 3. Plan of the old Cenotaph Church at Ely.
2, 3, 4. Specimens of the Capitals and Arches of the same Church.

3, 4. These parts which are not now to be traced, are taken from Mr. Eyles' Plan, in Bonthams History of Ely Cathedral.





PART OF THE END OF THE SOUTH TRANSEPT OF ELY CATHEDRAL.

there is reason to suppose, that at least some parts of it are remains of the original edifice, erected by St. Etheldreda the foundress of the monastery, in the latter part of the seventh century^k. This church was an oblong building consisting of a nave and choir, both of them with side aisles, from which they were separated by round and octagonal pillars alternately placed, and circular arches. The east end of the building is supposed to have been originally semicircular^l; but a chapel appears to have been afterwards added there, which is now converted into a house for one of the prebendaries.

Bartlow church has a round tower at the west end, which is supposed to be a part of the church, said in the Saxon Chronicle, to have been built in the year 1020 by permission of king Canute, to pray for those who were slain in the great battle of Assandune^m; and indeed it seems highly probable, that this is the church there spoken of; since the field, containing the four very remarkable *tumuli* called Bartlow hills, which denote the site of the battle, and are actually in the parish of Ashdon, adjoin the church-yard of Bartlow; the whole of the present tower nevertheless does not appear to be of so high antiquity.

The priory church at Ifelham, now converted into a barn, remains entire, about 100 yards west of the parish church; it is of plain Saxon architecture, about 80 feet long and 20 feet wide, with small round headed windows; the east end is circular and vaulted with stone. The great arch between the nave and chancel is circular; the piers have double half columns with plain capitals; several parts of the building are of herring-bone masonry.

The two transepts of Ely cathedral, afford specimens of the more massy kind of architecture, introduced by the Normans; which differed little from that of their Saxon predecessors, except in magnitude. These are the oldest parts now existing of that edifice, which was begun by Simeon the ninth abbot, between the years 1081 and 1093. It is supposed that these transepts were built by Richard his successor.

The remains of the nave of Thorney Abbey church, consist of two tiers of semicircular arches, resting on massy pillars: this church was begun in 1085 and consecrated in 1128. The nave of Ely cathedral, which is nearly in the same style as that of Thorney Abbey church, was begun about the middle of the reign of king Henry the first, and completed before 1174; it has massy pillars,

^k See Bentham's Ely, p. 74, and the several authorities there produced.
pl. iv. p. 30. where this chapel is said to have been built in 1102.

^l Bentham's Ely,
^m Sax. Chron. p. 151.

with plain capitals, and circular arches with plain mouldings". The two door-ways on the south side of the nave have circular arches, and are very richly ornamented, more especially that which is nearest to the west end, the whole of which is covered with a profusion of figures and foliage; some parts are so highly relieved as to produce a very rich effect: within the arch over the door is a rude representation of our Saviour supported by angels in bas relief.

Stuntney church and Sterebridge chapel are buildings entirely of Saxon architecture; the former has a door-way on each side of the nave, ornamented with chevron mouldings; as is also the great arch, between the nave and chancel: the capitals of the pillars are foliated. Of Denny Abbey church, founded about the middle of the twelfth century, there are considerable remains, now converted into a farm-house, in several parts of which appear pillars with various Saxon capitals, and semicircular arches ornamented with chevron mouldings: the four great arches of the middle tower still remain.

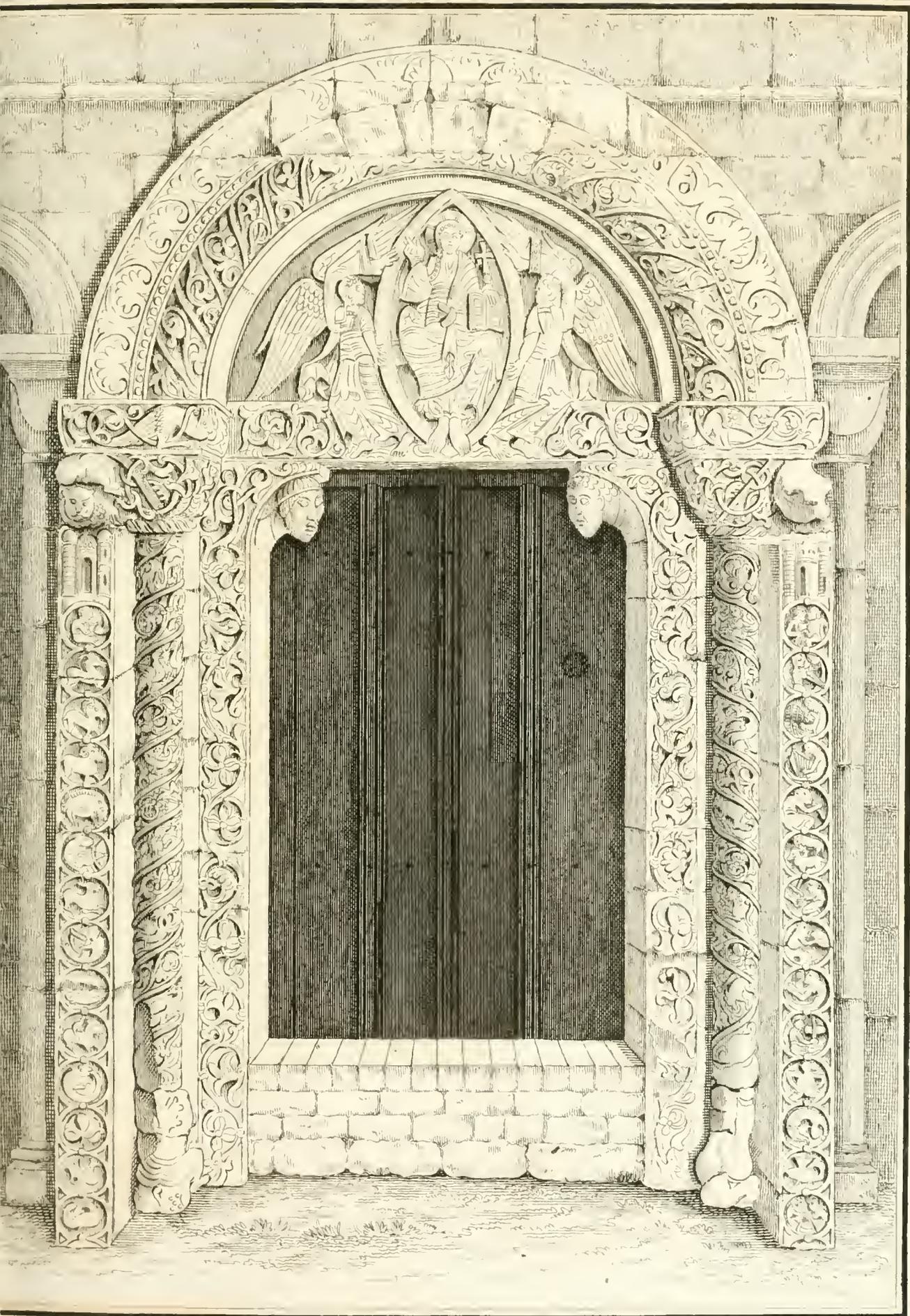
St. Sepulchre's church at Cambridge, being one of those round buildings erected in imitation of the church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, exhibits a very curious specimen of this ancient architecture. It is 41 feet in diameter, and has a peristyle of eight clumsy pillars, supporting circular arches with chevron mouldings. This church is supposed to have been built in the reign of king Henry the first,* and to be the oldest of this form in England; the upper story of the tower, and the square part at the east end are Gothic.

The towers of Snailwell, Westley-Waterless and Swaffham-St. Cyric churches, may also be classed with the Saxon buildings of this county; the two former are round with round headed windows, but the upper part of that at Westley is of a more modern date, with pointed windows. That of Swaffham-St. Cyric, now in ruins, is a very remarkable building; the lower part is square, the second story is octagonal, both of these have round headed windows, the upper story is more modern, and has sixteen sides. The nave of Ickleton church has pillars with plain capitals and circular arches, apparently very ancient. The great arches between the nave and chancel in the churches of Duxford St. John's, Hawkston, and Kirtling, and of St. Giles's, in Cambridge and that between the steeple and nave of St. Bennet's in Cambridge, are semicircular.

Several churches have Saxon door-ways, amongst which may be enumerated those of Hawkston, Kirtling, Kennet, Pampisford, Little Abingdon, Bourn, Co-

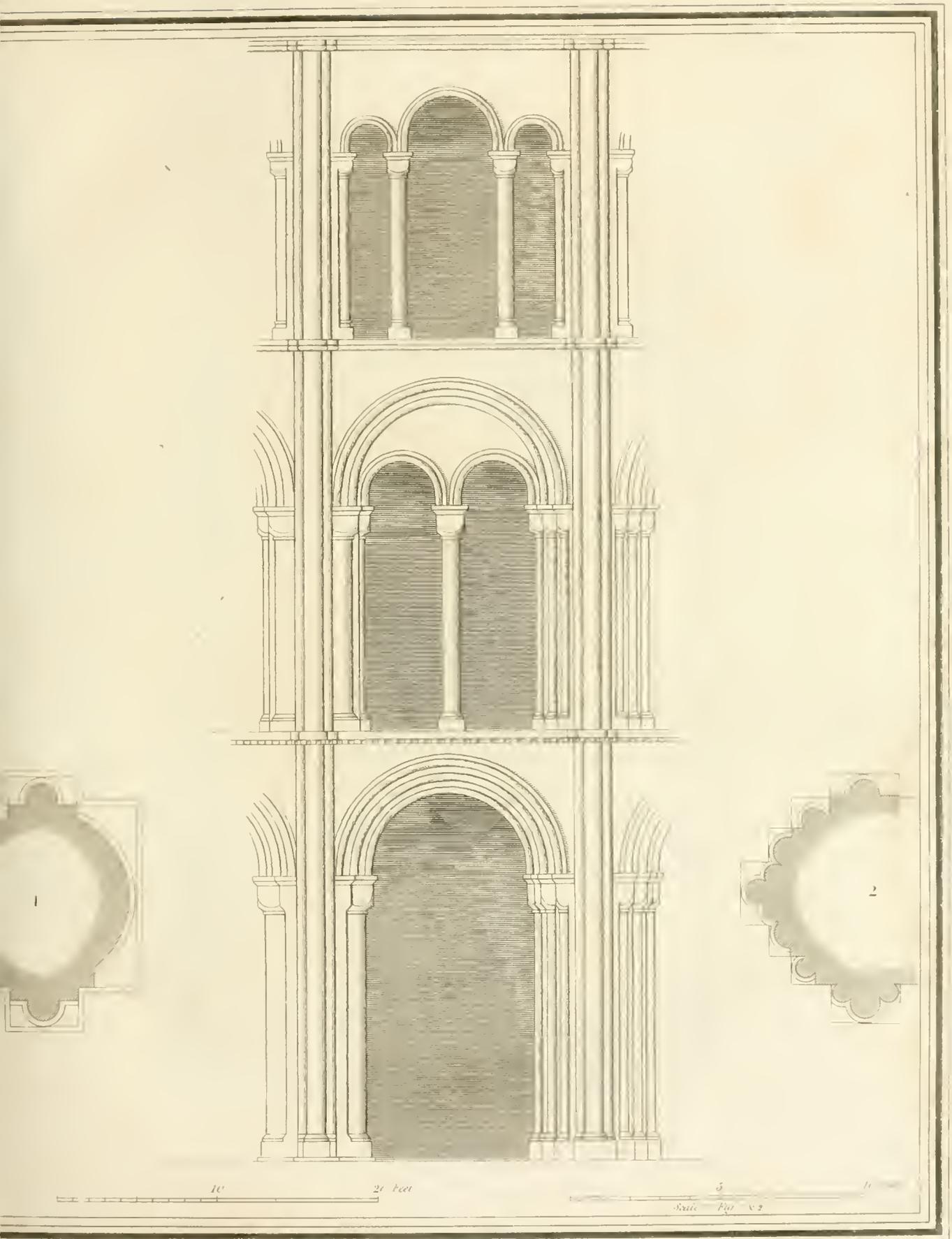
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* Archæologia, vol. vi. p. 173.



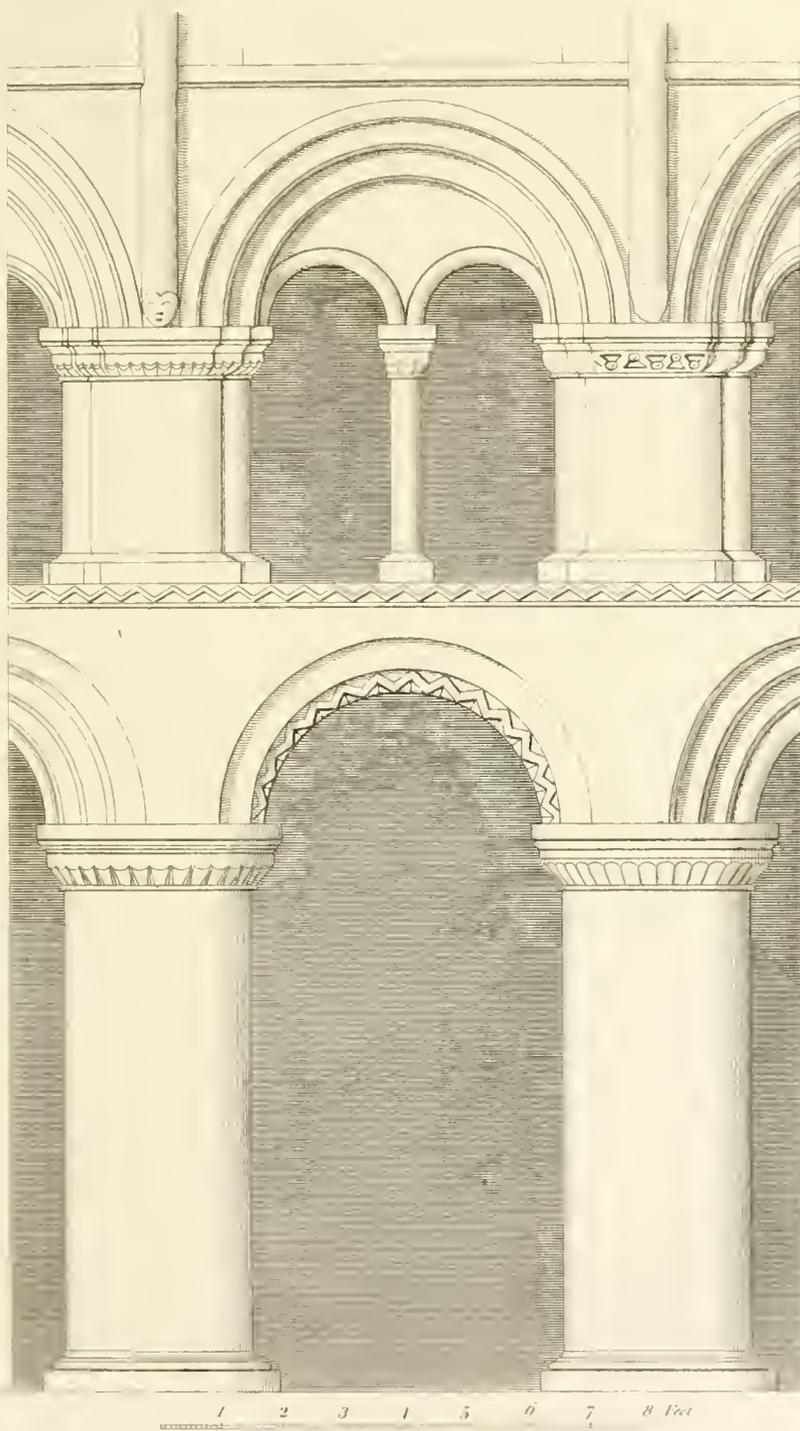
DOOR WAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE NAVE OF ELY CATHEDRAL.

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PART OF THE NAVE OF A CATHEDRAL.

1 2 Plans of the Piers of the lower Tier of Arches



SPECIMEN OF THE ARCHITECTURE OF ST SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH AT CAMBRIDGE.

ton, Duxford St. John's, and St. Peter's in Cambridge, all of which have semicircular arches; and some of them are enriched with various ornaments, as that of Hawkston, which is ornamented with circles, &c. Pampisford has a row of small rudely executed figures in bas relief within the arch. That of Kirtling has a fitting figure rudely executed. Kennet has slender pillars with foliated capitals, Duxford St. John's has the chevron moulding, and a transept stone with a cross over it.

There are some examples in this county of the pointed arch, enriched with the chevron and other Saxon mouldings, which style may be considered as the immediate forerunner of the Gothic; the most remarkable of these are to be seen in Soham church, and in the south door-way of St. Giles's in Cambridge, which has a sharply pointed arch, much enriched, under a very high and sharply pointed pediment: and in St. Mary's church at Ely, the north and south door-ways of which have pointed arches, enriched with chevron and other Saxon mouldings; those in the south door-way seem to have been taken from the ruins of the conventual church; the pillars of these door-ways are slender, with foliated capitals.

The next examples of ancient church architecture, which we shall produce, are some of the earliest of that style generally known throughout Europe by the name of *Gothic*. A great variety of conjectures have been made by ingenious men, respecting the origin of this kind of architecture; the best opinion seems to be, that one of its most prominent features, the pointed arch, arose from the intersection of two circular ones, which so frequently occurs in churches, erected in the twelfth century, in different parts of Europe^p; towards the close of that century, the pointed arch appears to have been much used in Italy, but it was soon abandoned on the revival of the Grecian architecture. In England, France, Germany, and Spain, the Gothic architecture continued much longer, and was no where more generally used, nor perhaps exhibited so great a variety of elegant ornaments or such just proportions as in this country, though in point of magnitude and splendid decoration, our cathedrals must be allowed to be inferior to several of the same kind on the continent^q.

Since Cambridgeshire affords such a series of the different styles of this light and elegant kind of architecture, so peculiarly appropriate to religious edifices, we propose in the annexed plates to exhibit specimens of them, taken chiefly from Ely cathedral and King's college chapel; and have classed them in centuries, conceiv-

^p It is to be seen in the west front of two very ancient churches at Palermo and Placentia, erected in the early part of the twelfth century.

^q As those of Strasburg, Amiens, Rheims, Milan, Burgos, and Toledo.

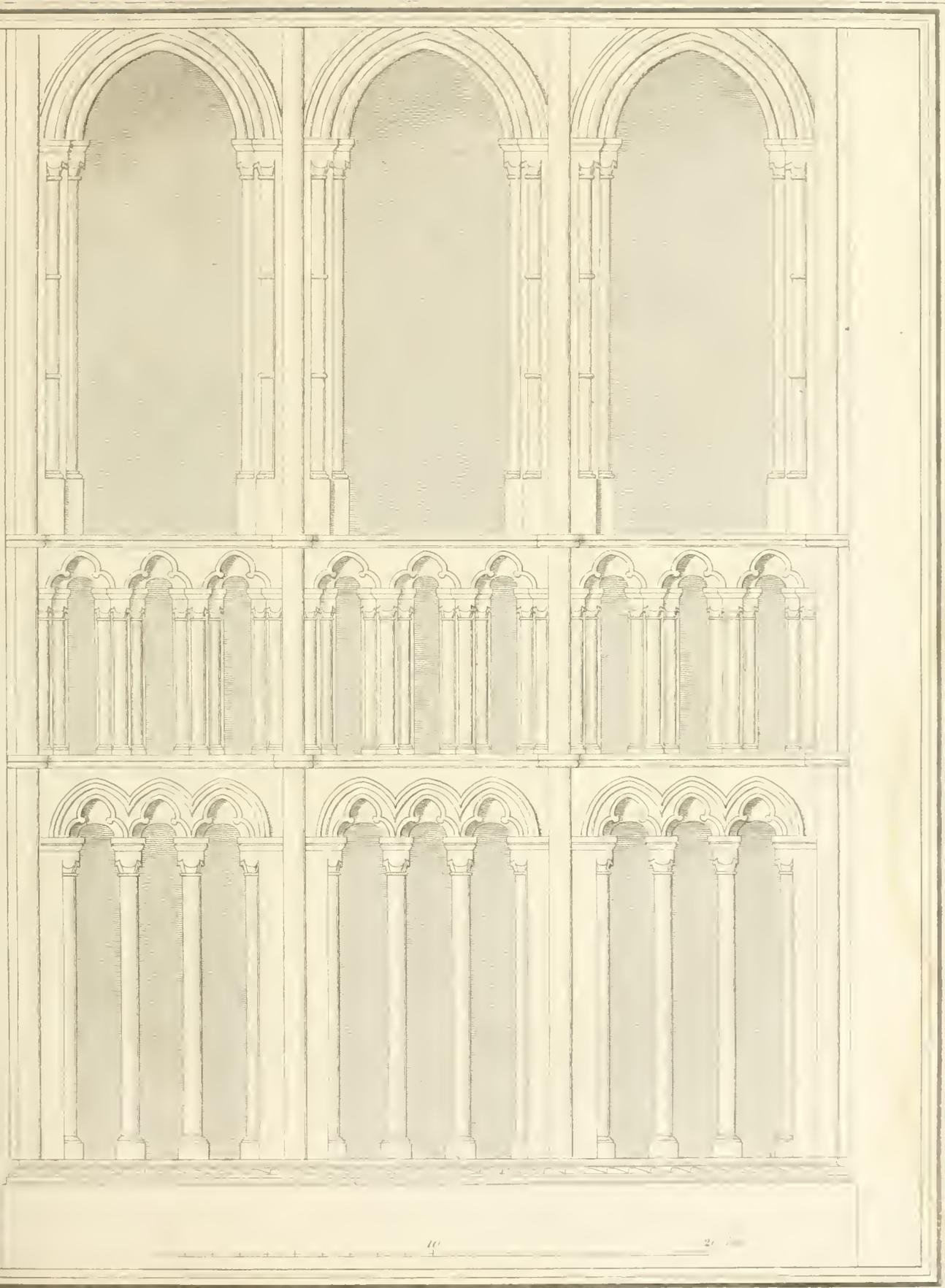
ing that to be the most convenient, and best mode of arrangement; for though it may happen, that the style of one century should sometimes run into the next, yet there has been always one mode sufficiently prevalent in each, to be considered as appropriate to that century.

One of the most ancient buildings in this county, in which the pointed arch makes its appearance, is the great tower at the west end of Ely cathedral, and the south transept adjoining; which were erected by bishop Ridel between 1174 and 1189. This part of the cathedral retains some traces of the Saxon architecture, especially in a door-way on the east side of the transept, richly ornamented with chevron mouldings; yet, upon the whole, it may be considered as an early specimen of the Gothic; it is covered with a profusion of arches and small pillars both within side and without; some of the arches are round, some with trefoil heads, and many of them pointed; a great part of the inside of the tower which was intended to be seen from below, is surrounded with several tiers of arches with detached pillars, producing a very rich effect; this will be best understood by the annexed plan and elevation.

XIIIth Century.—In the beginning of the thirteenth century, the Gothic architecture appears to have been completely established. In this early style the arches differed very much, but were usually sharply pointed; the windows were long and narrow (lancet shaped), and frequently decorated on the inside, and sometimes on the outside also, with slender shafts, frequently with *fasciæ* round them, and the capitals enriched with foliage. There were often three, and sometimes more windows under one arch, with trefoils or quatrefoils between their tops: some of the windows consisted of two lights, divided by a pillar or mullion, with a quatrefoil between them. The columns were frequently surrounded by slender marble pillars, detached from them in the shaft, and uniting with them in the bases, and in the capitals, which were often very richly ornamented with foliage. The vaultings were usually high pitched, the cross-springers had plain mouldings, and were enriched at their intersection, with orbs, foliage, and other sculptured devices. The general characteristic of this style is simplicity, but when ornaments were introduced, they were usually elegant, and well executed; especially the foliated capi-

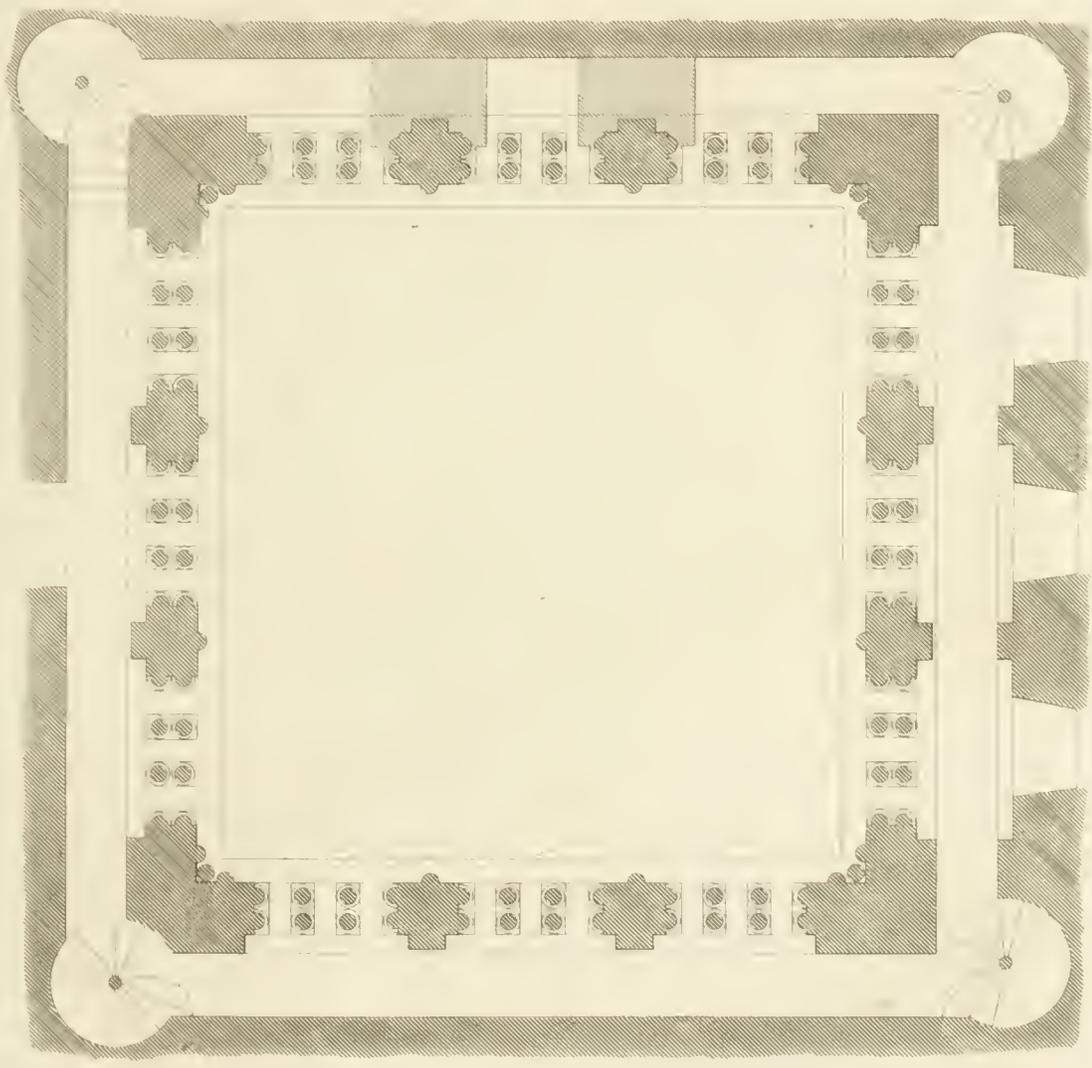
* The upper story of the tower, an octagonal building was added about 1380. Bentham's Ely, p. 286. The tower was anciently flanked on the north side with a transept similar to that on the south; but the northern part falling, or being taken down, another building was begun on a more contracted plan, and a different design, and carried up only about 12 or 14 feet. Ibid p. 283.

* For these and many other observations respecting Gothic architecture, we are chiefly indebted to Mr. Bentham's excellent dissertation on the subject, prefixed to his History of Ely Cathedral.



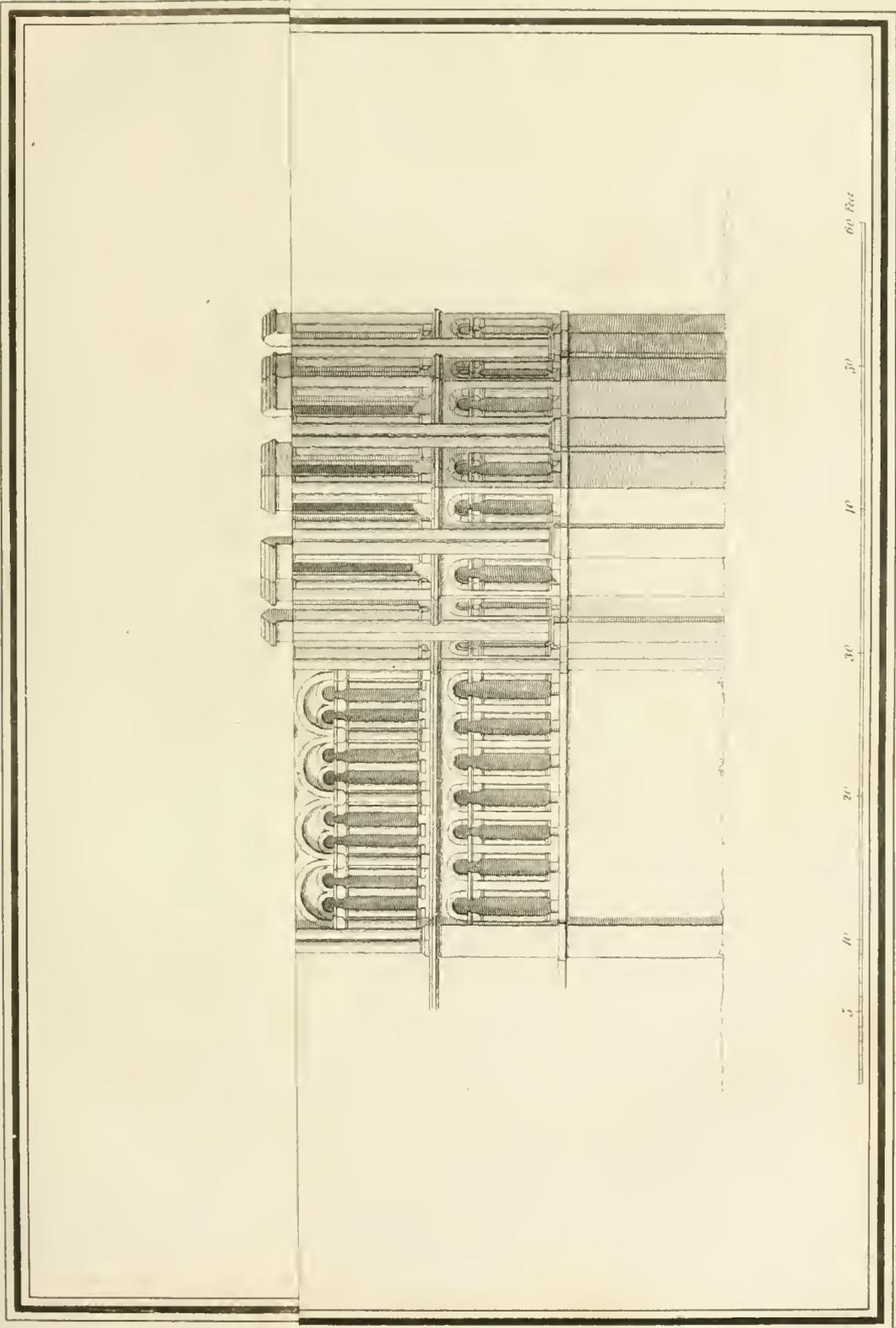
PART OF THE INSIDE OF THE WESTERN TOWER OF LE MANS CATHEDRAL

XIIth Century



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PLAN OF THE BELFRY STORY OF THE GREAT WESTERN TOWER OF ELY CATHEDRAL.

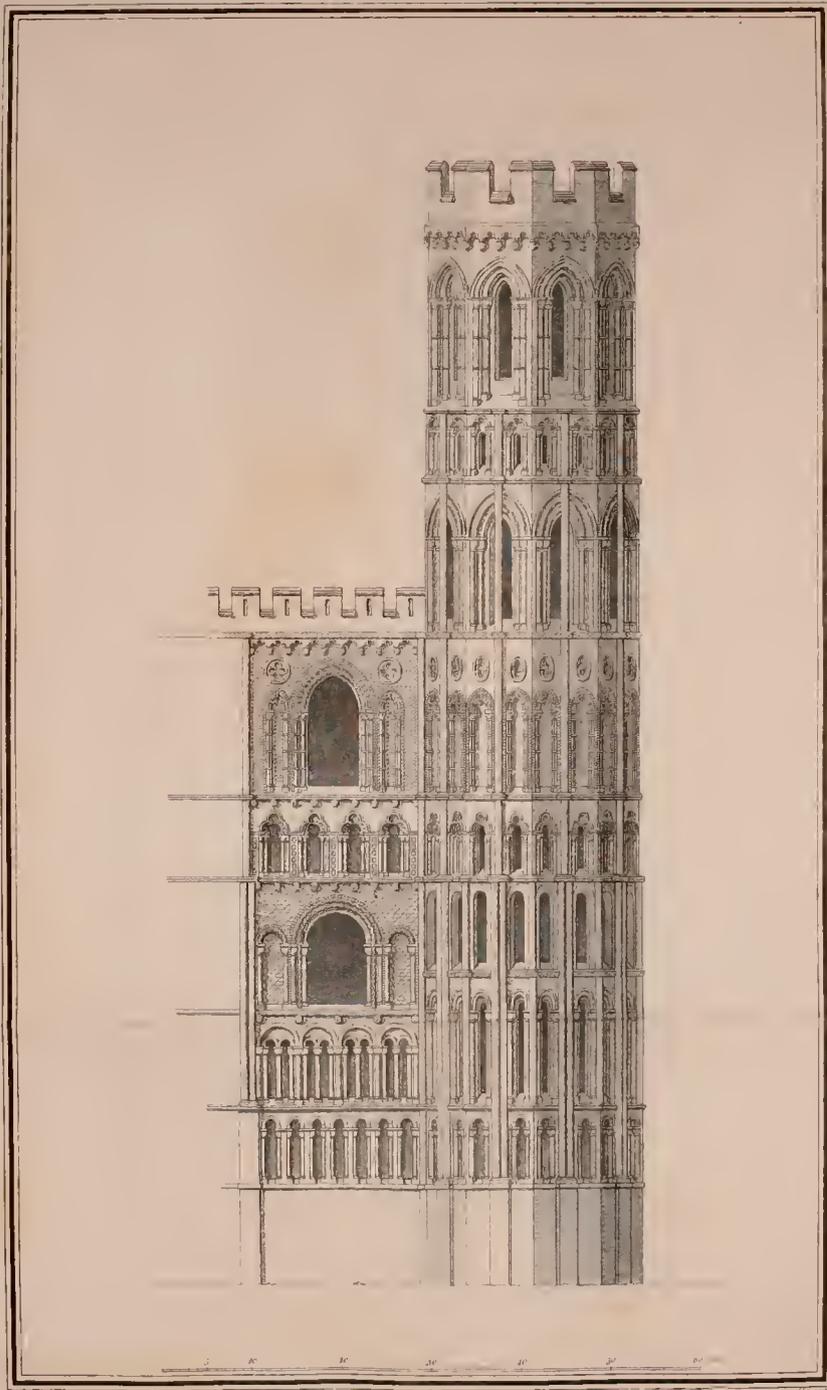


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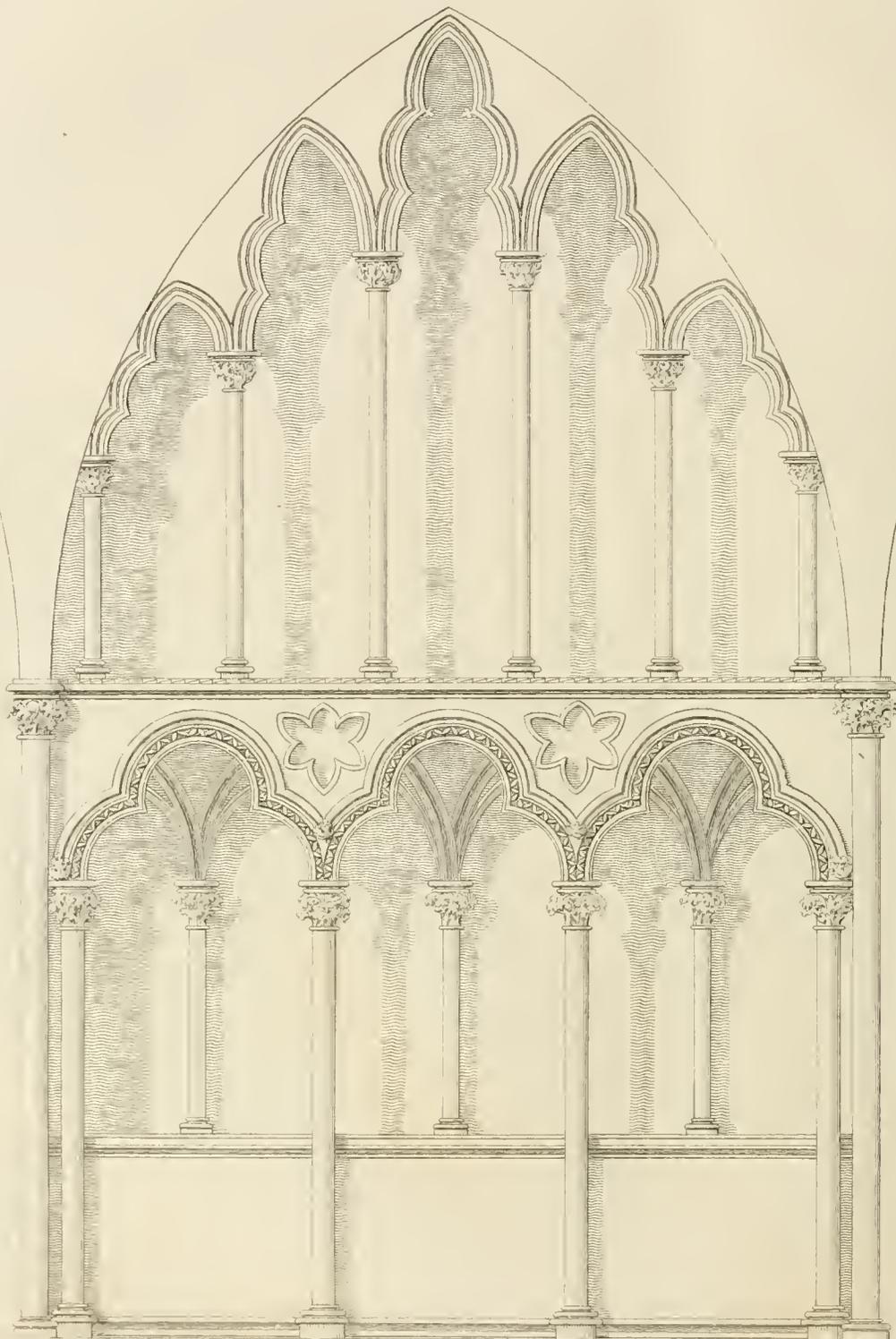
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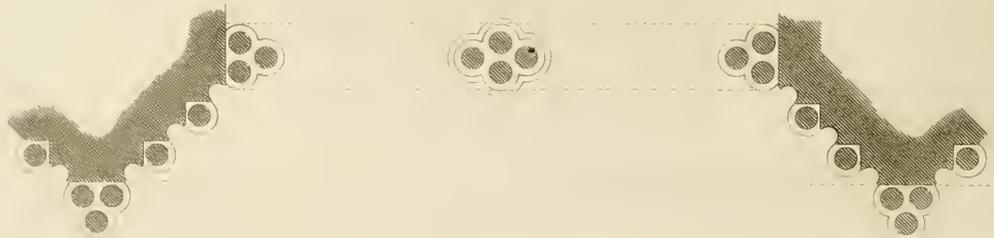
ELEVATION OF PART OF THE WESTERN TRANSEPT OF ELY CATHEDRAL

Architectural Record



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PART OF THE GALLILEE AT THE WEST END OF ELY CATHEDRAL.



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tals of pillars, and the scrolls of foliage with which the spandrils of arches were sometimes filled. Towards the latter end of this century, the pillars became more solid, the lights of the windows were enlarged, and the slender detached shafts in a great measure laid aside.

The gallilee or vestibule at the west end of Ely cathedral, begun by bishop Eustachius about the year 1200, and the presbytery of the same building, now used as the choir, begun by bishop Northwold in 1235, and finished in 1252, afford very satisfactory examples of this style; since they exhibit specimens of most of the varieties which occur in it. The chancels of Foxton, Kennet, and Cherry-Hinton churches, and of Barnwell chapel, are in the style of this century, all of them with lancet-shaped windows, most of which have slender detached shafts between them. On each side of the chancel of Cherry-Hinton, is a range of the kind of windows above mentioned. Some parts of Haddenham and Leverington churches, may also be classed with the buildings of this century. The tower at the west end of the former, has a door and three circular windows, enriched with several mouldings, one of them ornamented with rose-buds. Leverington church has a handsome tower with a spire at the west end, which seems to be of this age. Jesus college chapel at Cambridge, formerly the church of a convent of Benedictine nuns, is a fine example of the early Gothic style; it is built in the form of a cross, with a tower in the middle, resting on four pointed arches one of the mouldings of is enriched with flowers; on each side of the chancel are lancet-shaped windows with slender shafts. The inside of the tower is furrounded with very elegant pointed arches enriched with various mouldings formerly seen from below, but now hid by a ceiling: in the north wall of the north transept is a gallery with Saxon arches.

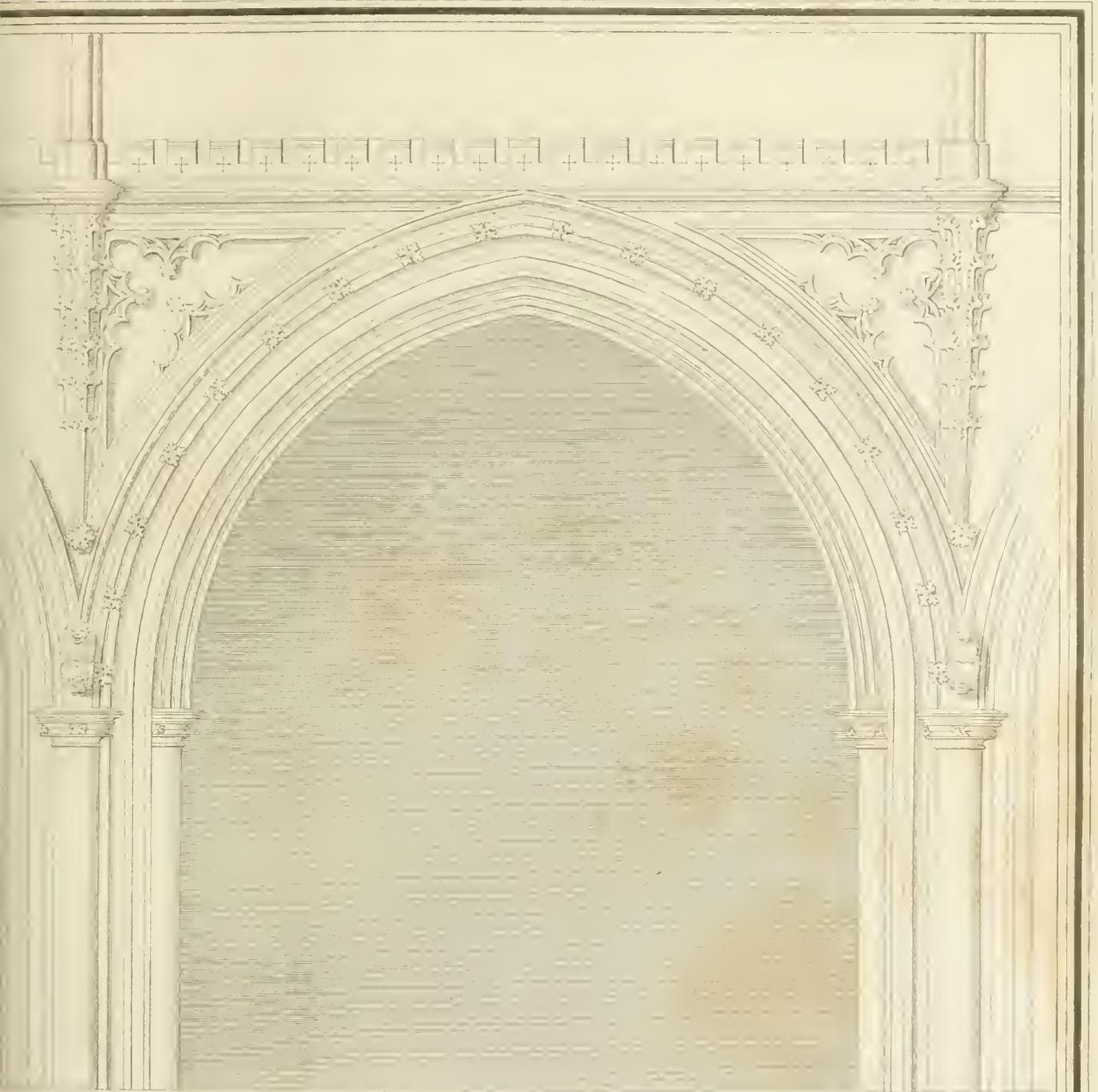
XIVth Century—The Gothic architecture of the fourteenth century, differed considerably from that of the preceding one; particularly in the vaulting and the formation of the windows: the vaulting became more decorated and divided into various angular compartments, forming a sort of tracery, ornamented at the interfections with foliated orbs, carved heads, and other embossed work. The columns were clustered, frequently with rich foliated capitals; the windows were greatly enlarged and divided into several lights by stone mullions, ramified into various forms, in the upper part; more particularly the great eastern and western windows, which frequently occupied, nearly the whole width of the nave or choir, and were carried up almost as high as the vaulting. The arches of door-ways, monuments, &c. were often very richly ornamented on the sides with foliage, generally known by the name of crockets; and the pinnacles were usually enriched in the same manner. In the early part of this century the arches were also frequently ornamented with rows of rose-buds, in the hollow mouldings. In this century also prevailed that singular arch,

formed of four segments of circles contracted, like an ogee moulding. Buttresses, terminating in pinnacles, and sometimes ornamented with tracery, were much used in door-ways, tombs, piscinæ, &c. where slender pillars had been employed for the same purpose in the preceding century.

The three first arches east of the lantern, in the cathedral church of Ely, begun in the latter part of Edward the second's reign, A. D. 1322, exhibit elegant specimens of the pillars, vaulting, and windows of this century. Of the same age is that elegant structure, of an octagonal form, supported by eight pillars, covered with a dome, and crowned with a spacious lantern, forming the center of Ely cathedral, which was begun in the year 1322, when the old tower fell down; the stone work was completed in six years, and the wood work of the dome in fourteen more, *anno* 1342, at the expence of more than 2400*l.* under the care of Alan de Walsingham, sub-prior of the convent, and sacrist of the church, a man skilful in architecture, and a good mechanic. St. Mary's chapel (now Trinity parish church) at Ely, adjoining the north transept, was built about the same time, and is another proof of the architectural abilities of Alan de Walsingham, by whom it was designed. The form of this chapel, generally deemed one of the most perfect structures of that age, is an oblong square; it has no pillars nor side aisles, but is supported by strong buttresses, and was decorated on the outside with statues over the east and west windows. Round this chapel is a range of stone seats, with canopies highly enriched with pinnacles, crockets, &c.; the spandrils are covered with a profusion of ornaments, admirably well executed; over the canopies were a great variety of subjects from scripture, carved for the most part in very bold relief: hardly a single figure of these now remains entire, the whole having been mutilated either by the reformers or the puritans. There is also a very elegant little chapel, adjoining the deanery at Ely, now a dwelling house, which was the prior's chapel, and built in the time of John de Crauden, who became prior in 1321^u, under the direction, as it is supposed, of Alan de Walsingham before mentioned: the style of its decorations resembles that of the buildings known to have been executed by him. The floor of this chapel is composed of tiles ornamented with a rich mosaic design^z. Specimens of the architecture of this century are very frequent in the parish churches of Cambridgeshire; those of Grantchester, Trumpington, Balsam and Sutton, are among the most remarkable. The chancel of Grantchester is singularly

^u For a more particular account of this chapel, see Mr. Wilkins's description of it. *Archæol.* vol. xiv. p. 105. and a correct idea of the several parts of it will be formed from plates 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29 of the same work.

^z *Ibid* pl. 28. and vol. x. p. 151.



View in the elevation

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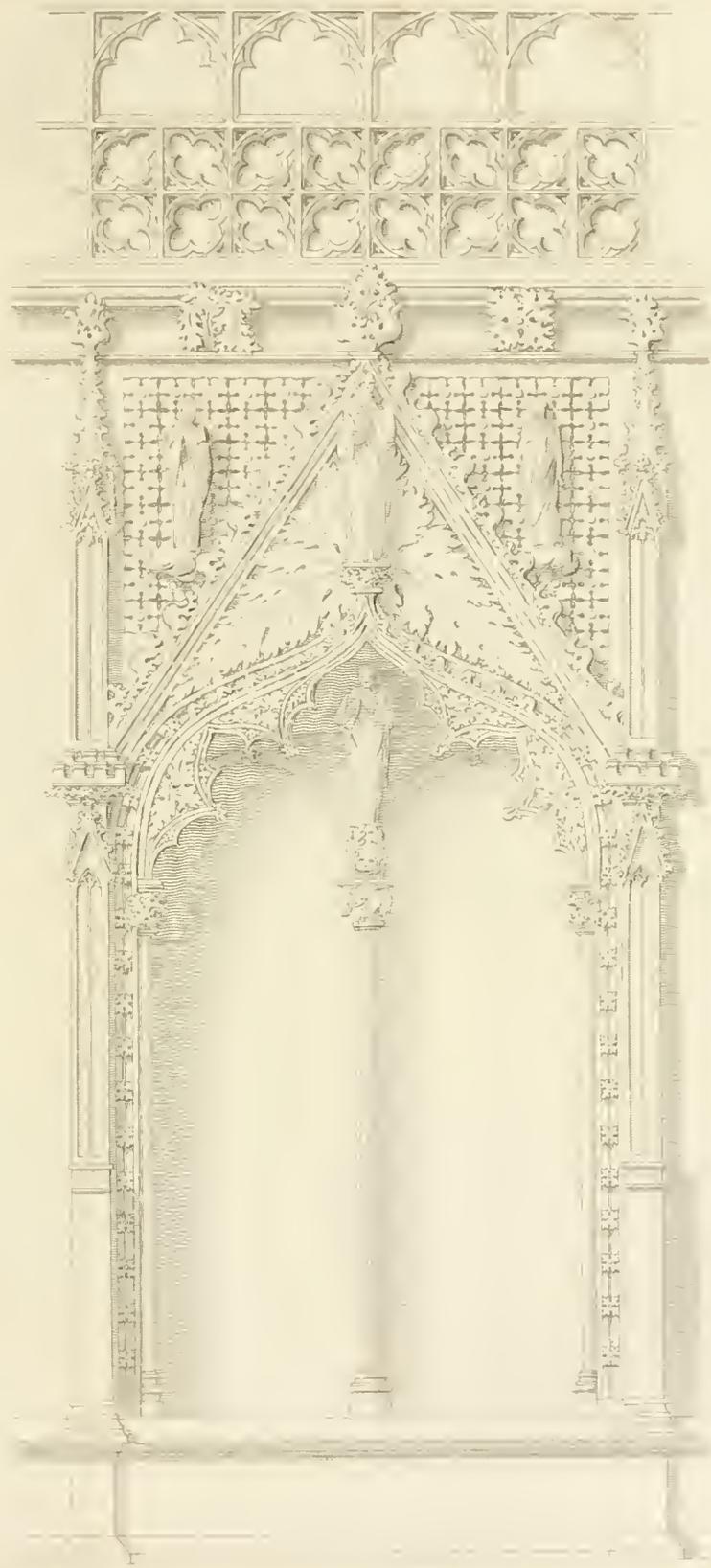
XIVth Century



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OF THE SECOND TIER OF ARCHES IN THAT PART OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ELY CATHEDRAL, BEGUN MCCCXXII.

XIVth Century



ONE OF THE NICHEs ON THE NORTH SIDE OF S. MARIE CHAPEL IN FOYAT, BELGIUM

light and elegant, the windows being large and uniform, with tabernacles between them. Trumpington church is a remarkably handsome uniform building of this style, with a lofty nave, side aisles and transepts; the chancel, from the form of the windows, seems somewhat older than the church. Balsam church, a large and handsome structure, was built by John de Sleaford, who was master of the wardrobe to king Edward III. he died in 1400, and lies buried in the chancel. Sutton church is a large, lofty building, having a nave and side aisles with light clustered pillars, and very elegant windows: there is a square tower at the west end, over which is an octagonal turret of two stories, the lower of which is enriched with quatrefoils. Haslingfield church has a tower with four octangular embattled turrets at the west end, surrounded with quatrefoils at its base. The chancels of Horseheath, Bartlow, and Basingbourn, may be classed with the buildings of this century; the latter is large and lofty. The chapel of Our Lady, on the north side of Fordham church, to which there is an ascent by a winding staircase †, is a very elegant building; it has an under-croft with a groined roof, part of which serves for the church porch, and part for a vestry and other purposes. The nave of Bottisham church is lofty and elegant with clustered pillars and pointed arches; under all the windows on the south side there are flat arches both within side and without. There is a remarkable chapel on the north side of Willingham church, now used for a vestry, it has a very highly pitched roof of stone, without any wood work or covering of lead. The spandrils of the arches, which rest on brackets, are pierced with quatrefoils, &c.

XVth Century.—In the fifteenth century, especially in the reign of king Henry the VIIth, the Gothic architecture underwent a considerable change, the angles of the arches became more and more obtuse, till at last they were sometimes almost flat: the ribs of the vaulting were divided into an infinite variety of parts, and enriched with a profusion of sculpture, and with clusters of pendent ornaments; the side walls were also very frequently covered with abundance of rich tracery; the heads of the windows, instead of being divided into various forms, as in the preceding century, were filled with a great number of small compartments, with trefoil heads, separated by perpendicular mullions; the large windows were usually divided by two large mullions into three compartments, which were subdivided into smaller ones. The finest and most perfect example of this highly embellished style, is to be found in the magnificent chapel of King's college in Cambridge, begun by king Henry the VIth, in the year 1441, carried on by king Henry VII.

† It was formerly used as a school.

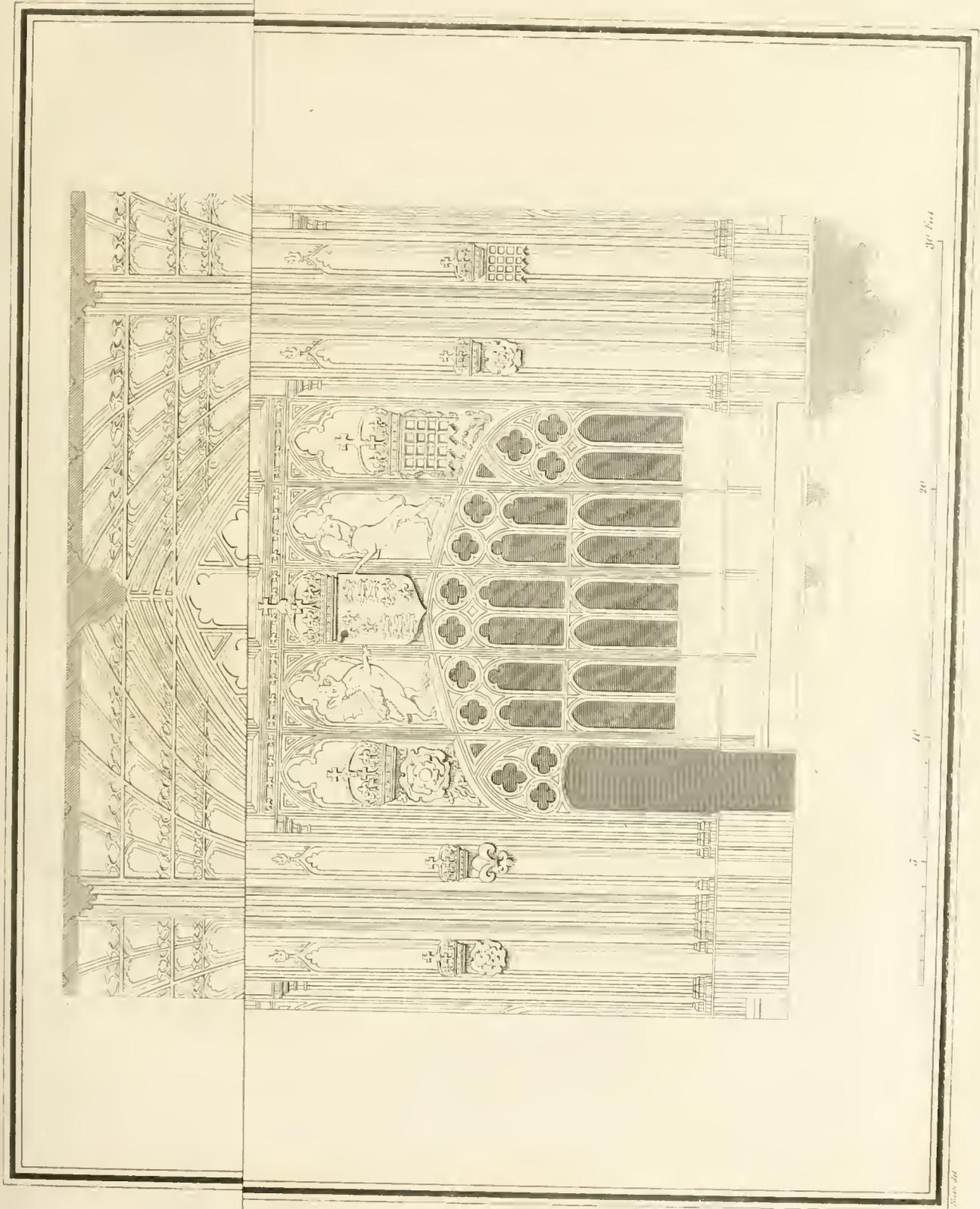
and completed by king Henry the VIIIth. Every part of the ante-chapel exhibits a rich display of Gothic tracery, with roses, portcullises and the royal arms with the dragon and greyhound for supporters carved, in high relief: the vaulting of the roof is singularly rich and elegant, in the same style as the roofs of St. George's chapel at Windsor and Henry the VIIth's chapel. Burwell church is a light and elegant building of this century, with a lofty nave and side aisles; over the arch between the nave and chancel, the wall is much enriched with Gothic tracery, in the centre of which runs an inscription ^z by which that wall and the roof of the nave appear to have been erected in 1464: the nave has clustered pillars and pointed arches on the piers between the windows; on both sides of the chancel and at the east end are tabernacles, the canopies of which are richly ornamented with crockets. St. Mary's church in Cambridge was begun in 1478, and finished in 1519, the steeple is more modern not having been finished till 1608 ^a; the nave of this church is very light, and richly ornamented. Bishop Alcock's chapel on the north side of the choir in Ely cathedral was begun in the year 1488; the sides are filled with tabernacles, having canopies with lofty pierced pinnacles; the whole covered with a profusion of tracery, crockets, and other ornaments, very sharply executed in clunch; the roof is highly enriched with tracery. The nave of Iselham church exhibits another elegant specimen of the architecture of this century; it owes much of its ornament to the benefaction of Christopher Peyton esq. who raised the roof in the year 1495. The spandrils between the arches are enriched with quatrefoils, roses, and Gothic tracery, including the arms of the benefactor and his lady. Over the arches on each side, is a range of large and elegant windows; the wooden roof is ornamented with roses, figures of angels, &c. On each side runs the following inscription "*Pray for the good prosperite of Crystofer Peyton and Elizabeth his wyfe and for the sowle of Thomas Peyton sqwyer, and Margarete his wyfe fader and moder of the sayd Crystofer and for the sowles of al the awncestre of the sayd Crystofer Peyton wych dyd mak thys rose in the yere of owre Lord M^cCCCC^oLXXXV^o beyng the X zere of Kyngē Herē the VII.*" It has been supposed from this inscription, that only the wooden roof was added by Christopher Peyton, but as the arms of Peyton, are introduced in the spandrils of all the arches of the nave, impaling the arms of Elizabeth his wife ^b, it is clear that he must also have built all that is above

^z Orate p̄ aīabz Johis Benet Johanie et Alicie ux^o ei parentū que suoꝝ qui fieri fecer't hunc parietē ac Carp'ntariā navis ecclesie a dō MCCCCLXIII. ^a Fuller's Hist. of Cambridge.

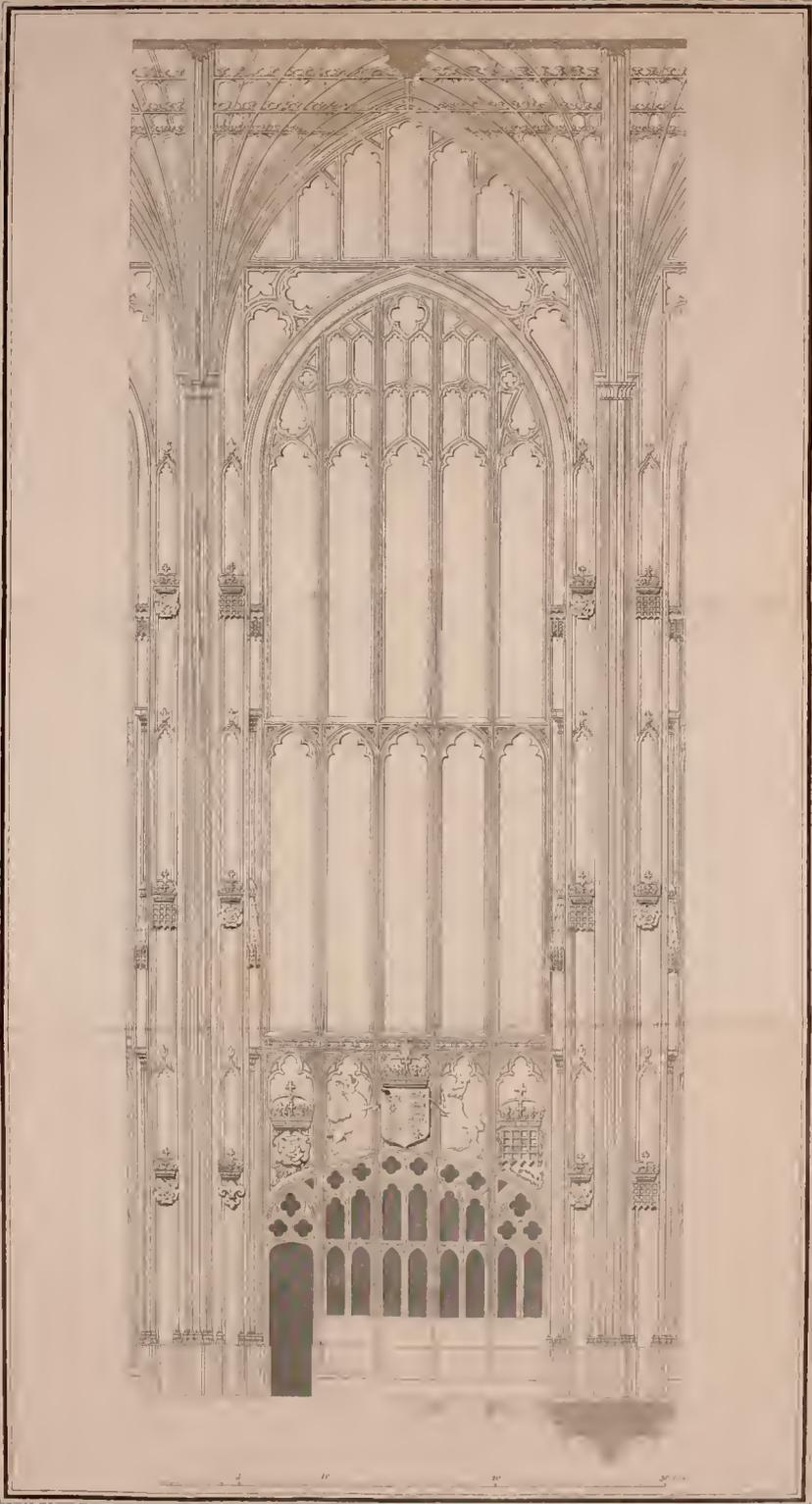
p. 90.

^b A Saltire engrailed, a chief ermine, as on her grave-stone in this church.

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ELEVATION OF PART OF THE NAVE OF KISON COLLEGE CHAPEL, CAMBRIDGE



those arches, which, with the pillars supporting them, are probably of an earlier date; the old pitch of the roof, which was sharp, is to be seen within the church against the east wall of the tower. It was much the fashion in the middle, and latter end of the fifteenth century, to alter churches, which had been erected about half a century before, and which had for the most part highly pitched roofs, by adding a second story, filled with windows, over the arches of the nave, and lowering the pitch of the roof, as in the instance above mentioned at Iselham.

Landwade church is a light elegant building in the form of a cross, erected by Walter Cotton esq. vice-chamberlain to king Henry the VIth, who died in 1445. Over church is a very handsome uniform building, in the style of the fifteenth century, with a spire at the west end; the nave is separated from the side aisles by clustered pillars, the capitals of which are embattled, and enriched with roses and various mouldings. There is a large stone porch, on the south side, with clustered pillars, and embattled capitals terminating in plain pinnacles, at the east and west corners, on the outside. The nave of Cherry-Hinton and Horseheath churches, and the chancel of Harlton church, may be referred to the same period; the east end of the latter is much enriched with tabernacles and Gothic tracery.

At the west end of Whittlesea church, there is a handsome tower with a very lofty spire, by far the most elegant building of the kind in this county: the tower is much ornamented with niches, pinnacles, and quatrefoils; the spire is enriched with crockets*. The nave of March church is a handsome building of the same century; it has a wooden roof, with numerous projecting figures of angels, and is the richest specimen of the kind in Cambridgeshire. This appears to have been erected by William Dredeman, who died in 1501, and whose grave-stone is in the nave, with the effigies of himself and his wife on brass plates; his name appears also formed with slints on the outside of the wall of the nave.

Bishop West's chapel at the east end of the south aisle of Ely cathedral is one of the latest specimens of Gothic architecture; indeed it cannot be considered as pure Gothic, having a considerable mixture of the Italian style; the whole of this chapel is extremely rich, and is covered both within side and without, with a great profusion of Gothic tabernacles, and arabesque ornaments, all executed with great delicacy, and originally painted and gilt. The bishop's arms and his motto, "*Gratiâ Dei sum quod sum,*" are intermixed with the ornaments, in various parts of the chapel.

* A West view of this church is annexed to the account of Whittlesea in the Parochial Topography.

Ancient painted Glafs.—The more antient remains of painted glafs in the Cambridgeshire churches, are neither numerous, nor of any great consequence; a few fragments in the chancel windows of Horfeheath church, appear to be of the fourteenth century, and coëval with that building. Of the same age are some fragments in the windows of the nave of Trumpington church, among which are the arms of the family of Trumpington, and of the see of Ely. In the chancel windows of the same church are considerable remains, some of them apparently more ancient than those in the nave; part of one of the fourth windows of this chancel is represented in the annexed plate: from the shield, charged with the device of three leopards' bodies, uniting in one head, which appears from his seal to have been used by Edmund Crouchback earl of Lancaster in 1273^z; one should be led to suppose, it was executed about his time.

The east window of the north aisle of Leverington church, which is in the style of the fifteenth century, is nearly filled with painted glafs; in the five larger lights are ten figures of Jewish kings, each attended by a faint or prophet, with a motto on a scroll; the several divisions between the figures, are formed of vine branches; the smaller compartments are filled with figures of the Virgin Mary, symbols of the evangelists, &c. In a fourth window of the chancel of the same church are considerable remains, consisting of our lady of pity which is in the middle, on one side the figure of a knight in plate armour, and his lady in a blue mantle, on which is a lion rampant, argent, with this inscription on a scroll, "*Iu fro sine make us fre, for John's love yat baptised ye*"; on the other side are figures of a knight and his lady kneeling, the knight is in plate armour, with a red furcoat, the lady in a white mantle, on which is a lion rampant, gules^a, over them is a scroll with this inscription^b "*Lady lede us all fro barm to him yat lay ded in yi barm.*"

In Landwade church are some remains of painted glafs, coeval with the building, which was erected in the reign of king Henry the sixth, consisting of several figures of faints and angels. In the east window of Christ's college chapel are small whole length portraits painted on glafs, of king Henry the seventh, and some others of the family of Margaret countess of Richmond, the foundress of the college^c.

^z Sandford's Geneal Hist. p. 102.

^a Said by Blomefield to be the arms of Bokenham.

^b See Blomefield's Collect. Cantab. 243. where this inscription is inaccurately copied, "in your arm" being given for "in thy barm," i. e. lap, alluding to the figure of our lady of pity.

^c These were removed from a little chapel, said to have been that of the foundress on the north side of the chapel.



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GRAVESTONE OF ONE OF THE TRUMPINGTON FAMILY IN TRUMPINGTON CHURCH.

The windows of King's college chapel at Cambridge exhibit a magnificent display of painted glafs of the reign of king Henry the eighth. The greater part of these are very well preserved, the colours are brilliant, and some of the designs have great merit. The great east window has eighteen different subjects of our Saviour's passion. There are twelve windows on either side of the chapel, each of them divided into ten larger compartments in two ranges, besides several small ones in the arches; those in the upper range contain subjects taken for the most part^d from the old testament, and those in the lower range from the new testament: the smaller compartments are filled with the king's arms, and roses, crowns, fleurs de lys, and portcullises, with these letters, H. K. (Henry and Katherine). The great west window has no remains of painted glafs.

Rood-lofts, screens, &c.—Between the nave and chancel of Bottisham church there is a screen of three stone arches with open quatrefoils in the spandrils.

In Comberton, Chippenham and Wood-Ditton are handsome Gothic screens of rood-lofts. In Fulbourn one arch of the rood loft remains, which is richly ornamented with pinnacles, crockets, and vine leaves. At Harleton is a stone screen of the rood-loft, the stairs which led to it also remain, as they do in many of the Cambridgeshire churches.

At Cherry-Hinton there is a Gothic screen between the nave and chancel, on the lower part of which are remains of some paintings, among which are portraits of a man and his wife kneeling, with inscriptions, "*Maria Magdalene,*" &c. In Blomefield's time they seem to have been better preserved, for he describes these screens as beautifully painted, with the virgin of pity, &c. and those also of the chapel, at the east end of the south aisle, &c.^e

The rood-loft at Ickleton remains with a rich screen; the under part, of the loft is ornamented with rich Gothic tracery. At Kennet is the screen of a rood-loft, painted and gilt: the rood-loft at Gilden-Morden is very large and compleat, having a double screen, forming two pews, about six feet square on each side of the passage to the chancel; the upper part is of light open Gothic work, in the style of the fifteenth century, the lower part is painted with flowers, and the figures of St. Edmund and St. Erkenwold, with their names inscribed; round the sides runs this inscription,

“ *Ad mortem durâ Ibhû de me cape curam.
Vitam venturam post mortem redde securam.* ”

^d The paintings in some of the compartments of the two windows nearest the west end on each side, are not taken from scripture, but from legendary histories. ^e See Blomefield's Cambridgeshire, p. 2.

*Fac me confessum rogo te Deus ante recessum.
Et post decessum celo michi dirige gressum."*

Between the nave and chancel of Over church, there is a rich Gothic screen, at the back of which, in the chancel, are six wooden stalls.

The wooden stalls in the choir of Ely cathedral exhibit a rich example of the Gothic sculpture of the fourteenth century; they are admirably light and elegant, and their various ornaments are executed with great delicacy. Round three sides of the chancel of Balsham church are wooden stalls, richly ornamented, which appear, from the inscription on his grave-stone, to have been erected by John de Sleaford, master of the wardrobe to king Edward III. who died in the year 1401. In Witcham church is a large stone pulpit.

Fonts.—There are but few fonts in this county which are entitled to particular notice; those in St. Peter's church at Cambridge, and at Oakington may be referred to the twelfth century at least; the former is surrounded with four rudely executed human figures, terminating in serpents; the latter is square, standing on four pillars, and ornamented on the sides with circular arches. The font at Kingston is in the style of the early Gothic; it is octagonal, standing on eight short pillars, over which are trefoil arches enriched with crockets: those in Trumpington church, and St. Clement's at Cambridge are octagonal, enriched with quatrefoils and shields, in the style of the fourteenth century. There are several in the later Gothic style, being octagonal, and richly ornamented with tracery, the most elegant of which, are those of Dullingham, Iseham, Tydd St. Giles, and Leverington: the last has niches round it, in which are sitting figures of bishops, &c. and is much enriched with pinnacles, crockets, roses, &c. Most of the other Cambridgeshire fonts are round or octagonal, and without ornaments, and many of them supported by five pillars.

Stone Stalls and Piscina.—In Bartlow and Arrington churches are double *piscinæ*, with interlaced arches. In Little-Abington is a small double niche in the chancel, with pointed arches, separated by a pillar: the arches have hollow mouldings ornamented with flowers.

In Barrington church in the north wall of the north aisle is an elegant niche, with an ogee arch, enriched with crockets and semi-quatrefoils. In Basingbourn are three stone stalls of unequal height, and a double *piscina*, much enriched with crockets, grotesque heads, pinnacles, &c. extremely well executed in clunch. In Bottisham church are three stone stalls, with obtuse arches and double *piscinæ*; and
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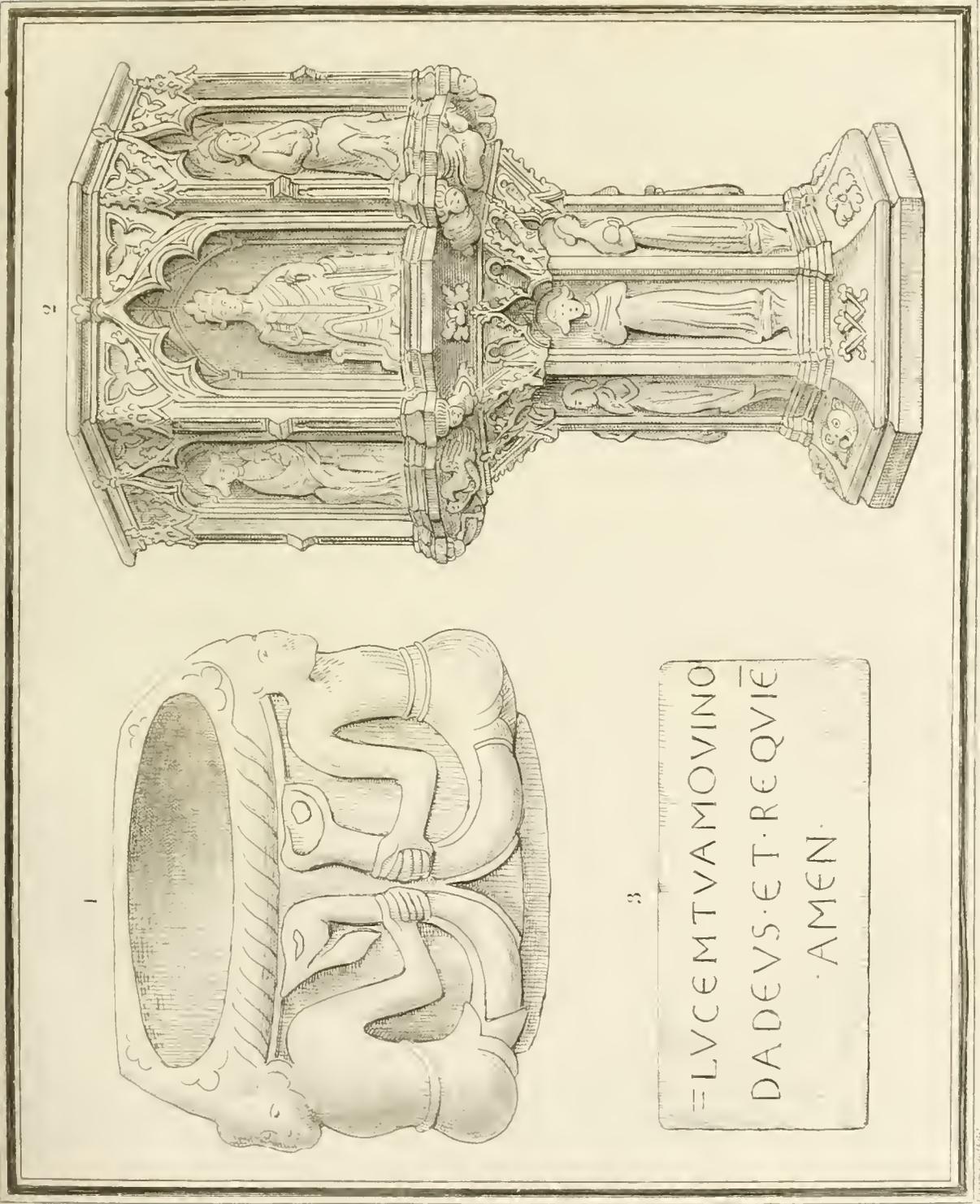


Fig. 1 Font in St Peter's Church, Cambridge. 2 Font in Lovington Church

3 Inscription on the Base of a Cross, in Ely Cathedral. See p 73

a single stone seat and *piscina* at the east end of the south aisle. At Bourn, Milton, and Cottenham are three stalls, of unequal height with *piscina*, the latter are embattled and richly ornamented with quatrefoils and semi-quatrefoils in the style of the fifteenth century. At Milton is a double *piscina*, with an elegant detached pillar, the capital of which is ornamented with lilies. At Coveney is a double *piscina* under a single arch. At Caxton a *piscina* with two arches in the early Gothic style, having a detached pillar in the middle. At Doddington and Witcham double *piscina*. At Willingham three stone stalls with plain arches, having trefoil heads and a *piscina*^f. In St. Michael's church at Cambridge are two stone stalls of unequal height, very richly ornamented in the style of the fourteenth century^g. At Fulbourn are two of unequal height under one arch. At Fen-Drayton two stone seats of unequal height with a double *piscina* adjoining. At Hinton in the chancel is a double *piscina*, and three stone stalls of unequal height, with detached pillars and plain mouldings, in the style of the early Gothic. At the south end of the south transept of Histon church, a double *piscina* and niches with plain pointed arches. In Kennet church a double *piscina* with pointed arches and detached pillars. At Leverington are three stone stalls of unequal height, with plain pointed arches. At Soham are three of an unequal height, richly ornamented with crockets, roses, &c. and a *piscina* adjoining. At Sutton a double *piscina*, and three stone seats of unequal height, without canopies. At Swaffham-Bulbeck are three stone stalls of unequal height, the arches over which are ornamented with crockets, &c. At Swavefey are three of unequal height with a *piscina*, and in Whittlesea-St. Mary two stone stalls of equal height, having plain ogee arches, with quatrefoil heads.

Ancient Sepulchral Monuments. XIIIth Century.—In the south aisle of the choir in Ely cathedral, is an ancient monument of a bishop, with his effigies carved in Purbeck marble, round the edge of which is a hollow moulding, with a scroll of roses; the figure is much mutilated, the head and hands being destroyed: this seems to be of an earlier date than the monument of bishop Northwold, in the same church, and was probably either that of John de Fontibus, who died in 1225, or of Geoffry de Burgh who died in 1228, though removed (as most of the monuments of this church have been) from its original position.

The monument of Hugh Northwold bishop of Ely who died in 1254, is carved out of a block of Purbeck marble, and very elaborately ornamented: before the removal of the choir it stood in the middle of the presbytery, which

^f All the stone stalls and *piscina* above enumerated are in the chancels of the respective churches, unless otherwise expressed.

^g It appears that there were originally three.

was built by him, but is now placed upon the altar tomb of bishop Barnet, on the south side of the presbytery. The bishop is represented in his episcopal habit, with his mitre and crozier, within a niche at the head of which is a semi-quatrefoil: the pillars on the side are ornamented with rich scrolls of foliage; one of his feet rests on a lion, the other on a dragon. On the sides of the monument are six small niches with rich canopies, each containing a small image, on the right side those of a king, an abbot and a monk; on the left an abbess, a queen and a nun; the latter have been supposed to represent St. Etheldreda in those three characters^f. At the foot of the monument is a representation of the martyrdom of St. Edmund, alluding to the abbey of St. Edmund's Bury, over which this ecclesiastic had presided before he became bishop of Ely.

The monument of William de Kilkenny bishop of Ely, who died in 1256, is placed between two of the arches, on the north side of the presbytery in Ely cathedral; it has the effigies of the bishop, in a niche ornamented with foliage, of Purbeck marble; in the spandrils of the canopy are angels with censers^g.

The monument of William de Luda bishop of Ely, who died in 1298, consisting of three remarkably elegant open arches, with pinnacles and pediments richly ornamented with crockets, stands between two pillars on the south aisle of the presbytery, in Ely cathedral^h; under the middle arch of this monument is a slab from which the brass plates have been stripped; a fragment of the inscription remainsⁱ.

In the north wall of the chancel of Stretham church, under a plain pointed arch is a slab with the following inscription in Lombardic capitals: "*Nichol: de Kyngeston gyt ici dieux de s'alme cyt merci amen.*" This Nicholas de Kyngeston is said by Blomefield to have been rector of Stretham, and founder of the chancel in the time of king Edward the first.

In the nave of Bottisham church is the grave-stone of Elyas de Bekingham one of the justices itinerant, so celebrated for his integrity, in the reign of king Edward I. There appears to have been a figure of him in his robes, under a canopy engraved on a brass plate, which is now lost: the following inscription may still be traced, "*Hic jacet Elyas de Bekingham quondam Justiciarius Domini Regis Angliæ cujus anime propicietur deus.*" He was made one of the justices itinerant A. D. 1275; the time of his death is not known.

On the north side of the chancel in Little-Shelford church, under an ogee

^f Gough's Sep. Mon. vol. i. p. 46.
pl. xvi.

^h It is figured in Bentham's Ely, pl. xvii.
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^g It is very inaccurately figured in Bentham's Ely
ⁱ "..... de Luda quond.



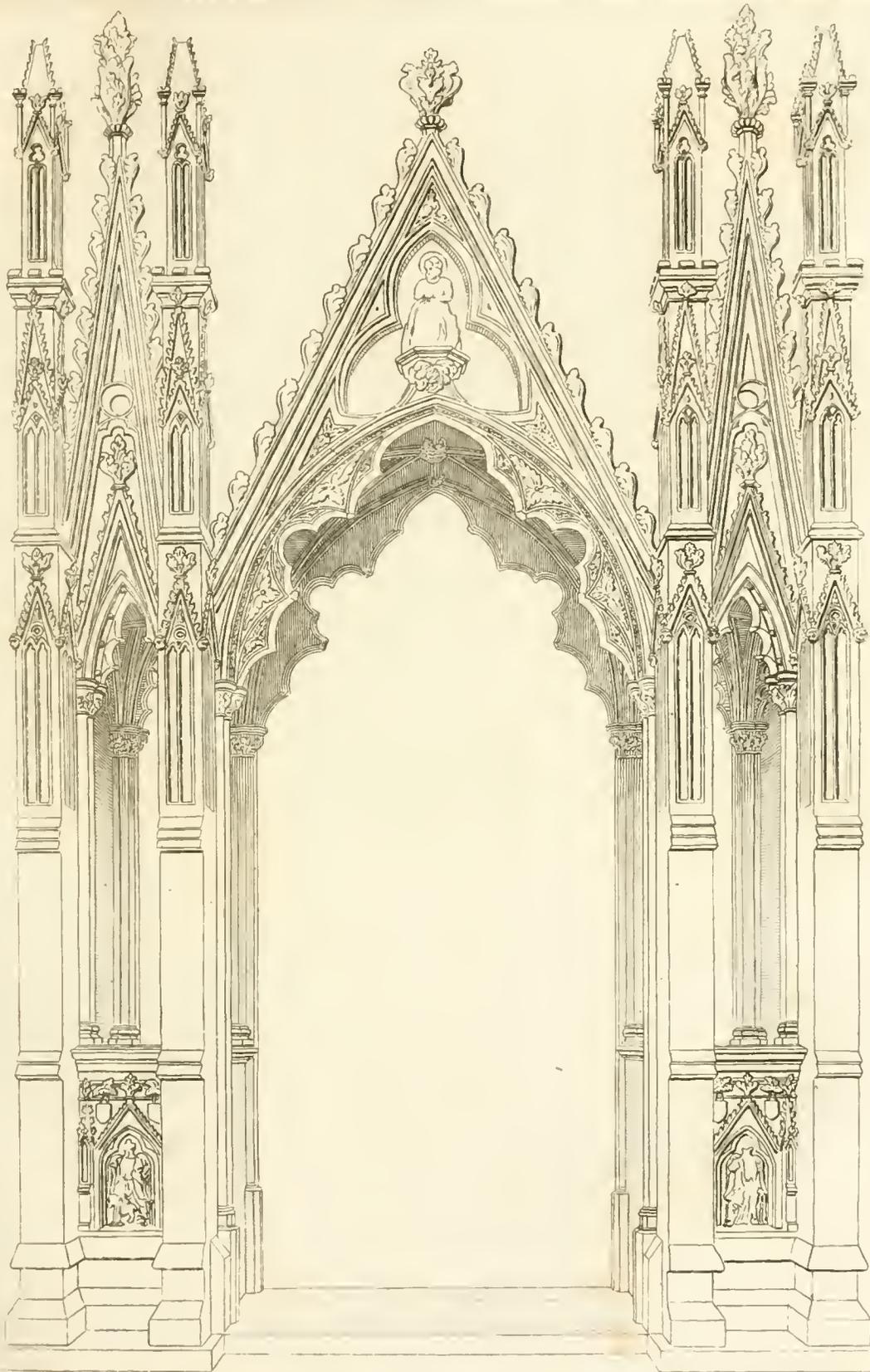
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The East end of Bishop Northwold's Monument

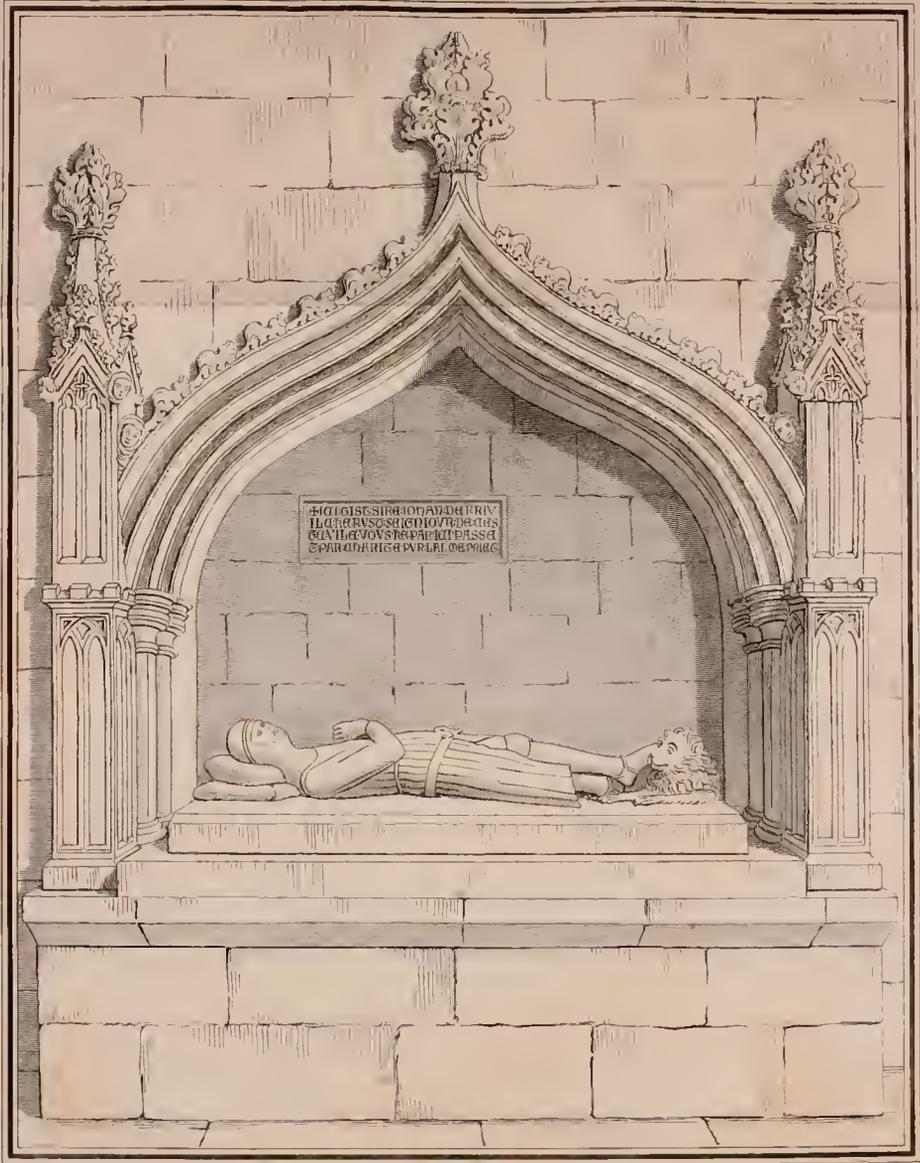


Monument of Hugh Northwold, Bishop of Ely, in Ely Cathedral 1351 p. 64
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Monument of William de Luda Bishop of Ely in Ely Cathedral 1208



ANNO DOMINI MCCCXXV
MENSE APRILIS DIE VIGESIMA
PRIMA OBIIIT VIR
SACERDOS ET MAGISTER
SACRARUM LITTERARUM
MAGISTER RICHARDUS
PREVILLE

MONUMENT OF SIR RICH. PREVILE IN THE SHERFORD CHURCH.

arch, richly ornamented with crockets, is the monument of sir John de Freville, who died in the sixth year of king Edward the second, ^k being an altar tomb, with the effigies of a cross-legged knight, carved in stone, with a lion at his feet; at the back of the arch is the following inscription on a tablet in Lombardic capitals :

“ *Ici gist sire Johan de Frevile*
 “ *Ke fust seignour de ceste vile*
 “ *vous ke par ici passet*
 “ *Par charite pur lalme priet.*”

These are all the monuments of the thirteenth century, the age of which can be nearly ascertained; there are several others in the Cambridgeshire churches, which appear to belong to the same century, though they bear no certain evidence of their exact date; among which the following may be enumerated. In Baltham church-yard near the east end of the chancel are four raised monuments, with crosses florées on their slabs which are ridged.¹ Three of these ridged slabs (like the lids of stone coffins) with crosses on them, are placed on the church-yard wall at Chesterton.^m A similar one lies in the south transept of Jesus college chapel in Cambridge, being the grave-stone of one of the nuns of St. Radegund, with this inscription in Lombardic capitals, ⁿ “ *Moribus ornata jacet hic bona Berta Rosata.*” In the church of Tydd St. Giles is a grave-stone with a cross and the following fragment of an inscription, “ *Orate pro anima dni Job'n Fyfnir aie de ppiciet' ame . . .*”^o There is a grave-stone in Landwade church with a cross on it and another in the north aisle of Landbeach: two slabs in the nave of Sawston church with crosses florées, and inscriptions in Lombardic capitals, very much defaced; in one of which the name of Talbot may be traced, and a slab in Litlington church with a cross florée and the following mutilated inscription in Lombardic capitals “ *Roberd: de Sei . t . . . n: gyt: ici pries: pur: lalme: ke: deu: ei: m*” A similar slab is in the nave of Rampton church with this inscription, “ *. . . . Thomas de Huntingfo . . ist ici deu dcl alme eyt merci.*” Under an arch in the north wall of the chancel of Rampton church, is the effigies of a knight in mail and surcoat, with his right hand on the handle of his sword, and a lion at his feet; being the monument of one of the family of de Lisse^p. In the north transept of Iselham church, under an obtuse arch over

^k Esch. 6 Ed. II. n.

¹ Two of these were formerly opened, and in one of them a skeleton was found in a stone coffin, in the other a skeleton laid in gravel without a coffin. See Blomefield's Camb. Collec. p. 199.

^m Figured in Gough's Sep. Mon. vol. i. Introd. pl. iii. fig. 6, 7, 8.

ⁿ Ibid. vol. ii. Introd. pl. xvi. fig. 5.

^o Ibid. pl. xviii. fig. 1. 8. Ibid. vol. i. Introd. pl. iii.

fig. 2.

^p Mr. Cole saw the arms of de Lisse on the shield.

which is a pediment, ornamented with crockets, lies the effigies of a crossed-legged knight in mail and furcoat, with a lion at his feet carved in clunch⁹.

XIVth Century.—In the chancel of Fulbourn church is the grave-stone of William de Fulbourn, who was appointed one of the barons of the exchequer in the year 1328, with the effigies of an ecclesiastic, in a richly ornamented cope, under an elegant canopy, engraved on brass plates with this mutilated inscription round the verge of the stone, “*Hic jacet Dominus Willms de Fulburne quondam canonicus Ecclesiarum Sancti Pauli London mense Augusti anno dñi : miles*”

At his feet are the following lines :

“*Vermibus hic donor, et sic ostendere conor.*”

“*Quod sicut hic ponor, ponitur omnis honor.*”

The monument of John Hotham bishop of Ely, who died anno 1337, consisting of an altar tomb under a canopy with two tiers of arches, stands in the north aisle of the presbytery of Ely cathedral. It was originally placed in the middle of that part of the presbytery which he had built ; and had the effigies of the bishop, and various sculptured decorations, the greater part of which have been destroyed⁷ ; the lower arches and their spandrils are much enriched with sculptured foliage, in the style of that part of the presbytery which this bishop built⁸.

In the middle of the nave of St. Clement's church in Cambridge is the grave-stone of John de Helsingham, mayor of Cambridge, who died in 1329, with a cross (the brass plate of which is gone) and the following inscription in Lombardic capitals, “*Ici gist Youn de Helysingham clerk jadis Meyre de Caynbrigge pur charit pries pur lui qel q p . . . era quarante jours de pardoun avera qi morust la quarte jour de juli le an de grac . . . tre seysnour myl treis cent vinte nevime.*”

In the south aisle of the nave of Westley-Waterless church is a grave-stone with figures of a knight and his lady engraved on brass plates under canopies. The knight is represented in mail and furcoat, with plate armour on the front of his legs and arms, ornamented with lions' heads, he has a long sword and a shield, on which are his arms, on a fess three lozenges vaire ; at his feet is a lion. The lady has a veil and wimple, and is habited in a long loose robe, part of which

⁹ Figured in Gough's Sep. Mon. vol. ii. pl. cv.

⁷ Bentham, 158.

⁸ Ibid. pl. xviii.

¹ Blomefield has the following words in this place, “*. . . me endormie en pais.*” Camb. Collect. p. 59 the words which follow in his book are evidently erroneous ; the mutilated part of the inscription may be thus supplied, “*que l'alme endormie en pais qui pur l'alme priera quarante jours,*” &c.



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GRAVESTONE OF WYDE FULBIRNE IN FULBORN CHURCH.



is tucked up under her left arm, only a fragment of the inscription (“... *lyne sa femme*”) remains. This is commonly supposed to represent sir John de Creke who lived in the reign of king Edward II. and his lady, but the arms are not those of his family. In Trumpington church, under an ogee arch, between the north aisle, and a chapel on the north side of it, is an altar tomb, with a slab of Purbeck marble, on which is the effigies of a crusader, engraved on a brass plate: the arch is much enriched with semi-quatrefoils and foliage; the altar tomb with Gothic niches: the knight is in armour of mail, with the arms of Trumpington* on his shield, and also on the scabbard of his sword. This has been supposed to be the monument of sir Giles de Trumpington, who possessed a manor in Trumpington, in the reign of king Edward the third; but the armour seems rather to correspond with that of the reign of king Edward the first, which makes it more probable that it was intended for sir Roger de Trumpington, who died in the seventeenth year of that king.

In the south aisle of Wood-Ditton church is a grave-stone, with the effigies of Henry English who died in 1383, and Margaret his wife, on brass plates; he is represented in plate armour, mail gorget, and pointed helmet, with a lion at his feet; his lady in a long gown, with a mantle and mittens. In Iselham church is a plain altar tomb, with the effigies of a knight carved in clunch, with curling hair and beard, a diadem round his head, ornamented with jewels, and a rich necklace; he is in plate armour, with a helmet under his head, and a lion at his feet. On the north side of the chancel in Burrough-Green church, are three altar tombs ornamented with shields and quatrefoils, under rich Gothic canopies; in the middle one is the effigies of a lady, in a mantle and gown, the latter buttoned down the front, with a close reticulated head-dress: on the two other tombs are effigies of knights in armour. The style of these monuments agrees with that of the fourteenth century, and it is most probable that they were designed for sir Thomas and sir John de Burgh, lords of this manor, both buried here, and the second wife of the latter, who died in the beginning of the succeeding century; as the head-dress of the lady agrees with that then in use: all these monuments are much mutilated†.

To this century may also be referred, an altar tomb under an ogee arch in Hildersham church, on which are brass plates of a knight and his lady; he is represented in plate armour with a pointed helmet, long sword, strait by his side, and a lion at his feet; she in a long gown and mantle with a veil: on this monument

* *Semée* of crosslets, 2 trumpets with a label of 5. for difference, the same arms are in a north window of the north aisle.

† Gough's *Sep. Mon.* vol. 1. p. 220.

are the arms of Paris. In the chancel of Horfeheath church is a grave-stone of Purbeck marble, with brafs plates of a knight in plate armour, mail gorget, and studded cuiffes², with a pointed helmet and a very long sword: over his head was a canopy and figures of angels holding his crest, the brafs plates of which are gone. Two monuments formerly stood in a small chapel on the south side of Hilderfham church, on one of which was the effigies, carved in wood of a cross-legged knight (fuppofed to be Sir Robert Busteler, temp. Edward II.) on the other that of his lady, also of wood: the chapel has been taken down and these effigies were lying in the belfry, in the year 1805.

XVth Century.—In the chancel of Balsbam church is a large grave-stone of John de Sleaford, master of the wardrobe to king Edward the third, and rector of Balsbam, enriched with brafs plates, containing the effigies of an ecclesiastic, under a rich canopy of three arches; over the middle one is a representation of the Trinity; and of two angels, conveying the soul of the deceased to heaven; at the top are the arms of England and France (semée of fleurs de lys) quarterly; and the same, impaling four lions rampant quarterly, for Heinault, being the arms of Phillippa queen of Edward III. Within the canopy is a shield with the arms of the see of Ely, and a blank space from which another has been taken, which no doubt bore the arms of Sleaford: the cope is ornamented down the sides with figures of fairs³. On a border of brafs running round the stone, with the symbols of the evangelists at the corners, is the following inscription:

- “ Ion Sleaford diēt’ : Rector mūdo q, reliēt’.
 “ Burfa nō Striēt’ : jacet hic s̄b marmor’ piēt’.
 “ Fautor justoz : constās uitor vicioz.
 “ Quē Rex Edward’ : dilexerat ad mala tard’
 “ Gardrobā rexit : illi’ dū bene vixit
 “ Ecctiam struxit : hāc nūq̄m postea luxit
 “ Hec fecit stalla : large fūdēs q, catalla
 “ Canonic’ p’mo : Wellys Ryppon fuit imo
 “ Edwardi festo : decessit sine modesto.
 “ Regis et Angloz : qui detulit acta reoz.
 “ Milleno : quadrigeno quoq, pleno
 “ Huic addēs p’mū : deductū corp’ ad imū

² The armour resembles that on the effigies of sir Philip Pellton in Botton church, Herts, (1361) figured in Gough’s Sep. Mon. vol. 1. pl. xli. p. 113. ³ The figures are those of the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, St. Etheldreda, St. Katharine, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Margaret, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Wilfrid.



...ion sicut dicitur: Nemo enim proficit... *intra uolunt lacet hic sub manu dicit*

...nemus tpe respiciet uultu suo... *hic adde: nunc deum con ad m... *milleno quid iocno quomplano... *neus taluol: quid uultu dicitur***

...fuit in uoc: omnis uita uicior... *Saturuol: uert uir in beuere... *stichon amir: hic inquit puaa hui... *hic fact habia hui: nos q analla***

...omnem inuocant totu uos... *omni inuocant salu omi uiuon*



“ O Clemēs x̄p̄e : Celos precor intr't ut iste
 “ Nil habeat triste : q' p'tulit oibz iste.”

In the fourth aisle of the church of Wisbech St. Peter is a grave-stone with the effigies of Thomas de Braunston, constable of Wisbech castle, who died in the year 1401, engraved on brass plates; he is represented under a rich Gothic canopy, in plate armour and pointed helmet, with a lion at his feet, and an inscription round the verge of the stone. In Haddenham church is the grave-stone of William Noion, rector of that church, and canon of York, Lincoln, and Chichester, who died in 1405. The brass plate on which the figure was engraved is gone, the canopy and inscription remain. In a chapel at the east end of the fourth aisle of Hinkeston church is a large slab of Purbeck marble, with brass plates of a knight in plate armour, with a lion at his feet, and a long sword by his side, between two ladies in long gowns and mantles, each of whom has a little dog at her feet; with this inscription round the verge of the stone, “ *Hic jacent Thomas de Skelton miles quondam Senescallus Jobis Ducis Lancastrie et postmodum Senescallus Dni Henrici noni Regis Anglie quarti Ducatus sui Lancastrie qui obiit V. die Maij Anno Dni Millō CCCXXVI. ac Margareta et Katerina quondā uxores ejus qu*”

In the church of Hatley St. George is a grave-stone with engraved brass plates of St. Baldwin St. George who died in the year 1426; he is represented in plate armour, with a very long sword, and a lion at his feet.

The monument of cardinal Lewis de Luxemburgh, bishop of Ely, who died in 1443; with his effigies on an altar tomb, under a rich canopy of three arches, stands under the last arch, on the south side of the Presbytery of Ely cathedral at the east end, and is at present hid by the altar-piece ^b.

In the fourth transept of Iselham church is a grave-stone with brass plates containing the effigies of sir John Barnard knight, who died in 1451, and his lady, under Gothic canopies. He is represented in plate armour, bare headed, with his helmet under his head, having on it his crest, a bear's head; he has large indented elbow pieces, a long sword, and a bear at his feet. The lady has a reticulated head-dress and veil, a mantle and close boddyce and a dog at her feet ^c.

In the nave of Balsam church is the grave-stone of John Elodwell, an ecclesiastic who died in 1462, with his effigies engraved on brass. He is represented in a rich cope, under a canopy ornamented with figures of saints ^d in niches; round the verge of the stone is the following inscription :

^b It is figured in Bentham's History of Ely Cathedral, p. xix. ^c Engraved in Mr. Gough's Sep. Mon. vol. ii. p. 167. pl. lx. ^d St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. Allaphus Epus, St. Nicholas, St. Bridget, and St. Winifred.

“ *Egregius doct̄or hoc qui sub marmor pausat
 John Blodwell longo tempore cecus erat
 Hic residens vetulus, decor ecclesiæ bonus hospes.
 Cui deus hospiciū sit requiesque dies
 Qui obiit XVI. die menses Aprilis anno domini
 Millmo CCCCLXII^c.*

Under an arch on the south side of the presbytery in Ely cathedral is an embattled altar tomb, with the effigies of a man between his two wives, under a rich Gothic canopy of three arches^f: he is represented in plate armour, and curled hair, with a collar of SS about his neck; under his head is a helmet with his crest, being a bird with erect wings. On the hollow of the helmet is a shield, charged with the arms of Tiptoft, a saltire engrailed; the same arms occur on one of the shoulder pieces and on the breast. The lady on his right hand has a long gown and mantle, and a coronet on her head^g. This monument has been commonly ascribed to John Tiptoft, earl of Worcester, who was beheaded in 1470, and though it is pretty certain that he was not buried here, yet there seems good reason for supposing it to have been intended for a memorial of him and his wives^h.

The grave-stone of William Gray, bishop of Ely, who died in 1478, is between two pillars of the north aisle of the presbytery of Ely cathedral, near Bishop Alcock's chapel robb'd of its brass plates; the flat arch or canopy, ornamented with quatrefoils, figured in Bentham has been removedⁱ. On the north side of the chancel in Iselham church, under a flat arch, enriched with quatrefoils, foliage, &c. is an altar tomb of Purbeck marble, with the effigies of sir Thomas Peyton knt. who died in the year 1484, and his two wives, under elegant Gothic canopies engraved on brass plates. Sir Thomas is represented bare headed in plate armour, with large scalloped elbow pieces, and a long sword across his middle. Both the ladies appear in the gauge head-dress of this century; one of them has a very rich embroidered gown, the other a fur cape and cuffs, the hands of both are held up and spread open in an unusual manner.

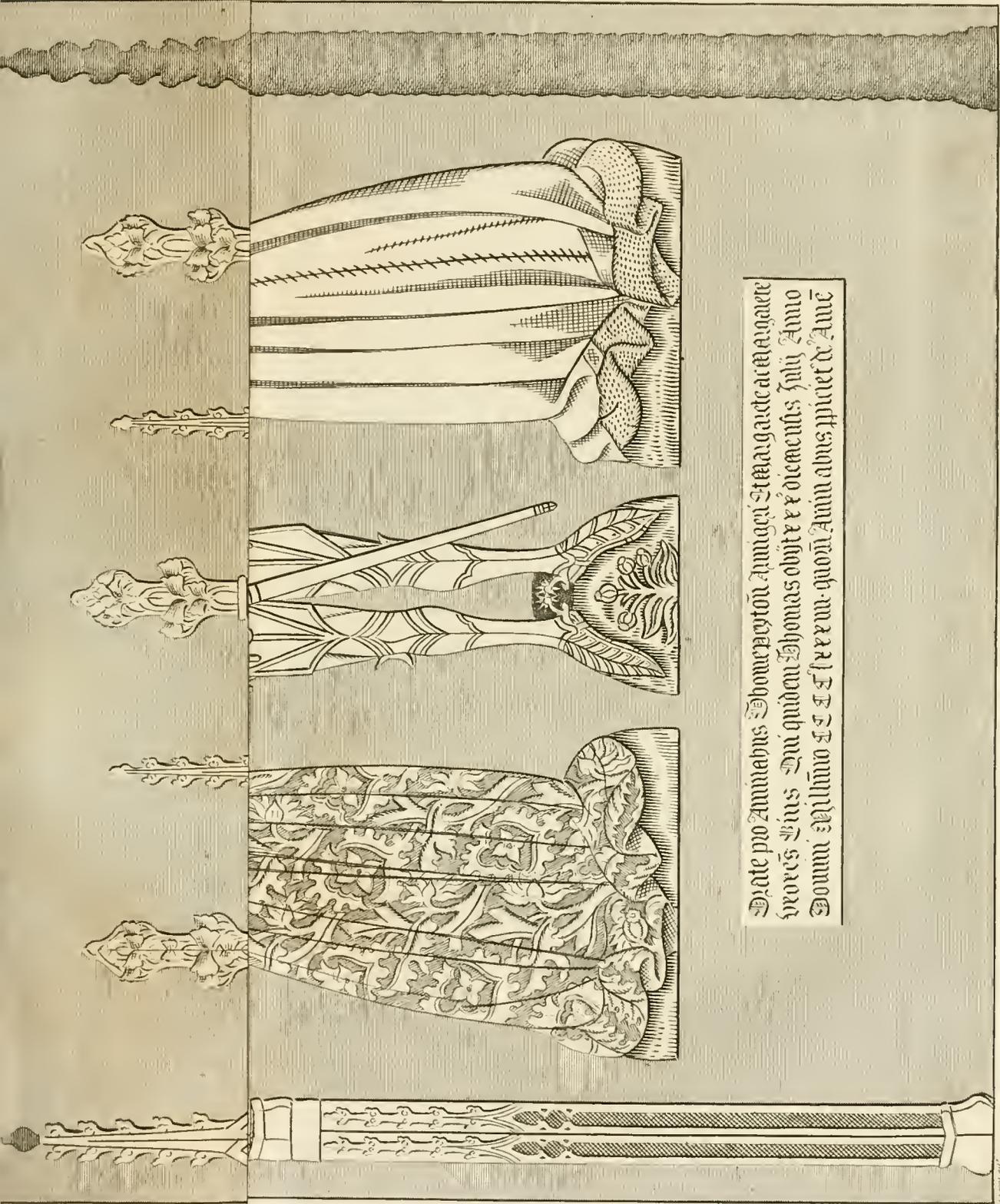
^c This inscription is very inaccurately printed in Blomefield's Collections. Under the figure is another Latin inscription in hexameter and pentameter verses, by which it appears that he was a native of Wales, and studied at Bologna and Rome.

^f A view of this monument is engraved in Bentham's Ely, pl. xxxvii. and a bird's eye view of the figures, in Gough's Sep. Monum. vol. 2. pl. lxxxix.

^g There is also a coronet now on the man's head, but it was placed there when the monument was repaired on the removal of the choir: it does not appear in the plate in Bentham's Hist. of Ely Cathedral.

^h “ Mr. Brook, the late Somers set herald supposed that as the Tiptofts resided chiefly at Burwell castle, the wife or wives of this earl died there and were buried at Ely, that he erected this monument, intending to have been buried there, had not his untimely death prevented it.” See Gough's Sep. Monum. vol. 2. p. 228.

ⁱ pl. xx.



Orate pro Annabes Thomepoyton Annacen Sacerdote ac magistro
 vobis eius Qui quidem Thomas obiit et ordiementis Julij Anno
 Domini millesimo CCCXXVII et in quoniam Annu abus ppiet de Amc

DEANS PLACES ON THE MONUMENT OF THOMAS PETTON KNT. AND HIS WIFE, IN ISLEHAM CHURCH.



Dicit pro Annisibus Thome pettoni Amice et Margarete ac Margarete
 uxores eius Qui quidem Thomas obiit et edicimus July Anno
 Domini millimo cccc lxxviii quoniam Annisibus paret de Ant

A grave-stone of white marble in the chancel of Tadlow church, has the figure of a lady in a long gown and mantle engraved on it; this figure is a good deal defaced, but the following inscription round the edge of the stone is still legible: “ *Hic jacet corpus Margarete Brogorele quondam uxoris magistri Willi Brogorele qui obiit in festo sancti Valentine Mart'is anno dñi mllmo CCCCLXXXIII.* In the chancel of Girton church are two grave-stones, with brass plates, of two rectors of that church in their ecclesiastical habits; one of them, William Malster, died in 1492, the other, William Stevyn, in 1497. In one of the chapels on the north side of King's college chapel, in Cambridge, is the grave-stone of Dr. William Towne, who died in 1496, with his effigies in his doctor's gown, hood, and bonnet.

The monument of John Alcock, bishop of Ely, who died in 1500, is on the north side of the splendid chapel, erected by him at the east end of the north aisle of the presbytery of Ely cathedral. It consists of the mutilated remains of an emaciated figure, on an altar tomb much enriched with tracery, having the bishop's device, a cock several times repeated.

To the fifteenth century may also be referred the several monuments hereafter mentioned, the exact date of which cannot be ascertained, viz. a grave-stone in the chancel of Horseheath church with brass plates, representing a knight in plate armour and mail gorget, with a very long sword; over whose head are mutilated figures of angels holding his crest; there has also been formerly a Gothic canopy, now stripped off. A grave-stone in the chancel of Hildertham church, with brass plates, containing the figure of a knight under a Gothic canopy, bare headed, in plate armour, with a long sword. Another grave-stone in the nave of Balfham church, with brass plates, representing a knight in armour, bare headed, with a long sword and a lion at his feet.

On the north side of the chancel of Fulbourn church, under a flat arch, ornamented with semi-quatrefoils, is the representation of an emaciated corps in stone, lying on a winding sheet, said to have been the monument of John Careway, who was rector of that church about the middle of the fifteenth century. In the chancel of Lolworth church there is a slab of white marble, with the figure of two ladies in the dress of Edward the fourth's reign engraved on it; the inscription round the edge is nearly obliterated, but from the arms it appears to have been designed for some of the family of Langley, who possessed the manor at that time. Two mutilated effigies of a knight and his lady lying on the ground behind the altar in Borough-green church, are probably some of the Ingoldesthorp family, which became possessed of the manor of Borough-green, in the early part of this century.

XVith Century.—In the chapel on the north side of Wimpole church is a grave-stone with a brass plate of a priest in a rich cope, being the effigies of Thomas Worfle, who died in 1501.

In the nave of Trumpington church is a large grave-stone with brass plates of John Burgoyne esq. who died in 1505, and Margaret his wife. He is represented with straight hair, in plate armour, with a surcoat, on which are his arms, a talbot, with a dog at his feet, at the four corners are the symbols of the evangelists.

The monument of Richard Redman, bishop of Ely, who died in 1505, is placed between two pillars, on the north side of the presbytery in Ely cathedral. It consists of an altar tomb, enriched with quatrefoils, with the effigies of the bishop under a Gothic canopy of three arches, highly ornamented with foliage and tracery. In various parts of the monument are shields, with the bishop's arms, the arms of the see of Ely, and symbols of the passion^k.

In the north aisle of March church is a grave-stone, with brass plates, of a man and his wife, and a representation of the annunciation over them; he is figured in armour and surcoat, his lady in gown and mantle, on which are the arms of Southwell. She has the angular head-dress of Henry VIII.'s reign, with this inscription: "*Here lythe Katryn late wyfe to Antony Hansart Sust^r. to S^r. Robard Southwell knyght and councelor to kyng Henry VIII.*" 1507. The grave-stone of Robert Hacomblyn, who was provost of King's college, Cambridge, when the painted glass was put up in the chapel of that college, 18th Henry VIII. is in one of the small chapels on the south side, with his effigies in his doctor's robes, and the symbols of the evangelists on brass plates: the inscription is gone.

In the chapel of Trinity hall in Cambridge, is the grave-stone of Dr. Walter Hewke, master of that hall, who died in the year 1510; the head is lost from the brass plate, on which is engraved his effigies in a rich cope, ornamented with figures of the twelve apostles. The monument of Hugh Ashton, archdeacon of York, who died in the year 1522, is on the north side of the Ante-chapel of the St. John's college, in Cambridge: the effigies of the archdeacon rests on a table, supported by marble pillars, under which is an emaciated figure lying on a winding sheet; over these is a flat arch, richly ornamented, in each spandril of which appears his rebus or device, an ash issuing from a tun. On the north side of the chancel in Milton church is an altar tomb, with a slab of Purbeck marble, on which are brass plates, with the effigies of Wm. Coke, one of the justices of the common pleas, in his robes, and his lady; under which are

^k This monument is figured in Bentham's Ely, pl. xxii.

two sons and three daughters : round the slab is an inscription, from which it appears, that the monument was erected by Alice, the wife, to the memory of her husband, who died in 1553; at the corners are the symbols of the evangelists. In the south aisle of the presbytery of Ely cathedral, is the grave-stone of Thomas Goodrich, bishop of Ely and lord chancellor, who died in 1554, with his effigies engraven on brass, holding a book in his right hand, with the great seal pendent from it.

Monastic Remains.

THERE are considerable remains of the rich monastery at Ely, besides those already described. The refectory of the convent has been converted into the deanery; adjoining to this are several others of the monastic buildings, now converted into dwelling houses. In the deanery garden, on the south side of the cathedral, are the remains of the ancient chapter-house, which was a square building of plain Saxon architecture¹. The large western gate of the monastery house remains entire, which was not finished at the time of the death of Prior Buckton in 1393^m. Of Thorney abbey nothing at present exists except part of the nave of the church. Besides the remains of the church of Denny abbey before noticed, there is a building near it, which appears to have been the refectory of the convent, at present used as a barn: it is about 85 feet long, and 21 feet wide. A few walls of Swavesey abbey, including a pointed door-way, are to be seen nearly adjoining the church on the north side. There are some remains of Anglesey priory, in the back part of a mansion house, which has been erected on its site, apparently not more ancient than the reign of Elizabeth; the most remarkable of these remains consist of a kind of undercroft 36 feet by 22, with a groined roof supported by clustered pillars, now divided into two rooms; and a row of arches, supported by brackets, against a wall on the outside of the building.

Some part of Barham priory remains, in the mansion house which now occupies its site; the monastic form is still to be traced in the hall, the cloisters, and the chapel; some ancient windows appear at the back of the house, which from their form do not seem to be much earlier than the reformation. The church and cloister of the Benedictine nunnery of St. Radegund at Cambridge, (now Jesus college chapel) is the only remaining part of that monastery.

¹ See plan and section of it in Bentham's Ely, pl. 1. fig. 2. and 3. fig. 2. where is a plan and section.

^m Ibid. p. 222. and pl. 1.

Some vaults neatly groined under a farm-house, at Swaffham-Bulbec, are the only remains of the nunnery there. Of Barnwell priory some buildings still exist, and serve for various purposes of a farm; the church is still used for divine service. The ancient hospital near Whittlesford bridge is now converted into a public-house: the chapel, which is 61 feet 9 inches long, and 16 wide, serves for a barn; it is in the style of the fifteenth century; a large room in the house, now used as a kitchen, has beams much enriched with carved foliage, on one of them is a shield of the form used in the latter end of the fifteenth century, charged with a cinquefoil between three mullets, and the initials I. G. formed of a dragon and a bolt.

Castles and Sites of Castles.

THE castle at Cambridge was originally built by William the Conqueror, on the site of the Roman station, but of this Norman edifice no part now remains; there is a gate-way built in the reign of Edward III. a fine piece of masonry, now used as a prison; the lofty mount was probably a British work: a similar mount and some other earth-works shew the site of the castle at Ely. There are some remains of a castle in Cheveley park, which seems to have been nearly square, surrounded with a deep ditch; a small fragment of wall built with flints is standing, in which is a fire-place formed of pantiles. In a close, a small distance from the west end of the church at Burwell, is an oblong mount, 80 paces long and 50 wide, at the north-east corner of which stands a fragment of the wall of the castle, about 15 feet high, built of clunch: this castle was surrounded by a moat now dry. There were formerly Norman castles at Bourn and Campes, of which only some earth-works now exist, and at Wisbech, of which no traces remain. There are some old entrenchments at Swavesey, called the castle, probably remains of the mansion house of the Zouches. Walter de Bassingbourn had the royal licence in 1265, to convert his mansion house into a castle, and the manor is still called the castle manor; but of this castle there are no remains.

Ancient Mansion Houses.

GREAT Barham hall, (formerly a monastic building,) apparently not much older than the reign of Henry VIII. has been modernized, but retains some of its original windows. A large mansion house, now converted into a farm-house, with large transom windows, stands on the site of Anglesey abbey. Some parts of the manor-

house at Childerley, an ancient seat of the Cutts's, now divided into two farm-houses, appears to be as ancient as the reign of king Henry VIII. : there is one room in it very richly ornamented with paintings of flowers and arabesque ornaments. At Downham in the isle, are some remains of the ancient bishop's palace, a brick building, with a door-way of stone, the arch of which is richly ornamented with crockets, and the arms of the see of Ely, and of bishop Alcock; the window frames are also of stone, and appear to be of the time of Henry VIII. Some parts of the ancient manor-house at Landwade, the seat of the Cottons, which still remain, surrounded by a moat, seem as ancient as the beginning of the sixteenth century, other parts are more modern, with large transom windows. Madingley, the seat of sir Charles Cotton, appears, from what remains of the original edifice, to have been built in the reign of king Henry VIII. : it is of brick, with window frames and various ornaments and devices in stone; on the bow window, on the east side of the house, on six compartments surrounded with Gothic tracery, are the arms of England, with the lion and dragon as supporters; the rose and crown, with the initials R. H.; the plume of feathers, with P. E.; the arms of Hinde, with the initials J. H. (John Hinde) are also on several parts of the building. Sawston hall, a large quadrangular building, erected in the reign of queen Mary, by sir John Huddleston, retains a good deal of its original appearance externally, and also internally in the hall and a long gallery at the top of the house.

Crosses.

THERE is preserved at the west end of the north aisle of the nave of Ely cathedral, the base and part of the shaft of an ancient cross, which formerly stood at Haddenham, in the isle of Ely, with this inscription in Saxon capitals on the base "*Lucem tuam Ovino da deus et requiē amen.*" Ovinus was steward to St. Etheldreda, and died about the year 680. At Stretham in the highway near the church, stands an elegant Gothic cross, on an octagonal base, ornamented with quatrefoils, at the top are four niches with pedestals for images.

Camps and Earth Works.

ON the highest part of Gogmagog hills there is a large camp called Vandlebury; it is circular, and at present consists of a lofty vallum, and a ditch: it had formerly two other ditches, which were levelled for lord Godolphin's gardens and plantations^a. This camp commands a very extensive view, in every direction; it

^a Mafon's MSS.

appears to have been occupied by the Romans, from the coins which have been found there; but was most probably a British work. At Kings-hedges in the parish of Chesterton, are remains of a camp called Arbury, which was circular and contained about four acres^b; a considerable part of the vallum has been levelled, where it remains the ditch is not deep. In Willingham field, on the edge of the fen, about half of a circular entrenchment remains, which, when entire, contained about six acres; it consists of a high vallum and a ditch, and is situated near the end of Aldreth causeway, leading across the fens towards Ely: this entrenchment is known by the name of Belsar's hills, and is supposed to have been thrown up by William the Conqueror, when he besieged the isle of Ely; it seems, nevertheless, more probable, from the resemblance it bears to the two works already noticed, of Vandlebury and Arbury, that it was originally a British work, afterwards occupied by the Conqueror, who probably threw up some additional works: it must at all times have been a very important station, as commanding the pass into the isle of Ely. Some of the earth works round the sites of the castles at Camps and Bourn, are supposed to be the remains of British camps^c.

Some of the earth-works, surrounding the castle at Cambridge, are unquestionably Roman; the large mount was probably British, as well as that within the site of the castle at Ely. In the parish of Great Shelford, on the north side of the village, is a camp called Granhams, apparently Roman, being a parallelogram of about 400 paces long, and 150 wide, with an additional work extending to a considerable distance from the north end of it: the vallum is in no part high, and much of it is destroyed on the south and west sides: the ditch is deep, and full of water. Another Roman earth-work in Cambridgeshire, is the large bank which extends through the parishes of Elme, Wisbech, Newton, and Tydd St. Giles, and from thence into Lincolnshire; thrown up for the purpose of draining the fens.

The most remarkable earth-works in Cambridgeshire, are the ditches, which extended from the woods, on the east side of the county, to the fens; the most entire of them is called the *Devil's Ditch*, and extends from Wood-Ditton (*i. e.* Ditch-Town) to Reach in the parish of Burwell; it runs nearly in a straight line for seven miles, crossing the London road, at the distance of a mile and a half from Newmarket: it is no where so perfect as for the space of about a mile, beginning at Reach; the works here consist of a deep ditch, with an elevated vallum, the slope of which measures 52 feet on the west, and 26 feet on the east side: the whole of the works are about 100 feet in width. There is another ditch called *Ileamyke*, running parallel to it, at the distance of seven miles; and extending

^b Mason's MSS.^c *Ibid.*

from the Woodlands at Balsham, to the fens at Fen-Ditton, a distance of twelve miles. A considerable part of this ditch has been levelled, but it still remains very entire between Great Wilbraham and Balsham, where it serves as a boundary to the hundred which takes its name from it, and where the works resemble those of the Devil's Ditch, but are not quite so large. "There is a third ditch, about a mile south of Bourn bridge, lying upon declining ground between Abingdon wood and Pampisworth, pointing towards Cambridge: towards the middle it has been filled up, for the Ikeneld way to pass over it, which shews it to be older than the road; it is very large and deep, but has no bank on either side: this ditch, like the two others, extends from the woods to flat soft land^d." Brant or Brent ditch is a slighter work of this kind, "which proceeds from Heydon in Essex, pointing nearly to Barrington; continuing over part of Foulmire field, till it ends in a piece of boggy ground^e."

Various conjectures have been formed respecting the origin of these ditches, which was unquestionably very remote. The Devil's Ditch at present serves for the boundary between the dioceses of Norfolk and Ely, and some have supposed all these ditches were originally intended for boundaries of tribes or kingdoms; but from the strength of the works, which was much more than would have been necessary for a mere boundary, the better opinion seems to be, that they were formed for purposes of defence, by the people inhabiting the country between them and the sea: the ditch being on the opposite side from the sea. "The situation of the Devil's Ditch and Fleamdyke were extremely well chosen, and would have secured the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk from incursions from the midland counties^f."

Miscellaneous Antiquities.

In the year 1634, three silver plates were discovered by a labourer at plough, in the parish of Sutton in the isle of Ely; one of them, which was circular, had a Dano-Saxon inscription round it, which has been variously interpreted^g: there is an engraving of it, and an account of the discovery, in Hickes's *Thesaurus*, vol. 3. p. 187^h; several large gold rings were found at the same time, and a hundred silver coins of William the Conqueror. In 1757, several human skeletons, an iron sword, spear, and *umbo* of a shield, with an earthen urn and glass vase, were found at Chatteris, in a kind of tumulus, near Somersham ferryⁱ. A stone coffin was

^d Mason's MSS.

^e *Ibid.*

^f *Ibid.*

^g Gough's *Camden*, vol. 2, p. 140.

^h Also in Gough's *Camden*, vol. 2. pl. 2. fig. 7.

ⁱ *Gent.'s Mag.* for 1776, p. 119.

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found in a tumulus between Haslingfield and Comberton ; and several human skeletons in one on Gogmagog hills in 1778 ^k.

PAROCHIAL TOPOGRAPHY.

THERE is no general history of this county, excepting a very scanty and incorrect work, published in 1753, in one volume 8vo. by Edmund Carter, a schoolmaster of Cambridge. It has very little intrinsic value, but, from its rarity, bears a high price ; almost the only use we have been able to make of it, is that we have in a few instances quoted it, as supplying where other evidence has been wanting, the names of the proprietors of the principal seat or manor in any parish when that work was published. Francis Blomefield, the Norfolk antiquary, published, in the year 1751, Collections relating to the University and Town of Cambridge, and several Parishes in the County. Mr Blomefield's unpublished collections are in the possession of Richard Gough, Esq. The collections consist principally of church notes, and such matters as relate to the ecclesiastical history of the several parishes. The most original works relating to the university of Cambridge, are Parker's *Σκελετος* Cantabrigiensis, printed in Leland's Collectanea, and Dr. Fuller's History of the University, annexed to his Church History : these are the foundation of all later histories of the university ; Carter's is, indeed, for the most part, a translation of Parker's *Σκελετος* Cantabrigiensis. The history of Corpus Christi, or Bene't college, has been treated of at large, and published by the late Rev. Robert Masters, rector of Landbeach. An account of King's college chapel, written by the late Dr. James, when an undergraduate, was published in 1769 under the name of Henry Malden, the chapel clerk. The Rev. Thomas Baker, B. D. left a MS. history of St. John's college ^l, and various MSS. collections relating to the University and County ^m : and there are collections relative to some of the other colleges in MS. preserved in their respective libraries. A few copies of an account of Pythagoras's school in Cambridge, by the late Rev. Joseph Kilner, formerly a fellow of Merton

^k Gough's Camden, vol. 2. p. 137, 138.
^m A catalogue of Mr. Baker's MSS. Collections, part of which are in the British Museum.

^l In the Harleian Collection at the British Museum, and part in the University Library at Cambridge, is printed at the end of his life, published by the Rev. Robert Masters, in 1784.

college in Oxford, were printed, but never published. The late Mr. Bentham published an elaborate history of the monastery and cathedral of Ely. Two short tracts on the architecture of this cathedral have been published by the Rev. John Haggitt, and the Rev. George Millers, and the latter has lately been republished with additions.

An account of the parish of Waterbeach was printed in 1795, (but never published) by Mr. Masters, who had been some time vicar. The most important MSS. collections for Cambridgeshire, are those of Mr. Layer, who was lord of the manor of Shepreth, in the reign of Charles I. A volume of these collections is among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum^a: it relates to the hundreds of Armingford, Long-Stow, Papworth, North-Stow, Chesterton, Wetherley, and Triplow, containing, besides church notes, &c. a very satisfactory detail of the descent of the principal landed property in each parish, down to his own time, collected with great care from the most authentic sources, and, in many instances, from records which either do not now exist, or are not easily accessible. Mr Cole obtained possession of Layer's notes for a few parishes in other hundreds, copies of which are to be found in his own extensive collections hereafter mentioned. In the following brief parochial account, we have amply availed ourselves of Layer's collections, in the hundreds of which they treat, as will be seen by our references, interspersing such additional information as we have procured from public records, and from two valuable MSS. volumes, obligingly lent us by Marmaduke Dayrell, Esq. of Shudy-Camps: these volumes, duplicates of which are in Trinity college library, contain, besides a transcript of the hundred rolls in the Tower^b, copies of the *Nomina Villarum*, and the escheat rolls for Cambridgeshire: they are the more valuable, because the original of the *Nomina Villarum*, which was in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's office, has been lost more than fifty years; and the escheat rolls are not at present in such a state of arrangement as to be accessible. The contents of these rolls have supplied additional information in many instances where Mr. Layer's collections have appeared deficient, and in those parishes of which he has not treated, have afforded still more essential service.

Whatever we could obtain from records, we have availed ourselves of; where we

^a The Earl of Hardwicke has a copy of this volume in his valuable library at Wimpole.

^b The hundred rolls which remain among the records in the Tower, are those for the counties of Cambridge, and Huntingdon, Oxford, and Lincoln: they consist of inquisitions taken by Commissioners appointed for each county in the reign of king Edward I. and contain the particulars of the several manors in each parish, the names of the proprietors and tenants, the tenures, customs, services, &c. and in some instances the boundaries of the commons, and free warrens.

have not had an opportunity of access to the originals, we have quoted such abstracts as are to be found in public libraries. The abstracts of the inquisitions, *post mortem*, among the records of chancery, made by Mr. Thomas Cole, and now deposited in the British Museum, will be found frequently quoted under the name of Cole's escheats. The extensive collections relating to Cambridgeshire, by the Rev. William Cole, in the same valuable repository, have been looked over, and are occasionally, but not very frequently referred to; as we have preferred quoting the originals of the very numerous records and other MSS. which he had copied with such indefatigable industry. The more modern part of our account of the respective parishes has been collected from personal observation and inquiry, aided by various information respecting local circumstances, communicated by the clergy, and other obliging correspondents.

In our brief accounts of the several colleges in Cambridge, we have taken the history of their foundation, &c. from Parker and Fuller, their constitution and present state, from the last edition of the University Calendar; and, in most instances, either the master or some intelligent person in each college, has kindly undertaken to revise and correct them.

GREAT-ABINGTON, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies about two miles west of Linton, and about eight miles to the south-east of Cambridge. It had formerly a market on Fridays, granted^a in or about 1256 to the earl of Oxford, with a fair on the festival of St. Lawrence, both discontinued beyond the memory of man.

The manor, which, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, had belonged to Wulwin, a noble Saxon, was given by the Conqueror to Aubrey de Vere, whose descendants continued to enjoy it, until the reign of queen Elizabeth, when it was sold by Edward Vere, earl of Oxford. Having been previously in the families of Bennet and Western^o, it was purchased of the latter about the year 1775, by Mr. Pearson, a merchant of Riga, by whom it was conveyed, in 1800, to John Mortlock, Esq. the present proprietor. This manor is stated in the hundred roll, anno 2, Edward I.^p, to have had the right of free warren, the power of life and death, &c.: the boundaries of the warren are there described. Abington Lodge, in this parish, belonged formerly to the family of Younghusband, from whom it passed by

^a Cart. 41 Hen. III.

^o Maximilian Western, Esq. was sheriff of the county in 1716.

^p Among the records in the Tower.

marriage to sir William Jerningham, it is now the property and residence of Mrs. Holt, widow of Thomas Holt esq.

Mr. Mortlock is patron of the vicarage and impropriator; the great tithes belonged formerly to the priory of Hatfield. This parish has been inclosed under an act of parliament, (passed in 1801,) by which an allotment was assigned, in lieu of all tithes to the impropriator, who was to compensate the vicar by a corn rent. In the church is a monument for sir William Halton knt. who died in 1639.

LITTLE-ABINGTON adjoins the last mentioned parish, and lies in the same hundred and deanery. The manor was given by John de Vaux, in or about the reign of king Edward I. to sir Roger de Tuddenham, whose family held it some time under that of Vaux. It was afterwards successively in the families of Bustler and Paris¹; it is now the property of John Mortlock esq. The church of Little Abington was given by Stephen earl of Britanny, to the monastery of St. Mary in York²; but it seems to have passed again into lay hands; for it appears, that John de Vaux having reserved it when he alienated the manor, his daughter Petronilla de Nereford gave it to the prior and convent of Pentney, in Norfolk, to whom it was appropriated. The impropriation has been many years vested in the family of Perne, who have resided in the rectory house³; the present impropriator is the Rev. Andrew Perne, who is patron and incumbent of the vicarage. In 1801, an act of parliament passed for inclosing this parish, under which allotments were assigned in lieu of the rectorial and vicarial tithes.

ABINGTON IN THE CLAY, called also *Abington-Pigotts*, and *Abington juxta Shengay*, lies in the hundred of Armingford and deanery of Shengay, four miles west of Royston, and eleven miles nearly south of Cambridge. It had formerly a market on Fridays, granted to the Bassingbourns, in or about the year 1335⁴. About the middle of the 13th century, the manor belonged to a family who took their name from the village⁵: it was sold by them to the Bassingbourns about the year 1314⁶: about the year 1379, it passed by purchase to sir John Pecche, alderman of London⁷, and was inherited by his son, sir William: about 1427 it became the property of the Pigotts, who for many generations possessed the manor, and had their chief seat in this village. They removed to Bassingbourn about the middle of the last century, but continued to be lords of this manor till the death of the late Granado Pigott esq. in 1802; his daughter and only surviving child, (his only son having received his death's wound in Flanders, in the campaign of 1794⁸;) married the

¹ Escheat Roll. ² Dugdale's Monasticon, I. 391. ³ Chester Perne esq. of Little Abington, was sheriff of the county in 1740. ⁴ Cart. 9 Edward III. ⁵ Layer's MSS. ⁶ Ibid.
⁷ Ibid. ⁸ See the epitaph on the next page.

Rev. William Foster, (now Foster Pigott) one of the fellows of Eton college, who, in right of his wife, is proprietor of this manor, and patron of the rectory. The manor of Moynes, which took its name from a family who formerly possessed it^z, came into the possession of the Pigotts in the reign of Henry VI. and descended with the other manor. The manors of Allens^a and Grendons, so called from their several proprietors, were united to the principal manor in the reigns of Henry the VIIth. and VIIIth. as was in the latter reign the manor of Downhall, anciently held by the service of holding the king's stirrup when he mounted his horse at Cambridge castle^b. Almost the whole landed property in the parish is now vested in Mr. Foster Pigott. In the parish church are several memorials of the Pigott family^c.

This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of parliament passed in 1770; the lands were not exonerated from tithes.

ARRINGTON in the hundred of Wetherley and deanery of Barton, is situated on the Erming-Street, about seven miles north-west of Royston, and nine miles south-west of Cambridge. The manor, which had belonged to Aluric, a noble Saxon, was given by the Conqueror to Roger de Montgomery, earl of Shrewsbury; the paramount manor was afterwards successively in the earls of Gloucester, the Staffords, and Mortimers. In the 9th year of K. Edward II. there were four inferior manors held by the prior of St. John of Jerusalem, Robert le Poges, Ralph de Paxton, and John de Wanton. The first was given to the Knights-Hospitallers about the year 1258, by Sybilla de Deveney, and granted, after the dissolution of monasteries, to the family of Long. The other three must have been Overhall, Netherhall, and Goldinghams, (the latter having been afterwards so called from a family who possessed it in the reign of Edward III.). They seem to have been formed out of one manor, which had been anciently in the Peverells, and had been divided among the co-heirs of Matilda de Dyve in the reign of Henry III. Netherhall was afterwards in the family of St. Andrew^d. The whole landed property of the parish be-

^z Laver's MSS.

^a The Grendons had a manor in Abington, 38 Edw. III.

The Allens in the reign of Henry VI. Laver's MSS.

^b Escheat

^c The monument of the late Granado Pigott esq. has the following epitaph—"S. H. M. Cum uxore tandem optimâ Mariâ, unicâ Ricardi Symes de Bexley in comitatu Cantix armigeri filiâ, Granado Pigott, hujusce villæ dominus, conquiescit. Hæc ob. 19^{mo} Aprilis A. D. 1773, æt. 42, Ille ob. 18^{vo} Septembris A. D. 1802, æt. 71. E. duobus liberis, Alter, Granado, spes domus antiquissimæ, Inchix apud Belgas gloriosam pro patriâ mortem oppetivit: scilicet gravi vulnere inter hostes vi suâ dissipatos excepto, 26^{vo} Aprilis, 15^{to} Maii, A. D. 1794, æt. 29^o obiit; ac in Castris Tournais, uti militem decuit sepultus est. Sola superstes Maria Gul^o Foster Pigott S. T. P. Etonensi nupto cum parentum optimorum tum Fratris charissimi memor, H. T. P. C.

^d Esch. Edward I.

longs now to the earl of Hardwicke, having passed from the Chicheley family by the same title as Wimpole. The Chicheleys appear to have been possessed of Goldinghams, in Arrington, as early as the year 1559; they had Overhall and Netherhall before the year 1500^c. The great tithes which were appropriated to the priory of Iklington, are now vested in the master and scholars of Trinity college in Cambridge, who are patrons of the vicarage.

ASHLEY is a small village, on the borders of Suffolk, three miles south-east of Newmarket; it is situated in the hundred of Cheveley, and deanery of Fordham, (being within the diocese of Norwich).

The manor seems to have been given by some of the Vere family, (who possessed it as early as the time of the Norman survey,) to the Knights-Hospitallers; it was granted in 1540, as late parcel of their possessions, to sir Edward North^f, whose descendant, the earl of Guildford, is the present proprietor. The patronage of the rectory, which continued in the Veres, was purchased by sir Edward North, of John Vere earl of Oxford^g, and has descended with the manor: the church has been many years dilapidated. The rectory is united to the neighbouring vicarage of Silverley, which was in ancient times deemed a distinct parish, but is now in every respect consolidated with Ashley. There is only one house in Silverley; the church, of which the tower remains, has been long dilapidated; divine service is performed in a chapel on Ashley green. The manor of Silverley was held under the Veres, by the family of Arfick, in the reign of Edward I.^h; it was granted with Ashley to sir Edward North, and is now the property of the earl of Guildford, who is improPRIATOR of the great tithes, and patron of the united benefice of Ashley *cum* Silverley.

BABURHAM OR BABRAHAMⁱ, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies about four miles north-west of Linton, and about six south-west of Cambridge. It had formerly a market on Mondays, granted in or about the year 1335, to John duke of Brittany, and not long afterwards confirmed to John of Gaunt. Babraham was one of the manors of Algar, earl of Mercia: when the survey of Domesday was taken, Alan earl of Brittany had the principal estate, his successors in the title either as earls or dukes, long continued to possess the paramount manor: there were several subordinate manors. The family of Hamelyn had a manor which was

^c Escheat Rolls. ^f Record in the Augmentation Office. ^g Cotton MSS. Nero, c. ix. No. 7.

^h Hundred Roll.

Badburham

ⁱ Now most usually written Babraham, in ancient records Badburgham &

held by two co-heiresses in the reign of king Edward III. and seems to have been the same, which, in the succeeding reign, was given by sir John Knevet and others to the minorettes of Brusyard, in Suffolk^h. The Cifrewasts held a manor under this abbey, which appears to have been the same that by the name of Mompillers, was in the family of Denton, about the year 1515. Before the year 1593, sir Horatio Palavicini, became possessed of the whole manerial property of the parish, consisting of the manors of Baburham, Brusyards, the manor of the rectory which had been given to the monks of Waltham, by Geffery de Scales; the manors of Mompillers, Willinghams, Beveridges, Tuckleys, or Taples, and Bluntsⁱ. Willinghams, Beveridges, and Taples, had been in the reign of Edward VI. in the family of Lokton; and Brusyards and Mompillers, had in the succeeding reign, been in the possession of the family of Chapmanⁱ. The family of Taylor appear to have possessed the Babraham estate in the early part of queen Elizabeth's reign.

Palavicini, who was a Genoese, is said to have been employed in this kingdom by the pope, in the reign of queen Mary, as collector of his dues; and the tradition is, that, on the accession of Elizabeth, taking advantage of the protection which the great change of affairs ensuing thereupon afforded him, he converted the money to his own use, and settled himself in this country^m. Carter, who published a concise history of Cambridgeshire in 1753, has metamorphosed him into a cardinal, and calls him the pope's legate. It is certain, that he was in great favour with queen Elizabeth, that he was naturalized by patent in 1586ⁿ, that he commanded one of the English men of war in the great battle with the Spanish Armada in 1588, and that he was employed by the queen in her negotiations with the German princes^o. The precise time of his settling at Babraham is not known, his eldest son, Toby, was born there, in 1593; sir Horatio died at Babraham on the 6th of

^h Escheat Rolls.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Gough's Camden, II. 139.

^l Escheat Rolls.

^m This is alluded to in a satirical epitaph printed in Lord Orford's anecdotes of painting, from a MS. in the possession of Sir John Crewe of Utkinton, in Cheshire:—

“ Here lies Horatio Palavazene,
 Who robb'd the Pope to lend the Queene:
 He was a thiefe; A thiefe? thou lyest,
 For whie? he robb'd but Anti-Christ.—
 Him Death with besome swept from Babram
 Into the bosome of old Abraham;
 But then came Hercules with his club,
 And struck him down to Belzebub.”

ⁿ See Gough's Camden, II. 139.

^o Ibid.

July 1600, and on the 7th of July in the following year, his widow was married to sir Oliver Cromwell: some time afterwards, two of sir Horatio's sons, married on the same day, two daughters of sir Oliver Cromwell. Sir Toby Palavicini, the eldest son, having squandered his inheritance, sold Babraham, which either immediately or soon afterwards, passed to the Bennets. Thomas Bennet of Babraham, (son of Thomas Bennet, alderman of London, who is supposed to have purchased this estate of sir Toby Palavicini) was created a baronet in 1660. After the death of sir Levinus Bennet, the third baronet, Babraham devolved to Edward Alexander, who married Levina one of his co-heiresses. Mr. Alexander took the name of Bennet by act of parliament in 1742, and died in 1745. His grandson, Richard Henry Alexander Bennet esq. sold this estate in 1765: after an intermediate purchase it became the property of Robert Jones esq. whose daughter and only child married Colonel (afterwards General) Adeane, father of Robert Jones Adeane, esq. the present proprietor.

Babraham House, which was a large building, is said by Mr. Cole to have resembled Crewe Hall in Cheshire: it was erected in 1576 by the Taylor family, and improved by sir Horatio Palavicini, whose arms were over the chimney-piece in one of the principal rooms.

In the church are some monuments of the Bennets, two brothers of which family, successively baronets, sir Richard, who died in 1658, and sir Thomas, who died in 1667, married daughters and co-heirs of sir Levinus Munck.

Levinus Bush esq. by his will, bearing date 1722, devised an estate at Babraham, consisting of a portion of the manor to his aunt, Mrs. Judith Bennet, on condition that she should give 1000l. at her death to charitable uses. Mrs. J. Bennet by her will, bearing date 1723, after noticing this legacy, and a legacy of the same amount bequeathed to her by the will of her brother, James Bush, then living, for the purpose of building and endowing a free school and alms-house, gives a further sum of 1000l. to charitable uses, and directs that 500l. shall be expended in building a school and an alms-house for six poor widows or old maids; that 25l. per annum should be charged on her estates for the purpose of apprenticing children, and 100l. per annum for the support of the school and alms-house^p. In consequence of Mr. Bush having died before Mrs. Bennet, his legacy of 1000l. became void, and the income of the school and alms-houses was reduced to 50l. by a decree of the Lord Chancellor in 1733. The affairs of the charity having been negligently managed, and considerable arrears in-

^p 20l. per annum for the master, 30l. per annum for the alms-women, besides 12l. per annum for clothes, and 12l. per annum for firing, the remaining 28l. per annum to form a further fund for apprenticing and clothing children.

curred, proceedings were from time to time instituted in the Court of Chancery. Trustees were appointed, the arrears ordered to be laid out in stock, and the application of the dividends regulated by decrees and orders bearing date 1757, 1762, and 1793. The whole of the funds of the charity having amounted to 1352l. 16s. 4d. Old South-sea Annuities; the master now receives a salary of 20l. per annum, which is as much, and the alms people 3s. a week each, which is rather more than Mrs. Bennet had provided for by her own legacy. The sum of 25l. for apprenticing children remains unaltered. The present trustees are Benjamin Keene esq. R. G. Townley esq. and the Rev. E. Fisher.

The great tithes of this parish were formerly appropriated to Waltham Abbey, they are now the property of Mr. Adeane who is patron of the vicarage.

Two remarkable floods are recorded to have happened in this village (in 1655 and 1749)⁹.

BALSHAM, in the hundred of Radfield and deanery of Camps, lies about three miles north of Linton, and about 10 miles east of Cambridge. There was formerly a market at this place on Mondays, granted to the bishop of Ely in or about the year 1244, together with a fair for three days at the festival of the Holy Trinity^r. By a subsequent charter in the reign of Edward II. the market-day was altered to Wednesday^s; the market and fair have long been discontinued, but the annual feast or wake is kept for three successive days, beginning on the 6th of July.

The manor of Balsham was given to the church of Ely by Leofleda, daughter of Duke Brithnoth and wife of Ofwy: after the foundation of the see of Ely, this was one of the manors assigned to the bishop, and it continued annexed to the see till the year 1600, when having been alienated by bishop Heton in an exchange with the Crown^t, it was procured by Mr. Thomas Sutton, the munificent founder of the charter-house, (who, for some years before, had been an inhabitant of this parish) and was by him, together with the advowson of the rectory, made part of the endowment of his noble institution, in the governors of which it still continues to be vested.

The manor of Oxcroft in this parish and West-Wratting, was successively during the 13th and 14th centuries in the families of Bassett, Despencer, and Aspale^u, at a later period in the families of Lawrence^v and Heneage^x. It is now the property of Lord Francis Osborne who purchased it of earl Grosvenor.

⁹ Carter, 119. ^r Cart. 29 Hen. III. ^s Cart. 12 Edward II. ^t Bentham's Ely, 196. ^u See Esch. 56 Hen. III. and Esch. 5 and 29 Edw. III. It was granted to sir John Aspale on the attainder of Hugh le Despencer—Escheat roll. ^v Esch. temp. Eliz. ^x Esch. temp. Car. I.

The parish church was rebuilt by John de Sleaford, master of the wardrobe to king Edward III. and rector of Balsham, who died in 1401. The oak stalls which still remain in the chancel, were erected also at his expence. Both his tomb and that of John Blodwell, a succeeding rector and dean of St. Asaph, who died in 1462, are very richly ornamented with brass plates¹. The parish of Balsham has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1801, when an allotment of land was made to the rector in lieu of tithes.

Balsham is recorded in history as the place where the Danes committed great barbarities in the year 1010². Gogmagog hills, which are situated partly in this parish, are called by Henry of Huntingdon, the pleasant hills of Balsham.

BARRINGTON, in the hundred of Wetherley and deanery of Barton, lies about seven miles south-west of Cambridge, and about the same distance north of Royston. It had formerly a market on Mondays, granted in the year 1335 to Thomas de Hesterton³, together with a fair for three days at the festival of St. Margaret. The survey of Domesday mentions only two manors in Barrington, one of which had belonged from old time to the abbess and convent of Chatteris; the other to Robert Gernon ancestor of the Cavendishes. The former, which acquired the name of the manor of Chatteris, was afterwards augmented by a fourth part of the lay manor given by Robert Westbury. Soon after the conquest, this lay manor became vested in the Montfichets, and formed part of the barony of that name; Richard de Montfichet, who died about the year 1268, left a son who died without issue, and two daughters, Margaret married to sir Hugh de Bolebec, and Philippa, the wife of sir Hugh de Playz. Sir Hugh de Bolebec left four daughters, co-heiresses, the elder of whom married sir Roger de Lancaster. The whole of Bolebec's moiety, (the other co-heiresses dying without issue) passed to sir John Lancaster, son of sir Roger, excepting one fourth part, the share of Matilda, the youngest daughter, which passed by successive sales to Robert Burnell, bishop of Bath and Wells, and the Barringtons, and from them descended to the Hestertons. In or about 1326, sir John de Lancaster and his wife Annora, gave their estate at Barrington, called the manor of Lancasters, to Hervey de Stanton, who soon afterwards bestowed it on his foundation of Michael House. The moiety of Barrington's which passed in marriage with Margaret Montfichet to sir Hugh de Playz, became subdivided between two co-heiresses; one moiety of it came in marriage to the Veres; Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford, conveyed it in 1332, to Warren de Barrington; this moiety and Matilda Bolebec's portion being both in the family of Barrington, descend-

¹ See p. 66, 67.

² See p. 6.

³ Cart. 9 Edw. III.

ed to Alice, the wife of sir Thomas Heflarton, who, in 1374, gave her estate; since called the manor of Heflarton, to Michael Houfe. After the diffolution, the manor of Chatteris was given by the crown to the fame fociety; thus did thefe manors and portions of manors become again united, and upon the fubfequent incorporation of Michael Houfe into the fplendid eftablifhment founded by that monarch, the above mentioned manors became vefted in the mafter and fellows of Trinity college, to whom they ftill belong ^b. This college has a manor farm alfo, containing about 200 acres, called Spaldings, which belonged to Spalding abbey.

A manor or nominal manor of fmall extent, now the property of Richard Bendyſhe eſq. has been for feveral centuries in that gentleman's family, from whom it had acquired the name of the manor of Bendyſhe, as early as the year 1493 ^c. In the church are fome monuments of the Bendyſhe family, whoſe defcendant, Richard Bendyſhe eſq. has a feat at Barrington, at preſent uninhabited.

The church of Barrington was appropriated to Michael Houfe in 1329, the rectorſhip and advowſon were granted to Trinity college with the eſtates before mentioned.

This pariſh has been incloſed purſuant to an act of parliament paſſed in 1796, when a corn-rent was allotted in lieu of the rectorial tithes, and a rent of 8cl. or 8ſl. per annum, in lieu of the vicarial tythes. There is no endowed ſchool at Barrington, but Trinity college allows 5l. per annum for teaching poor children.

BARTLOW in the hundred of Chilford and deanery of Camps, lies two miles eaſt of Linton on the borders of Eſſex. In the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II. the manor of Bartlow belonged to the family of Chiffhull ^d. In the year 1502, on the partition of the eſtates of John marquis of Montagu, among his co-heireſſes, this manor, which had been inherited from the Ingoldeſthorps, (and by them, it is probable, with their other Cambridgeſhire eſtates from the Tiptofts) was aſſigned to the lady Ifabella, and her husband, William Huddleſton eſq. ^e; ſir Edmund Huddleſton died ſeiſed of it in 1612. It is now the property of Marmaduke Dayrell eſq. whoſe grandfather purchaſed it of the Rev. Mr. Mapletoft about the year 1755.

A conſiderable part of this pariſh is in the county of Eſſex, comprifing the whole hamlet of Steventon-end, in which is Walton's-park, a manor and feat of lord viſcount Maynard. In the church are ſome monuments of the Tyrells. The Rev. Joſeph Hall, the preſent incumbent, is patron of the rectorſhip.

^b The above account of the Barrington manors is principally taken from notices communicated by Mr. profeſſor Hailſtonc from the college muniments. ^c The name of the Bendyſhe family occurs in the muniments of Trinity college about the middle of the 14th century. ^d Hundred roll of Cambridgeſhire, 8 Edward I. among the records in the Tower and Nomina Villarum, 9 Edward II.

^e From a copy of the deed communicated by Ferdinand Huddleſton eſq. of Sawlton.

BARTON, which gives name to a deanery, lies in the hundred of Wetherley, about three miles west of Cambridge. Several manors in this parish are spoken of in ancient records, some of which we have not been able to trace to the present time; Lancaster's manor, which had belonged before to sir Robert de la Beche, was purchased of Henry duke of Lancaster, in the year 1359, by Thomas Eltisley, the first master of Benet college, and by him settled on that society ^f. The manor of Burgherft, which, at an earlier period, had been in the family of Lord, was so called from Bartholomew lord Burgherft, who possessed it in the reign of Edward III ^g; it was afterwards successively in the families of Somer ^h, Vere ⁱ, Charlton ^k, Ward ^l, and Martin; in 1680, it was sold by Devereux Martin esq. to the university of Cambridge. The vice chancellor for the time being has this estate: the mansion belonging to it, formerly the seat of the Martins, is occupied as a farmhouse. A third manor held of the barony of Leydett, passed from the De la Vaches ^m by a female heir to the Greys of Wilton ⁿ. John, or Edmund lord Grey, sold it to sir Henry Colet, whose son, Dr. John Colet, gave it to the Mercers company, in trust, for charitable purposes. Another manor held also of the barony of Leydett, was sold by the Bretton family to Geoffrey de Hatfield, who gave it to the priory of Barnwell, in or about the reign of Edward I. ^o. A manor distinct from either of the foregoing, and held of the barony of Kemeys, appears to have been in the family of Mauncell in the reign of Edward I. ^p. In the church are some memorials of the family of Martin. The impropriate tithes which had belonged to Merton abbey, were given by king Henry VIII. to King's college ^q. The bishop of Ely is patron of the vicarage.

BASSINGBOURN, in the hundred of Armingford and deanery of Shengay, lies about three miles north-west of Royston. It had formerly a market on Mondays, originally granted (together with a fair for eight days at the festival of St. Peter and St. Paul) by king Henry III. to Peter de Savoy ^r, and confirmed by king Edward III. to John duke of Britanny ^s, and afterwards to John of Gaunt ^t. The market has been discontinued beyond the memory of man; it was held at a place formerly called the Queen's Kyllands; a statute fair for hiring servants is annually held at Bassingbourn, and another at the hamlet of Kneefworth.

^f Master's History of Corpus Christi (or Benet) College. ^g Esch. 29 Edward III. ^h Esch. 28 Henry VI. ⁱ Mr. Dayrell's MSS. ^k Esch. 5 Edward IV. ^l Layer's MSS.
^m Matthew De la Vache was one of the lords of Barton, 9 Edward II. Nomina Villarum. ⁿ Layer's MSS. ^o Esch. ^p Hundred roll. ^q Manning's History of Surrey, vol. 1. p. 251.
^r Cart. 37 Henry III. ^s Cart. 9 Edward III. ^t Cart. 18 Edward III.

The manor of Richmond's in this parish, was part of the large dower of queen Editha, confort of king Edward the Confessor, the whole of which was given by William the Conqueror to Alan earl of Brittany and Richmond. This manor became annexed to the latter earldom, and was enjoyed with it by the immediate heirs of the earl of Brittany; by Peter de Savoy^u, by John de Dreux, duke of Brittany^v, by John of Gaunt^x, Ralph earl of Westmorland^y, John duke of Bedford^z, and Edmund de Hadham^a; it was afterwards granted to George duke of Clarence, and, on his death, became vested in the crown^b; King Charles I. granted it to Edward Ditchfield and others, citizens of London: as early as the year 1682, it appears to have been in the Hatton family, in which it still continues. The Hattons are also proprietors of the castle manor, to which Seymours and Roufes, so called from the families who possessed them in the 13th century^c, have been long united. The castle manor belonged at a very early period to the baronial family of Bassingbourn, one of whom was sheriff for the county in 1169; his descendant Warine de Bassingbourn, in 1265 had the royal licence for converting his manor-house into a castle^d. We have not been able to ascertain how long the family continued here, or whether the manor passed by female heirs or purchase; but it appears, that in the reign of Henry VI. it was the property of John Tiptoft, lord Powis^e, from whose family it passed by inheritance in the female line to the Ingoldesthorpes and Nevilles^f; from the latter it seems to have passed to the Lynnes, who were in possession in 1557^g, and resided at Bassingbourn for several generations^h.

The manor, or reputed manor of Frating hall in Bassingbourn, was purchased of sir Thomas Bendyshe, by Martin Perfe, as executor of Dr. Stephen Perfe, and made part of the endowment of the grammar school founded by him at Cambridge in the year 1615. The reputed manor of Goyfe or Guyfes, which, in the reign of Edward III. belonged to the family of Goysⁱ, has been for some time in the Nightingale family, and is now the property of sir Charles Nightingale, bart. In the reign of Edward I. Matilda, daughter of William Taylor, held a manor in Bassingbourn, of the honour of Bononia, as heir of Hugh Clopton,^k but to which of the above mentioned manors this is to be appropriated we have not found.

^u Cart. 25 and 46 Henry III. ^v Cart. 9 Edward III. ^x Cart. 18 Edward III. ^y Esch. 5 Henry VI. ^z Dugdale's Baronage, II. 202. ^a Esch. 35 Henry VI. ^b Esch. 18 Edward IV. ^c Layer's MSS. and Esch. Henry III. Seymour's continued separate as late as 1463, when it was the property of Richard Caldecote (sq. see Esch. 3 Edward IV. ^d Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. I. p. 680. ^e Esch. 21 Henry VI. ^f Layer's MSS. ^g Cole's Escheats, Harleian MSS. ^h Cambridgehire Pedigrees in the British Museum. ⁱ Layer's MSS. ^k Hundred Roll.

In the parish church are some monuments of the Nightingales of Kneefworth, among which is that of the late sir Edward Nightingale bart. who died in 1804. There are some memorials also of the family of Turpin, who were many years settled at Bassingbourn^k. At the west end of the North Aisle, is a parochial library, founded by Edward Nightingale esq. in 1717.

There is an antient book of churchwardens accounts in this parish, which contains many particulars worthy of notice: the earliest date is 1497. In that year several entries of church-ales occur, the profits of which are carried to the parish account. In the year 1511, "the playe of the holy martir Seynt George," appears to have been represented at Bassingbourn, with much celebrity, on St. Margaret's day; several neighbouring villages, both in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, and Hertfordshire, seem to have joined in the expences^l; some individuals contributed labour^m, others gave provisions, as wheat, malt, and sheep; six sheep and three calves were purchased by the parish, besides chickens, "for the gentlemen:" the players and the musicians were hired for the occasion, the latter came from Cambridge. Hobard, a brotherhood priest, appears to have been the prompterⁿ. On the first of March preceding, the sum of 3l. 8s. 3½d. was collected, towards the making of a new image of St. George.

The tithes of Bassingbourn, given by Stephen earl of Britanny to the monastery of St. Mary at York, became afterwards vested, probably by exchange, in the dean and canons of St. Martin le Grand in London, to whom they were appropriated in the year 1400^o. The dean and chapter of Westminster, who, under charters of king Henry VII. and king Henry VIII. possess all the estates of that college, are now impropiators of the great tithes and patrons of the vicarage. This parish in the inclosure act which passed in 1801, is stated to contain about 3500 acres: allotments of land were then given in lieu of tithes. The Pigotts of Abington were for many years lessees of the great tithes under the church of Westminster, and resided at the

^k The dates on their tombs are from 1494 to 1633.

^l The receipts are thus entered:

"Received of the township of Royston, 12s.

"of the township of Tharfield 6s. 8d. &c." 28 parishes or townships are enumerated as contributing various sums.

^m John Bocher gave the painting of three falchions and four *tormentums*: John Good, carpenter and wheelwright, gave the workmanship of the falchions and *tormentums* beside some of the stuff. ⁿ The sum of 2s. 8d. was paid to Hobard, a brotherhood priest, for *bearing* the play-book. A few other circumstances relative to this village drama are subjoined. "Payde for fetchinge the dragon and in expences besides the carriage, 9d.; to the garnement man for garnements and propyrtys and play-book 22d.; to Gyles Ashewelle for easement of his crofte to play in, 12d." ^o Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*.

rectory house until the year 1773, when the late Mr. Pigott removed to Bath, having sold the lease to Mr. Bowdler, by whom it was alienated to the present lessee, the Rev. William Cowling, who now resides at the rectory.

Kneefworth, a hamlet of this parish, has been for many years a seat of the Nightingales, now of sir Charles Nightingale bart. whose father having proved his descent to the satisfaction of the college of arms in the year 1797, claimed and assumed the title, which, in 1628, had been granted to the Nightingales of New-Port-Pond in Essex, and had been supposed to be extinct by the death of sir Robert Nightingale, the last heir-male of the elder branch of the family in 1722.

In 1720, Edward lord Harley conveyed a manor, with a house and lands in Kneefworth, which had belonged to the Turpins, to Edward Nightingale esq. in exchange for an estate in Whaddon.

When the act for the inclosure of Bassingbourn passed, it was provided, that this hamlet should not be inclosed, unless with the consent of the late sir Edward Nightingale, and the master and scholars of Corpus-Christi college, and in case of their refusal, the allotment for the tithes of Kneefworth, was to be deducted out of sir John Hatton's allotment, and the tithes of the hamlet to be vested for the future in sir John and his heirs: Kneefworth still remains uninclosed; the tithes have been lately purchased by the earl of Hardwicke.

There was formerly a chapel of ease at Kneefworth, long ago dilapidated; the door-way, being the only part remaining of the building, is now the entrance to sir Charles Nightingale's home barn.

BOTTISHAM, in the hundred of Stane and deanery of Camps, is a large village lying on the road from Cambridge to Newmarket, seven miles from the former and six from the latter.

At Anglesey in this parish, was a small priory of Austin canons, founded by king Henry I^d. Its revenues were valued at 124l. 19s. per annum, when dissolved in the reign of king Henry VIII. The site of the priory, and the manor of Anglesey ², or Anglesey *cum* Bottisham, which is the paramount manor, were granted by that monarch to John Hinde esq. ¹ from whom they passed soon afterwards to the family of Foulke. Thomas Hobson, the carrier, who became possessed of them in 1627, conveyed them two years afterwards to the family of Parker,

¹ Henry Knighton, Dec. Scrip. 2384.

² The Hundred Roll for the county of Cambridge, (2 Edw. I.) states, that the predecessors of Gilbert de Clare, then earl of Gloucester, gave the whole of the manor of *Bodekesham* in moieties to two religious houses, Anglesey and Tonbridge; the latter moiety formed the manor of Tonbridge, see the next page.

³ Tanner.

by whom they were possessed somewhat more than a century'. In 1736, Alexander Parker esq. sold the manor of Anglesey to sir George Downing bart. the founder of Downing college; this sale having taken place after the date of his will, (by which he bequeathed all his estates for the purpose of founding the college,) the fee of the manor of Anglesey became vested in sir Jacob Downing bart. the heir at law. His widow and devisee bequeathed it to her nephew, Jacob John Whittington esq. of whom it was purchased in 1793 by the Rev. George Jenyns, the present proprietor. The site of the priory, which had been reserved by Mr. Parker when he sold the manor, was sold by him in 1739 to Samuel Shephard esq. sometime one of the representatives of the county; of whose grand daughters (being daughters and co-heirs of lord viscount Irwin, who married his only daughter,) it was purchased in 1793 by the widow of the late Soame Jenyns esq. and is now by her bequest the property of the Rev. G. L. Jenyns.

The site of the priory is occupied by a farm-house, in which are some remains of the conventual buildings*.

The manor of Alingtons belonged to an ancient family of that name. The father of William Alington, successively treasurer of Ireland and Normandy, who died in 1446, is described as lord of Bottisham: the treasurer's son having married the heiress of sir John Argentine, acquired by that match the manor of Horfeheath in this county, which became the chief seat of the family. This manor, and the manor of Vaux's, which evidently took its name from the noble family of Vaux, which had large possessions in the county, were purchased by sir Roger Jenyns, of the Alington family; and are now, pursuant to the bequest of the late Soame Jenyns esq. the property of the Rev. G. L. Jenyns.

Bottisham hall, the seat of Mr. Jenyns, was rebuilt a few years ago, on or near the site of a more ancient mansion, which was many years the residence of Mr. Soame Jenyns.

A manor called Tonbridge, now belonging to Downing college, was formerly parcel of the possessions of the priory of Tunbridge: it had been several years in the Downing family.

In the parish church is the tomb of Elias de Bekingham, justiciar of England in the reign of K. Edward I. whose name has been transmitted with honor to posterity, by the pen of the historian; his uprightness and integrity having been clearly manifested, at a time when all his brethren, one only excepted, had been convicted of the most shameful corruption. There is a handsome monu-

* Court Rolls of the manor. * See p. 71. 'Hollinshed.

ment of white marble with whole length figures, in memory of sir Roger Jenyns knt. who died in 1740, and the monument of Soame Jenyns esq. by Bacon, with the following inscription: "Near this place are interred the remains of Soame Jenyns, the only son of sir Roger Jenyns knt. and dame Elizabeth his wife, one of the daughters of sir Peter Soame, of Heydon in the county of Essex; he sat in parliament 38 years, and as one of the lords commissioners of trade 25 years: he was twice married, first to Mary, the sole daughter of colonel Soame, of Dereham in the county of Norfolk; afterwards to Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry Grey esq. of Hackney in the county of Middlesex: she survived him. He was born the 31st of December 1703, and died leaving no issue, the 18th of December 1787. His amiable and benevolent temper, the superior powers of his understanding; accompanied with an uncommon brilliancy of the truest and chastest wit, his exemplary moral character, his able defence of christianity*, whose rules he uniformly practised, were all such excellencies in him as will survive with an affectionate and deep regret for his loss in the remembrance of those with whom he lived. When they are no more, posterity will know from his writings the justness of the sketch here drawn of his character. This memorial was erected by his afflicted widow, who, having passed her life in the exercise of those virtues which render her sex amiable, died July 25th, 1796, aged 94."

Sir Roger Jenyns abovementioned, founded a school at Bottisham, for the education of 20 children, and endowed it with 20l. per annum; the children and master are appointed by the proprietor of Bottisham hall.

In the year 1621 Giles Breame esq. descended in the female line from the Alingtons, founded an alms-house at Eastham, in the county of Essex, for six poor persons, three of whom were to be parishioners of Bottisham. The estate with which this alms-house was endowed, was let in 1795 at nearly 50l. per annum, a moiety of which was given to the poor of Bottisham, besides a small rent for three of the apartments, it having been found inconvenient to fill up the vacancies with parishioners of Bottisham at so great a distance. Various benefactions were in ancient times given for the maintenance of lights in "Lode-street, Long-meadow, and Bottisham-street," which were of great use to direct travellers in the night.

The great tithes of Bottisham, which had been appropriated to the priory of Anglesey, were in 1801 vested in the master and scholars of Trinity college in Cambridge, under whom they were held on lease by the governors of St. Bar-

* Alluding to his celebrated work entitled "A View of the Internal Evidence of the Christian Religion."

tholomew's hospital in London. When the parish was inclosed under an act of parliament passed in 1801, allotments of land were assigned in lieu of tithes, to the impropiators and to the vicar. The parish is stated in the act to contain upwards of 4000 acres.

A dreadful fire happened at Bottisham in 1712, which consumed 20 houses, the damage was estimated at 3000l.

Bottisham-Lode is a hamlet belonging to this parish.

BOURNE, which gives name to a deanery, lies in the hundred of Stow near Caxton, and about nine miles west of Cambridge. It was the seat of the barony of Picot de Cambridge, who had a castle at this place, of which the moat and other vestiges remain. The castle is said to have been burnt down in the barons' wars, during the reign of K. Henry III. by Ribald de Lisle^u. Picot de Cambridge, who held this manor when the survey of Domesday was taken, had very large possessions in Cambridgeshire, and was sheriff of the county: on the rebellion of his son Robert, king Henry I. gave his forfeited estates to his cousin and nearest relation Paganus, or Payne Peverell, one of whose co-heiresses married Hamon Peche, sheriff of Cambridgeshire in the reign of K. Henry II.^x Gilbert Peche (great-grandson of Hamon,) received summons to parliament as a baron, and died in the reign of K. Edward I. having, disinherited his own children, and made the king's heir of his barony^y. The manor of Bourne not long afterwards became the property of the Rigglesby family, and was called in later records the manor of Rigglesby's, otherwise the Castle manor^z: it passed through the families of Hingreth and Ellis to the Hagars, who possessed it many years, and so lately as 1632¹. About the year 1733 it was purchased by Balthazzar Lyeley esq. And is now the property of the earl of Delaware, whose father married the only daughter and heir of Henry Lyeley esq. who died in 1803. The manor-house, formerly the seat of the Hagars, and since of the Lyeleys, stands on the site of the castle to the south-west of the church.

Whilst the Castle manor of Bourne was in the Hagar family, three other manors were united with it^b; Sudbury, called afterwards Ragons and Dyves, having been successively in those three families^c; Burwash, which from sir John Burgh-

^u So called by Camden; it is most probable that this was Robert de Lisle, who took part with the rebellious barons.—See Dugdale's Baronage. The manor-house of the prior and convent of Barnwell at Bourne was destroyed at the same time. See History of Barnwell in Bib. Top. Brit. p. 26.

^x Dugdale's Baronage. ^y Ibid. ^z Lyeley's MSS. ¹ *i. e.* at the date of Lyeley's Collections: it is probable that it continued longer in that family.

^b Lyeley. ^c Will'am de Suberis or Sutbury, had it temp. Edw. I. the Ragons temp. Hen. VI. the Dyves temp. Hen. VIII. Lyeley.

erst or Burwash passed by female heirs to the Chaucers and De la Poles became vested in the crown by attainder, and was granted to the Hindes^d; and the manor of St. Georges^e, which most probably belonged to the family of that name. A manor which had been given by Payne Peverell to Barnwell abbey, belongs now to Christ's college in Cambridge. Some records make mention of the manor of Myles, so called from a family which possessed it in the reign of Henry III^f. It appears also, that the priory of St. Neots had a manor in Bourne, in the reign of king John, which in ancient records^g, is stated to have been part of the early possessions of that convent.

In the parish church, a spacious Gothic structure with a large square tower, are some monuments of the Hagar family, and that of the late Henry Leyell esq.

The church of Bourne, with the chapel of the castle, and the chapel of Caldecote were given by Picot de Cambridge to the monks of Barnwell^h. The impropriation and advowson are now vested in the master and scholars of Christ college, having been given to that society, by the Countess of Richmond their foundress.

A mineral water at Bourne, is said to have been formerly in much repute, but for many years has been quite neglectedⁱ.

BOXWORTH, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about eight miles north-west of Cambridge, and about the same distance S. E. of Huntingdon. It was according to Layer the seat of the Barony of Hobridge or Bokefworth. The principal manor, which in the reign of K. Henry III. belonged to the Boxworth family, was called Overhall; it passed afterwards through the families of Lovett, Copley and Hutton. The last of the Hutton family bequeathed this manor to his wife, who join'd with her second husband sir William Hinde, in the sale of it to sir John Cutts^k: after the death of John Lord Cutts, which happened in 1706, it became the property of Thomas Sclater Bacon esq. who was succeeded by his wife's half brother John Standley esq.^l The present proprietor is George Thornhill esq. of Diddington in Huntingdonshire, who purchased of Mr. Standley in the year 1735.

The manor of Huntingfields belonged to a family of that name, as early as the reign of K. Edward I^m: after the death of sir William de Huntingfield, in 1376, it passed to the Knevettsⁿ, in which family having continued till the year 1516: it was

^d Layer's MSS.
dale's Monasticon II. 29.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid.

^g Hundred Roll.

^h Dug-

ⁱ Bloomfield's Cambridgeshire Collections.

^k Layer.

^l Carter, p. 129.

^m Esch. 25 Edward I.

ⁿ It was conveyed to John de Hugh and others in the latter end of Edward III.'s reign, in trust for John Knevelt and Eleanor his wife, who it is probable was sir William Huntingfield's daughter.
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then purchased by the Huttons °, and has since passed with the other manor. A third manor, which had belonged to Tiltey abbey, was united to this estate, by sir John Cutts †.

In the parish church is the monument of Dr. Nicholas Saunderson F. R. S. the celebrated blind professor of mathematics, in the university of Cambridge, with his bust. Mr. Cole in his MS. collections observes that he had often seen him riding up to the hills. Dr. Saunderson died April 19th, 1759, in the 57th year of his age. Mr. Thornhill is patron of the rectory.

BRINKLEY, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies five miles south of Newmarket, and seven north-east of Linton. It had formerly a market on Wednesdays, granted to William de Mohun, in or about the year 1252 †, with a fair for three days at Michaelmas: a few years afterwards, the market-day was altered to Tuesday †. We have not found any traces of the early history of the manor; but it may be presumed that it was in the family of Mohun, from the circumstance of the grant of the market. As early as the middle of the 15th century, it appears to have belonged to the family of Stoteville † or Stuteville, which had a feat called Brinkley hall: of this family it was purchased by John Godfrey esq. †, whose grandson sold it to Mr. William Ford the present proprietor. Brinkley hall is now occupied as a farm-house.

The advowson of the rectory was given by bishop Watson to St. John's college in Cambridge.

This parish has a fifth share of an estate, bequeathed in 1729, by Mrs. Elizabeth March, for the education of poor children, now producing about 100l. per annum.

BURGH, or BURROUGH-GREEN, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about four miles south of Newmarket, and about eight miles north of Linton. It contains only one tithing, divided into two hamlets, Burrough-end and Paddle-hole-end; of the latter only one cottage remains. Before the Norman conquest the manor of Burgh belonged to queen Editha, consort of Edward the Confessor, who had large possessions in this county, and as this is the only one of her manors, where a deer park is described in the survey of Domesday, it is

° Layer's MSS.
45 Hen. III.

† Ibid.
† Escheat Rolls.

‡ Pat. Vafcon. 37 and 38 Henry III.

§ Mr. Godfrey was sheriff of the county in 1746.

¶ Cart.
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most probable, that she had a palace here for her occasional residence ^u. The Conqueror gave this manor, and the whole of queen Editha's property in Cambridgeshire to Alan earl of Britanny. We next find it in the family of De Burgh ^x, from which it passed by a female heir to the Ingoldesthorps, Elizabeth, second daughter of John Nevill Marquis Montagu, by Isabella daughter and sole heir of sir Edmund Ingoldesthorp, married to Thomas lord Scrope of Upsal, who died about the year 1491 ^y. having bequeathed the manor of Burgh, or Burrough-Green to his niece Lucy, daughter of sir Anthony Browne ^z. In 1521, we find it in the possession of sir John Cutts ^a; it was afterwards in the families of Cage ^b, and Slingsby. Early in the last century it became the property of Edward Ruffell earl of Orford, who dying without issue in 1727, this manor appears to have been purchased of his representatives by Charles Duke of Somerset; it is now the property of the earl of Aylesford, whose father the late earl acquired it in marriage with the Duke's younger daughter. The style of the manor is Burrough-Green *cum* Brettons. What remains of the manor-house (an ancient brick mansion) is now occupied by a farmer; the [Slingsby's were the last family which inhabited it ^c.

An estate called Ravenhold, which had been given by William Bateman and others to the monks of Barnwell in the year 1392 ^d. was granted to sir Edward North in 1540 ^e: it now forms part of the endowment of Downing college.

In the parish church are mutilated monuments, supposed to be those of sir Thomas, and sir John de Burgh, sir Thomas Ingoldesthorp who married the heiress of Burgh, and sir Edmund Ingoldesthorp who married the daughter and heir of John Tiptoft, earl of Worcester: these in Layer's time were all to be distinguished by the arms on the shields, now obliterated: there are some memorials also for the family of Cage. The earl of Aylesford is patron of the rectory.

^u Near the village and near to a wood still called Park-Wood, within the Demesnes of the manor, is a moat about 12 feet deep and 30 feet in breadth, inclosing somewhat more than an acre of ground; without the moat are the remains of a keep, and other traces of buildings: there can be little doubt that this was the ancient site of the manor.

^x In 1330 sir Thomas de Burgh had the king's licence to impark his woods at Burgh. Pat. 4 Edward III. ^y Dugdale. ^z Layer's MSS.

^a Cole's Escheats. ^b Cole's MSS. Sir Anthony Cage the younger, was living as lately as the year 1634, as appears by a grave-stone in the church commemorating a servant of the family.

^c From the information of the Rev. C. Wedge, the rector, who informs us also, that some closes in which is the site of a moated building, are called Bretton's closes, the residence no doubt of an ancient family of that name, from which the manor of Brettons was so called.

^d Escheat Roll

^e Record in the Augmentation Office.

Dr. Samuel Knight, rector of this parish, founded a charity-school here in the year 1734, and endowed it with an estate partly freehold, and partly held on lease under Pembroke Hall, now let at 54l. 12s. *per annum*, the whole of which, after providing for repairs, renewals of the lease, and other necessary deductions, (besides a rent charge of 10s. for bread on Easter-day) is paid to the master, who is to be appointed by the rector, preference being given to the curate, if resident, and willing to accept of the appointment : the children of the poorest inhabitants : and such others as shall be nominated by the rector or curate, to be taught free of expence.

BURWELL, in the hundred of Staplehoe^g, lies about four miles N. W. of Newmarket ; it is situated within the diocese of Norwich and deanery of Fordham.

The abbot and convent of Ramsey had a large estate and manor in this parish given by King Edgar and Elflore de Langyath ; upon the dissolution of monasteries it was granted to Sir Edward North^h, who, after possessing it about five years, surrendered it again to the crownⁱ, under which it has ever since been held on lease, except during the protectorate of Cromwell, when the manor was sold to Richard Ashfield, and others, and the manor house to Justinian Povey^k. A lease from the crown, which is nearly expired, is vested in the representatives of the late lessee, the Rev. William Affleck.

Burwell Castle, of which the moat and other considerable vestiges remain, was besieged in the reign of King Stephen by Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex, who lost his life by a wound from an arrow before its walls^l. The castle appears to have belonged to the abbey of Ramsey. The remains of it, consisting of a piece of ruined wall and extensive earthworks, are situated in a close, a little to the west of the church within the manor of Ramsey.

The manor of Tiptofts takes its name from the baronial family of Tibetot or Tiptoft, who possessed it as early as the year 1277^m, before which time it had belonged to the family of Camoisⁿ. John Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester, died seized of this manor, and another manor in this parish called Dullinghams, in 1470^o. From the Earl of Worcester, the manor of Tiptofts passed by descent to Sir Thomas Lovell, who possessed it in the reign of Queen Elizabeth^p. In 1632, Tiptofts was in the family of Marshe, Dullinghams in the Cromwells : they now both belong to the Earl of Aylesford, whose father acquired them in marriage with the younger daughter of Charles Duke of Somerset. A third manor, called the manor of St. Omer, which, in 1632, belonged to the Goodwin family^q, has since been in that

^g A *balk* in Burwell field is called Staploe *balk*. ^h Records in the Augmentation Office. ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid. ^l See p. 9. ^m See Cart. 6. Edw. I. ⁿ Esch. 5. Edw. I. ^o Esch. 10. Edw. IV.

^p Escheat Roll. ^q Layer's MSS.

of Isaacson^r, and is now the property of Mr. William Sandiver, surgeon, of Newmarket.

There were formerly two churches in Burwell; that of Burwell St. Andrew has been dilapidated nearly 200 years^s. Burwell St. Mary is a very handsome gothic building, which appears to have been erected soon after the middle of the fifteenth century; the wall between the nave and the chancel, and the roof of the nave, were completed in 1464, at the expence of the Bennet family, as appears by an inscription still remaining in the church, where are memorials for the families of Cotton, Gerard, and Ruffell^t. An estate, consisting of a hundred acres of arable land, given in ancient times by certain persons for the repair of this elegant gothic structure, was recovered by the exertions of Mr. Turner, the present vicar; under whose superintendence it was put, and by whom it has been since kept in a state of complete repair. When Sir Edward North surrendered the Burwell estate to King Henry VIII., he prevailed on that monarch to give the rectory and rectory-manor of Burwell St. Mary to the university of Cambridge; a vicarage was then endowed, with a stipend of 20*l.* *per annum*, payable out of the tithes. Sir Edward North stipulated that his heirs should appoint to the vicarage one of two persons nominated by the university; and as a farther compensation for his good offices, he is said to have received of the university the sum of 700*l.*, for which transaction Dr. Lever, master of St. John's College, in a sermon preached before King Edward VI., gives him the appellation of a Judas. Pursuant to a covenant in the deed of conveyance to the university, a sermon is annually preached in this church on Midlent Sunday, by the vice-chancellor, or his deputy^u. The dilapidated rectory of St. Andrew belongs also to the university, having been purchased at a subsequent period.

A memorable and most melancholy accident happened at Burwell in the year 1727, when 79 persons, being spectators at a puppet-show, exhibited in a barn, lost their lives in consequence of a fire which destroyed the building. It is thus recorded in the parish register.

“ 1727, September 8, N. B. About nine o'clock in the evening a most dismal fire broke out in a barn, in which a great number of persons were met together to see a puppet-show; in the barn there were a great many loads of new light straw; the barn was thatched with straw, which was very dry, and the inner roof of the barn was covered with old dry cob-webs, so that the fire like lightning flew round the barn in an instant; and there was but one small door belonging to the barn, which was close nailed up, and could not easily be broke open; and when it was opened, the passage was so narrow, and every body

^r From the information of the Reverend H. Turner, Vicar of Burwell.
^s There are now no remains of it, the ruins of the west end have been removed since the year 1770.

^t Sir William Ruffell, bart. 1663, and Lady Ruffell, 1717.

^u From the information of the Reverend H. Turner.

so impatient to escape, that the door was presently blocked up; and most of those who did escape, which were but very few, were forced to crawl over the heads and bodies of those that lay on a heap at the door, and the rest, in number seventy-six, perished instantly, and two more died of their wounds within two days. The fire was occasioned by the negligence of a servant, who set a candle and lanthorn to, or near, the heap of straw which was in the barn. The servant's name was Richard Whitaker, of the parish of Hadstock in Essex, near Linton, in Cambridgeshire, who was tried for the fact at the Assizes held at Cambridge, March 27, 1728, but was acquitted." The names of the sufferers are subjoined in the register ^a.

Reach, formerly a market town, is partly in this parish, and partly in the parish of Swaffham-Prior ^v. It is probable that the market originated in the grant to Robert Tibetot of a market within his manor of Burwell on Wednesdays, and a fair for 15 days, to begin on Whit-Monday ^z; the market at Reach has been long wholly discontinued. There is a great fair for horses held annually on Rogation Monday, the tolls of which belong to the corporation of Cambridge. There was anciently a chapel at Reach, now dilapidated; the site is in the parish of Burwell. The manor of East-Reach, in Burwell, was in the family of Chapman in the reign of James I. ^z it does not appear to be now known.

A navigable draining cut, comes up to Reach, and another to Burwell.

CALDECOT, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourn, lies about eight miles west of Cambridge, and about nine miles north of Royston. The manor of Caldecot having been the property of Sir Robert Belknap, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, was granted, on his attainder in 1391, to John de Burton Clerk ^b. It was afterwards in the Kymbell family; and, at a later period, in the families of Ashfield and Stamford, descended from two daughters of Joan Kymbell, widow, who died in the reign of Edward IV ^c. Sir Robert Peyton was possessed of it in 1518, Sir John Hinde in 1550 ^d. From the Hindes it passed, by successive purchases, to the families of Peck and Thorowgood; in 1632 it belonged to the Frekes ^e. The present proprietor is Mr. Butler, who purchased it about the year 1780 of the family of Tawney.

The inappropriate tithes to which a manor is annexed, having been given by Picot de Cambridge to the monks of Barnwell, are now vested in the masters and fellows

^a An account of this fire was published in 1769 by Thomas Gibbons, D.D. ^v Separated by the Devil's ditch, which runs through it. Most of the houses are in the parish of Swaffham-Prior, though the site of the chapel is in Burwell. ^z Cant. 6. Edw. I. 1274. The parish feast is still held on Whit-Monday. ^z Efteheat Roll. ^b Pat. 15. Ric. II. ^c See Efteheat Rolls, Edw. IV. and Hen. VII. ^d Lacer. ^e Ibid.

of Christ's College, Cambridge, who are patrons of the vicarage : it was anciently a chapel to Bourne. The vicarage is now consolidated with the rectory of Toft.

CAMBRIDGE, the county town lies in the hundred of Flendish, at the distance of 44 miles from London. It takes its name from the more modern appellation of the river on which it is situated, the ancient name of which was Granta. In the record of Domesday, the town is called Grentebrige.

The foundation of the university is enveloped in much obscurity. Although some writers have carried back its origin to a more remote period, it seems more probable that Cambridge first became the seat of learning in the seventh century ; when, as we are told by Bede in his ecclesiastical history, Sigebert, King of the East Angles, with the advice of Felix, the bishop, instituted within his kingdom a school for learning, in imitation of what he had seen in France : this school is presumed to have been fixed at Cambridge. It is certain that, from a very early period it was the abode of numerous students, who at first resided in apartments hired of the townsmen, and afterwards in inns or hostels, where they lived in community under a principal^f, at their own charge. Some say that Edward the Elder, when he repaired the ravages of the Danes at Cambridge, erected halls for students, and appointed professors ; others maintain, that a regular system of academical education was not introduced till the year 1109, when the abbot of Crowland having sent some learned monks, well versed in philosophy and other sciences, to his manor of Cottenham, they repaired to the neighbouring town of Cambridge, whither a great number of scholars flocked to their lectures, which they arranged after the manner of the university of Orleans.

The first charter, known to have been granted to the university of Cambridge, is that of the 15th of King Henry III., which grants the privilege of appointing certain persons, called taxers, to regulate the rent of lodgings for the students, which had been raised to an exorbitant height by the townsmen ; this was about 50 years before the foundation of Peter House, the first endowed college. In the year 1333, King Edward III. granted some important privileges to this university, making its authority paramount to that of the town ; and ordaining that the mayor, bailiffs, and aldermen, should swear to maintain the rights and privileges of the university. These distinguished favours caused the townsmen to be more than ever jealous of the authority of the university ; and their discontents at length broke forth into open violence in the succeeding reign, when, emboldened by the temporary success of Wat Tyler and his rebellious

^f A list of these hostels, with a description of their sites, is printed in Fuller's History of the University of Cambridge, annexed to his Church History.

crew, the chief townsmen, at the head of a mischievous rabble, seized and destroyed the university charters, plundered Bene't College, and threatened the university with fire and sword, if they did not renounce their privileges, and subject themselves for the future to the government of the townsmen. The consequence of this rash proceeding, was the king's decision that all privileges, hitherto enjoyed by the town, should be forfeited, and they were thereupon granted to the university; particularly the inspection of weights and measures, the licensing of victualling-houses, the jurisdiction of Sturbridge fair, the regulating the price of candles and fuel, and the punishment of forestallers and regraters. At the same time the university obtained a grant that no action should be brought against any scholar, or scholar's servant, by a townsman, in any other than the chancellor's court.

In 1430, Pope Martin V. determined, from the testimony of ancient evidences, that the university were exclusively possessed of all ecclesiastical and spiritual jurisdiction over their own scholars. Queen Elizabeth, in the third year of her reign, granted an extensive charter to the university; and, by an act of Parliament, 13 Eliz. c. 29, this, and all preceding grants, were confirmed, and the university is declared to be incorporated by the name of the chancellor, masters, and scholars. The office of chancellor, as chief magistrate of the university, had existed from a very early period: it was only annual till the year 1504, when Bishop Fisher was chosen chancellor for life: the other principal officers are the high steward; the vice-chancellor; two proctors, whose business it is to regulate the discipline and preserve the peace of the university; two moderators, who superintend the exercises at the schools; two taxers, whose duty it is to regulate the market, examine the assize of bread, and inspect the weights and measures; two scrutators, who regulate the business of the congregations; a public orator; a commissary; a registrar; three esquire bedels; two librarians; and several inferior officers.

In the year 1604, King James granted the universities of Cambridge and Oxford the privilege of sending each two representatives to Parliament.

The public buildings, belonging to the university, are the schools, the public library, and the senate house.

The schools, in which are held disputations, as exercises for degrees in the several faculties, were originally begun on their present site in 1443. They occupy three sides of a small court; on the west side are the philosophy schools; on the north, the divinity school, built at the charge of Sir William Thorpe; on the south, the schools for law and physic; and on the east side is a lecture room for the professors fitted up in 1795; this side was originally built by Archbishop Rotherham in 1475. There is an apartment at the north end of the philosophy school, in which is deposited the valuable collection of fossils, given to the university in 1727 by Dr. Woodward:

ward: the lecturer in mineralogy, who has a handsome salary, given also by Dr. Woodward, has the care of this collection. The whole of the upper story of this building, a great part of which was formerly divided into schools for different sciences, is now occupied by the university library, which, in its infancy, was deposited only in the upper apartment of the east side, and afterwards extended over the north side also. In 1648, the sum of 2000*l.* was voted by Parliament for repairing the library at Cambridge. The principal acquisition to this library was in the early part of the last century, when King George I. having purchased a very large collection of books, of the executors of Dr. Moore Bishop of Ely, amounting to upwards of 30,000 volumes, for the sum of 6000 guineas, gave them to the university of Cambridge, and contributed the sum of 2000*l.* towards fitting up rooms for their reception; the Prince gave 1000*l.*; the Duke of Somerset, the Duke of Chandos, the Archbishop of York, and the Earl of Anglesey, 500*l.* each for the same purpose, and smaller benefactions were given by others^g. The north and west sides were then fitted up. Before this time there had been but one librarian, who was called Keeper of the University Library. The place of principal librarian, then newly created, was given to the celebrated Dr. Conyers Middleton, on account, as it is said, of his having, when at Rome, successfully maintained the honour and dignity of the university. The library is supposed to contain at present about 96,000 volumes. Among the books most rare and worthy of notice in this extensive library, are a MS. copy of the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, a fac-simile of which was printed under the care of Dr. Kipling, and a large collection of the earliest printed books by Caxton, and from the foreign presses. The upper part of a mutilated colossal statue from the temple of Ceres at Eleusis^h, being the gift of Messrs. Clarke and Cripps of Jesus College, by whom it was brought to England, has lately been placed in the vestibule of the library. Among other portraits, in the several rooms, are those of Dr. Colet, Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. Conyers Middleton, and Roger Gale, the antiquary, which do not occur elsewhere in the university. All members of the senate, and all the bachelors of law and physic in the university, are entitled to have books at any time to their own apartments, not exceeding 10 volumes, unless by a particular dispensation: under-graduates are allowed also to have books on the recommendation of a privileged person.

The Senate House, in which degrees are conferred, and other public business of the university transacted, stands at right angles to the east side of the schools, and to St. Mary's church, forming the north side of an intended grand quadrangle. It was

^g Commemoration Book of the university.

^h This is supposed to be a fragment of the celebrated Ceres of Eleusis: a pamphlet was published in 1803, containing testimonies of different authors on this subject, with an account of its removal from Eleusis in 1801.

executed from a design of Sir James Burrough by Mr. Gibbs, at the expence of the univerfity, aided by fubfcriptions: the foundation was laid June 22, 1722; and about the year 1730, it was fo far finished as to have been fitted up for its intended ufe, but it was not till the year 1766 that the weft end was entirely completed. The building is of Portland ftone of the Corinthian order; the infide, which is fitted up in the Doric ftyle, is 101 feet by 42, and 32 feet in height; the galleries, on great public occafions, are fuppofed to be capable of holding 1000 perfons. Near the centre of the area are two ftatues; that of King George I. by Rysbrack, and King George II. by Wilton; at the eaft end are a ftatue of Charles Duke of Somerfet by Rysbrack, and the figure of Glory, executed by John Baratta of Florence in 1715.

The Botanic Garden was founded by Dr. Richard Walker, vice-mafter of Trinity College, who purchafed the fite of the Auguftine friars for that purpofe, at the expence of 1600*l.*; a large green-houfe was built by fubfcription¹: a new building has lately been erected as a lecture room for the profeffor of Botany, and the reader in Chemistry. The garden is under the care of the vice-chancellor, the heads of King's, Trinity, and St. John's Colleges, and the Regius Profeffor of Phyfic. A catalogue of the plants has been published by Mr. Donn, the prefent curator.

The firft endowed college at Cambridge was *Peter-Houfe*, founded in 1257 by Hugh de Balsbam, then fub-prior, afterwards Bifhop of Ely, who having purchafed two hofiels belonging to the jefuits, and the friars of Penance, united them, and appropriated the building for the refidence of ftudents; but it was not till 1280, after his promotion to the fee, that he endowed the college with revenues for the fupport of a mafter, 14 fellows, two bible-clerks, and eight poor fcholars. After his death, a new college was built on the fite of the new hofiels, for which purpofe the bifhop gave, by will, the fum of 300 marks; he gave them alfo the church of St. Peter. Among the principal benefactors in fubfequent times were Simon Langham, Bifhop of Ely, who gave the reftory of Cherry-Hinton; bifhop Montacute, who appropriated the church of Triplow, and gave the manor of Chewell in Haddenham; Margaret Lady Ramfay, who founded two fellowfhips and two fcholarfhips, and gave two advowfons; and Dr. Hale, one of the mafters, who gave the fum of 7000*l.*, and two reftories. There are now fourteen fellowfhips on the old foundation; feven of the fellows muft be from the northern, and feven from the fouthern, part of the kingdom, and only two from

¹ A benefaction of 2000*l.* 3 *per cents.* red. was given by the Rev. Edward Betham, late fellow of King's College; and another of 500*l.*, which has accumulated to 2000*l.*, in the fame ftock, was bequeathed by the late Charles Lord Vifcount Maynard.

any county, excepting Cambridge and Middlesex, from each of which four natives are eligible. Besides these, there are eight fellowships, called bye-fellowships, the election to which is open, but the fellows have no vote, nor are they entitled to any office or preferment in the society. The present number of scholars is 48; the stipends are small; a few of them are in the patronage of Lord Melbourne, a preference being given to persons educated at Hertford school. There are 10 livings in the gift of this society, two of which are in Cambridgeshire, one in Huntingdonshire, one in Leicestershire, one in Rutlandshire, one in Somersetshire, and four in Suffolk, besides the rectory of Knapton in Norfolk, of which the master has the alternate presentation: Triplog, which was given by Bishop Montacute, and is enumerated by Fuller amongst the livings in the gift of this college, is now in the patronage of the Bishop of Ely, who is visitor.

Among the eminent persons who have been members or masters of this society, are Cardinal Beaufort, Archbishop Whitgift, Andrew Perne Dean of Ely, Moryson the traveller, Crashawe the poet, Bryan Walton editor of the Polyglot Bible, Dr. Sherlock Dean of St. Paul's, Sir Samuel Garth, the learned Jeremiah Markland, and Gray the poet.

This college, which stands on the west side of Trumpington street, consists of two courts; the larger of which, being 144 feet by 84, has been cased with stone; the north side of the lesser court has a modern front: the chapel, which stands in this court was built by subscription in the year 1632; in the east window is a painting on glass of the crucifixion^k. On the north wall is the monument of Dr. Joseph Beaumont, master of the college, a learned divine, who died in 1699; on the opposite side that of Samuel Horne, a fellow, who died in 1634. On the floor are memorials for Dr. Bernard Hale, master, who died in 1663; Dr. Thomas Richardson, master, 1733; Dr. John Whalley, master, 1748; and Charles Beaumont, fellow, a great benefactor to the buildings, who died in 1726. The master's lodge is a detached building, on the opposite side of Trumpington street.

Clare Hall was originally founded in 1326 by Dr. Richard Badew, (afterwards chancellor of the university) by the name of University Hall. Having been burnt to the ground about the year 1342 by an accidental fire, it was rebuilt, through the interest of Dr. Badew, by Elizabeth de Burgh, one of the sisters and co-heirs of Gilbert Earl of Clare, who munificently endowed it with lands for the maintenance

^k It is composed of two different designs, one of them by Rubens, painted for the high altar of the Recollect's church at Antwerp; the other by Lambert Lombard, from which the groups on the sides are taken.

of a master, ten fellows, and ten scholars, and gave it the name of Clare Hall. Besides the fellowships on the old foundation, which are called the senior fellowships, there are three others founded by the Earl of Exeter in 1612, and two by John Freeman, Esq. in 1622, and two by Joseph Diggons, Esq. in 1658: the seven last-mentioned have nearly the same privileges annexed to them as the fellowships on the old foundation: there are also three bye-fellowships, two for natives of Kent, founded by Mr. Phillpot in 1717, and the other founded in 1637, by Mr. Borage, for his own name and kindred, or, in default, for a Norfolk man. There cannot be more than two of the senior fellows of the same county, and the majority must be of counties south of Trent; the other fellowships are open. The principal benefactors to this college, since the founder, has been Dr. Samuel Blythe, one of the masters, who gave 6000*l.* to purchase advowsons and books. There are seventeen livings in the gift of this college; two in Cambridgeshire; one in Hertfordshire; three in Huntingdonshire; one in Lincolnshire; one in Norfolk; four in Suffolk; two in Surrey; one in Wiltshire; and two in Yorkshire. Among eminent persons, who have been members of this society, may be reckoned Thomas Phillipot, the herald and antiquary; Archbishop Tillotson; Dr. Burnet, author of the Theory of the Earth; and John Parkhurst, author of the Hebrew and Greek Lexicons; Dr. Cudworth, author of the Intellectual System, (afterwards of Christ's college); William Whiston; Martin Folkes; Dr. Langhorne; Whitehead, the poet-laureat; Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter; Thomas Holles, Duke of Newcastle; and the late Marquis Cornwallis. Clare Hall was rebuilt, in its present state, of Ketton stone, in the year 1638; it consists of one court, 150 feet by 111, and has a handsome front towards the fields, with pilasters of the Tuscan and Ionic orders. This college had no chapel till the year 1535, before which time it is supposed that the members attended divine service in the south aisle of St. Edward's church, which belongs to the college, and in which several of the masters and fellows are interred. The present chapel, which projects from the other buildings of the college at the north-east corner, was begun in the year 1763, and consecrated in 1769. Sir James Burrough gave the designs, which was executed by Mr. Essex. Over the altar is a picture of the Salutation by Cipriani: in the ante-chapel are monuments of Dr. Blythe, who died in 1713, and Dr. Wilcox, 1762, both masters of the college, and great benefactors: the hall is 69 feet by 21. This college has a bridge over the Cam, leading to a spacious shady walk, much frequented in the summer.

Pembroke Hall was founded in the year 1343 by Mary de St. Paul, third wife of Aynier de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, who procured a charter for an establishment of 24 fellowships, and six scholarships, but her intentions were only partially carried

into execution ; in 1347, she endowed it with estates for the maintenance of a master, six fellows, and two scholars. King Henry VI. is said to have trebled the revenues of the college, by bestowing on it the priory of Linton, with its appurtenances, and the rectory and manor of Soham ; the present number of fellowships is fourteen, besides two bye-fellowships : they are open to all counties, with this restriction, that there shall be no more than a fourth part of the fellows from any one county. Besides several other scholarships of inferior value, there are six of 30*l.* *per annum* each, founded by the Reverend Charles Parker ; five of these are for superannuated scholars from Merchant Taylors' school, the other for a scholar from the free school at Bowes in Yorkshire ; there is another scholarship (36*l.* *per annum*) for a superannuated scholar of Merchant Taylors' school ; and two, now 28*l.* *per annum* each, founded by Serjeant Moses, for scholars of Christ's Hospital. There are ten livings in the gift of this college, of which one is in Cambridgeshire ; one in Essex ; two in Huntingdonshire ; four in Norfolk¹ ; and two in Suffolk. From the great number of prelates who have received their education at Pembroke Hall, it has been called *Collegium Episcopale*. Amongst its more eminent members may be reckoned the Archbishops Grindall and Whitgift^m ; bishop Fox, bishop Ridley, and bishop Andrews ; Spencer, Gray, and Mason, the poets ; Dr. Longⁿ, the late master, an eminent astronomer ; Stanley, editor of *Æschylus* ; and Mr. Pitt.

Pembroke Hall is situated on the east side of Trumpington Street, nearly opposite Peter House ; it consists of two courts of nearly the same dimensions, about 95 feet by 55. The hall, which divides the two courts, is about 42 feet by 27. On the east side of the inner court is a small detached building, erected for the purpose of containing a large hollow sphere, 18 feet in diameter, invented by Dr. Long ; the inside is so contrived as to make an excellent room for astronomical lectures, and is capable of containing conveniently about 30 persons. On the inside of the sphere, which is made to turn round with much ease, are represented the Constellations, &c. It has lately been repaired and newly painted. The keeper has a salary of 6*l.* *per annum*, bequeathed by Dr. Long. Among the college plate, is preserved a curious ancient cup of silver gilt, the gift of their foundress in the reign of King Edward III.

The chapel was built by Matthew Wren, bishop of Ely, after a design of his nephew, Sir Christopher : it was dedicated in 1665 by the bishop, who gave the ma-

¹ Two of these, viz. Sall and Cawston, are held in trust to be presented to such of the descendants of Erasmus Earle as have been educated at Pembroke Hall, and taken a degree therein. ^m He was also of Peter House, as was Mr. Gray.

ⁿ There is an original portrait of him in the Combination room, which has been engraved.



Threlker del.

Warner sculp.

An Ancient Cup of Silver, gilt, belonging to Pembroke Hall, in Cambridge, a Present from the Countess of Pembroke Foundress of the College in the Reign of K. Edward III.

The following are the Inscriptions round it

"Sayn Denes, v! es me dere for hes lot drink and mak gud cher"

"M V God help at ned"

nor of Hardwick, in this county, to keep it in repair. Over the altar is "the Burial of Christ," by Baroccio, of which there is an engraving by G. Sadler. In the College Lodge is a Feast of the Gods, a large picture of the school of Rubens. The Lord Chancellor is visitor of Pembroke Hall.

Corpus Christi, or Bene't college, is usually ranked the fourth in seniority, the building having been begun in 1344, although the foundation was not fully completed till about the year 1353*, for which reason it is sometimes placed after Trinity Hall and Caius college, which were founded in the intermediate period. The founders of this college were the brethren of the two gilds of Corpus Christi and the Virgin Mary, by which joint name the college was originally called; but soon after its foundation it acquired the name of Bene't college, (by which it has ever since been usually distinguished) from the adjoining church of St. Benedict, the advowson of which was purchased for the college of Sir John Argentine and Sir John Maltravers^p. Henry, Duke of Lancaster, who was alderman of the above-mentioned gilds, procured from the king a charter for ratifying the endowment of the college. The number of fellowships varied originally according to the revenues of the college; it is now twelve, two of which are appropriated to the city of Norwich, and four others to the county of Norfolk; the remainder are open. Archbishop Parker, when master, by his exertions in supporting the rights of the college, and improving their estates, enabled them to add two fellowships to the number then existing, (which was eight) and gave certain rent-charges to the college, for the purpose of founding two other fellowships, and eleven scholarships. The archbishop was a great benefactor to the college also, by donations of money, plate, books, and a very valuable collection of MSS^q. One of the fellowships, and a scholarship, were founded by Elizabeth, Duchess of Norfolk, wife of Thomas Mowbray, the first Duke. There are sixty-two scholarships^r and exhibitions belonging to this society,

* Masters says that it was not finally and fully established and confirmed till the year 1356. History of the College, p. 16.

^p Masters's History of the College.

^q This valuable collection has been secured from injury or dispersion with more than ordinary care. The archbishop appointed the masters of Trinity Hall and Caius College, visitors, to inspect the library annually on the 6th of August; and ordained, that if at any time a certain number of books should be missing, and not recovered within six months, the whole collection should devolve to Trinity Hall, in which case the master of Bene't College should become a visitor; and if the like neglect should again happen, the collection should go to Caius College; and if it should occur whilst in possession of that society, it should revert to Bene't College. The archbishop's regulations have proved so effectual, that the collection has never yet been forfeited.

^r Seventeen have been added since Mr. Masters published the History of this College.

eleven of these were founded as before-mentioned, by Archbishop Parker, mostly for natives of Norfolk; six by Sir Nicholas Bacon, the preference to be given to students from Redgrave school; and twelve by bishop Mawson, to be given to such students as shall excel in the annual examinations. The stipends of the scholarships are various; more than two-thirds of them are under 20*l. per annum*. There are twelve livings in the gift of this college; five of which are in Cambridgeshire; one in Dorsetshire; two in Essex (given by Dr. Tooke); two in London, consolidated; and two in Norfolk, always held together. Among the eminent persons who have been members of this college, may be reckoned Archbishop Parker, already mentioned; bishop Latimer; Sir Nicholas Bacon; Robert, Earl of Lindsey; Archbishop Tenison; Philip, the second Earl of Hardwicke; and his brother, the Right Honourable Charles Yorke; Robert Browne (founder of the sect of the Brownists); John Fletcher, the dramatic poet; Stephen Hales, the natural philosopher; Nathaniel Salmon, the topographer; Dr. Stukeley; and the late Robert Masters, who published a history of the college.

The vice-chancellor, and the two senior Doctors in Divinity, are visitors of Bene't College; but, in extraordinary cases, the king.

Bene't College, which adjoins St. Bene't's church, a little to the east of Trumpington street, consists principally of a court about 115 feet by 90. On the south side, are the master's lodge and the hall, an ancient room, in the windows of which are several coats of arms, removed from the chapel, which was built principally by the benefaction of Sir Nicholas Bacon; the date over the door is 1578; but Mr. Masters observes, that the building was not begun before 1579. The only monument in the chapel, is that of John Spencer, D. D. master of the college, author of a learned treatise "De Legibus Hebræorum," who died in 1693. There are grave-stones in memory of Dr. John Barnardiston, master, who died in 1778, and Dr. William Coleman, master, 1794.

Among the college plate, is an ancient drinking horn, which belonged to the gild of Corpus Christi. It is figured in the third volume of the *Archæologia*, Plate IV.

Trinity Hall was founded in 1347^s by William Bateman, bishop of Norwich, who, with that intent, had purchased a hostel, which had long been the residence of students, and, for a few years preceding, had been occupied by some monks of Ely. The bishop intended it for a master and twenty fellows, of which seven at least were to be Canonists or Presbyters, and ten at least Civilians, and three scho-

^s Parker's ΣΧΗΛΗΤΩ; Cantabrigienfis. Some writers make 1350 the date of the foundation, being the year in which the first licence of appropriation, which appears on record, was granted.

lars ; but his endowment was found to suffice only for the maintenance of a master, three fellows, and two scholars. There are now twelve fellowships ; two of which were founded by Simon de Dalling, master ; three by Richard Nix, bishop of Norwich ; one for a Presbyter by Dr. Huke, and one by Dr. Mowse, both masters ; and one by Robert Goodknap, for a Presbyter. It has been the modern usage, that all the fellowships, excepting those founded by Dr. Huke and Dr. Goodknap, should be held by laymen ; none of the fellowships are restricted to counties. The scholarships are eighteen in number, they have small stipends, and were founded by various benefactors. Bishop Bateman not being known to have any existing heirs, the king is visitor. There are ten livings in the gift of this college ; one in the town of Cambridge ; four in Huntingdonshire ; two in Norfolk ; two in Suffolk ; and one in Essex.

Among eminent persons who have been members of this society, may be reckoned Stephen Gardiner, bishop of Winchester ; William Barlow, bishop of Lincoln ; Dr. Hallifax, and Dr. Horsley, of late successive bishops of St. Asaph ; Thomas Tuffer, author of the *Points of Good Husbandry* ; Sir Peter Wyche, the traveller ; Dr. Walter Haddon, master of the Requests to Queen Elizabeth ; Sir Robert Naunton, Secretary of State to King James I. Philip Earl of Chesterfield ; Sir William de Grey, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas ; and several other eminent lawyers who have of late filled, or now fill, distinguished situations in their profession.

This college, which is situated near the river, between Clare Hall and Gerrard-hofstel lane, consists of a small neat court, faced with stone. In the hall is a bust of the late Earl of Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, in white marble ; on the north wall of the chapel, is the monument of Dr. Thomas Eden, master, 1645. On the south wall, that of Dr. John Andrew, dean of the arches and chancellor of the diocese of London, 1746 : within the rails of the altar, is the tomb of Dr. Thomas Preston, master of the college, who died in 1598, with his effigies on a brass plate : Dr. Preston being then fellow of King's College, distinguished himself so much in the academical exercises, when Queen Elizabeth visited the university in 1564, that she called him her own scholar, a circumstance which is alluded to in his epitaph. There are memorials also in the chapel, and ante-chapel, for Walter Huke, master, 1510 ; Laurence Mopted, master, 1557 ; Dr. John Cowell, master, author of the *Law Interpreter*, 1611 ; Dr. Robert King, master ; 1676 ; and Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, sometime master, 1741.

“ Conderis hoc tumulo Thomas Prestone, scholarem,
 “ Quem dixit Princeps Elizabetha suum.”

Gonville

Gonville and Caius College, now generally known only by the latter name, was founded in the year 1348, by the name of *Gonville Hall*: its original site was near *Bene't College*, where is now the fellows garden belonging to that society. The founder, *Edmund Gonville*, rector of *Terrington and Rushworth*, in the county of *Norfolk*, maintained during his life-time a master and four fellows; his intention was to found 20 scholarships; but having left the foundation incomplete, he entrusted the accomplishment of it to bishop *Bateman*, to whom he bequeathed a large sum of money for that purpose. The bishop having by an exchange procured two buildings in *St. Michael's parish*, removed thither the site of the hall, as being near to *Trinity Hall*, of which he himself had been the founder: one of these buildings had been the mansion of *Sir John de Cambridge*, a justice of the common pleas^u; the other was spoken of in old writings as having been the site of the ancient schools of philosophy. The endowment at first sufficed only for the maintenance of three fellows; this number, by the munificence of several benefactors, had been increased to nine before the year 1557, when *Dr. Caius*, physician to *Queen Mary*, and afterwards master of the society, procured a charter for enlarging and newly modelling the foundation, which, from that time, was called *Gonville and Caius College*. Among the principal benefactors, before this second foundation, is reckoned *William Phifwick*, or *Fyfwicke*, Esquire-bedel of the university, who gave his dwelling-house to be a hostel for students, subordinate to this college: this hostel, which was called after the donor's name, was afterwards incorporated into *Trinity College* by *King Henry VIII*. *Dr. Caius*, who, by *Queen Mary's* charter, is deemed co-founder of the college, gave, for the increase of its endowment, some manors in *Norfolk*, *Dorsetshire*, *Hertfordshire*, and *Bedfordshire*, which had belonged to dissolved monasteries, and built the south court, still called after his name, at his own expence. There are now twenty fellowships belonging to this college, besides seven bye-fellowships; three of the fellowships are of *Gonville's* foundation, open to all counties, and to laymen; three founded by *Dr. Caius* for natives of *Norfolk*; and six by various benefactors in the intermediate period; two of these are confined to the diocese of *Norwich*; the others are open to all counties and dioceses, (but with a preference to the diocese of *Norwich*,) and one of them is open to laymen. The other eight fellowships are in every respect open, excepting one, which is for a priest, who must be a native of the diocese of *Norwich*; six of these fellowships were founded by *Joyce Frankland*, widow; one by *Dr. Wendy*; and one by *Matthew Stokys*, fellow of the college; six of the bye-fellowships were founded by *Stephen Perse*, M.D. in 1615; and three by *Mr. Wortley* in 1749.

^u Appointed to that office in 1331.

Dr. Perfe's fellowships are open to all counties, and to laymen, with a preference to persons educated at the grammar-school founded by him in Cambridge; one of Mr. Wortley's fellowships is for a native of Devonshire; another for a native of Norfolk; the third is open. The number of scholarships is 77; ten of these are for natives of the city of Norwich; 26 for natives of the diocese; three for natives of London; two for natives of Cambridge; two for natives of Hertfordshire; one for a native of Bedfordshire; one for a native of Canterbury; and one for a person educated at some school in London or Westminster; the remaining 31 are in every respect open. There are likewise 14 exhibitions of different value, given in augmentation of the scholarships. Christopher Tancred, Esq. who died in the year 1754, founded four medical studentships in this college, at present worth above 100*l.* *per annum* each, the electors to which are the masters of Caius and Christ's Colleges, Cambridge; the master of the Charter-house; the president of the College of Physicians; the governors of Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals; and the treasurer of Lincoln's Inn*. Caius College has been a celebrated nursery for the professors of Medicine and Anatomy ever since the time of its second founder, Dr. Caius. That learned physician¹, among other benefactions, gave an annual sum, for the dissection of two bodies of malefactors, for which he obtained a licence from Queen Elizabeth; he appointed also, as before mentioned, that two of the fellows on his foundation should be graduates in medicine; Archbishop Parker founded a scholarship in the same faculty. Among those who have most eminently done honour to their society in this profession, are Dr. Francis Gliffon; Sir Charles Scarborough; and Dr. William Harvey; all eminent anatomists; particularly the latter, whose discovery of the circulation of the blood will ever immortalize his name. Among other distinguished characters who have been members of this society, may be reckoned Dr. Branthwaite, master of the college, and one of the translators of the Bible; Sir Thomas Gresham; Sir Peter Le Neve, the herald and antiquary; Richard Parker, author of the *Σκελετὸς Cantabrigiensis*; Dr. Brady, the historian; Henry Wharton, author of the *Anglia Sacra*; Sir Henry Chauncy, and Francis Blomefield², the historians of Hertfordshire and Norfolk; the celebrated bishop Taylor; Jeremy Collier; the learned Dr. Samuel Clarke; Shadwell, the poet; and Lord Thurlow.

There are 22 livings in the gift of this college; one of which is in Devonshire; two in Dorsetshire; one in Essex; sixteen in Norfolk; and two in Suffolk.

* They were appointed by Mr. Tancred trustees of his various charities, which were first settled by him, subject to several contingencies, by deed in 1721; further increased by his will in 1746; and, after his death, confirmed and regulated, and the trustees incorporated by act of Parliament.

¹ Dr. Caius distinguished himself not only in his own profession, but as an antiquary, particularly by his Treatise on the Antiquity of the University of Cambridge.

² Mr. Blomefield published also some Collections relating to the university, town, and county of Cambridge.

The master of Bene't College, the master of Trinity Hall, and the senior Doctor of Physic, are visitors of this college.

Caius College is situated on the west side of Trumpington street, having Trinity College on the north, Trinity Hall on the west, and the Senate House on the south: it consists of three courts. The court, built as above-mentioned by Dr. Caius, is supposed to have been designed by John de Padua, architect to King Henry VIII.; the gate leading into the first court, is inscribed "*Humilitatis*;" that which forms the communication between the first and second court has on one side the word "*Virtutis*;" and on the other side "*Jo. Caius posuit Sapientiæ*;" the third gate, which is ornamented with pillars of the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders, leads to the public schools, and is inscribed with the word "*Honoris*." On the north wall of the chapel, is the monument of Dr. Caius, whose body lies in a sarcophagus, under a canopy, supported by Ionic columns, with the following laconic epitaph, "*Fui Caius*,"—" *Vixit post funera virtus, 1573, Ætat. 73.*" This monument was removed from the east end, when the chapel was rebuilt, about the beginning of the last century; at which time the body of the deceased is said to have been seen in an uncorrupted state: on the same wall is the monument of Stephen Perse, M. D. a great benefactor to this college, and to the university, who died in 1615: on the south wall, are the monuments of Dr. Thomas Legge, a dramatic writer, and master of the college, 1607; Dr. Gostlin, president, 1704; and Sir Thomas Gooch, Bart. bishop of Ely, and master of the college, 1754. In the ante-chapel, are grave-stones in memory of Sir James Burrough, knight, master, an ingenious architect, who designed the Senate House, and other public buildings in Cambridge (1774), and Dr. Smith, master, 1795.

King's College was originally founded by King Henry VI. in the year 1441, on the sites of Augustine's Hostel, a hostel called God's house, and the church of St. Nicholas, and was then intended only for a rector and ten scholars. The following year William Bingham founded a hostel contiguous to the King's for a proctor and 25 scholars. In 1443 Bingham having surrendered his hostel to the King, the pious monarch founded his college upon a more ample scale, including within its site the church of St. John Zachary, on which the hall now stands. The church of St. John belonged to Trinity Hall, to which society the Church of St. Edward was given in exchange. The new foundation consisted, as it now does, of a provost and 70 fellows and scholars, besides conducts, choir-isters, and inferior officers: the scholars are supplied by a regular succession from

* It appears from the college archives, that the *Portus Sapientiæ* was built in the year 1565, and the *Portus Honoris* in 1573.

Eton college, founded by the same monarch, the Eton scholars being annually elected to succeed to scholarships at King's, their numbers varying^b according as vacancies occur : in three years after succeeding to scholarships, they become actual fellows.

This college possesses some remarkable privileges and exemptions : the power of the provost is almost absolute, within the precincts of his own college, the proctor having no authority within its walls, nor are the under-graduates subject to any examination, but by their own provost and the fellows. The bishop of Lincoln is visitor.

There are 28 livings in the gift of this college ; of which two are in Cambridge-shire ; two in Devonshire ; one in Dorsetshire ; one in Essex ; three in Hampshire ; two in Hertfordshire ; one in Lancashire ; one in Lincolnshire ; one in Leicestershire ; one in Middlesex ; four in Norfolk ; one in Northamptonshire ; four in Suffolk ; two in Surrey ; one in Warwickshire ; and one in Wiltshire. King's College seems to have nearly as good a claim as Pembroke Hall to be called *Collegium Episcopale*, above thirty prelates, who had been members of this Society before the year 1740, being enumerated in Carter's history of the university of Cambridge.

Among the more eminent prelates, who have been members of this college, may be reckoned Bishops Fox, West, Aldrich, Cox, Guest, and Wickham, in the 16th century ; Bishops Montague and Pearson in the 17th ; and Bishops Fleetwood, Hare, and Weston in the 18th century : among statesmen, Sir Jo. Cheke, Dr. Thomas Wilson, Sir Francis Walsingham, Walter Haddon, Sir Albert Moreton, Sir Robert Walpole, Horatio Lord Walpole, and the late Earl Camden : among those who have distinguished themselves in various branches of literature, Edward Hall, the historian ; William Oughtred, the mathematician ; Dr. Cowell, the civilian, afterwards master of Trinity Hall ; Dr. Castell, author of the Heptaglott Lexicon ; Waller, the poet ; Dean Stanhope ; Christopher Anstey ; Jacob Bryant, and Horace Earl of Orford. All these, excepting Walsingham, Waller, and Anstey, were on the Foundation.

King's College is situated on the west side, and nearly in the centre of Trumpington street ; it consists of several detached buildings : the old Court, which is situated between Clare Hall and the Schools, appears to be of the age of the Foundation, and retains its original form ; it is a stone building, about 120 feet by 90 : a little to the south of this court stands the Chapel, deservedly esteemed the chief ornament of Cambridge ; and one of the most beautiful specimens of the en-

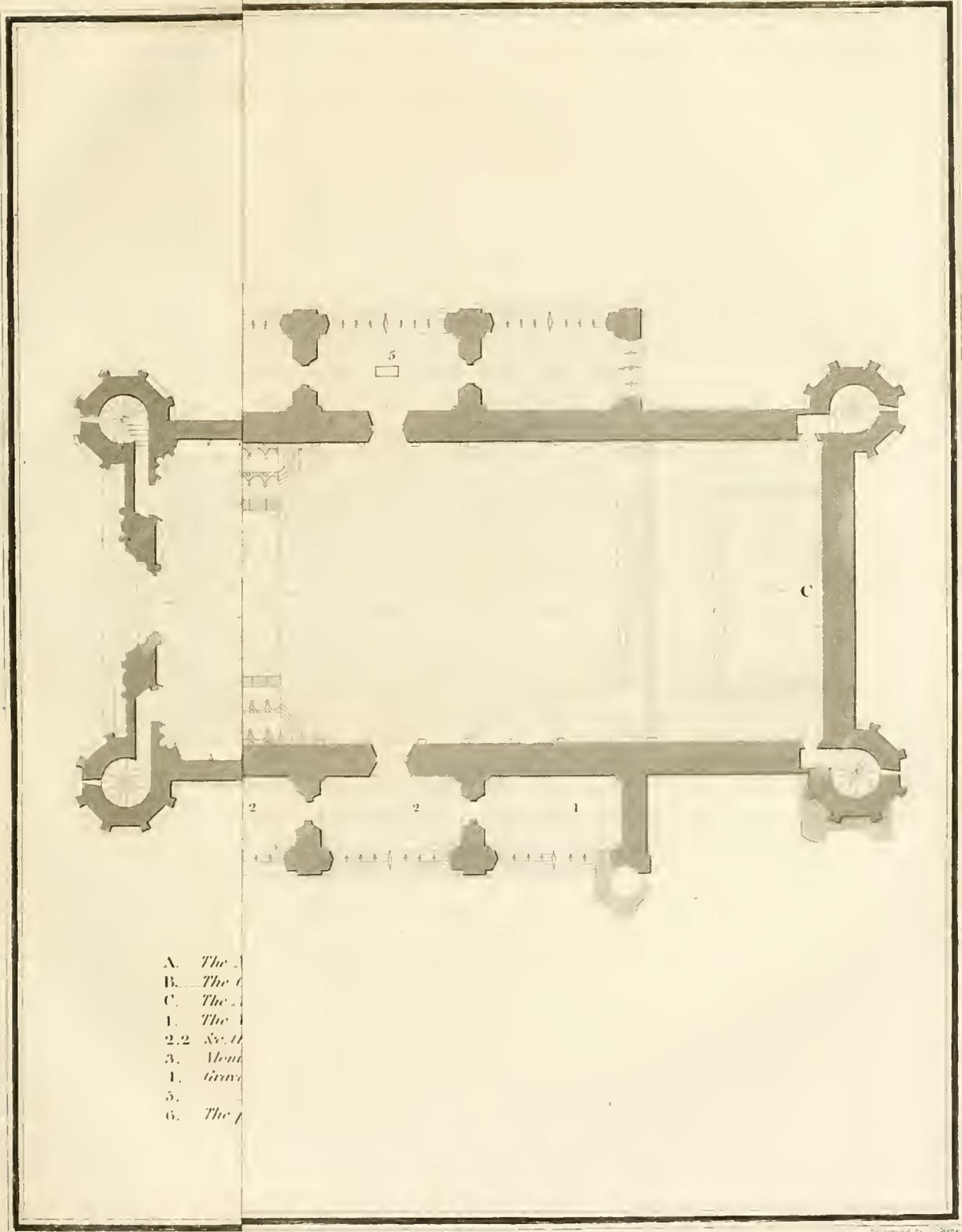
^b Nine in two years is rather below the average : the election takes place about the end of July.

riched style of Gothic architecture in the kingdom. This splendid structure, which has been already described more at large ^c, was begun by King Henry VI. who gave the college a quarry, called Thesdale quarry, in the Lordship of Hefelwode, in Yorkshire, with the stone of which, a great part of the chapel is supposed to have been built; and left very particular directions in his will, as to the design and dimensions of every part of it ^d: the unhappy termination of this monarch's reign, put a stop to this great work, which was not resumed with much effect ^e till about the year 1479, when, through the interest of his chaplain, Dr. Field, Warden of Winchester Collge, King Edward IV. became a benefactor to the building, which, after experiencing various interruptions, was finished in the year 1515, with money bequeathed for that purpose by King Henry VII., who began to patronize the work the year before his death, till which time it had been wholly suspended since the year 1484, when King Richard III. contributed 700 l. towards the expences of the building. It is not certain to whom the honour of designing this magnificent structure is to be attributed, but it is generally given to Nicholas Cloos, one of the first fellows of the college, and afterwards Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; who was appointed Overseer of the works at the commencement of the building by King Henry VI. the succeeding overseers whose names have been collected from records, are Dr. Field, warden of Winchester, appointed by King Edward IV.; Thomas Cliffe, appointed by King Richard III.; and Thomas Larke, who was overseer in the reign of K. Henry VIII. The beautiful painted glafs in the windows, which represents various subjects from scripture history ^f; was put up in the early part of King Henry the Eighth's reign, part of his predecessor's bountiful legacy having been expended, as is supposed, on this distinguished ornament of the chapel. Some have doubted whether the west window was ever filled with stained glafs: others have supposed that it was destroyed by the foldiers, who were quartered in the church during the civil war: the preservation of the rest, some have attributed to the influence of Dr. Whichcote, then provost, with the ruling powers: others have supposed that the glafs was taken down and buried. With respect to the west window, it is certain that by an agreement still existing among the college archives, it was to be fitted up with painted glafs. When Dowling, having been commissioned by Parliament to destroy all vestiges of superstition, visited Cam-

^c See p. 56. ^d The part which was built in the reign of Henry VI. is still to be distinguished by the colour of the stone.

^e It appears nevertheless that some progress was making in the buildings at least three years before, for in an indenture which is preserved among the archives of Caius College, John Wulrich is described as master mason of the works at King's College, in the 16th year of King Edward IV. and John Bell as mason-warden.

^f See farther mention of it, p. 59.

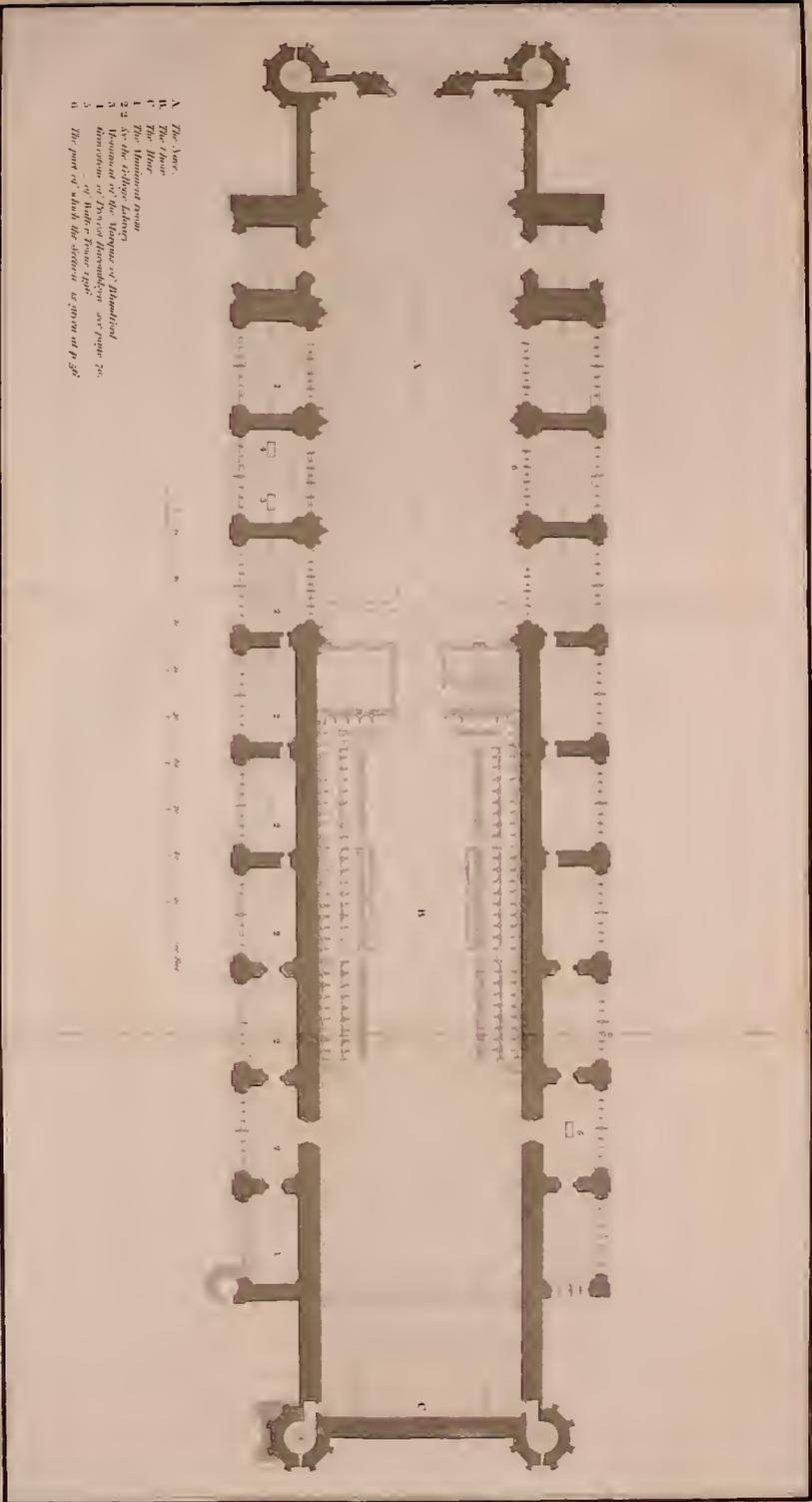


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- 6 6 The part of which the tower is shown in P. 38

PLAN OF KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, IN CAMBRIDGE.

bridge in 1643, the stained glass remained in the windows ; for “ the thousand superstitions” mentioned in his Journal, as being in King’s College chapel, could refer to nothing else : these pictures, he ordered to be taken down ; and it is very probable that the provost, after executing literally the mandates of Parliament, caused the glass to be carefully laid by, in such order that it might be replaced without much difficulty. The west window, perhaps, had not been secured before the arrival of the soldiers, who can scarcely be supposed to have shewn more forbearance here, than in other parts of the kingdom, which abound with testimonies of their fanatical zeal.

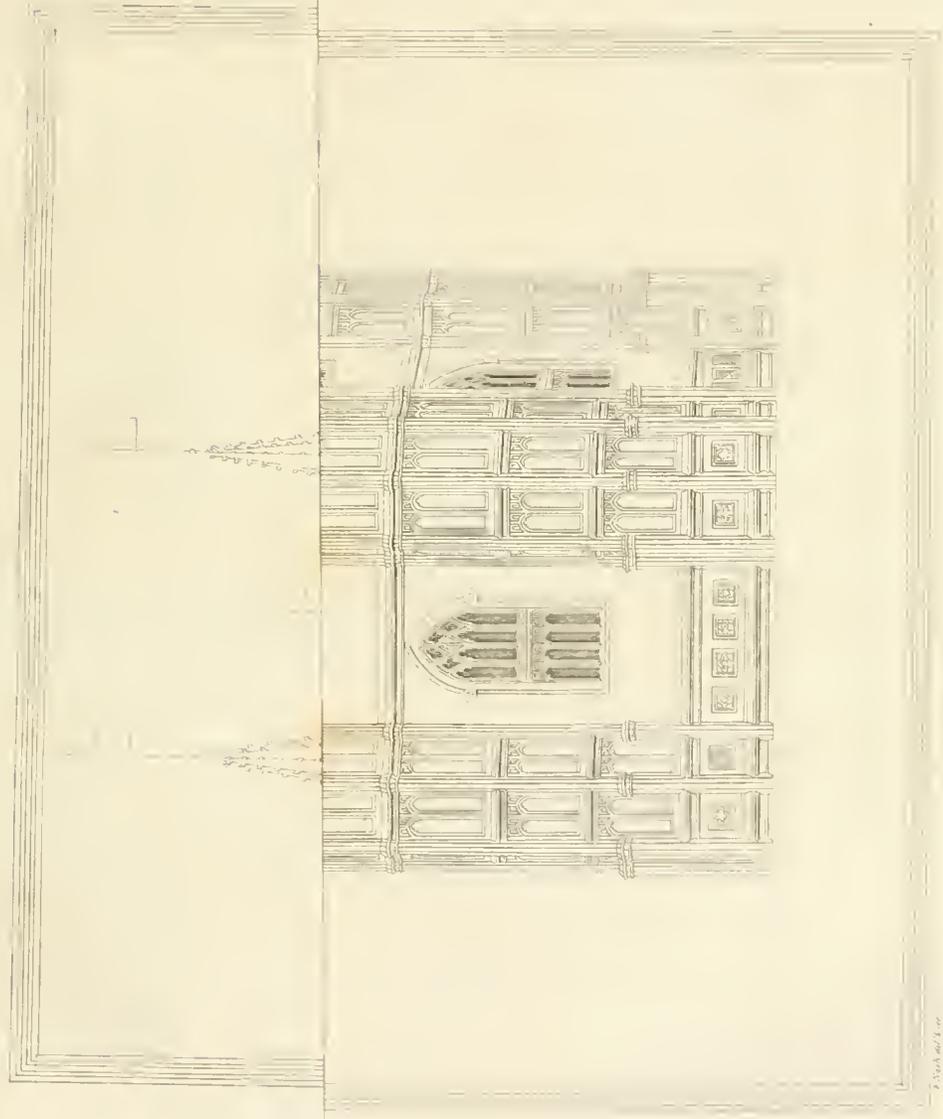
Over the altar is a picture of The Descent from the Cross, said to have been painted by Daniel de Volterza, but is believed to be rather by his scholar, Giacomo da Puntormo, given by the present Earl of Carlisle, who was a member of the college : the altar-screen, designed by Mr. James Essex, was put up about the year 1770.

On each side of the chapel, between the buttresses, are nine small chapels, or, as they are called in the founder’s will, closets. In the first chapel from the west, on the south side, is the monument of Martin Freeman, a fellow, with his bust, 1630, and that of Dr. John Sumner, provost, 1772. In the second chapel is the gravestone of the learned provost, Robert Hacomblynn, in whose time the roof of the chapel was built, and the windows glazed : he died in 1518. In the same chapel are the monuments of Dr. Samuel Collins, the ejected provost, 1651 ; John Churchill, Marquis of Blandford, son of the celebrated duke of Marlborough, who died a student of this college in the 16th year of his age^s (1702) ; and the late Robert Glynn Clobery, M.D. a much respected member of the college, who died in 1800, having bequeathed a large sum of money towards the intended improvement of the buildings. On the floor is a gravestone of Dr. John Coplestone, provost, 1689. In the window is a portrait, supposed to be that of the founder, in stained glass. In the third chapel are the gravestone of Dr. Robert Brassey, provost, 1558 ; Dr. Charles Roderick, provost, and Dean of Ely, 1712, and the monument of Dr. William Cooke, late provost of the college, and Dean of Ely, who died in 1797. This and the remainder of the chapels on the south side, in which are no monumental inscriptions, have been fitted up for the college library, which has lately received a valuable addition, the late learned Mr. Bryant having bequeathed his collection to the college. The chapels on the north side contain but few monuments ; in the fifth chapel from the west is that of Sir Thomas Page, provost, 1681 ; in the next chapel the gravestone of William

^s On this monument is a Latin epitaph written by Bishop Hare.

George, provost, and Dean of Lincoln, 1756, and in the eighth that of Walter Towne, fellow, who died in 1496, with his effigies engraved on brass. Carter mentions some other monumental inscriptions, chiefly for provosts and fellows of the college, which have been either obliterated or removed. In the antechapel near the south door is a tablet for John Stokys, who died in 1559, put up by Matthew Stokys, Esquire-bedel of the university, and fellow of this college. It was the founder's intention, to have built a cloister at the west end of the chapel, 200 feet by 175, and in the centre of the west side, a tower 120 feet in height to the corbel table. No part of this design ever took effect; but a lofty wooden tower was erected near the west end of the chapel, for the reception of the bells, which are said to have been presented to the founder by Pope Calixtus III. This tower being much decayed was taken down about the year 1740. There is an original drawing of the King's intended tower in the British Museum, from which the annexed plate is engraved. The founder had intended that the chapel should form the north side of a large court, or, as it is termed in the founder's will, a quadrant: at the east end of the south side was to have been the provost's lodge; the west building, which was to have been 230 feet in length, was intended to contain a hall 100 feet in length, and a library of 110 feet; the building on the east side, of corresponding dimensions with that on the west, was to have contained chambers for members of the college, and, in the middle, a tower for a gatehouse 30 feet by 25, and 40 feet high. No attempt appears to have been made towards completing the founder's original intention till the reign of King George I.; when, what is called the new building, being an edifice of Portland stone, 236 feet in length, was erected from a design of Mr. Gibbs, being intended to form the west side of the great court projected by the founder: the first stone was laid on the 24th of March 1724. Mr. Gibbs gave designs also for the north and south sides, and published engravings of the whole; but no farther progress was made in the work. Gibbs's building, though handsome as a distinct structure, unfortunately does not at all harmonize with the chapel: and, among other plans for the improvement of the college, it was recommended by Mr. James Wyatt, either to alter its external appearance, or to remove it entirely, substituting in its place a building more in unison with that venerable edifice, and to complete the whole with magnificent buildings in a corresponding style. Mr. Wyatt's designs are at the provost's lodge, but nothing has been determined either as to the plan of the building or the time of its commencement.

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DESIGN FOR THE TOWER OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,
from an original Drawing in the British Museum

PLATE I. 16. 1/2 inch scale



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The Provost's Lodge, which is situated near the east end of the chapel, is an ancient building, but the apartments are large and commodious. When Queen Elizabeth visited the university in 1564, she took up her abode at this lodge, the hall of which was her guard-chamber; the dining-room over it, her presence chamber; the gallery, and the adjoining rooms, her private apartments: an ancient chair, still in the gallery, is said to have been used as her chair of state.

The lawn, to the west of the college, communicates by means of a stone bridge, with the shady walks on the other side of the Cam.

The foundation of *Queen's College* was begun by Margaret of Anjou, Henry the Sixth's Queen, in 1448, and completed by Elizabeth, the consort of his rival, in 1465. In this college are 19 fellowships, one bye-fellowship, 19 scholarships of 8 l. *per annum* each, and eight small exhibitions. The fellowships, under certain restrictions, are open to all counties; 12 of the fellows at least must be in priest's orders: the King is visitor. King Richard III. intended a great benefaction to this college, by conferring on it all the forfeited estates of John Vere, Earl of Oxford, but it was rendered null and void on the accession of King Henry VII. who restored the whole to the Earl. The greatest benefactors in modern times, have been Ferdinando Smythes, a fellow, who gave the sum of 1500 l. for the use of three Bachelors of Arts, till the time of taking their Master's degree, and Mr. Hughes, late vice-president, who bequeathed the residue of his property, amounting to about 2000 l., to the college.

There are ten livings in the gift of this college; three in Cambridgeshire; one in Essex; one in Leicestershire; three in Norfolk; one in Nottinghamshire; and one in Wiltshire. Among the eminent persons, who have been educated at this society, may be reckoned Sir Thomas Smith, afterwards provost of Eton; Thomas Brightman, author of a celebrated Treatise on the Revelations; John Weever, author of the Funeral Monuments; Dr. Thomas Fuller, author of the Worthies of England, and other well known works; Bishop Patrick; and Dr. John Wallis, the mathematician. Erasmus, who is said to have studied also at St. Mary Hall in Oxford, was sometime a student of this college.

Queen's College, which is situated to the west of Catherine Hall, on the banks of the river, consists of two courts. In the chapel, which has been modernized, are memorials for Dr. John Stokes, master, who died in 1568; Dr. Henry James, master, 1716; Dr. John Davies, 1731; and Dr. William Sedgwick, 1750.

In the Master's Lodge are several pictures; the most remarkable are, a curious antient altar-piece, in three pannels, of Judas betraying our Saviour, the Resurrection, and Christ appearing to the Apostles after the Resurrection, much in the style

style of Martin Schoen, and in high preservation. Some authentic portraits of the foundress, Elizabeth, Queen of Edward IV. ; and a good one of Erasmus on wood; there is also a very good picture of Daniel Wray by Dance.

The Gardens, on the other side of the river, are connected with the college by a wooden bridge of one arch, (built in 1746,) which has been much admired for the ingenuity of its construction.

Catherine Hall was founded in 1475 by Robert Woodlark, third provost of King's College, and chancellor of the university, who endowed it for a master and three fellows. In the reign of K. Edward VI. the number of fellowships was increased to six; besides which there are eight bye-fellowships; one of which was founded by Mr. Frankland, for a person educated at Coventry school; one by Mr. Holway, called the conduct-fellowship; and six for natives of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, by Mrs. Ramsden. The senior fellowships are open, but there must not be more than two fellows of any county at the same time. Mrs. Ramsden founded also 10 scholarships of 20*l.* *per annum* each, for natives of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire; and there are 16 other scholarships of smaller value. An act of Parliament was procured by the college in 1756, to enable them to purchase a site, and erect buildings for the reception of Mrs. Ramsden's fellows and scholars. Queen Anne annexed a prebend of Norwich to the mastership of this college. The Lord Chancellor is visitor. There are only four livings in the gift of this society; one in Cambridgehire; one in Essex; and two in Norfolk.

Among the eminent persons educated at Catherine Hall, may be reckoned Archbishop Sandys; John Strype, the antiquary; Ray, the naturalist; Dr. Lightfoot, the orientalist; Bishop Blackall; Bishop Hoadley; and Bishop Sherlock. The last mentioned prelate bequeathed his valuable library to the college, and gave a salary of 20*l.* *per annum* to a librarian.

Catherine Hall is situated on the west side of Trumpington street; the buildings occupy three sides of a court, the east side being open to the street. The chapel was consecrated in the year 1704; in the antechapel is a monument for the lady of Sir William Dawes, Bart. master of the Hall, and afterwards Archbishop of York; that of Dr. John Eachard, a great benefactor to this college, of which he was master, and author of a well-known work, entitled, "Reasons for the Contempt of the Clergy," who died in 1697; and the tomb of Dr. John Addenbrooke, fellow of the college, and founder of the hospital which bears his name, who died in 1719.

Jesus College was founded in 1496 by John Alcock, Bishop of Ely, who had obtained from King Henry VII. a grant of the nunnery of St. Radegund, then lately suppressed; all the lands which had been given to that monastery, were given as an endowment,

endowment, and the buildings were converted into a college. The original number of fellows was only six; they have since been increased to sixteen by the donations of several benefactors: eight of the fellows must be of the northern, and eight of the southern counties, and six out of the whole must be in priest's orders. Contrary to the custom of other colleges, the election of fellows is not vested wholly in the society, but the Bishop of Ely selects one out of two candidates, nominated by the college, and he has the sole appointment to one fellowship, founded by Bishop Stanley: the mastership is also in the bishop's appointment, and he is visitor of the college. Tobias Rustat, yeoman of the robes to King Charles II., founded eleven scholarships, of 15*l. per annum*, at this college, (open to all counties) for clergymen's orphans, raised since to above 30*l. per annum*, according to the merit of the scholar, at the discretion of the society; and there are two scholarships, one of 20*l.* the other of 15*l. per annum*, for sons of living clergymen. There are several other scholarships, with various stipends.

There are 16 livings in the gift of this college; nine of which are in Cambridgeshire; one in Essex; one in Gloucestershire; one in Hertfordshire; and four in Suffolk.

Among eminent persons who have been educated at Jesus College, may be reckoned Archbishop Cranmer; Archbishop Bancroft; Bishop Bale, the biographer; Dr. John Nalson, the historian; Roger North, the biographer; John Flamsted, the astronomer; Fenton, the poet; Dr. Jortin; and Gilbert Wakefield.

Jesus College, which is situated at the extremity of the town, towards the Newmarket road, consists of a small court, surrounded by a cloister, and another principal court, about 140 feet by 120, of which only three sides are occupied by buildings. The chapel, which was the conventual church, exhibits, particularly in the chancel and tower, considerable remains of the original structure. Over the altar is a picture of the Presentation in the Temple, by Jouvenet. In the south transept of what is now the antechapel, are the tombs of Berta Rosata, one of the nuns^x; and of Prior John de Pykenham; the latter is supposed to have been removed from the neighbouring convent of Franciscans: in the north transept, is the monument (with a medallion of the deceased in a flowing peruke) of Tobias Rustat, yeoman of the robes to King Charles II. a benefactor to the college, remarkable for his great wealth and extensive charities, dispensed both in his lifetime and by bequest: he died a bachelor in 1693, at the age of 87. There are memorials also for several of the masters and presidents of the college; Dr. Sherman, presi-

^x See p. 63.

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dent, who died in 1671; Dr. Boldero, master, 1679; Dr. Cook, president, 1707; Dr. Ashton, master, 1752; and Dr. Caryl, master, 1781. In the combination room is a very curious whole length portrait of the founder.

Although *Christ's College* was originally founded in the reign of King Henry VI. by the name of God's House, yet its foundation is generally dated from its second and more ample establishment, by Margaret Countess of Richmond, in 1505. King Henry having occasion to remove the college of God's House, which had been founded by William Bingham, rector of St. John Zachary in London, for a provost and four fellows, for the purpose of enlarging the site of his newly founded college, gave them a house without Barnwell gate, which had belonged to the monks of Tilney and Denny. It was the King's intention, on account of his having removed the site, to have increased the revenues of this college, but his design was prevented by the fatal termination of the civil wars in which he was soon afterwards engaged. The Countess of Richmond having altered its name to Christ's College, endowed it with lands for the support of a master, 12 fellows, and 47 scholars; another fellowship was founded by King Edward VI.; and two others by Sir John Finch and Sir Thomas Baynes. Founders' heirs have a preference in the election to the latter; they are open to all counties, as is the fellowship founded by King Edward; the 12 senior fellowships are open also, but there must not be more than one fellow of any county at the same time, nor more than six born south of Trent. The senior fellows are obliged to take priest's orders; the other fellowships are open to laymen. The Lady Margaret's scholarships are 18 l. 4 s. *per annum*; there are 14 other scholarships of various value, six of which are appropriated to students from Giggleswick school, and some small exhibitions. Christopher Tancred, Esq.¹ founded four studentships in divinity in this college, to be held for eight years; they are nearly 80 l. *per annum* each. The vice-chancellor^k, and the two senior doctors are visitors of the college.

There are 17 livings in the gift of Christ's College; four of which are in Cambridgeshire; one in Essex; one in Hertfordshire; one in Leicestershire^l; two in Lincolnshire; four in Norfolk; two in Northamptonshire; one in Pembroke-shire; and one in Suffolk.

Among the eminent persons who have been members of this society, may be enumerated John Leland, the antiquary; Bishop Latimer^m; Milton; Hugh Broughton, and Dr. Lightfootⁿ, the orientlists; John Cleland, and Francis Quarles,

¹ See Note, p. 111. ^k If the vice-chancellor should happen to be of this college, the provost of King's supplies his place as one of the visitors. ^l To this living the Earl of Berkeley must present one of two fellows nominated by the college. ^m Bishop Tanner makes him of Bene't College.

ⁿ He was afterwards master of Catherine Hall.

poets; Dr. Joseph Mede, an eminent divine; Archbishop Sharp; Dr. Thomas Burnet, author of the Theory of the Earth; Dr. Laurence Echard, the historian; Dr. Saunderson, the mathematician; Bishop Law; and Archdeacon Paley.

Christ's College is situated in St. Andrew's street, near the church of that Saint: the ancient building consists of a court, which is 138 feet by 120, cased with stone; a more modern building, fronting the garden and the fields, extends about 150 feet in length.

On the north side of the chapel, near the altar, is a monument by Joseph Catterns, in memory of Sir John Finch, who died at Constantinople, where he was then resident as ambassador from our court, in 1680; and his friend and companion in his travels, Sir Thomas Baynes, who died in 1682. Within the rails of the altar is the gravestone of Dr. Ralph Cudworth, author of the Intellectual System, and master of this college, who died in 1688. In the antechapel are memorials for Dr. John Covell, master, 1722; and Hugh Thomas, Dean of Ely, and master of the college, 1780. In the east window of the chapel, are portraits of King Henry VII. and some others of the family of the foundrefs.

The foundation of *St. John's College* was projected and begun by Margaret Countess of Richmond a short time before her death, which happened in 1509. It was completed by her executors, under the authority of a papal bull, and the royal mandates of her son and grandson King Henry VII. and Henry VIII., which gave them the power of suppressing a decayed hospital, dedicated to St. John, then existing on the same site. The college, then consisting only of the present first court, was four years in building; the fabrick is said to have cost between four and five thousand pounds. The number of fellowships on the old foundation is 32; one of them is in the appointment of the Bishop of Ely: they are open to all counties, with this restriction, that there must not be more than two fellows (belonging to that foundation) of any county at the same time. Twenty-one fellowships have since been founded by several benefactors; they are all appropriated to particular schools, districts, counties, families, or choirs. In 1637, William Platt, Esq. founded four fellowships, since increased by the college to nine: the stipends of the fellows, who are called after the name of their founder, are small, and they are not entitled to the same privileges as the other fellows.

The number of scholarships in this college is 114. Four, which were founded by Mr. Platt, have been increased to nine; nine founded by the Dukes of Somerset, are appropriated to the schools of Hereford, Marlborough, and Manchester: the remainder were founded by various benefactors. There are a considerable number of exhibitions of different value. The Bishop of Ely is visitor.

There are 36 livings in the gift of this college; three of which are in Bedfordshire; two in Berkshire; three in Cambridgeshire; one in Carnarvonshire; one in

Devonshire ; five in Essex ; one in the Isle of Wight ; two in Hertfordshire ; three in Kent ; two in Leicestershire ; one in Lincolnshire ; two in Norfolk ; one in Northamptonshire ; two in Oxfordshire ; one in Pembrokeshire ; three in Suffolk ; and three in Yorkshire. The college has two presentations out of three to the vicarage of Great Hormead in Hertfordshire ; and the alternate presentation (with Brazen-Nose College in Oxfordshire) to Wotton-Rivers in Wiltshire. Besides the above patronage, there are five livings in Norfolk in the patronage of the Duke of Norfolk, which must be given to the foundation fellows of St. John's College.

Among eminent persons who have been members of St. John's College, may be reckoned Roger Afcham ; Sir John Cheke (afterwards provost of King's) ; Sir Thomas Wyat ; Lord Treasurer Burleigh ; Lord Keeper Williams ; Dr. John Dee ; Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford ; Lord Falkland ; Dr. William Whitaker ; Dr. William Cave ; Bishop Stillingfleet ; Bishop Beveridge ; Dr. Jenkins, master of the college, who wrote on the reasonableness of Christianity ; Dr. Powell, master of the college ; Dr. Balguy ; Dr. Ogden ; Thomas Stackhouse, author of the History of the Bible ; Dr. William Wotton^o, and Dr. Bentley^p, celebrated critics ; Benjamin Jonson ; John Cleland^q ; Ambrose Phillips, Prior, Otway, Broome, Hammond, and Mason, poets ; Martin Lister, the naturalist ; Francis Peck, and Thomas Baker, antiquaries ; and the late Dr. Heberden.

St. John's is situated to the north of Trinity College, and occupies the whole space between Trumpington street and the river, consisting of three courts : the dimensions of the first, which is the most ancient, are about 228 feet by 216 ; it is entered from the street by a handsome turretted gate-way coëval with the foundation of the college : the second court, which is chiefly occupied by the apartments of the fellows, is very handsome ; its dimensions are about 270 feet by 240 ; it was built by the benefaction of Mary Countess of Shrewsbury : the inner court, next the river, is of smaller dimensions than the others. The north side of the first court is occupied by the chapel ; that of the second by the master's lodge ; and that of the third by the library, extending altogether the whole length of the college, from east to west, about 480 feet.

Over the altar, in the chapel, is a painting of St. John in the Wilderness, by Mr. Ker Porter : on the floor is a brass-plate, with the figure of an ecclesiastic, and the arms of Zouch, one of the masters probably of the suppressed hospital. There are memorials also of Dr. Humphrey Gower, master, and Margaret-professor of Divinity, 1711 ; Dr. John Newcome, Dean of Rochester, Margaret-professor and master of St. John's, 1765 ; and Dr. Powell, master, 1775.

^o He had been before of Catherine Hall. ^p Afterwards master of Trinity College. ^q Before of Christ's College

In the antechapel are the monuments of Hugh Ashton ^r, one of the executors of the foundress, and a great benefactor to the college, who died in 1522; Dr. Metcalfe, master, 1537; Dr. John Smith, who, at the time of his death in 1715, was engaged in publishing an edition of the works of the venerable Bede; and William Wilfon ^s, a late fellow, who distinguished himself by a treatise on the Divinity of our Saviour. On the floor is the gravestone of Thomas Baker ^s, the antiquary, sometime fellow of St. John's, who was ejected for non-conformity in 1716. He wrote a history of his own college, the manuscript of which is among his collections in the British Museum. At the entrance of the chapel, near the steps leading to the master's lodge, is a tablet in memory of the learned Dr. Whitaker, master, who died in 1595.

The Library, built by Archbishop Williams, is a spacious room, and contains one of the most valuable and extensive collections of books in the university, among which are those given to the college by Matthew Prior, Esq. consisting chiefly of the French historians. In the master's lodge is a spacious ancient gallery, nearly 155 feet in length, with a richly ornamented ceiling, now divided into a suite of rooms, containing many portraits of benefactors and members of the college, among which are an ancient whole length of the foundress, a picture of her time, much ornamented with gilding; a portrait, said to be of Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, by Holbein; and a whole length of Prior, painted in France. The Hall, which, with its offices, divides the first and second courts, is a spacious Gothic room, and is ornamented with several portraits, among which are whole lengths of the foundress, Sir Ralph Hare, and Archbishop Williams.

The spacious gardens and walks belonging to this college, lie on the west side of the river, over which is a stone-bridge, of three arches, leading from the inner court.

Magdalen College was built by Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in the year 1519, by the name of Buckingham House, on the site of an ancient hostel belonging to the Abbeyes of Ely, Ramsey, and Walden, in which some of the monks of those monasteries resided from time to time. At a much more remote period, it is supposed by some to have been the original site of Barnwell Priory. The Duke of Buckingham not having completed the building, at the time of his

^r See p. 70. ^s The Epitaph is as follows:—" Gulielmo Wilfon, S.T.B. socio hujus collegii, integro, benevolo, pio; qui postquam eternum illud Christum esse Deum, scriptis feliciter illustraverat, obiit anno salutis 1800, Ætatis suæ 38. Amici mœrentes posuerunt."

^s The Epitaph is as follows:—" H.S.E. Thomas Baker, S.T.B. collegii hujus olim socius qui ex senatus-consulto, A.D. 1716 ejectus, in his ædibus hospes postea, confenuit: pius, modestus, doctus, antiquitatis peritissimus. Obiit Julii 2º, 1740; Ætatis 84."

attainder, the college reverted to the crown, and was granted to Thomas Lord Audley, Lord High Chancellor of England, who, in 1542, endowed it for a master and four fellows. The foundation fellowships are open to all counties; there are 13 bye-fellowships, which are also open excepting two, one being appropriated to Shrewsbury school, and another a travelling fellowship, with a stipend of upwards of 100 l. *per annum*, founded by the Rev. Drue Drury, and held for a limited term, being appropriated to the county of Norfolk. The other bye-fellowships were founded by Hugh Dennis, Esq. Mr. Spenloffe, Dr. Goche, and Mr. Smith. There are 38^o scholarships belonging to this college of different value, founded by several benefactors; four of these, being 20 l. *per annum* each, were founded by Dr. Millington for natives of Shropshire; and three of the same value, founded by Mr. Milner, are appropriated to the schools of Leeds, Halifax, and Heversham. There are two exhibitions of 40 l. *per annum*, founded by Mr. Holmes.

The possessor of Audley-End, (heretofore the seat of the founder), now Lord Braybrokè, is visitor of the college, and appoints the master.

There are six livings in the gift of this college; one in Cambridgehire; two in Lincolnshire; one in Middlesex; one in Suffex; and one in Wiltshire.

Among eminent persons who have been members of Magdalen College, may be reckoned Lord Keeper Bridgman; Bishop Walton^a, editor of the Polyglot Bible; Bishop Rainbow; Dr. Howell, the historian; Bishop Cumberland; Dr. Waterland; and the late Professor Waring, the celebrated mathematician.

This college, which stands on the north side of the river, consists of two small courts: the larger of which is about 110 feet by 78. In the master's lodge are six portraits of persons of the Ferrar family, said to be by C. Jansen, and an authentic one of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, the original founder, which has been engraved by Houbraken, by mistake for his father Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham. On the north side of the second court is a stone building, the body of which is appropriated to the reception of the Pepysian library, and in the wings are the apartments of the fellows. The library was given to the college by Samuel Pepys, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, in the reign of King Charles II. and King James II. In this repository, among other valuable curiosities, are preserved many very rare portraits, and other engravings, a large collection of old ballads, many of which are not elsewhere to be found; and the original narrative of the escape of King Charles II., after the battle of Worcester, communicated by that monarch to Mr. Pepys, and taken in short-hand from his

^a He had been also of Peter-House.

own mouth ; but what may be considered as the most valuable part of the library, is a collection of papers relating to the maritime affairs of this kingdom, which was made by Mr. Pepys, with a view to composing a naval history of Great Britain, which ill health prevented him from executing.

On the site of *Trinity College*, there were formerly seven hostels, one of which, Phiswick's or Fyfwycke's hostel, was attached, as before-mentioned, to Gonville Hall, and two colleges, Michael-House and King's Hall. Michael-House, dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, was founded in 1324, by Harvey de Stanton, Chancellor of the Exchequer to King Edward II. King's Hall was founded by King Edward III. in 1337, for a master and 32 scholars ; and is said to have been so magnificent a structure, as to have been capable of accommodating King Richard II. and his court, when he held a parliament at Cambridge in 1381. Among other persons eminent in their day, Bishop Fisher was educated at Michael House ; Bishop Toustall at King's Hall. Both these colleges were suppressed in 1546, having been resigned into the King's hands by their respective masters, previously to the foundation of Trinity College, which took place the same year *. The King having made the lands of the suppressed colleges a part of the new endowment, appointed his college to consist of a master and 60 fellows : and Queen Mary added to the endowment the rectories of Eversham, Kendal, and Kirkby-Lonsdale, in Westmoreland, and of Sedbergh and Aysgarth, in Yorkshire, then producing a revenue of 338 l. *per annum*, for the maintenance of 20 scholars, 10 choiristers, and their master, four chaplains, 13 poor scholars, and two sizar. Some other scholarships have since been added : the present number is 69. The fellows are chosen from the scholars, who become superannuated when of sufficient standing to take their master's degree ; both fellowships and scholarships are open to all counties, except one scholarship of 37 l. *per annum*, founded by Mr. Newman, which is to be given alternately to natives of Cambridgeshire and Kent. Laymen and clergymen are equally eligible to the fellowships ; but if a fellow be not admitted to priest's orders within seven years after taking his degree of Master of Arts, he loses his fellowship. There are two fellowships, one intended for a student of law, the other for a student of physic, exempt from this obligation. The privilege of retaining a fellowship, without going into orders, may be conferred by the master. A few of the scholarships are appropriated to Westminster school. There are 14 exhibitions, most of which are under 10 l. *per annum*, given by several benefactors. The master is appointed by the King, who is visitor of the college, excepting with respect to the master, to whom the Bishop of Ely is visitor. †

* The foundation charter is printed in Rymer, vol. xv. p. 106, from Pat. 38. Hen. VIII. p. 7.

† Or, as Fuller says, 376 l.

There are 59 livings in the gift of Trinity College; eight of which are in Bedfordshire; two in Buckinghamshire; twelve in Cambridgeshire; one in Durham; two in Essex; four in Hertfordshire; one in Leicestershire; three in Lincolnshire; one in Middlesex; six in Nottinghamshire; three in Norfolk; one in Northamptonshire; one in Staffordshire; one in Suffolk; one in Warwickshire; three in Westmoreland; one in the Isle of Wight; and eight in Yorkshire. The college has one presentation in three to the rectory of Guiseley in Yorkshire. Three of the advowsons, now vested in this college, belonged to Michael-House, and five to King's Hall.

Among the many eminent persons who have been educated at Trinity College, may be reckoned Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex; Lord Chancellor Bacon; Sir Edward Coke; Fulke Greville, Lord Brooke; Charles, Earl of Halifax; Sir Isaac Newton; William Outram²; Roger Cotes; Dr. William Whitaker²; Bishop Hacket; Abraham Cowley; John Dryden; Dr. Donne; Nathaniel Lee; George Herbert; Richard Duke; Lord Lansdowne; Sir Robert Cotton; Sir Henry Spelman; Dr. Gale; John Le Neve; Francis Willoughby; Philemon Holland; Andrew Marvell; Robert Nelson; Dr. Samuel Knight; and Dr. Conyers Middleton.

Archbishop Whitgift, Bishop Wilkins, Bishop Pearson, Dr. Isaac Barrow, and Dr. Bentley, were masters of this college. Ray, the naturalist, who had been educated at Catherine Hall, was a fellow.

Trinity College is situated between St. John's and Caius College, occupying the space between Trumpington street and the river: it consists of two large courts of unequal dimensions. The larger court forms a most magnificent assemblage of buildings, being about 630 yards in circuit: the west side, which is the longest, is about 174 yards; the east side about 163 yards; the north 145; the south about 141. This court is entered from Trumpington street by a turretted gate-way, said to have been formerly the entrance to King's Hall. An astronomical observatory was fitted up on its summit for the use of Roger Cotes, the Plumian Professor, in the early part of Dr. Bentley's mastership; it was taken down a few years ago: on the north side of this court is the chapel; on the west, the hall and master's lodge. The inner court is called Neville's, from Thomas Neville, master of the college, and Dean of Canterbury, by whose benefaction the principal part of it was built: the library, which now forms the west side, is of later date, the building having been projected by Dr. Barrow. The library, and the cloisters of this court, which extend along the north, south, and west sides, were designed by Sir Christopher Wren.

² Afterwards fellow of St. John's.

² Afterwards master of St. John's.

The Chapel, which was begun by Queen Mary, and finished by Queen Elizabeth, is above 200 feet in length. Over the altar-piece is a painting of St. Michael binding Satan, by West; the gift of Bishop Hinchliffe, the late master. On the north wall is the monument of Thomas Sekford, (son of Sir Henry Sekford, Bart.) who died a student of this college in 1624: on the south wall, that of George Chare, 1696. There are memorials also for Sir Thomas Sclater, Bart. 1684, and for some of the fellows and other members of the college. In the antechapel is a statue of Sir Isaac Newton, in white marble, by Roubiliac, presented to the society by Dr. Smith, who succeeded Dr. Bentley as master. On the west wall are the monuments of Daniel Lock, 1754, and Francis Hooper, 1769, two fellows of this college, with their busts, by Roubiliac and Read; and a large tablet, in memory of Roger Cotes^b, Plumian Professor, an eminent mathematician, who died in 1716: on the north wall is a tablet in memory of Isaac Hawkins Browne, Esq. author of a celebrated poem on the Immortality of the Soul, and other works, who died in 1762^c. The Hall, which is about 100 feet in length, is a very handsome room, in the mixt style of architecture which began in the reign of Henry VIII.; it has a large bow-window at each end of the high table. The master's lodge, which contains several spacious apartments, has always, since the time of Queen Elizabeth, (who was herself lodged at King's College,) been the residence of the Sovereign, when the university has been honoured with a royal visit, and the Judges always lodge there during the assizes. Among the portraits in this lodge, the most remarkable are a whole length of Henry VIII. larger than life, by Lucas de Heere, after Holbein; and a half length of the Earl of Essex, by Mark Garrard.

^b On the tablet is the following Epitaph from the pen of Dr. Bentley: "H.S.E. Rogerus Roberti filius Cotes, Collegii hujus S. Trinitatis socius, Astronomiæ et experimentalis Philosophiæ Professor Plumianus, qui immaturâ præreptus morte pauca quidem ingenii sui pignora reliquit, sed egregia et admiranda, ex inaccessis Matheos penetralibus felici solertiâ tum primûm eruta; post magnum illum Newtonum societatis hujus spes altera et decus gemellum; cui ad summam doctrinæ laudem omnes morum, virtutumque dotes in cumululum accefferunt; eo magis spectabiles amabileque quod in formoso corpore gratiores venirent; Natus Burbagii in agro Leicestriensi, Jul. 10. 1682, Obiit Jun. 5. 1716."

^c The Epitaph is as follows: "M.S. Isaaci Hawkins Browne, A.M. Gulielmo Browne nati, hujusce collegii, cujus et Pater socius fuerat, alumni; Poetæ venusti, sublimis; senatoris spectati, gravis; viri excellenti animo ac virtuti præditi; immortalitate quam Christianus præsentaverat, vates illustraverat; frui cœpit A. D. 1762. Æt. 55. Ut ædes quas vivus colebat, defunctum ne filerent, hæc marmor patri optimo, filius unicus, I.H.B. P.C."

The Library, a magnificent room 200 feet in length, was built with the amount of a subscription, procured chiefly by the exertions of Dr. Barrow. The collection of books is large and valuable. Among the MSS. is a small folio, containing some of Milton's works in his own hand-writing. At each end are two pedestals, supporting the busts of Newton and Bacon, Ray, and Willoughby, in white marble, by Roubiliac: at the south end is a statue of Charles, Duke of Somerset, chancellor of the university, by Rysbrack. Among the portraits, are whole lengths of Dr. Isaac Barrow, and Dr. Thomas Neville, masters of the college. The south window is filled with a painting on glass, by Peckett, from a design of Cipriani, pursuant to the will of Dr. Smith, who bequeathed a sum of money for that purpose. The subject is imaginary, being the presentation of Sir Isaac Newton to King George III., with Sir Francis Bacon sitting at the bottom in his Chancellor's robes. At the foot of the stair-case are some Roman inscriptions, and other antiquities; which had been collected by Sir Robert Cotton, and deposited at his seat at Connington in Huntingdonshire, whence they were removed, and given to this college by Sir John Cotton of Stratton in 1753: there is a Roman mile-stone also, found near Water-Newton in Huntingdonshire, given by Richard Gough, Esq.; and the celebrated Sigeian inscription, given by Edward Wortley Montagu, whose bust, by Scheemaker, was presented to the college by his daughter, the Countess of Bute. There are also two Greek inscriptions, presented by John Hawkins, Esq. who brought them from Greece.

Emanuel College was founded in 1584 by Sir Walter Mildmay, on the site of the monastery of the Black Friars, which he had purchased of Mr. Sherwood. The original foundation was only for a master, three fellows, and four scholars. There are now twelve, which are called foundation fellowships, besides one founded by Mr. Gillingham, which enjoys nearly the same privileges as the others; these fellowships are open to all counties, but there must not be two fellows of any county at the same time. Sir Wolstan Dixie, sometime Lord Mayor of London, a contemporary of the founder, gave lands for the support of two fellows and two scholars, distinct from those of the foundation. These fellows have no vote in the society, nor have they any claim to college livings: the fellowships are in the gift of Sir Wolstan Dixie's heirs, and the candidates must be founders' kin, or have received their education at Market-Bosworth school. Most of the scholarships are open: there are five exhibitions of 14*l.* *per annum*, and several others of 10*l.*, or under. The visitors of this college are in some cases the vice-chancellor, and the two senior doctors; in others, the vice-chancellor and the master of Christ's College.

There are 15 livings in the gift of Emanuel College, one of which is in Hampshire; one in Hertfordshire; three in Huntingdonshire; two in Leicestershire; one in Norfolk; one in Rutlandshire; four in Somersetshire; and two in Suffolk;

one of these, Fressenfield *cum* Witherdale, in Suffolk, is in the gift of the master.

Among eminent persons who have been members of Emanuel College, may be reckoned Bishop Hall; Matthew Poole, author of the *Synopsis Criticorum*; Joshua Barnes; Dr. Wallis^d, the mathematician; Sir Robert Twissden, the antiquary; John Morton, the historian of Northamptonshire; Sir Francis Penberton; Sir William Temple; and Anthony Blackwall, author of "the Sacred Classics defended and illustrated."

This college, which is situated in St. Andrew's street, consists chiefly of one court. The present chapel, which was designed by Archbishop Sancroft, was completed in 1677: the principal benefactor to the building was Sir Robert Gayer, K. B. who contributed 10,401. Over the altar is a painting of the return of the Prodigal Son, by Amiconi. At the entrance of the chapel is a memorial for Laurence Chaderton, the first master of the college, and one of the translators of the Bible; who died in 1640, at the great age of 103: his bones were removed from the old chapel, where they had been originally interred. In the cloister, near the chapel-door, is a tablet in memory of Dr. Farmer, the late master, who distinguished himself as a commentator on Shakespeare^e.

The old chapel has been fitted up as a library, to which Archbishop Sancroft gave his own collection. Among numerous portraits in the picture gallery, a whole length of Sir Anthony Mildmay, Knt. and a half length of Mr. Francis Ash, have considerable merit.

Sidney-Suffex College was founded in 1596, on the site of the monastery of the Grey-Friars, pursuant to the will of Frances Sidney, Countess of Suffex, who died in 1589. It was intended for the maintenance of a master, 10 fellows, and 20 scholars; but the estates being found insufficient for the purpose, after defraying the expences of building, the number of fellows was by her executors reduced to seven: two others were added by Sir John Hart, citizen of London^f. Besides

^d He was afterwards of Queen's College.

^e On the tablet is the following inscription:

A. O.

"Ricardus Farmer, S.T.P. magister hujus collegii, vir facetus et dulcis, festivique sermonis, Græce et Latine doctus, in explicandâ veterum Anglorum poesi subtilis atque elegans; Academiæ Cantabrigiensi stabilientiæ et amplificandiæ studiosus; Regis et patriæ amantissimus; vixit ann. LXII. mens. III. dies XIII., decessit sexto Id. Septemb. Anno domini MDCCLXXXVII. et conditus est juxta aram vicini Sacelli in sepulchro quod sibi vivus nuncupaverat."

^f There was another fellowship founded by John Tresson, Esq.; and four by Sir Francis Clerke; but these being of small value, have merged into the others, and are not now distinguishable.

the nine foundation fellowships, there are two founded by Mr. Peter Blundell, appropriated to Tiverton school, which are tenable for 10 years only: and one by Mr. Smith, in the nomination of the Fishmongers' Company of London. The fellowships and scholarships of this college are open to all counties. Sir John Brereton, King's Serjeant, who built the second court, gave the sum of 3000 l. to the college. There are two exhibitions of 40 l. *per annum* each, founded by Mr. Lovett, for clergymen's sons or orphans: the preference to be given to those educated at Oakham or Grantham schools: Mr. Bearcroft founded two exhibitions for clergymen's sons. Mr. Taylor founded a mathematical lectureship in this college, of 120 l. *per annum*, which is not tenable with a fellowship.

There are six livings in the gift of Sidney-Suffex College; one in each of the counties of Cornwall, Kent, Northampton, Nottingham, Suffex, and York: the Nottinghamshire living is in the gift of the master solely.

Among eminent persons who have been members of this college, may be reckoned Oliver Cromwell; Bishop Seth Ward^e, master; Thomas Fuller^h, the historian; Archbishop Bramhall; Lord Chief Baron Atkins; Sir Roger L'Esrange; Gatacre, the critic; Dr. Comber, Dean of Durham; Thomas Woolston, who wrote against miracles; and William Wollaston, author of the Religion of Nature delineated. Cromwell's admission to the college is thus entered in the register, "*Aprilis 23, 1616. 14 J. 1. Oliverus Cromwell Huntingdoniensis ad commeatum sociorum Aprilis vicesimo tertio 1616, tutore Mro. Ricardo Howlet.*" To this has been subjoined in a later hand: "*Hic fuit grandis ille impostor, carnifex perditissimus, qui picentissimo, rege Carolo I^{mo} nefariâ cæde sublato, ipsum usurpavit thronum, et tria regna per quinque ferme annorum spatium sub Protectoris nomine indomitâ tyrannide vexavit.*"

Sidney-Suffex College stands on the east side of Bridge street, near the end of Jesus College Lane, and consists of two courts. The chapel and library were rebuilt about the year 1780, under the direction of Dr. Elliston, the late master. In the former, over the altar, is a picture of the Repose after the flight into Egypt, by Francesco Pittoni. In the antechapel is the tomb of Dr. Paris, master, who died in 1760. In the master's lodge, among other portraits, are those of Mr. Wollaston; the learned Dr. Hey, lately Norrisonian Professor of Divinity; and of Oliver Cromwell, by Cooper, in crayons.

John Shelley Sidney, Esq. of Penshurst, in Suffex, is visitor, as representative of the foundress.

^e He was before of Christ's College.

^h He was before of Queen's College.

The foundation of *Downing College*, not yet built, received the sanction of the royal charter, in the year 1800, after many years litigation with the heirs at law of the founder, Sir George Downing, Bart. who, by his will, bearing date 1717, bequeathed all his valuable estates in the counties of Cambridge, Bedford, and Suffolk, in trust for that purpose, provided that such of his relations as he had left the reversion of them to, in succession, should die without issue. Sir Jacob Garratt Downing, the last of his relations, who had any claim under his will, died without issue in 1764. The college is intended to consist of a master, two professors, one of law, the other of medicine, and 16 fellows. The master, professors, and three fellows only, were appointed by the charter: the other fellowships are to be filled up by the King's sign manual, after the college shall be built. The future masters are to be elected by the two Archbishops and the masters of St. John's College and Clare Hall, out of those who shall be, or have been, professors or fellows of the college. The professors are to be elected by the same persons, together with the master of Downing College. The annual salary of the master is 600 l.; that of the professors 200 l. each; and of the fellows 100 l. each. The fellowships are to be held only for 12 years, unless by particular dispensation.

A spot of ground had been for some time fixed on and marked out for the site of the college, in the fields called the Leas, opposite the beast-market, and some plantations made: the first stone of the building was laid with much solemnity on the 18th of May 1807; and the work is now proceeding from the designs, and under the direction, of Mr. Wilkins, junior.

The most ancient religious house, which we read of as founded in Cambridge, was that of the Austin Canons, established in 1092 by Picot, the sheriff, at the instance of his wife Hugolina, for a prior and six canonsⁱ: its original site was near the castle. The foundation having been left incomplete at Picot's death, and his son having been attainted for rebellion, the new monastery partook of its patron's misfortune, and fell into great poverty^k: Payne Peverell (standard-bearer to Robert Duke of Normandy) to whom the King had given the forfeited Barony of Bourn, pitying its impoverished state, begged of the King a spot of ground in the suburbs of Cambridge, where was a spring called Bairnwell, (as it is said,) from its being the resort of children, who performed certain childish ceremonies there on the eves of the Nativity, and of St. John the Baptist: on this site, where there had been a hermitage and an oratory dedicated to St.

ⁱ Tanner.

^k Leland's Collectanea, vol. I. p. 437.

Andrew, he built a new monastery, on a larger scale, dedicating it to St. Giles and St. Andrew; hither he removed the canons from their small cell near the castle, of which some ruins were visible in Leland's time, and intended to increase their number to 30, but died before he had made a sufficient endowment. The Pecches, who inherited the Barony of Bourn, were great benefactors to this convent: in 1284, Sir Gilbert Pecche gave the patronage to King Edward I. In 1287, a part of the convent was destroyed by fire¹: at the dissolution its revenues were rated at 256 l. 10 s. 11½ d. clear yearly value. The site was granted successively to Sir Anthony Browne, Edward Lord Clinton, and Thomas Wendy, M.D. John Wendy (son of Thomas) was seized of it in 1559. It was afterwards in the Chicheley family: in the year 1659, Sir Thomas Chicheley having conveyed the site of Barnwell priory, and the estate annexed, to Neville Alexander Butler, Esq. in exchange for the manor of Orwell, it became the seat of the Butler family: after the death of the late Jacob Butler, Esq. which happened in 1765, the estate was sold to Thomas Panton, Esq. father of Mr. Panton, the present proprietor. There are some remains of the conventual buildings, now converted into a barn, &c. the mansion is occupied by the tenant of the farm.

The Benedictine Nunnery of St. Radegund is said to have existed soon after the Norman conquest^m, but it seems probable that it was not established till about the year 1130. Bishop Nigell's charterⁿ, which is the earliest now extant, is without date: it is most probable that it was granted soon after his promotion to the see in 1133, since it speaks of the nunnery as a little cell then lately established in the suburbs of Cambridge; and it appears from Parker's *Σκελετός* Cantabrigienfis, that Pope Honorius II. confirmed the appropriation of the church of St. Clement to these nuns, in the second year of his pontificate, which was A.D. 1133, the very year in which Nigell became bishop of Ely. This convent was originally dedicated to St. Mary; and it was not until the time of Malcolm IV., King of Scotland, who has by some writers been deemed the founder, that it acquired the name of St. Radegund, to which saint that monarch dedicated the monastery, when he endowed it with more ample revenues, and built the conventual church about the year 1160. Part of this building still remains as be-

¹ Leland's *Collectanea*, vol. I. p. 443

^m See Parker's *Σκελετός* Cantabrigienfis.

ⁿ In the Archives of Jesus College.—The next charter, in point of antiquity, is a grant of certain lands and a fishery near Cambridge, which, from circumstances, must have been executed in 1152, by Constantia, widow of Eustachius, son of King Stephen.

fore described ^o, forming the present chapel of Jesus College. It has been asserted by most writers, that the monastery of St. Radegund was dissolved by King Henry VII., on account of the notorious incontinency of the nuns; but the more correct statement seems to be, that the buildings of the monastery being decayed, the establishment involved in debt, and even the ornaments of the convent sold; the nuns, most of whom (for the charge of incontinency appears to have been well founded) were in a state of pregnancy, abandoned the monastery ^p, which becoming thus an escheat to the crown, the site of the convent, with all the lands belonging to it, were granted by the king to bishop Alcock, for the purpose of founding Jesus College, as before-mentioned.

Wharton, in a note to the *Historia Eliensis* ^q, speaking of the acts of Nigellus, Bishop of Ely, who died in 1169, mentions his having founded a hostel for canons regular to pursue their studies, on the site of St. John's College; but Bishop Tanner, from the authority of the Ely registers, and other records, describes this house as a hospital for a master and brethren, founded by Henry Frost, burgess of Cambridge, in the time of Bishop Nigellus.

The Grey Friars, or Franciscans, are supposed to have settled in Cambridge soon after the year 1224; the townsmen gave them for their habitation the Old Synagogue, now the gaol; but finding the situation inconvenient, they removed, not long afterwards, to the spot where Sidney-Suffex College now stands. The buildings of this monastery were so spacious, that, as Afcham observes in his epistles, "they were not only an ornament and grace, but had great conveniences for holding the assemblies, and doing all the business of the university." The site of the friary was granted by King Henry VIII. to the master and fellows of Trinity College, of whom it was purchased by Frances Sidney, Countess of Suffex, for the site of the college, then about to be founded, pursuant to the intentions of that celebrated Lady.

The Bethlehemite Friars settled themselves at Cambridge in 1257, in a house in Trumpington street, of which they had procured the grant.

The Friars de Sacco, or De Penitentiâ Jesu Christi, settled in the same street in 1258, having purchased a capital messuage of John Le Roos, opposite St. Edmund's Chapel. This order was suppressed in 1307; the site is now annexed to Peter-House.

^o See p. 53.

^p Parker's *Σκελίσις Cantabrigienfis*.

^q *Anglia Sacra*, vol. I. p. 619.

The friars of St. Mary settled themselves in the parish of All-Saints, near the castle, about the year 1274.

The Priory of the Black Friars was founded before the year 1275: after the dissolution of monasteries, it was granted to Edward Elrington and Humphrey Metcalfe; it passed afterwards to the Sherwoods, and was purchased by Sir Walter Mildmay, founder of Emanuel College, which is built upon its site.

The Austin Friars are supposed to have settled at Cambridge about the year 1290. Their convent, which was in the parish of St. Edward, in or near the pease-market, was founded by Sir Geoffrey Pitchford, and granted on the dissolution to William Keynsham. When Mr. Gough published his edition of Camden's Britannia in 1789, the refectory of this convent was standing, being then used as a lecture-room by the Professor of Botany; it has since been pulled down, and there is now scarcely a trace of the conventual buildings remaining, except a small arch with Gothic tracery, forming part of a cold bath in the gardens of John Mortlock, Esq.

The White-Friars, or Carmelites, who had originally settled at Chesterton, and afterwards, about the year 1249, removed to Newenham, in the suburbs of Cambridge, where a habitation was given them by William Malherbe, settled in this town in the year 1316, on a spot of ground 120 feet by 65, just within the walls, which was given them by King Edward II. having been reserved by the King for the perambulation and defence of the town^r. The site of this monastery, which is now occupied by the garden of the provost of King's College, was granted by King Henry VIII. to John Eyre.

A small priory of Gilbertines was founded by Bishop Fitzwalter in the year 1291; they occupied the old chapel of St. Edmund the King, opposite Peter House. The revenues of this priory were estimated in the reign of King Henry VIII. at 14 l. 8 s. 8½ d. clear yearly value, when the site was granted to Edward Elrington and Humphrey Metcalfe^s.

About the beginning of Edward the third's reign, John de Crauden, prior of Ely, bought a house in Cambridge, where he placed a few Benedictine monks for the convenience of pursuing their studies in the university: this establishment was but of short continuance.

In treating of the annals of Cambridge, with which will be blended the history of the Corporation, we shall begin with the first well authenticated fact, related by our historians, the burning of Cambridge by the Danes in 871. The deso-

^r Escheat Roll, Edward II.

^s Tanner.

lated site was chosen by the invaders as one of their principal stations: in 875 three of their generals wintered here with an army, and it appears that they occasionally occupied this station till the year 921. When the Danish army, quartered at Cambridge, submitted to Edward the Elder, that monarch repaired the decayed buildings, and made it once more a seat of learning. In 1010, Cambridge was again destroyed by its old enemies the Danes. Whilst the Isle of Ely was held against William the Conqueror by the English nobility, that monarch built a castle at Cambridge, on the site, as is supposed, of the Danish fortress; but if so, it appears that it was on a more extended scale; for it is stated in the Survey of Domesday, that 27 houses were destroyed for this purpose. In 1088, Cambridge was again destined to feel the fatal effects of civil commotion, the town and county being laid waste with fire and sword by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, who was then in arms in support of the cause of Robert Curthose. To compensate the impoverished town for this calamity, King Henry I. exempted the townsmen from the jurisdiction of the sheriff, upon condition of their paying the sum of 101 marks annually into the Exchequer, which was the rent which had been till that time paid by the sheriff. It appears, nevertheless, that, in the succeeding reign, the burghesses gave the sum of 300 marks, and one mark of gold, for a confirmation of this privilege¹.

In the year 1174, a great fire happened at Cambridge, which, among other extensive damages, injured more or less most of the parish churches, and destroyed that which was dedicated to the Holy Trinity². Upon the agreement made in 1101 between Earl John and the chancellor, William Longchamp, Bishop of Ely, King Richard then being in Palestine, Cambridge castle was among those, which the chancellor was allowed to retain in his own hands³. King John, in the first year of his reign, in consideration of 250 marks, granted the townsmen of Cambridge the same privileges as the King's free and demesne burghesses⁴. The following year he granted them a mercatorial gild, with extensive privileges; and, in 1207, the liberty of being governed by a provost to be chosen annually by themselves⁵. King Henry III. altered the style of their government, to that of a mayor and four bailiffs; and granted the town many valuable privileges⁶.

In the year 1208, Fulk, son of Theobald, gave King John 120 marks, and three palFREYS, for the farm of the castles of Cambridge and Huntingdon, and the custody

¹ Madox's History of the Exchequer, p. 274.
 cœm Scriptores, vol. I. p. 665.

⁷ Madox, p. 299.

⁸ Fuller.

⁹ Ralph de Diceto inter De-

¹⁰ See the charter printed in Blomefield's

¹¹ See Blomefield.

of Cambridge castle^b. King John was at Cambridge on the 16th of September 1216^c, about a month before his death, on his departure he intrusted the defence of the castle to Falcaſius de Brent^d; but it was ſoon after taken by the barons^e. After the King's death, a council was held at Cambridge between Lewis the Dauphin, and the barons^f. The diſcords between the townſmen and the ſcholars had arrived at ſuch a height, as to call for the aſſiſtance of the civil power in 1249: not many years afterwards, (in 1261,) diſſenſions aroſe in the univerſity between the northern and the ſouthern men, which were attended with ſuch ſerious conſequences, that great numbers of ſcholars withdrew themſelves from Cambridge, retiring for the purpoſe of purſuing their ſtudies without interruption, to Northampton, where an univerſity was for a ſhort time eſtabliſhed^g. In 1265, the Iſle of Ely being then in rebellion, the King came to Cambridge, and took up his abode in the town; his brother, the King of the Romans, who accompanied him, was lodged in the adjoining priory of Barnwell. The King immediately on his arrival began to fortify the town, cauſing gates^h to be erected, and a ditch to be dug round the walls with all ſpeed: during his ſtay, Walter Cottenham, who had been knighted by the rebellious barons, was taken at Hornſey, and executed at Cambridge. The King being ſuddenly called away, by the unwelcome news of the Earl of Glouceſter's ſucceſſes, left Cambridge without a gariſon; of which his enemies, in the Iſle of Ely, taking advantage, marched thither immediately, with Lord Haſtings at their head, burnt the gates which the King had ordered to be erected, and the houſe where he had lodged: the townſmen fled at their approach, leaving their houſes to be plundered and deſtroyed: the priory of Barnwell was ſaved from the flames by the interceſſion of the Pecches, who were patrons of that monaſtery, and then in arms with Lord Haſtings and his partyⁱ.

A few years after, in 1270, Prince Edward came to Cambridge, and cauſed an agreement to be drawn up, by which certain perſons were appointed by the town and the univerſity, for keeping the peace between the ſtudents and the inhabitants. The ſame illuſtrious perſonage, in 1294, being then King, ſpent two days in Cambridge caſtle; and, it is obſerved by the annaliſt who records the fact, that it was the firſt time that it had been honoured with a royal viſit within the memory of man^k. The ſame year a great fire happened at Cambridge which deſtroyed St. Mary's church, and many of the adjoining houſes. In 1381, the townſmen of Cam-

^b Madox, p. 319.^c Rot. Pat. 18. John.^d Mathew Paris.^e Ibid.^f Holinshed.^g Fuller.^h The ſouth gate is ſaid to have been near Pembroke Hall; the eaſt gate near

Great St. Andrew's church.

ⁱ Leland's Collectanea, vol. I. p. 439.^k Ibid. vol. I. pp. 443, 444.

bridge, taking advantage of the temporary success of the rebels of Essex and Kent, proceeded to acts of the greatest violence, destroyed the charters of Bene't College, and those belonging to the university; obliging the chancellor, and all other members who fell into their hands, to renounce the privileges which they enjoyed by royal grants, and to promise submission to the usurped jurisdiction of the burghesses^l: Walsingham says, that the tumults extended into the county, and into the Isle of Ely: the arrival of the Bishop of Norwich with an armed force, put an effectual stop to these lawless proceedings^m; and the King soon afterwards, as a punishment for their rashness and presumption, deprived the burghesses of their charter, and bestowed all the privileges, with which they had been invested, on the universityⁿ. Not long after this event, in 1388, a parliament was held at Cambridge by King Richard II. who, during his abode there, was lodged in the priory of Barnwell^o.

Nothing remarkable occurs in the history of Cambridge for nearly two centuries, except a royal visit from King Henry VII. in 1505, and the restoration of their charter to the burghesses by King Henry VIII., with abridged privileges, by which they were rendered more subordinate to the university, than they had been under their former charters. After the death of King Edward VI., the Duke of Northumberland, then chancellor of the university, having determined to espouse the cause of Lady Jane Grey, came to Cambridge with an army to seize the Lady Mary, who being at Sir John Huddleston's house at Saufston, and having intelligence of his design, escaped into Suffolk. The Duke advanced with his army towards Bury, but finding the country flocking in to the Lady Mary, and himself almost deserted by his army, he returned with a small party to Cambridge, and endeavoured to make his peace, by proclaiming Queen Mary in the market-place; he was, nevertheless, arrested for high treason the same night in King's College; his subsequent fate is well known: Stephen Gardiner, the bigotted Bishop of Winchester, succeeded him as chancellor of the university. Queen Elizabeth honoured Cambridge with a visit in 1564: she made her public entry on the 5th of August, having been lodged the night before at Haslingfield. The provost's lodge, at King's College, was fitted up for her reception, the hall was her guard-room, the dining-room over it her presence-chamber, the gallery, with the adjoining rooms, her private apartments: the great Officers of State, and attendants of the court, were lodged in other col-

^l See Fuller.^m Fuller.ⁿ Ibid.^o Leland's *Collectanea*, vol. II. p. 382.

leges. Her Majesty was entertained, during her stay, which was prolonged to five days, with plays, orations, and academical exercises: a theatre for dramatic representations had been constructed in the hall at King's College; but its dimensions being found too small, another, upon a larger scale, was erected in the nave of the chapel, where, on the Sunday, being the day after her arrival, she was present at the representation of the *Aulularia* of Plautus, which was succeeded on the Monday and Tuesday by the tragedy of Dido, and the sacred drama of Ezechias: on the day before her departure, after the disputations in St. Mary's Church, she addressed the university in a Latin speech, wherein she earnestly recommended a close application to study, and held out a promise that she would either be a considerable benefactress to the university in her life-time, or charge her executors to fulfil her intentions, if they should be rendered abortive by her death^p. On the 7th of March 1615, King James, with his son Henry, Prince of Wales, visited the university of Cambridge: the King and Prince were lodged at Trinity College, which has ever since, on occasion of royal visits, been the residence of the monarch: the Earl of Suffolk, who was chancellor of the university, and Lord High Treasurer, kept an open table at St. John's College, at the expence, as it was said, of 1000 l. a-day; it is certain that 26 tons of wine were consumed at this table in the five days that the King staid in Cambridge. Public disputations were held daily by the university for his Majesty's entertainment, and plays acted^q; the celebrated comedy of *Ignoramus*, which was then first produced, diverted his Majesty so much, that being at Newmarket for the purpose of hunting, about two months afterwards, he paid a second visit to Cambridge, (on the 13th of May) for the express purpose of seeing it again represented: on this occasion he staid two nights at Trinity College^r: it has been said, that the celebrated Duke of Buckingham being then a student at Cambridge, first attracted the royal notice by his performance of one of the characters in this comedy^s. King James paid another visit to Cambridge a short time before his death in 1625^t: King Charles I. and his Queen were there in 1632; on which occasion the university got up some comedies for their entertainment^u.

In the year 1630, the plague raged so violently at Cambridge, that the Summer Assizes were held at Royston, the commencement was postponed to October, and there was no Sturbridge fair.

^p See a copious account of this royal visit in the first volume of Queen Elizabeth's Progresses, published by Mr. Nicholls.

^q See the Appendix to the third volume of Queen Elizabeth's Progresses.

^r Ibid.

^s Coke's Detection, vol. I. p. 75. The dates in Coke are erroneous.

^t Fuller.

^u Ibid.

Upon the first symptoms of an approaching war between King Charles and his parliament, the university of Cambridge stood forwards to demonstrate their loyalty, by tendering the college plate to be melted down for their Sovereign's use. In the year 1643, Cromwell, who, before he had attained to any celebrity as a public character, had been some time an inhabitant of Cambridge, and had twice represented the borough, took possession of the town for the parliament, and put in it a garrison of 1000 men*. The same year the Earl of Manchester, then chancellor of the university, being attached to the cause of the parliament, came to Cambridge, and after a general visitation of the colleges, expelled all those members who were known to be zealously attached to their royal master, and to the church discipline: among those who suffered upon this occasion, were Cowley, the poet, then fellow of Trinity College; Dr. Isaac Barrow, then fellow of Peter House; Sir Charles Scarborough; and Seth Ward, the mathematician, (afterwards Bishop of Salisbury,) then fellow of Sidney-Suffex College. In the month of August 1645, the King appeared with his army before Cambridge; Heath says, that he departed without attacking it†; Whitlocke, on the contrary, tells us, that his troops plundered the town; if so, it must have been in a defenceless state, as we have no account of any siege or assault. In the month of March 1647, Sir Thomas Fairfax, then General of the parliamentary army, visited Cambridge, and was received with all the honours of royalty at Trinity College; a rich bible was presented to him in the chapel, and a magnificent banquet prepared for him in the hall, where he was addressed in a Latin oration by one of the fellows, who had served as a private in his regiment: the town also prepared a banquet upon the occasion‡: on the 11th of June the same year, the General kept a public fast at Cambridge. King Charles II. honoured Cambridge with a visit, October 14, 1671, and again September 27, 1681; King William, October 4, 1689; Queen Anne, and the Prince of Denmark, April 16, 1705§; George I. October 6, 1717; and George II. in April 1728: on all these occasions, the royal guests were entertained by the university, in the hall of Trinity College; and it was customary for the corporation to present them with 50 broad pieces of gold.

The corporation consists of a mayor, 12 aldermen, 24 common-council men, four bailiffs, a high-steward, recorder, town-clerk, and other officers. The mayor,

* Vicars.

† Heath's Chronicle.

‡ Whitlocke.

§ Howell's History of England.

upon entering into office, takes an oath to maintain the privileges, liberties, and customs of the university. The town of Cambridge has sent members to parliament from the earliest period of our parliamentary records: Oliver Cromwell was chosen one of its representatives in 1639, and again in the Long Parliament of 1640. The election is vested in the mayor, bailiffs, and burgeses not receiving alms; the number of voters is now about 250.

When the Survey of Domesday was taken, the borough of Cambridge contained 373 houses, of which 47 were then in ruins, and 27 had been lately destroyed for the purpose of building the castle. In the year 1377, the number of persons in Cambridge charged to a poll-tax, (from which the clergy, children under 14 years of age, and paupers, were exempted,) was 1722^b. The number of houses, in 1749, was 1792, of which 156 were inns and public-houses; the number of inhabitants 6131^c. According to the returns made to Parliament in 1801, pursuant to the act for ascertaining the population of the kingdom, there were then 1691 inhabited, and 42 uninhabited houses in Cambridge: the number of inhabitants, exclusively of the university, was 9276. Although the town was so much smaller, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, it was then divided into ten wards, whereas it now contains only four, Bridge Ward, High Ward, Preachers' Ward, and Market Ward; there are 14 parishes.

The castle, which was built in the reign of William the Conqueror, on the site of the Roman station, afterwards occupied by a Danish fortress, was, at an early period, as hath been before observed, occasionally the residence of our monarchs: after it ceased to be so occupied, the buildings which seem to have been extensive, were suffered to go to decay. King Henry IV. gave the stately hall to the master and fellows of King's Hall, for the purpose of building their chapel. Queen Mary is said to have given some of the stones of Cambridge castle to Sir John Huddleston for rebuilding his house at Sauston. In 1632, the site of the castle was granted in fee-farm to Henry Brown and John Cliffe, subject to a yearly rent of 16 s. 8 d. in trust, as is supposed, for the county. It is certain that the county was in possession of it, subject to the above rent, in 1660, and that the quarter-sessions were regularly held in the castle from that time, till after the building of the shire-hall. During the civil war, the castle had been made a garrison for the parliament, and some works had been thrown up adjoining the castle ditch. All that remains of the ancient building is a gate-house, which has been long used as a prison: a new county-gaol, built in the form of a cross,

^b Archæologia, vol. VII. p. 340—347.

^c Carter.

with an octagonal building in the centre, has been lately erected within the site of the castle, from the designs of Mr. Byfield.

The shire-hall, in which the assizes and quarter-sessions for the county are held, was built in 1747^d, it contains two courts, and is about 80 feet by 35, and about 37 in height.

The town-hall was built in 1782; the principal room, in which concerts are occasionally held, is about 70 feet by 28. Opposite the town-hall is a conduit, erected in 1614 by Thomas Hobson, the carrier, who left lands for its repair: the water is conveyed to this conduit about half a mile in leaden pipes. James Montague, Bishop of Winchester, about the same time, proved himself a great benefactor to Cambridge, by bringing a rivulet through the town and through the King's-ditch, which, till that time, had been a great nuisance^e. In 1788, an act of parliament passed for paving and lighting the town.

The great bridge over the Cam, which had been repaired by Robert de Lestre, sheriff of the county, about the year 1307^f, was rebuilt in the year 1482, when the proprietors of the principal estates, in 20 neighbouring parishes, were taxed, to defray the expences, as it appears had been the customary mode, aided by a toll^g. The present bridge was built by subscription in 1754.

The market, which has been held from time immemorial, is on Saturday: it is a great mart for corn, and abundantly supplied with all kinds of provisions, particularly fresh water fish from the Isle of Ely. The butter, brought to Cambridge market, is made up in pounds, consisting of slender rolls a yard long, for the convenience of the college butlers, who divide them into small lengths called sizes; a great quantity of butter in firkins, is landed every week at the wharf, and forwarded in waggon to London.

A fair was held at Cambridge, from very ancient times, in Rogation week: it is recognized and confirmed by King John's charter, in the year 1200^h. Another, at the festival of the assumption of the Virgin Mary, was granted by King Henry VI. to the nuns of St. Radegund in 1438ⁱ; this is still held in Jesus College Lane, by the name of Garlick Fair, though consisting only of a few stalls for toys, &c.

^d The site was granted by the corporation to the county in 1746, on a lease of 999 years, at a pepper-corn rent, stipulating for the use of the building at all times, when not wanted by the county, the corporation agreeing, on the other hand, to accommodate the county with the use of the town-hall at the assizes, and other public meetings. ^e Granger, vol. I. p. 346. ^f Hundred Roll. ^g Ibid.

^h Cart. 2. Joh. The hundred roll temp. Edward I. speaks of it as held "ex antiquo consuetudine, ex concessione Regum Predecessorum Dⁱ Regis per Chartas." ⁱ Cart. 16. Hen. VI.

In the parish of Little St. Andrew, or Barnwell, are held Midsummer fair, and Sturbridge fair, which are annually proclaimed by the principal officers of the university, with much solemnity.

Midsummer, or Pot fair, (which latter appellation it has acquired from the great quantity of earthenware there exposed to sale,) is held for a fortnight on a common called Midsummer-green. It has been supposed to have originated, from the resort of a great concourse of people, to see certain sports and ceremonies, which were annually performed on St. John's eve by children, at a well from which the village is said to have derived its name; and it has been asserted that King Henry III. constituted a chartered fair at this place, granting it to the prior and convent of Barnwell. The fact is, that King Henry III. in the 13th year of his reign, granted to the monks of Barnwell a fair at the festival of St. Etheldreda, to continue for four days^k: the duration of this fair was prolonged by King Richard II. to 14 days^l. As there is now no trace of the fair of St. Etheldreda, and as the time to which it was extended, is precisely the duration of Midsummer fair, it seems very probable that the whole story of the fair, originating from the childish plays on Midsummer eve, is a groundless tradition; and that the time of keeping this fair was long ago changed from October to Midsummer, as being more distant from Bartholomew tide, when the great mart of Sterebridge, or, as it is usually spelt Sturbridge, fair, held in the same parish, commenced.

Sturbridge fair is supposed to be of great antiquity; and it seems probable that it was to this mart at Cambridge that the Irish merchants brought cloth, and other goods, in the reign of King Athelstan, as may be collected from a passage in the ancient history of Ely^m. The profits of this fair were granted by King John to the brethren of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen at Sterebridgeⁿ; the desecrated chapel of which has long been used as a victualling-house during the fair. King Henry VIII., in the year 1539, in consideration of the sum of 1000 marks, granted the rights and profits of this fair to the corporation of Cambridge, and the charter was confirmed by Queen Elizabeth in or about the year 1588^o. The ground for the fair is marked out by the mayor and aldermen in procession on the 4th of September, by which day the grounds must be cleared of corn, to give time for the erection of booths,

^k History of Barnwell in Bib. Top. Brit. ^l Cart. 11, 12, 13, and Rich. II. ^m Hist. Angl. Scrip. III. 482. ⁿ See Gough's Camden II. 136, from Baker's MSS. taken from an inquisition. ^o The booths and booth-grounds, with the liberty of building booths, and the profits thereto belonging, were granted to Thomas Willys, Esq. in 1605: this ground now belongs to Mr. Panton.

and other preparations for the fair. On the 18th^p, the principal officers of the university, attended by the corporation^a, repair to the spot and proclaim the fair, which then commences, continuing three weeks; the ground must be cleared of the booths by Michaelmas day, O. S. at noon. The whole extent of the fair occupies an area of nearly half a mile square; the booths are built in the form of streets, or rows, distinguished by the names of the various descriptions of tradesmen, by which they are occupied; a spacious square, formed by some of the largest booths, was formerly occupied by woollen-drapers, tailors, and others concerned in the cloth trade; it still retains its ancient appellation of the Duddery; but the cloth trade is very much diminished: the principal commodities now sold at this fair are hops, leather, and cheese: on the 25th of September there is a great horse-fair. Sturbridge fair was formerly one of those great marts, at which the chief business between the wholesale dealers and the country shopkeepers was transacted; and from its central situation it was so well adapted for this mode of intercourse, that the trade carried on there is said to have equalled, if not exceeded, that of any fair in the kingdom^b. Carter, who published a short account of Cambridgeshire in 1753, after the trade of the fair had begun to decline, says, that 100,000 l. worth of woollen goods had been known to be sold in a week's time in the Duddery; and a prodigious trade having been carried on by the tailors from London, it had been not unfrequent for a wholesale man to carry back orders for 10,000 l. worth of goods, and that there was once a booth of Norwich stuffs, in which there were goods to the value of 20,000 l. that the returns for wool, at one fair, had amounted to 50,000 l. or 60,000 l. and for hops little less. The trade of this fair, as well as that of others of the same nature, has been for many years gradually declining, and is now of little importance; the business between whole-

^a Being the Vigil of the Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary: it was originally proclaimed on the Vigil of Holyrood day, which, according to the old style, would be September 25, now the horse-fair; and, it is observable, that this is the first day of the fair according to King John's charter. This fair was originally holden for two days only, as appears by the hundred roll for Cambridgeshire, bearing date 8 Edward I. namely, on the eve and festival of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, commonly called Holyrood day: in Henry the Eighth's time, it continued from the morrow after St. Bartholomew's day to the 14th day after Holyrood day: that monarch's charter extended it from St. Bartholomew's day to Michaelmas day; St. Bartholomew's day, O. S. September 4, is now the day on which the fair is marked out; it does not commence until a fortnight afterwards.

^b They take precedence alternately. ^c Queen Elizabeth's charter describes the different quarters of the fair, as then assigned for the sale of various commodities.

^d Fuller says that it was in his time the largest fair in the kingdom: he tells a story of its having originated in a clothier of Keddall having accidentally wetted his cloth in the river there, and exposed it to sale at a cheap rate.

sale dealers and the shopkeepers, being now principally transacted through the medium of travellers. The mayor of Cambridge holds a court of Piepowder during the fair, and has eight constables in attendance, who, from their dress, are called red-coats: the university have the regulation of weights and measures: the taxers are in constant attendance to hear and redress complaints on this subject; the proctors also attend to keep proper decorum among such of the junior members of the university as visit the fair, which, besides its former attraction of various shows and diversions, has, for the last 14 or 15 years, been attended (with the permission of the officers of the university) by a regular set of comedians, the Norwich company', who have occupied a spacious booth, chiefly constructed of wood, which was erected on their first coming to the fair; it has been lately taken down, and preparations made for the erection of more substantial buildings in the parish of Barnwell, at a little distance from Sturbridge. On the two Sundays, during the fair, divine service used to be performed twice a day, and a sermon preached by the minister of Barnwell: a pulpit being placed in the open air. In the year 1710, the minister successfully vindicated his claim against the mayor of Cambridge, who had appointed a preacher: some advertisements, which were published on that subject by William Piers, minister of Barnwell, are printed in Carter's history of Cambridgeshire: the sermons have been many years dispersed.

Ancient records mention several manors within the town and suburbs of Cambridge: the principal of these were the manor of Moothall, belonging to the corporation, the manor of Newenham, and two nameless manors belonging to the priories of Barnwell and St. Radegund. Besides these, there were certain manors in the town which belonged to individuals; the Earl of Lancaster had a manor; John Winflow died seized of a manor, in the reign of Richard II.; the Cotton family, and Ivo de Harleston, had manors in the reign of Henry IV.; the latter is described as in the parish of St. Clement^u. The manor of Cotton-hall belongs to the master and fellows of Trinity Hall: the manor-house, an old brick mansion which stood opposite Pembroke Hall, has been pulled down.

' For some years before the fair was attended by the Norwich company, it had been visited by strolling companies of comedians; but, at an earlier period, plays were not allowed: they had however drolls, music-booths, and rope-dancing. History of Barnwell in Bib. Top. Brit. ^u So the Record (Ech. 5. Hen. IV.) The master and fellows of St. John's College claim a manor of this name in the parish of St. Giles. A capital messuage, called Harleston, in the town of Cambridge, with lands appertenant to it, was purchased by the college of Sir John Mordaunt in the year 1534. It appears by the Record of 5 Hen. IV. that this manor then extended into Coton, Waterbeche, Fordham, &c.

The manor of Mortimer's, in Newenham, was conveyed in the year 1501 to the master and scholars of Gonville Hall, now Caius College, by the executors of their benefactress, the Lady Scrope, who was one of the co-heiresses of Constantine Mortimer, the last heir-male of one branch of that ancient family; it is described as lying in the town and fields of Cambridge, and having some mills appertenant, called Zouche's mills *.

The manor, which belonged to the priory of St. Radegund, passed, with the other estates of that monastery, to Jesus College; it extends over a great part of the town. When the parish of St. Giles was inclosed, the master and fellows of Jesus College, and the corporation, both claimed to be lords of the soil. The manor house of St. Radegund stands opposite Jesus College: it was burnt down in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; and having been rebuilt by the master, Dr. Pierrepont, at his own expence, the college, out of gratitude, granted a lease of it, after his death, to his family for 99 years: the present lessee and occupier is John Haggerston, Esq.

The manor, which belonged to Barnwell Priory, is now held, with the site of the priory, by Mr. Panton, who, in right thereof, claims to be lord of the waste and soil in the parish of St Andrew the Less: this claim, which is contested by the corporation of Cambridge, is directed by the act of Parliament, passed this year (1807) for the inclosure of the said parish, to be tried in or before Hilary term in the ensuing year.

The manor of Merton Hall, in the parish of St. Giles, was purchased in 1270 of the family of Dunning, whose ancestors had possessed it from the time of the Conquest, by Walter de Merton †; and by him given, soon after its foundation, to the college at Oxford, which bears his name. In 1446, the warden and scholars of Merton College, in compliance with the wish of King Henry VI., gave it to that monarch in exchange for the manor of Stratton St. Margaret in Wiltshire; but stipulated, that if they should be disturbed in the possession of this manor, Merton Hall, and its appendages should revert to them. The King wanted this estate for the purpose of bestowing it on his newly founded college in Cambridge, in which it continued till the year 1463, when it was recovered under a legal process, by its former owners, who had lost the manor of Stratton by virtue of an act of resumption ‡: since this transaction, it has been uninterruptedly in the possession of Merton College. The old mansion of this estate has been long known by the name of Pythagoras's school. Many conjectures have

* Cole's MSS.

† Mr. Kilner's account of Pythagoras's school.

‡ Ibid.

been formed on the origin of this appellation, but nothing satisfactory has been advanced: the evidences of Merton College throw no light whatever upon it, nor does it appear by any document in the possession of that college, that it was a public building or ever used for a school. The deeds, which bear date previously to its being in the possession of the college, speak of it merely as a stone-house, which appears to have been the mansion of the Dunnings. The most remarkable part of the building is a large hall, 61 feet by 21 feet 8 inches; it had formerly an undercroft, with circular arches and plain pillars, apparently as ancient as the early part of the twelfth century, which has been removed for several years^a.

The 14 parish churches in Cambridge, are those of All Saints; St. Andrew the Great; St. Andrew the Less, or Barnwell; St. Bene't; St. Botolph; St. Clement; St. Edward; St. Giles and St. Peter (united); St. Mary the Great; St. Mary the Less; St. Michael; St. Sepulchre; and Trinity: besides these, there are said to have been formerly the churches of St. John; St. Nicholas; St. Zachary; St. Peter, without Trumpington gate; All Saints, in the Jewry, which belonged to the nuns of St. Radegund; and the chapel of St. Edmund.

The church of All Saints, which belonged anciently to the abbey of St. Albans^b, and was afterwards appropriated to the nuns of St. Radegund, is a vicarage in the patronage of Jesus College. In the church, which stands at the north end of Trumpington street, is the monument of Richard Bassett, Esq. the last heir-male of the ancient family of Bassett of Fledborough, in Nottinghamshire, who died in 1702: among many tombs, now defaced, was that of Isaac Barrow, M.D. (great-uncle of the celebrated divine of that name), who died in 1616^c. Within the limits of this parish are three colleges, St. John's, Jesus, and Sidney-Suffex; and part of Trinity.

Great St. Andrew's church is at the north end of Preacher's or St. Andrew's street, near the spot where Barnwell-gate formerly stood. This church was, in 1228, annexed by Bishop Geoffrey de Burgh, to the office of Sacrist in the church of Ely^d; it is now a curacy in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter. Archbishop Tennison was minister of this parish. The church was repaired, and, in great part, rebuilt in 1643, chiefly by the benefaction of Christopher Rose, Esq. who died in 1664, and bequeathed an augmentation of 10 l. *per annum* to the minister. On the north wall of the chancel is the monument of Dr. John Edwards, some time

^a A plan and elevation of this part of the building, were engraved at the expence of the Reverend R. Masters, and a south-west view of the whole building was published by Buck in 1730.

^b Lives of the Abbots of St. Albans, annexed to M. Paris, p. 1002.

^c Blomefield.

^d Wharton's Ang. Sac. vol. I. p. 635.

fellow of St. John's College, spoken of in his epitaph, as "a laborious and useful writer;" who died in 1716, at the age of 79. In the north transept, is a cenotaph in memory of Captain James Cook, the celebrated circumnavigator, who was slain by the natives of Owyhee in 1779; the monument commemorates also his three sons; Nathaniel, who was lost with Captain Boyle Walsingham, on board the Thunderer, in 1780; Hugh, who died a student at Christ's College in 1793; and James, a Commander in the Navy, who lost his life on board the Spitfire sloop of war, in going from Poole to Spithead, in 1794. Christ's and Emanuel colleges are in this parish.

The church of Little St. Andrew, or Barnwell, lies half a mile east of the town: it is a small edifice, supposed to have been built out of the ruins of the priory. Among other monumental inscriptions of less note, are several for the family of Butler, who were owners of the priory, and resided there many years: the most remarkable is that of the late Jacob Butler, Esq. the last heir-male of the family, who died in 1765, being a man of very singular character; he wrote his own epitaph, inscribed on five large tablets, some of which were put up in his life time. They contain a brief history of his life, with an account of all his losses, quarrels, law-suits &c.

The patronage of the benefice, which is a perpetual curacy, is vested in Mr. Panton, who has the small tithes, and a portion of the great tithes of the parish, which were formerly appropriated to the prior and convent: the remainder are held in severalties by the masters and fellows of Jesus and Bene't colleges, and Peter House, the curate of Great St. Andrew, and the rector of St. Botolph: under the inclosure act, passed in 1807, land is to be allotted in lieu of tithes, except those belonging to Jesus College, and to be divided between the tithe proprietors. The village of Barnwell contains several houses belonging to the parishes of St. Bene't and Trinity. It has several times suffered by fire; the last accident of this kind, and the most destructive, was on the 30th of November 1731, when the greater part of the village was consumed. Mr. Butler, in his epitaph above mentioned, is said to have lost 4000 l. by the last mentioned fire, and one which happened in the year 1717.

St. Bene't's Church, situated on the north side of Bene't College, a little to the east of Trumpington street, was the burial place of Thomas Hobson, the celebrated Cambridge carrier. The church of St. Bene't, which had formerly belonged to the abbey of St. Albans^f, was appropriated, in the year 1578, to Corpus Christi, or,

^e There is an engraved portrait of him prefixed to his "Divinity" in folio, and another to his Sermons in 8vo.

^f Lives of the Abbots, by M. Paris.

as it is more commonly called, Bene't College, and is said to have been one of the last rectories ever appropriated; the benefice is a perpetual curacy in the gift of the above mentioned college; part of that college, and part of Catherine Hall, are in this parish.

The church of St. Botolph lies on the east side of Trumpington street, opposite Silver street. On the north wall of the chancel is the monument of the learned Thomas Playfere, Margaret-professor of Divinity, who died in 1609, with a half-length effigies of the deceased under an arched canopy: on the east wall is a tablet in memory of Mr. James Essex, an ingenious architect, who died in 1784. The benefice is a rectory, in the patronage of Queen's College, which is situated in this parish, as are part of Bene't College, and part of Catherine Hall.

In St. Clement's church, which is situated in Bridge street, a little to the south of the great bridge, is the gravestone of John de Helysingham, mayor of Cambridge, who died in 1329, with an inscription in Lombardic capitals. This church was appropriated to the nuns of St. Radegund, and now belongs to the master and fellows of Jesus College, who appoint to the perpetual curacy.

St. Edward's church lies a little to the west of Trumpington street: at the east end of the south aisle, which belongs to Clare Hall, is the monument of Dr. Samuel Blythe, master of that college, and a great benefactor, who died in 1713: on the floor are the tombs of Dr. Morgan, master of Clare Hall, 1736; Dr. Wilcox, master, 1762; and several fellows of that society. In the register of this parish is the following singular entry:

“ 1650. { Elinor Gaskin said
 { She lived four-score years a maid,
 { And twenty and two years a married wife,
 { And ten years a widow, and then she left this life.”

“ This was Elinor Bowman, commonly called the widow Bowman, who died August 17th, and was buried decently in St. Edward's church-yard, Aug. 18.; her age 112 years.”

The church of St. Edward was appropriated to Barnwell priory till the year 1445, when the prior and convent surrendered the advowson with that of the adjoining parish of St. John Zachary to the King, who immediately granted the church of St. Edward to the master and fellows of Trinity Hall, to whom both the rectory and vicarage were appropriated. The church of St. John Zachary was pulled down the following

following year : the site being occupied by some of the buildings of King's College ; the parishes were then united ; the minister of St. Edward's is appointed by the master and fellows of Trinity Hall.

The church of St. Giles stands at the north end of the town : it contains nothing remarkable except the monument of the learned Nicholas Carre, Greek professor, who died in 1569. This church is supposed to have been built on the original site of the monastery, founded by Picot the sheriff, afterwards removed to Barnwell ; the rectory was appropriated to the prior and convent of that place, now to Jesus College ; the Bishop of Ely is patron of the vicarage. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1803, by which it appears that it contains 1200 acres of land without the town, and several manors : allotments of land were made under this act in lieu of tithes : part of Magdalen College is in this parish.

Opposite to St. Giles's church is that of St. Peter, which has been dissolved many years ; the benefice having been consolidated with that of St. Giles : the parishes remain distinct.

The Church of Great St. Mary, situated near the centre of the town, was begun to be rebuilt in 1478, and finished in 1519, except the tower, which was not completed till the year 1608 ; its architect, John Warren, died the same year, as appears by a tablet, erected to his memory, against the east wall of the chancel. This church was the burial-place of the celebrated reformer, Martin Bucer, whose body was taken up in the reign of Queen Mary, and burnt with that of Paul Phagius in the market-place : on the south wall of the chancel is the monument of Dr. Butler, an eminent physician †, a fellow of Clare Hall, and a great benefactor to that college, who died in 1617 : there is a half length effigy of the deceased under an arch, with one hand on a skull, the other holding a book ; the head is executed with much spirit : adjoining to Dr. Butler's monument is that of John Crane, Esq. who bequeathed large sums to various public charities, and died in 1652 ; his epitaph calls him "*Medicus et Pharmacopeus*," and speaks of him as having enjoyed almost equal celebrity with his predecessor Dr. Butler : in the north aisle is the gravestone of Ruffel Plumtree, M.D. 1793 ; and in various parts of the church are memorials for aldermen of the corporation. Academical exercises were formerly performed, and public orations spoken in this church ; Queen Elizabeth, when at Cambridge in 1564, attended the disputations here. The university sermons are still preached in St. Mary's, except on a few particular occasions. The vice-chancellor, heads of colleges,

† There is an engraved portrait of him by Pafé,

noblemen,

noblemen, and doctors, sit in a gallery, which occupies the place of the Rood-loft; the masters of arts, and fellow commoners, have seats in the area of the nave; and there are galleries in the aisles for the batchelors and under-graduates. William Worts, Esq. who died in 1709, left the sum of 1500 l. to accumulate for the purpose of building these galleries, which was performed pursuant to the directions in his will, and 20 l. *per annum* for keeping them in repair. The benefice of St. Mary the Great is a curacy in the gift of Trinity College. The market-place, town-hall, and shire-hall, are in this parish: the church-wardens of which were made a body corporate by King Henry VIII. in 1535.

The Church of St. Mary the Less, St. Mary *de Gratiâ*, or St. Mary without Trumpington gate, was built in 1327, on the site of an old church, dedicated to St. Peter, which gave name to the adjoining college of Peter House in this parish. This church is the burial-place of Dr. Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely, who died in 1667; a sermon, in commemoration of Dr. Andrew Perne, Dean of Ely, a great benefactor to the university, and particularly to Peter House, is preached here annually by a fellow of that college, before the university, on the Sunday before May-day. St. Mary the Less is a perpetual curacy, in the patronage of the master and fellows of Peter House, who have the impropriation of the great and small tithes.

St. Michael's Church stands on the east side of Trumpington street, opposite Caius College. The south aisle of this church was anciently a chapel for Michael House, founded by Harvey de Stanton, who died in 1327, and is supposed to have been buried under an ancient stone arch in the south wall: the north aisle was the chapel of Gonville Hall; and, after the foundation of Trinity College, that society, to whom the church of St. Michael is appropriated, attended divine service in the chancel for many years, until their chapel was completed. The Bishop's visitations and confirmations are held in the spacious chancel, which is surrounded by stalls supposed to have been taken from Trinity College. In the year 1556, this church was interdicted as having been the burial-place of Paul Fagius, or Phagius^h, then esteemed an arch-heretic; his body, and that of Martin Bucer, another eminent pillar of the reformed religion, who was buried at St. Mary's, were taken out of their graves, and publicly burnt, together with their

^h The following entry, in the ancient parish register, ascertains the date of his burial: "Paulus Phagius buried Nov. 24, 1549."

writings, at the market-cross : the church was then reconsecrated by the Bishop of Chester, acting as the deputy of Cardinal Pole¹. In the south aisle of this church is the gravestone of the learned Dr. Conyers Middleton, principal librarian to the university, who died in 1750. The perpetual curacy of this parish is in the patronage of Trinity College.

St. Sepulchre's Church, or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, sometimes, from the peculiar form of its structure, of which an account is elsewhere given², called the Round Church, stands on the east side of Bridge street. It contains no monuments of note, except a tablet in memory of Dr. Ogden, an eminent preacher and divine, who died in 1778. The parish register records the extraordinary circumstance of the baptism of four children of Henry Coe, a shoemaker, two male and two female, which were born at one birth, in the month of November 1766¹. A Cambridge newspaper of that date says, that the procession to the church, consisting of 16 sponsors, the father, nurses, &c. was attended by a great concourse of people ; the mother is there stated to have been in a fair way of recovery ; and it appears by inquiry that she did recover. One of the children died at the age of two months, another at 15 months, a third at 20 months, the other, Sarah, grew up, and is still living.

In the register of burials is the following singular entry :

“ July 10, 1804, buried John, son of John and Mary Nourish. N. B. It was quite a *Lusus Naturæ*, having no arms at all, and the feet, legs, and thighs, crushed into the body.” This child lived seven weeks.

The church of St. Sepulchre was formerly appropriated to the priory of Barnwell ; the vicar is now appointed by the church-wardens, and principal inhabitants of the parish.

Trinity Church is situated at the south end of Bridge street : it was wholly destroyed by fire in the year 1174 ; and rebuilt, but no part of the present structure

¹ Fox's Martyrs.

² See p. 50.

¹ Their baptism is thus entered in the parish register:

1766.

“ Nov. 5th,
 William, } Sons
 Henry, }
 Elizabeth, } Daughters } of Henry and
 Sarah, } } Mary Coe.

These four children were all born at one birth, in the night between the 6th and 7th of October last.”

appears to be of that age. The most remarkable monuments in this church are those of Francis Percy, alderman of Cambridge, (1711) descended from the Percys of Alnwick Castle; and his two sons Algernon and Henry; and that of Sir Robert Tabor, an eminent physician, who died in 1681: he is supposed to have been the first who administered the bark with success in intermittent fevers; it is said that having cured the Dauphin, the King of France bought the secret of him, and communicated it to the world. This practice, now so universally established, was treated as empiricism by some of his contemporaries, particularly in a book called the Conclave of Physicians, by Dr. Gideon Harvey, who denies Tabor the merit of the discovery, asserting that the virtues of the Jesuit's powder for stopping of quartan agues, had been experienced above a hundred years before. Sir Robert Talbor, or Tabor, is thus described in his epitaph: "*Medicus singularis, unicus Febrium malleus, Carolo II. ac Ludovico XIV. illi M. Britanniae, huic Galliae serenissimis Regibus, Ludovicæ et Mariæ Hispanarum ac Indiarum Reginae, serenissimo Galliarum Delphino, plurimisque Principibus nec non minorum Gentium Ducibus ac Dominis, probatissimus.*" Trinity Church was formerly appropriated to the abbey of West-Dereham in Norfolk, now to the Bishop of Ely, who appoints the perpetual curate.

The learned Sir John Cheke, tutor to King Edward VI. Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, and William Whitehead, poet-laureat, are the only eminent persons who have occurred to us as natives of Cambridge; the parishes in which they were born are not known.

In speaking of the charitable foundations at Cambridge, notice should be taken of those ancient hospitals, which, if they so long existed, were suppressed at the reformation, as connected with the superstitions of the Roman Catholic church. These were the hospital of St. John the Evangelist, founded in the 12th century by Henry Frost, burgess of Cambridge, for a master and brethren, suppressed in 1509, for the purpose of founding St. John's College; the hospital of St. Anthony and St. Eligius for lepers, brethren and sisters, existing in the 14th century; the hospital of Lazars, near St. Anne's Hermitage, founded before the year 1397, by Henry Tangmer, burgess of Cambridge, and the ancient hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, for lepers at Sterebridge. The patronage of the last mentioned hospital was originally in the burgesses of Cambridge, afterwards in the Bishops of Ely. It is stated in a record of the reign of Edward I. that the house of lepers at Sterebridge had been unjustly seized about 30 years before by Hugh Northwold, Bishop of Ely, whose successor retained it, having placed in it certain chaplains, to the exclusion of the lepers, who ought and used to be there supported; that this usurpation was to the

disinheritance of the King, and the detriment of the burgesſes of the town of Cambridge, who held the town of the King in fee-farm ; that complaint had been made on this ſubject to the King and his council, but that no redreſs had been obtained^m. The free chapel of St. Mary Magdalen, called Sterebridge Chapel, was granted by King Henry VIII. on leaſe to the corporation of Cambridge : in 1605, King James I. granted this chapel, and the lands thereto belonging ; the booths, and booth-grounds belonging to the fair, with the liberty of building booths, and the profits thereto belonging, to Thomas Willys, Eſq. The chapel is now the property of Mr. Gillam ; the booth-grounds belong to Mr. Panton.

The moſt ancient hoſpital, or alms-houſe, in Cambridge, is that annexed to King's College, which was founded by Margaret, wife of Roger Fawkenor, in the reign of Edward IV. in or about the year 1472, and was conveyed to the college, with a tenement called the ſchool-houſe, for the purpoſe of fulfilling the founder's intention, in the year 1504ⁿ ; it formerly ſtood near St. Mary's Church, on the ſite occupied by the ſenate-houſe. This alms-houſe is occupied by four poor women, who have their maintenance from the college table, are allowed fuel, and ten ſhillings a quarter ; one of them receives two guineas *per annum*, as organ-blower at the chapel.

Nearly of the ſame date is Jakenett's alms-houſe, founded in 1473 by Thomas Jakenett, burgeſs of Cambridge, for four poor perſons : over the alms-houſe, which was on the ground floor, was a ſecond ſtory, or, as it is called in the deed of foundation, “ a high chamber,” which was to be let, and the rent applied to keeping the houſe in repair, and celebrating the anniverſary of the founder and his wife : it had no other endowment. This chamber had for many years previously to 1788, been divided, and occupied alſo by poor perſons, (four poor widows) put in by the pariſh : in the above-mentioned year, under the powers of the act for paving and lighting the town of Cambridge, Jakenett's alms-houſe, which was ſituated near Great St. Mary's Church, was taken down, and partly at the expence of the pariſh, but principally by benefactions, rebuilt, at the end of Wall's lane. In the year 1805, Mr. Joſeph Merrill, of Cambridge, bookſeller, bequeathed the ſum of 1667 l. bank ſtock, to the truſtees of Story's alms-houſe, for the purpoſe of paying, by half yearly payments, the ſum of 6 l. each to the eight poor perſons of Jakenett's alms-houſe ; the remainder of the intereſt to be appropriated to the defraying of incidental expences.

Queen's-College alms-houſe, is alſo of very ancient date : it is ſituated in Silver ſtreet, in the pariſh of St. Botolph, and inhabited by eight poor widows, nominated

^m Hundred Roll.

ⁿ Deeds among the archives of King's College.

by the president of that college; they receive 2 s. a-week each, a small allowance of meat, a chaldron of coals yearly, 20s. at Sturbridge fair, and 2 s. 6 d. on Christmas-eve: we can learn nothing further of its early history, than that it was purchased of Bene't College about the year 1560.

In Wall's lane, in the parish of Trinity, is an alms-house for six poor women, founded in 1585, by Matthew Stokys, Esquire-bedle of the university, commonly called the vice-chancellor's alms-house, from the circumstance of his having the appointment of the pensioners, who received only 10 s. *per annum* each, until the year 1796, when a grace passed the senate, at the instance of Mr. Tyrwhitt of Jesus College, for increasing their allowances to 2 l. 10 s. 0. In the year 1615, Stephen Perse, M. D. senior fellow of Caius College, founded an alms-house at the corner of Free-school lane, in the parish of St. Edward, for six poor single persons, not under 40 years of age, of the parishes of St. Edward, St. Michael, and St. Bene't; the preference to be given to the two former: the pensioners, who receive 4 l. *per annum* each, are appointed by Caius College. Henry Wray, in 1628, founded an alms-house, in Wall's lane in the parish of Trinity, for widows and widowers, and endowed it with his estates in that lane; there are now seven widows and two widowers in the house, who receive an allowance of 2 s. 6 d. a-week each. Thomas Hobson, the carrier, who died in 1630, founded an alms-house, in the parish of St. Bene't, for six poor widows, who receive a weekly allowance of 2 s. 6 d. each, and are entitled to a gown every other year. Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, of Denny-Abbey, founded (in the year 1647) an alms-house for six old maids: this alms-house is under the management of the corporation; the lands with which it is endowed produce now about 30 l. *per annum*. In the parish of St. Giles is an alms-house, founded by Captain Edward Story, in 1692, for four clergymens' widows, two other widows, and four old maids, three of the old maids are to be of Trinity parish; the remainder of the pensioners of this parish; it was endowed with estates worth about 200 l. *per annum*, which have been but little increased; the endowment consisting chiefly of houses, and subject to considerable deduction for repairs, renewals, &c. The allowance to the pensioners is 10 l. *per annum* each, besides gowns, to which has of late years been added an allowance of coals. Dr. Goddard left a legacy to augment the stipend of the clergymens' widows, with which the trustees purchased 410 l. 4 *per cents*.

At the south end of the town is a general hospital, or infirmary, called Addenbroke's Hospital, from Dr. John Addenbroke, its original founder, who left the

sum of 4000 l. for its building and endowment, to become due at the death of his widow, which happened in 1720. The building was begun in or before 1753, and finished and opened for the reception of patients in 1766, when the sum left, after defraying the expences of the building, being found insufficient for its support, an act of Parliament was obtained to make it a general hospital: it has since been supported by benefactions which have more than trebled the capital (about 1800 l.) which remained in 1766, voluntary contributions, the profits of music-meetings, &c. the number of patients annually cured or relieved is, upon an average, 700. The master and fellows of Catherine Hall, of which Dr. Addenbroke was a member, were trustees under his will: under the act of Parliament, the chancellor, vice-chancellor, and the representatives of the university, the Bishop of Ely, the lord-lieutenant of the county, the county members, and the High Sheriff, the members for the town, the High Steward, and the Mayor, are perpetual governors. Subscribers of two guineas are governors; and benefactors of ten guineas, governors for life: the Earl of Hardwicke is president.

Dr. Stephen Perse, before mentioned, by his will, bearing date 1615, bequeathed funds for erecting and supporting a free grammar-school, in the town of Cambridge, for 100 scholars to be taught gratis: the master to be a master of arts in the university, and to have a salary of 40 l. *per annum*; the usher, who must have taken a bachelor's degree, to have a salary of 20 l.; the scholars to be natives of Cambridge, Barnwell, Chesterton, or Trumpington: on a vacancy of the place of master or usher, such candidates as have themselves received their education at the school to be preferred, if properly qualified: scholars from this school are to succeed, in preference to others, to the fellowships founded by Dr. Perse at Caius College: the master's salary has been augmented by a benefaction of 3 l. *per annum*, and the ushers by half that sum, bequeathed by Mr. Griffith.

The charity-schools at Cambridge were first instituted in 1703 by the celebrated William Whiston, then Lucasian professor of mathematics in the university. There are eleven schools; nine of which are kept by mistresses, who teach the younger boys to read, and the girls to work; and two by masters, who teach such children as have made the best progress in the dames' schools, writing and arithmetic. There are now 288 children educated in these schools; the number has been larger^p, but was diminished on account of the insufficiency of the funds, which arise principally from an annuity of thirty pounds *per annum*, bequeathed by William Worts, Esq.

^p In 1753, there were 300: in 1796, they were reduced from 418 to the former number. See Carter's history of Cambridgeshire, and the University Calendar.

in 1709²; the interest of fundry benefactions, voluntary contributions, and the collections at an annual charity sermon in Trinity church: the children are selected in certain proportions from all the parishes in Cambridge.

Thomas Hobson, by his will, bearing date 1629, gave houses to trustees for the support and maintenance of a house of correction, for setting the poor to work, and other charities, at the discretion of the corporation. Cambridge is one of the twenty-four cities and towns to which Sir Thomas White gave, in rotation, the sum of 104 l. to be lent in sums of 25 l. to four young freemen, without interest for ten years, preference being given to clothiers; the odd 4 l. to be employed by the respective mayors, &c. for their care and pains³.

CASTLE-CAMPS, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies at the south-east extremity of the county, about 15 miles from Cambridge, and about six miles from Linton. The manor, which had belonged to Wulfwin, one of the Thanes of King Edward the Confessor, was given by William the Conqueror to Aubrey de Vere, ancestor of the Earls of Oxford of that name, and was parcel of the barony, by virtue of which they held the office of Lord High Chamberlain of England⁴: in the reign of King Henry VIII. it was the feat of John Vere, commonly called Little John of Camps, eldest son of Sir George Vere, who, on the death of his uncle John Earl of Oxford without issue, succeeded to the title⁵. In the year 1580, it was sold by Edward Earl of Oxford to Thomas Skynner, citizen of London; about 25 years afterwards, it was purchased of Sir John Skynner by Thomas

² Wm. Worts, Esq. one of the Esquire-bedels, by his will of that date, bequeathed all his estates in trust, charged with an annuity of 30 l. to the charity-schools so long as they should endure, and be kept up in any reputation: the residue of the rents to accumulate, first for the purpose of raising the sum of 1500 l. to build galleries in St. Mary's Church, as before mentioned; afterwards a farther sum of 1500 l. to make a causeway towards Gogmagog hills; after the accomplishment of these objects, which had taken place before the year 1767, the estates were to be charged with two annuities of 20 l. *per annum* each, for the purpose of keeping the galleries and causeway in repair; out of the residue of the estates, the sum of 100 l. *per annum* each was to be given to two bachelors of arts, who should travel into foreign countries during the space of three years; to take different roads, and each of them to write a Latin letter once a month to the vice-chancellor of the university, who should communicate them to the regent-house, and have them fairly written, to be deposited among the MSS. in the public library: the letters to contain an account of the religion, learning, laws, politics, customs, manners, and rarities, natural and artificial, which they should find worthy of observation in the countries through which they should pass; these travelling fellows to be chosen every three years, and never to be both of the same college: the residue of the profits of his estates are bequeathed for the support and augmentation of the university library.

³ Morant's Essex, vol. I. p. 163.

⁴ Hundred Roll,

Edward I.

⁵ Dugdale's Baronage.

Sutton, Esq. founder of the charter-house, who made it part of the original endowment of that establishment.

The castle, which was an ancient seat of the Veres, was, for some years after his purchase of the estate, the residence of Mr. Sutton : when Buck made a drawing of it in 1731, there were considerable remains of the building ; the greater part fell down in 1738^u ; a brick tower remained until 1779, when it was blown down by a high wind. A farm-house has been fitted up for the tenant on the site, which is surrounded by a moat, and exhibits other marks of having been a place of strength : the park, as we are informed by a record of the 13th century, was four miles in compass^x.

During the 17th century, the castle estate was held on lease by the family of Reynolds. In the parish church is a monument of Sir James Reynolds of Camps, who died in 1650, and his son and grandson both of the same name, all of whom it is probable were inhabitants of the castle. Sir John Reynolds, another son of Sir James, was a distinguished general officer during the protectorate of Cromwell ; he was cast away in the year 1657, on his return from the continent, where he had a command in the French King's army, then engaged in a war with Spain. A descendant of this family, Sir James Reynolds, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, and afterwards one of the Barons of the Exchequer in England, had a summer residence about half a mile from Castle-Camps, called the Green-house (now a farm-house belonging to Mr. Johnson) ; he died in the year 1747, and lies buried in the parish church, where there is a monument to his memory. There are memorials also for Sir Thomas and Sir Francis Dayrell, descended from the ancient family of that name at Lillingstone-Dayrell, in Buckinghamshire^y, and for a son of Sir Thomas Nevill. Sir Thomas Dayrell was chosen for the comeliness of his person, to command the masque before the King and Queen at Whitehall on Candlemas night, 1623 ; and a second time in the city, when he was knighted, being at that time of Lincoln's Inn : he was an active royalist during the civil war ; Sir Thomas Dayrell died in 1669 ; Sir Francis, who was his second son, in 1675, of the small-pox : the Dayrell family resided for some years in this parish before they settled in the adjoining village of Shudy-Camps. Sir Thomas Nevill was of Westoe Lodge in this parish, which now belongs to the widow of the late Richard Crop, Esq. and is in the occupation of Benjamin Keene, Esq.

The manor of Olmsted-Hall, partly in this parish, and partly in that of Bumpsted St. Helion, in the county of Essex, was successively in the families of Olme-

^u Cole's MSS. ^x Etch. 48. Hen. III. ^y Sir Thomas was son of Francis Dayrell, Esq. second son of Sir Thomas Dayrell of Lillingstone Dayrell.

sted² and Skrene³; it now belongs to the master and fellows of Queen's College in Cambridge.

The rectory was in ancient times given by the Vere family to the monks of Abington; the governors of the charter-house are now patrons. Dr. Nicholas Grey, the first master of the charter-house, who died in the year 1660, was rector of Castle-Camps.

SHUDY-CAMPS, in ancient records, called Shudee-Camps, and Schode-Camps, adjoins to Castle-Camps, being 14 miles south-east of Cambridge, and about 13 south of Newmarket: it was sometimes called Parva-Camps; and appears to have acquired its present name from the family of Shudee, who, in ancient times, possessed the manor, and gave the hamlet of Northoe to the monks of Ely^b.

The manor of Shudy-Camps was held by the family of Hanchet, in the reigns of King Edward I. and King Edward II. of the family of Playz, as heirs of the Montfichets: at a later period, it was successively in the families of Cholmeley^c and Bentley^d: it is now the property of Marmaduke Dayrell, Esq. in whose family it has been ever since about the middle of the seventeenth century. The manor-house, now the seat of Mr. Dayrell, was built by his grandfather, Sir Marmaduke.

The manor of Shardelowes was conveyed in the reign of Edward III. by the abbot and convent of Waltham Holy-Cross, to John Shardelowe, Joan his wife, and Thomas his brother, in exchange for manors in Essex^e; it is probably the same that was given (by the name of the Manor of Shudy-Camps,) by John Methwold, and others, to the master and chaplains of a chantry at Thomeston^f, now Thompson, in Norfolk. Subsequently to this, there have been two manors called Shardelowes Mynotts, and Shardelowes Alingtons; the former was for many years in the family of Bridge, from which it passed by marriage to Hussey, and after an intermediate alienation, was purchased in 1801 by Mr. Dayrell. Shardelowes Alingtons, which it is probable belonged to Lord Alington's family, has passed by inheritance, with other Cambridgeshire estates, from Charles Duke of Somerset to the Earl of Aylesford.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Thomas Higham, Esq. had a manor in this parish called Jaques, and a capital messuage called Mafcalls^g.

² Hundred Roll for Cambridgeshire, 8 Edward I. and Esch. 5 Edward II. ³ Esch. 5 and 14 Edward IV.

^b Hundred Roll.

^c Roger Cholmeley possessed it 14 Henry VIII. it

was then held under the Bishop of Ely. Escheat Roll.

^d George Bentley was seized of this

manor 19 Jac. it having been then lately purchased of Sir Richard Cholmeley. Escheat Roll.

^e Esch. Roll.

^f Pat. 16. Rich. II. p.

^g Esch. Roll.

The manor of Nosterfield-Priors, which was given about the year 1230 to the priory of Hatfield-Regis, in Essex, by Robert Earl of Oxford, is now the property of Mr. Dayrell, having been purchased by his father of Lord Leigh. *Nosterfield* and *Northoe* are two small hamlets belonging to Shudy-Camps: Northoe is held by Lord Aylesford under the Dean and Chapter of Ely.

In the parish church are some monuments of the Dayrell family. The rectory, which had been appropriated to Waltham Abbey by Julian, daughter of Jeffrey de Sude-camps, is now vested in the master and fellows of Trinity College in Cambridge, who are patrons of the vicarage.

CARLTON, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about six miles south of Newmarket, and about seven miles nearly north of Linton. The church and rectory-house are situated on very high ground, and command an extensive view over a richly wooded and cultivated country.

The manor of Much-Carlton, or Carlton-Magna, which had been the property of Algar, Earl of Mercia, was granted by William the Conqueror to his relation William de Warren, under whom about two-thirds of it were held by the Abbot of Clugny, when the survey of Domesday was taken; it afterwards belonged successively to the priory of Lewes^s, and to the Knights Hospitallers. King Henry VIII. granted it to Sir Edward North^h, and, at a subsequent period, to Thomas Lord Cromwell. The learned Sir Thomas Elliot, author of a Latin Dictionary, the best then extant, "The Governor," and several other works, was the next possessor; he was some time sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, resided at Carlton, and dying there in 1546, was buried in the parish church; his heir, Richard Puttenham, sold this manor in the reign of Edward VI. to Hugh Stewkley, Gent. of whose descendant, Sir Hugh Stewkley, Bart. it was purchased in 1675 by Sir John James, Knt.: in 1720, Sir Cane James, Bart. sold it to John Godden Wolfe: it is now the property of the Honourable Thomas Brand of the Hoo, in Hertfordshire, to whose grandfather it was devised in 1742 by March Wolfe, Esq.

The manor of Carlton-Parva, Lophamsⁱ, or Barbedors, was for some time in the family of Fynderne^k; afterwards in the Puttenham; Richard Lord Dacre died

^s Nomina Villarum 2 Edward II. ^h Fee-Farm Roll in the Augmentation Office. ⁱ John Lopham and William Barbedor, successively possessed it, temp. Edward III. Escheat Roll. ^k See in Pat. 6 Edward IV. p. 1. a grant to Sir Thomas St. Leger on the attainder of Sir Thomas Fynderne; and Esch. 8 Henry VIII. when, it having been restored to the family, Sir Thomas Fynderne died seized of it.

feised of it in 1630¹. This manor is now the property of Henry Soame, Esq. of Little Thurlow-hall in Essex, whose ancestor, William Soame, Esq. was possessed of it soon after Lord Dacre's death^m.

Mr. Brand is patron of the rectory: the parish, which contains about 2000 acres, has been enclosed pursuant to an act of parliament passed in 1799, when a corn-rent was given to the rector in lieu of tithes.

At Willingham, a hamlet of this parish, there was formerly a chapel of ease, of which some ruins remain; both the benefice and manor are styled Carlton *cum* Willingham. The manor of Gatwards, in Willingham, which was held formerly under the prior of Lewes, has been long united to the manor of Little-Carltonⁿ.

CAXTON, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, is a decayed town on the high road from London to Edinburgh, about 13 miles from Cambridge. It had formerly a market, which was originally granted to Sir Baldwin Freville in the year 1247^o; it was then held on Monday; the day was afterwards changed to Tuesday, on which day it was held so lately as the middle of the last century^p; since which time it has been discontinued: a small fair is held the beginning of October.

Caxton, which had belonged to Turgar, a Thane of King Edward the Confessor, was, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, the feat of the barony of Hardwinus de Scalariais, or D'Echalers. From his family, it passed, by heirs female, to the Frevilles and Burgoynes; the co-heirs of the Burgoynes sold it to the Cage family^q, of whom it was purchased, in 1698, by John Gape, Esq. ancestor of the Reverend I. C. Gape, the present proprietor.

The master and fellows of Caius College have the manor of Swansley in this parish, given them by their second founder, Dr. Caius.

In the church are several memorials of the Barnard family^r, who had a feat at Caxton, now uninhabited. The church of Caxton, which had belonged to the

¹ Cole's Escheats, Brit. Mus. ^m Escheat Roll, Car. I. ⁿ Ibid. ^o Cart. 32. Henry III.

^p Carter's Cambridgeshire. ^q Layer's MSS. John Cage, Esq. had purchased one moiety of the Thurfbyes before 1605. Escheat Roll. John Burgoyne, Esq. the last heir-male of this branch of the family, died in 1488, when his estates passed to the Heninghams and Thurfbyes; George Heningham, Esq. left three daughters, two of whom were married into the families of Lynche and Pychard. ^r From 1679 to 1794: among others, is a monument of Mary daughter of William Barnard, and wife of John Henfon, "who, in the compass of less than ten months, was maid, wife, widow, a mother, and died."

priory of Lewes, was, in 1351, appropriated to the Dean and Canons of Windsor, who are patrons of the vicarage.

Matthew Paris, the historian, is said to have been a native of this parish.

CHATTERIS, a populous village in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies in the fens, about ten miles nearly west of Ely, and about seven miles south of March. Alwen, sister of Ednothus, the first abbot of Ramsey, and wife of Ethelstan, King of the East-Angles, niece to King Edgar, and mother of Ailwen alderman of England, the founder of Ramsey Abbey, established at this place a convent of Benedictine Nuns, under the government of an abbess. This nunnery was, in the reign of Henry I., at the instance of Hervey, the first Bishop of that See, annexed to the church of Ely: between the years 1304 and 1310, it was destroyed by fire¹. A few years after the suppression of the nunnery, (in 1551,) the abbey estate, with the rectory and advowson of the vicarage, were granted to Edward Lord Clinton². Within the last century, this estate, now called the manor of Chatteris, has been in the families of Holman, (of whom there are memorials in the church) Hake³, and Fawcett⁴: the present proprietor is Thomas Conway Warth Seymour, a minor, whose father, John Seymour, Esq.⁵ inherited from the Fawcetts. The late Mr. Seymour sold the rectory and advowson: the rectory now belongs to Mrs. Harriet Cowper; the advowson of the vicarage to Robert Chatfield, Esq. The manor-house, an ancient mansion, stands in the centre of the town, within the walls of the nunnery.

Another manor in Chatteris, being the largest as to the extent of its jurisdiction, now called the manor of Chatteris-Ramsey, was given to the abbot and convent of Ramsey, by Ethelstan Manefune, or, as some say, by King Edgar, though it is more probable that he only confirmed the gift. After the dissolution of monasteries, this manor was for many years in the family of Caryl, from whom it descended by female heirs to the Worsleys and Terrys: it is now the joint property of Thomas Caryl Worsley, Esq. and William Dunn Gardner, Esq, who purchased a moiety from the Terrys. The manor-house, which stood within a moated site, at a place called Caryl's Grove, has been pulled down; the offices are fitted up as a farmhouse.

¹ It was during the time of Robert de Orford, Bishop of Ely. Dugdale's Monast. II. 869.

² Record in the Augmentation Office.

³ Coles's MSS.

⁴ Carter.

⁵ He

died in 1802, as appears by his monument in the church.

The manor of St. Andrews in Chatteris, which anciently belonged to the family of St. George, became the property of Bene't College, about the year 1390^a. The manor of Chatteris, otherwise Lifles and Tyndalls in Chatteris, belonged to the Steward family, during a great part of the 16th and 17th centuries^b: afterwards to the Drakes, from whom it passed by inheritance to Lord Rokeby's family. A fifth manor, called Chatteris *alias* Bartles, is the property of William Dunn Gardner, Esq. who has a seat at Chatteris: he took the name of Gardner in addition to that of Dunn, on inheriting the estates of John Gardner, Esq. who married the heiress of Mr. Marriott, of Chatteris, and died in 1804, as appears by his monument in the church. The Bishop of Ely is lord of the franchise of Chatteris, where he holds a court-leet for appointing officers, and is entitled to all waifs and strays. A house, called the Guildhall, in which the courts are held, was given to the parish, with other premises and lands, now worth between 60*l.* and 70*l.* *per annum*; the profits to be distributed annually amongst widows and decrepid old men.

The parish of Chatteris was formerly divided by a river, called the old west-water, running from Somersham to the ferry-turnpike; this river has become dry land since canals have been made in other directions for draining the fens; a house, near to the place where the ferry formerly was, still retains the appellation of the ferry-house^c.

At Hunny farm in this parish, are some subterraneous remains of ancient buildings, probably of a chapel which contained the bones of St. Huna, chaplain to St. Etheldreda, foundress of the monastery at Ely, who is said to have retired to a hermitage at a place which was afterwards called after his name, where he died, and was buried: wonderful cures were reported to have been performed at his tomb, before his remains were translated to Thorney^d.

CHESTERTON, which gives name to a hundred and deanery, lies a little more than a mile north of Cambridge. The manor, which had been parcel of the ancient demesnes of the crown, was given to the priory of Barnwell by King John, in the first year of his reign^e: the prior had a grange at Chesterton and a prison^f; an ancient brick building still remaining in the village, was probably a part of the prior's mansion. After the reformation, this manor is supposed to have been granted to one of the Brakin family, who died seised of it not long afterwards, in 1545^g: this

^a Masters's History of that College, p. 35.

^b Coles's Abstract of Escheats, Brit. Mus.

^c From the information of the Rev. Mr. Chatfield, vicar.

^d See Wharton's Anglia Sacra,

Vol. I. p. 600.

^e Cart. 1 John, Anno 1199 or 1200.

^f See Leland's Collectanea,

vol. I. p. 440.

^g Layer's MSS.

family continued to reside at Chesterton for several generations; till 1619, and perhaps later^b. In 1632, the manor belonged to Lady Jermynⁱ: in 1753, it had been many years in the family of Rant; it is now the property of John Rant Benson, Esq. whose father inherited it from his uncle, John Rant, Esq.

The impropriate rectory, which had been given by King Edward I. in 1273, to the abbey of St. Andrew at Vercelli, in Italy, was granted by King Henry VI. with the advowson of the vicarage, to King's Hall, and is now vested, together with all other possessions of that house, in the master and fellows of Trinity College; a manor is attached to the rectory^k: the Vesey family had a manor in this parish in the reign of King Edward I^l.

A manor, called Chesterton Ferry, in Chesterton and Barnwell, belonged, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the family of Ellys^m.

In the year 1729, the sum of 5 l. *per annum*, out of money given to the parish of Chesterton for charitable uses, was appropriated, by a decree of Chancery, towards the education of poor children.

Cambridge Castle is within this parishⁿ.

CHEVELEY, in the hundred of that name, and within the deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies on the borders of Suffolk, about two miles south-east of Newmarket. The manor of Cheveley was given by Edelfleda, wife of Brithnod, a noble Saxon, to the monks of Ely^o: King Canute gave them the manor of Ditton in exchange for Cheveley^p, which, in the Survey of Domesday, is described as parcel of the crown demesnes. King John granted Cheveley to Gilbert Pecche^q: it appears to have been afterwards successively in the families of Loveday,^r Ormesby^t, and Pulteney^v: at a later period, it was, for several generations, in the Cottons, who built a brick-house in the park, which, in the year 1632, was, according to Layer, their principal residence. Sir John Cotton of Landwade, the first Baronet of the family, sold this estate, before the year 1673^u, to Henry Jermyn, Esq. afterwards Lord Dover, who died without issue in 1703, having bequeathed his estates to his relation Sir Jermyn

^b Cambridgeshire Pedigrees in the British Museum. ⁱ Layer. ^k Ibid. ^l Ibid. ^m Escheat Roll. ⁿ See pp. 72, 140, 141. ^o Hist. Angl. Scrip. vol. III. p. 494. ^p Ibid. vol. III. p. 503. ^q Cart. Ant. in Turri Lond. No. 31, 32, et Oblat. Rot. 1. John. ^r Roger Loveday died seized in the reign of Edward I. on which seisin was given to his wife Sybil, she taking an oath not to marry without the King's consent. Orig. 15. Edward I. Rot. 14. ^s Escheat Roll. Edward II. ^t Esch. 23. Edward III. ^u See a list of feats in Cambridgeshire, (1673) in Blome's Britannia.

Davers, Bart. : from him it passed by purchase to Charles Duke of Somersset, and is now the property of the Duke of Rutland, whose grandfather, the Marquis of Granby, received it in marriage with Lady Frances Seymour, one of the daughters of the Duke of Somersset. The Duke has a seat at Cheveley, where he generally resides in the shooting-season : it is situated in a well-wooded park, within which, near the Cheveley gate, surrounded by a deep ditch nearly square, are some vestiges of a castle, the residence of its ancient proprietors: the towers, described by Mr. Layer, have long ago been removed. The Bensted family had a manor in Cheveley, for several generations, held under the superior manor ^x.

In the parish church are several memorials of the family of Folkes, who resided in this parish during the space of nearly two centuries ^y : one of the daughters of the late Martin Folkes, Esq. married Christopher Hand, Esq. now deceased, father of the Reverend J. T. Hand, patron and rector of this parish : the widow of Christopher Hand, Esq. resides in a modern built house, which occupies the site of an old mansion belonging to the family of Folkes.

Mr. John Ray, by his will, bearing date 1558, gave 50 acres of land in the common fields at Cheveley, for the support of a free grammar-school, and Lord Dover gave a small farm at Worlington in Suffolk, (now let at 22 l. *per annum*,) for the augmentation of the master's salary. Mr. John Warren gave, by will, in 1748, the interest of 300 l. N.S.S. annuities, as a salary for a school-mistress, to teach poor girls to read and sew.

CHILDERLEY, in the hundred of Chesterton, and deanery of Bourne, lies about six miles west of Cambridge.

The manor of Childerley belonged anciently to Saer de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, afterwards in succession to the families of Aclee and Beele, from the latter of which it passed by co-heiresses to Lyons and Seyton : Seyton's moiety passed, by successive alienations, to Juliet and Hore : the family of Hore possessed also the manor of Little Childerley, which, with the advowson of that church, held under the Bishop of Lincoln, had belonged, for a considerable time, (from the reign of King Edward I.) to the Childerleys. The last of the Hore family, which had possessed the Childerley estate, for several generations, left an only daughter, about the reign of King Henry VII. the wife of Thomas Fulthorpe, who sold it to Sir John Cutts. The other moiety, which had passed by female heirs to the Ragonells, was purchased

^x Escheat Rolls. Edward III. &c.

^y The dates on the tombs are from 1642 to 1746.

of the representative of that family^a by Sir John Cutts, who died seized of the whole in 1521. This Sir John Cutts, whose father, of the same name, was of Horham Hall in Essex, married a daughter of Sir John Hinde, and settled at Childerley before the year 1516, when he served the office of sheriff for the county. His grandson and namesake was the Knight whose short name is said to have disgusted the Spanish Ambassador, whom Queen Elizabeth had consigned to his care; his Excellency found, however, as we are told, that what his host "lacked in length of name, he made up in the largeness of his entertainment^b." After the seizure of King Charles I. by Cornet Joyce, at Holmby in Lincolnshire, in the month of June 1647, as he and his party were proceeding with their royal prisoner towards the parliamentary army, then encamped at Kennet, near Newmarket, they were met by messengers from Cromwell, by whose contrivance the King was conveyed to Childerley, then in the possession of Lady Cutts^b, a widow; the next day he was waited upon at this place by Fairfax and Cromwell, who, at his request, gave orders for his removal to his own house at Newmarket^c, whither he arrived on the 9th of June. Sir John Cutts, son of this Lady, being the sixth of the same name in lineal descent, was made a Baronet by King Charles II. a few weeks after his restoration: on his death, in 1670, the title became extinct, and Childerley devolved to Richard, son of John Cutts, Esq. of Woodhall, in Essex, a distant relation of the Baronet, and father of John Lord Cutts, of Gowran, by whose death this branch of the family also became extinct. In the year 1686^d, Childerley was sold by Lord Cutts, then John Cutts, Esq. (it being some years before he was ennobled) to Felix Calvert, Esq. ancestor of the present proprietor, Nicolson Calvert, Esq. M. P. of Hunsdon House, in Hertfordshire. The seat of the Cutts family is occupied as two tenements by farmers who rent the estate; a chamber is still shewn in which they say that King Charles was confined: from the style of the ornaments in this room, it appears to have been part of the mansion built by the first Sir John Cutts, soon after he became possessed of the estate.

In ancient times, there were two adjoining parishes called Childerley-Magna, and Childerley-Parva: the church of Childerley-Magna was rebuilt, and dedicated in 1351^e: the benefices were consolidated about the year 1489^f; after which

^a Laver's MSS.

^b Fuller's Worthies.

^c Dugdale's View of the Troubles.

^d Ibid.

^e Pat. 2. Jac. II. The editors of the Magna Britannia, published about the year 1720, were mistaken in saying that it was sold by Lord Cutts, one of the Justices in Ireland: John Lord Cutts, the only Peer of the family, (who sold Childerley some years before he was ennobled,) was a celebrated military character.

^f Cole, from the Ely Register.

^g Gough, from the same authority.

it is probable that the church of Childerley-Parva was taken down, and the two parishes were esteemed as one. In the reign of King Charles I. Sir John Cutts depopulated the whole parish, for the purpose of improving his park; pulled down the remaining church to enlarge his offices, and reserved the great tithes in his own hands, giving what stipend he pleased to the rector; mean time, he had service performed in a private chapel, by a minister, neither appointed nor paid by the incumbent. Archbishop Laud, in his report of the state of his province to the King, complained much of this proceeding: but the near approach of the civil war prevented any interference of the royal power. The chapel above-mentioned, said to have been consecrated by Bishop Heton, has been defecrated more than half a century^s, and is now used as a barn. The few inhabitants of the parish (for there is now only one cottage besides the old mansion) attend divine service either at Boxworth, or Dry-Drayton: the rector recovered his right to tithes, by a process in the Exchequer in the year 1717^b; Mr. Calvert is patron of the rectory.

CHIPPENHAM, in the hundred of Staplehoe, lies within the diocese of Norwich, and deanery of Fordham, about five miles from Newmarket. The manor, which had belonged in the reign of Edward the Confessor to Orgar the sheriff, was granted by William the Conqueror to Geoffrey de Mandeville: his son, William de Mandeville, gave it, in the year 1184, to the Templarsⁱ, who, in the reign of Henry III., procured a charter for a market on Mondays, and a fair, for two days, at Michaelmas^k, both of which have been discontinued beyond the memory of man. After the abolition of the order of Templars, this estate passed, with most of their landed property, to the Hospitallers, who established an infirmary at this place, and possessed the manor, until the general dissolution of religious houses, when it was granted in fee-farm (anno 1540) to Sir Edward North^l. Sir Thomas Revett died seized of this manor in 1582^m, leaving no male issue; Alice, one of his daughters, married Thomas Gerard, Esq. (son of Sir Gilbert Gerard, Master of the Rolls) whose daughter, Elizabeth, brought it in marriage to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, created a Baronet in 1628. When King Charles I. was at Newmarket, during the civil war, he went over to Chippenham to partake of the diversion of bowling at the seat of Sir William Russellⁿ, who seems to have retained his attachment to his royal master, not-

^s Coles's MSS.

^b Gough's Camden.

ⁱ Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. II.

^k See Regist. Cartarum Templarior. Cotton, MSS. Brit. Mus. Nero C. IX. ^l Records in the Augmentation Office.

^m Coles's Escheats.

ⁿ Cole's MSS. quoted from

a MS. in the library at Cambridge. R. 10. 17—8.

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withstanding his son Sir Francis was an active friend of the Parliament, and a double alliance had been formed between his family and the Cromwells; his grandson, Sir John, having married the Protector's youngest daughter, and one of his grand-daughters being married to the Protector's son, Henry. Sir William Russell died in 1663, and was buried at Burwell: his son and grandson successively inherited the title, but enjoyed it only a short time, the latter dying in 1669; Sir William Russell, son and heir of Sir John, having ruined his fortune by raising troops at the Revolution^o, sold his estate, at Chippenham, to the brave Admiral Russell, (nephew of William Duke of Bedford,) who, for his splendid victory at La Hogue, was created Baron Shengay, and Earl of Orford. The noble Admiral built a magnificent mansion at Chippenham, where he entertained King George I. on the 4th of October 1717^p: by his will, bearing date 1727, he bequeathed his estate at Chippenham to his niece Lady Tipping, whose daughter and heir married Samuel Sandys, Esq. of Ombersley in Worcestershire; Mr. Sandys was created a Peer in 1743; a few years afterwards, he sold his estate at Chippenham, which, by successive purchases, has been the property of Crisp Molineux, Esq. George Montgomery, Esq. and Drummond Smith, Esq. In 1790, John Tharp, Esq. grandfather of the present proprietor, who is a minor, bought it of Mr. Smith^q.

Lord Orford's noble mansion was pulled down before the year 1790, and the materials sold; the present house was built as a hunting-box by Mr. Smith; the park is large, and the extensive plantations, made by the late Mr. Tharp, have contributed much to the embellishment of the open country in which it is situated.

The monastery of Chickfand, in Bedfordshire, had a grange, with a considerable estate, in this parish^r.

In the parish church is the monument of Sir Thomas Revett, before-mentioned, and that of Harriet, wife of Dr. Samuel Knight, author of the *Life of Erasmus*, who was vicar of this parish. The church having been destroyed by fire about the middle of the 15th century, an indulgence for rebuilding it was granted in 1447^s. The impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage, given in ancient times to Walden Abbey by Geoffrey de Mandeville, have passed, since the reformation, with the manor. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1791, when allotments of land were assigned to the impropiator and the vicar, in lieu of tithes.

^o Noble. ^p Mercurius Politicus.
Cotton MSS. Brit. Mus. Nero C. IX. fol. 143.

^q Now Sir Drummond Smith, Bart.

^r See

^s Cole's MSS. from the Ely Registers.

The Earl of Orford built a school-house at Chippenham in 1714, and, by his will, bequeathed a salary of 20*l.* *per annum* to the master for teaching all the poor children in the parish.

Badlingham, or *Baddingham*, is a hamlet of this parish: it is probable that it once had a chapel, the vicarage being sometimes styled Chippenham *cum* Badlingham. The manor of Badlingham belonged formerly to the family of Francis, afterwards to the Tiptofts¹, Earls of Worcester, from whom it descended to Sir Thomas Lovell: at a later period, it was in the Clarkes of Snailwell; it is now annexed to the manor of Chippenham, having been purchased by the late John Tharp, Esq.

COMBERTON, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about five miles nearly west of Cambridge. The principal manor was parcel of the ancient demesnes of the crown²: it does not appear when, or to whom it was first granted, but, in 1296, it was in the family of La Merk³, from whom it obtained the name of Merks. It was held by the serjeanty of being keeper of the King's falcons⁴, and descended, by female heirs, to the families of Hastings and Longueville⁵; Sir William de Quintin died seised of it in 1364, and Sir Robert Green, (who inherited from the Quintins) in 1417; from this time it acquired the appellation of Greens, by which it is still known. The Broughtons appear to have been possessed of this manor in 1480⁶: it was afterwards divided among co-heirs; the greater part being in the family of Armiger: about the beginning of the last century, it was purchased by the ancestor of Hale Wortham, Esq. the present proprietor.

The manor of Burdeleys in this parish, (now corruptly called Birdlimes) took its name from the ancient family of Burdeley, which possessed it in the 13th and 14th centuries⁷; from the Burdeleys it descended to the Chambres⁸; and having afterwards become vested in the crown, was granted to the Savoy hospital: and after the suppression of that house, to the governors of St. Thomas's hospital, to whom it still belongs. The small manor of Heveds, which has been long annexed to this estate, belonged, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, to Erchanger the baker: it appears, that, in the reign of Henry III. it was the property of Robert de Herdewyk, who held it by the serjeanty of providing a hot simnel every day for

¹ See Esch. Henry VI. and Edward IV.

² Domesday.

³ Cart. 25. Edward I.

⁴ Madox's History of the Exchequer, p. 454; a record of the year 1374 says, by the service of carrying a Goshawk at the coronation. Escheat Roll.

⁵ Layer's MSS. and see Esch.

34 Edward I. 10 Edward III. and 21 Edward III.

⁶ Esch. 20 Edward IV.

⁷ See

Layer's MSS. and Esch. 21 Edward III.

⁸ Layer.

the King's dinner, for which service he was allowed a quarter of wheat every week, and all the bran of the bread made from the King's demesne ^d. This estate being then in the family of Heved, is described in a record of the ensuing reign, as held by the service of being the King's baker ^e: it was purchased of the Heveds by John de Burdeley in 1317 ^f.

Picot the sheriff gave the church of this parish, together with a manor, to the prior and convent of Barnwell: the rectory is now held on lives under the see of Ely: an ancestor of George Milner, Esq. the present lessee, purchased the lease about the year 1700 of the Neville family; Mr. Milner has a feat at Comberton. The master and fellows of Jesus College are patrons of the vicarage; the advowson having been procured for them by Bishop Thirlby.

CONNINGTON, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about nine miles nearly to the west of Cambridge, and about six east of Huntingdon. The manor was successively in the families of Connington, Dansie, Hutton, Baker, and Watson, having passed principally by purchase; the last mentioned family possessed it from about the middle of the sixteenth to the middle of the following century, if not later ^g. After this it belonged to a younger branch of the Cottons of Connington, in Huntingdonshire ^h, descended from Sir Robert Cotton, founder of the Cottonian library; Frances, only surviving child of Thomas Cotton, Esq. who died in 1729, brought it in marriage to Dingley Askham, Esq. who died in 1781: this estate is now vested in trustees for the Hatton family; the house is occupied by George Nicholls, Esq. The manor of Segraves, which seems to have been long merged in the other manor, was successively in the Segraves and Mowbrays. The family of Elsworth had another manor, to which the advowson of the church belonged: this manor seems to have been the same which was in the family of Smyth in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was then called Smyth's manor ⁱ. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory; the advowson having been given to the see in 1282 by Thomas de Elsworth.

COTON, anciently called COTES, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about three miles west of Cambridge. The manor, which be-

^d Testa de Nevill. ^e Blount's Tenures. ^f Escheat Roll, Edward II. ^g Layer's MSS.
^h The Cottons of Huntingdonshire were originally of Cotton Hall, in the parish of Sandbach in Cheshire, which continued in the family till the death of Thomas Cotton above mentioned.
ⁱ Escheat Roll.

longed for more than two centuries to the baronial family of Engayne, and their representatives^k, has been long vested in the master and fellows of Catherine Hall, who are patrons of the rectory.

In the church is the monument of Dr. Andrew Downes, Greek professor in the university of Cambridge, translator of the Apocrypha, who died at Coton in 1627.

A record, in the reign of Edward I., states that the chapel of Cotes belonged to the manor of Granchester, held under the honour of Boulogne, till it was lost in the King's Court, by default, in the last reign^l.

Dr. Gale, one of the vice-presidents at a meeting of the Royal Society, in the year 1682, being in the chair, informed the society that he knew a man of Coton, in Cambridgehire, who was then 120 years old; he had been told that at upwards of 100 he had new hair, and a new set of teeth^m: no notice of this extraordinary instance of longevity appears in the parish register.

COTTENHAM, in the hundred and deanery of Chesterton, lies about six miles north of Cambridge. A market on Mondays, and a fair for three days at the festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, were granted, in 1264, to the rector of Cottenham, and his successorsⁿ. Cottenham is celebrated in history, as the place whither Geoffrey abbot of Crowland, sent the monks, who seem first to have established a regular course of academical education at Cambridge^o. In the year 1676, the greater part of the village was destroyed by fire^p.

The two principal manors in Cottenham belonged to the monks of Ely and Crowland: the former was given by Uva^q, the latter by Turketel, a priest of the Saxon royal blood^r: the manor, which belonged to the church of Ely, was afterwards annexed to the fee. About the beginning of the seventeenth century, the Hindes were possessed of the manor of Crowlands; the manor of Lifles, in Cottenham, which had belonged to the Lifles of Ridgmont^s; the manor of Sahams, or Sames, which had been in the Burgoynes and Thurstbys^t; and a lease of the Bishop of Ely's manor.

^k The co-heiresses of Thomas Engayne married to Goldingham, Pavenham, and Barnack, held in 41 Edward III. Escheat Roll. ^l Hundred Roll, in the Tower. ^m Birch's History of the Royal Society, vol. IV. p. 165. ⁿ Cart. 49. Henry III. ^o Peter Blefe. See Hist. Angl. Scrip. vol. I. p. 114. ^p Carter. ^q Wharton, vol. I. p. 61. ^r Hist. Norman Scrip. p. 541. ^s Cart. 26 Edward I. Esch. 30, Edward III. Rot. Parl. vol. III. p. 313. ^t Or rather a moiety of the manor of Sahams; the other moiety being in severalties between Alice Lynch, and others. Layer's MSS.

All these estates they soon afterwards sold to Thomas Hobson, the celebrated Cambridge carrier, from whom they descended to his grandson ^u. About the year 1700, they were in the family of Rogers; Mrs. Alice Rogers, who died in 1728, bequeathed them to Roger Gale, Esq. by whom they were sold to Mr. Snagg of Marston-Morteyne in Bedfordshire: on the death of his widow, in 1770, they devolved to her representatives; and, on a division of her estates, became the property of William Finch Ingle, now William Finch Finch, Esq. who is the present proprietor.

The family of Burdeley had formerly a manor in Cottenham ^x, which, in the reign of Edward III., passed, by co-heiresses, to the Marshalls and Chambres ^y: the Pelhams ^z had a manor, in the reign of Edward I. which was afterwards in the church of Ely.

The family of Pepys were settled for several generations at Cottenham: John Pepys, who was living in 1619, had a numerous posterity, and was ancestor of the Pepys's of Impington and those of Essex: Roger Pepys of this family was Lord Chief-Justice of Ireland ^a.

The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory, which is one of the most valuable in the county: it was worth 500 l. *per annum* in the time of Oliver Cromwell, when, on the dispossession of Dr. Manby, he gave the disposal of it to his sister Robinia, who bestowed it, with her own person, on Dr. Peter French ^b. Archbishop Tennison, son of Mr. Tennison, then curate, was born at Cottenham, and baptized October 2, 1636.

The dairies in this parish and neighbourhood are very extensive, and produce a celebrated cheese, which takes its name from this village: there are never fewer than 1200 milch cows kept in the parish, besides a considerable number of young cattle.

Mrs. Catherine Pepys by her will, bearing date 1703, gave a house in Cottenham, for a school-master, and the sum of 100 l. to purchase lands; the rent to be given as a salary to the master for teaching 16 poor children. Mrs. Alice Rogers, who died in 1728, gave a rent charge of 10 l. *per annum* to the master for teaching five more children; she gave another rent-charge of the same amount for apprenticing two boys. In 1671, Mr. Moreton gave the moiety of an estate in the parish of St. Andrew's, Holbourn, for apprenticing children of this parish ^c; and Mrs. Jane Brigham, in 1715, a rent charge of 15 l. *per annum* for the same purpose.

^u Layer's MSS.

^x Hundred Roll.

^y Escheat Roll.

^z Escheat 21 Edw. I.

^a Cambridgeshire Pedigrees, Brit. Mus. ^b Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy. ^c This estate is about to be advanced, and it is supposed the share belonging to this parish will be at least 60 l. *per annum*.

COVENEY, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, stands on an eminence overlooking the fens, about three miles west of Ely. The manor belonged anciently to the monks of Ely, and having been for some time wrongfully withholden from them, was recovered by Bishop Nigell before the year 1169^d: when it again came into lay hands does not appear; Warren de Lisle died seised of it in 1297^e: it continued in the Lisles nearly a century; and was afterwards in the Scropes of Bolton^f. At a later period, it was successively in the families of Steward^g and Drake^h: from the latter it passed by marriage to the Robinsons: it is now the property of the Right Honourable Morris Robinson, Lord Rokebyⁱ, who is patron of the rectory.

Manea, a hamlet of this parish, lies at the distance of five miles from Coveney, the nearest way across the fens; by the horse road it is ten miles distant: it has a chapel of ease, in which, on account of its distance from the mother church, all services are performed, and a separate register of christenings, marriages, and burials is kept. The manors of *Manea* and *Wardy-hill*, another hamlet of this parish, appear to have been always held with that of Coveney. The celebrated Dr. Conyers Middleton was rector of Coveney.

CRAWDEN, or CROWDEN, commonly called CROYDON, lies in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay. It now forms one parish with Clopton, by the name of CROYDON *cum* CLOPTON. Clopton was originally a distinct parish, and had, in ancient times, a market on Wednesdays, granted in 1291 to Robert de Hoo^k: the parish church was dedicated in 1351: it was afterwards united to one of the Hatleys, by the name of Clopton *cum* Hatley. In the reign of King James I. the Bishop of Ely consolidated the benefice with that of Croydon; the church was about that time pulled down; and they have ever since been esteemed as one parish, having the same church-wardens, and other officers, and being assessed together to the King's taxes; there are now only six houses at Clopton.

The manor of Talboys, in Croydon, belonged to a family of that name so early as the year 1316, and for more than two centuries afterwards: the manor of Francis, so called from its possessors of that name in the fifteenth century, became the property of the Walters, who continued to possess it in the reign of Henry VIII.^l

^d Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, vol. I. p. 619.
37 Henry VI.

^e Esch. 10 Car. I.

^f Esch. 26 Edward I.

^g See *Mag. Brit.* 1720.

^h Esch.

ⁱ Grandson

of Matthew Robinson, Esq. of West-Layton, in Yorkshire, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Drake, Esq. of Cambridge.

^k Esch. 20 Edward I.

^l Escheat Roll.

The manor of Clopton was so early as the year 1273 in the family of Bereford^m; in 1371, it was held under Sir Baldwin de Bereford by the Cloptons, who afterwards were possessed of the fee, and held also the manor of Rouses in Clopton, which, in 1316, had belonged to the family of Rouseⁿ. In or about the reign of Edward IV. the heiress of the Cloptons married a Chicheley, who sold the manor of Clopton to the Fishers: Agnes, daughter and sole heir of John Fisher, married the first Lord St. John of Bletfoe, whose grand-daughter brought Clopton in marriage to Lord Howard of Effingham; Lord Howard sold it to Francis Lord Russell^o. In the reign of James I. the manerial property, as well as the benefice of this parish, appears to have been united^p; the manor of Croydon *cum* Clopton being then in the family of Cage^q: it is now the property of the Reverend J. C. Gape of St. Albans, whose ancestor, John Gape, Esq. purchased it, in 1698, of Adelard Cage, Esq.

The family of Heron held a manor in Crawden, of the Honour of Peverell, in the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV.^r

Mr. Gape is patron of the united benefice of Croydon *cum* Clopton. Clopton is a rectory; Croydon a vicarage. The church of Crawden was given to the prior and convent of Barnwell, in the reign of King John, by Hugh de Crawden, who had been a monk of that house^s.

CROXTON, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about 13 miles nearly west of Cambridge, and about nine miles south-east of Huntingdon. The manor, which, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, belonged to David de Argentomago, was afterwards successively in the families of Sanzavor, Arundell, and Sackville^t; Sir Richard Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, sold it in the year 1573 to Dr. Edward Leeds, master of Clare Hall, prebendary of Ely, and rector of Cottenham and Croxton, all of which preferments he resigned some years before his death, and retired to the manor-house of Croxton, which he had rebuilt. From Dr. Leeds this manor has passed in uninterrupted succession to his descendant Joseph Leeds, Esq. the present proprietor. The manor-house, a handsome brick mansion, was rebuilt, about the year 1760, by the late Mr. Leeds; a well has of

^m Escheat Roll.

ⁿ Ibid. Edward II. and Edward III.

^o Layer's MSS.

^p They were not united in 1559; for Croydon then still continued in the Chicheleys, as appears by the Escheat Roll, temp. Eliz.

^q It appears also by the Escheat Roll of Jac. I. that

Sir John Cage had the manor of Francis in Clopton, and Talboys in Crawden.

^r Escheat

Roll.

^s See Escheat Roll, Richard II.

^t Layer's MSS.

late years been sunk, in which fine water was found, after digging to the depth of 303 feet.

The manor of Westbury, which belonged successively to the families of Seymour ^a, Ashfield, and Coosen, has long lost its manerial rights. The estate, which formed this manor, was purchased in 1806 of Mr. Bacchus, (to whom it had been recently sold by the Pym of Bedfordshire,) by Joseph Leeds, Esq. who now possesses the whole landed property of the parish.

In the parish church are several monuments of the family of Leeds; among others, that of Edward Leeds, Esq. and Martha, his wife, who lived together in wedlock 52 years ^x; and that of the late Edward Leeds, Esq. master in chancery, 1803: Mr. Leeds is patron of the rectory. John Leeds, Esq. by his will, bearing date 1705, gave a rent charge of 8 l. 12 s. 6 d. for charitable purposes in this parish; 6 l. of which he appropriated for the salary of a schoolmaster ^y.

FEN-DITTON, in the hundred of Flendish, and deanery of Cambridge, lies about three miles north by east of Cambridge, on the east bank of the Cam. A market at this place, long ago discontinued, was granted to the Bishops of Ely in 1270 ^z. The monks of Ely had large estates both in Fen-Ditton and Wood-Ditton: a manor in Ditton was given to them by Ethelfleda, wife of Duke Ethelstan, and Elfleda, wife of Duke Brithnod; another manor, by the grand-daughter of Duke Brithnod and her husband; a third by King Canute, in exchange for Cheveley: it would be difficult to distinguish these donations; but it is certain that Wood-Ditton was taken from the church of Ely by Archbishop Stigand, and that it was held under the King in farm, by William de Nowers, when the Survey of Domesday was taken. Fen-Ditton was one of the manors appropriated to the see of Ely when it was made a Bishopric, and was one of those alienated from the see, and surrendered to the crown in 1600. King James I. in 1605, granted this manor to Thomas Willys, Esq. ^a whose grandson, of the same name, was created a baronet in 1641: after the extinction of the title, which happened by the death of Sir William Willys, in or about the year 1732 ^b, this estate devolved to some maiden sisters, of whom it was purchased in 1733 by Sarah Duchess of Marlborough, for her

^a Lacy's MSS. The Seymours possessed it 9, Edward II. Nom. Vill. the Ashfields temp. Henry VIII. ^x He died in 1679 at the age of 93; she in 1672, aged 70. ^y Return

of charitable donations to the House of Commons. ^z Cart. 55, Henry III. the roll being mutilated, the days on which the market and fair were held cannot be ascertained. ^a Escheat Roll, Jac. I.

^b The last court of Sir William Willys, Bart, was held in 1731.

grand-daughter Lady Mary Godolphin, and was part of her marriage portion: her husband, Thomas Duke of Leeds, having procured an act of parliament for that purpose, sold it in 1749 to Thomas Panton, Esq. of Newmarket, chief groom to his Majesty, and father of Thomas Panton, Esq. the present proprietor.

Bigging, now a farm-house in this parish, is said to have been a seat of the Bishops of Ely: the present manor-house, called the Hall, some time the seat of the Willys family, is occupied as a farm-house by Mr. Panton's principal tenant.

Two small manors, called Muschetts and Bullants, were held formerly under the Bishops of Ely: Muschetts was successively in the families of Muschett, Cheyney, and Vaux; Bullants belonged, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the family of Wood^c.

In the parish church are several memorials of the Willys family: the Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory: the parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1803, when an allotment of land was given to the rector in lieu of tithes.

There is a charity-school in this parish, founded in the year 1729, by Mrs. Elizabeth March, and endowed with the fifth part of an estate, which then produced 70 l. *per annum*, and is now worth about 100 l. *per annum*. An alms-house for six poor widows was built by one of the Willys family in 1665, but is not endowed.

WOOD-DITTON lies in the hundred of Cheveley, and deanery of Fordham, within the diocese of Norwich, about two miles south-west of Newmarket. After Wood-Ditton was taken away, as before-mentioned, from the see of Ely, two manors seem to have been formed, in this parish, called Ditton-Camois and Ditton-Valence. Ditton-Camois, called afterwards Bensted, was successively in the families of Camois^d, Pulteneye^e, Lovayne^f, Bensted^g, and Cotton^h. In the year 1564, Sir Edward North died seized of the manor of Bensted, and of the manor of Ditton-Valenceⁱ, which had been in the families of Pakenham^k, Oldhall, and George, or Gorges^l, and had been given to the crown, in exchange, by Sir Giles Capell, in 1542^m. It appears that they were again separated; for, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Ditton-Valence was in the family of Wendy, from whom it passed by inheritance to the Coningsbyes, in the reign of Charles Iⁿ. It is now the property of the Duke of

^c Escheat Rolls.
49 Edward III.

^d Esch. 43 Henry III.

^e Esch. 23 Edward III.

^f Esch.

Peerage.

^h Escheat Roll. Edward III.

ⁱ Rot.

^g Esch. 18 Henry VIII.

^k Collins's

Theobald George held it 2 Edward IV. Escheat Roll.

^m Record in the Augmentation Office.

^l Escheat Roll.

Rutland, whose grandfather obtained it in marriage with one of the daughters of Charles Duke of Somerset.

The tithes of Wood-Ditton were given in 1177 to Merton Abbey; and in 1261 were leased by that convent in fee-farm, to the priory of Thetford. In 1539, the impropriate rectory, and advowson of the vicarage, were granted to Thomas Duke of Norfolk: after passing through various hands, they became the property of Charles Duke of Somerset, from whom they descended with the manor to the Duke of Rutland. The vicarage is consolidated with the rectory of St. Mary, Newmarket.

Saxon, or *Saxham*, a hamlet of this parish, called in the Domesday Survey *Sextone*, was one of the manors given to Aubrey de Vere by William the Conqueror, and continued in his descendants till the reign of Henry VIII. or Queen Elizabeth^o: it has been many years united to the manor of Wood-Ditton.

DODDINGTON, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about 11 miles north-west of Ely. The manor, which was one of the ancient estates of the church of Ely, was alienated by Bishop Heton to the crown in the year 1600: it soon afterwards became the property of the Peytons, who appear to have been settled at Doddington nearly a century before, as lessees to the Bishop. John Peyton, Esq. of Doddington, was created a baronet in 1660; and dying without issue, his next brother, Algernon, was advanced to the same dignity in 1666: the title becoming again extinct in 1771, on the death of Sir Thomas Peyton, the last heir-male of this family, Henry Dashwood, Esq. whose father married a daughter of Sir Sewster Peyton, succeeded to the estate, took the name of Peyton by act of Parliament, and was created a Baronet in 1776; his son Sir Henry is now lord of this manor, and patron of the rectory. Doddington was anciently a seat of the Bishops of Ely; Bishop Balsham died there in 1286: it was at a later period a seat of the Peytons; but has been many years deserted by the family: what remains of the mansion is now fitted up as a farm-house.

In the parish church are memorials for Sir Sewster Peyton, Master of the Buckhounds, who died in 1717, and several of the family of Waddington. John Nalson, the historian, who married one of the Peyton family, was rector of this parish.

Lionel Walden, Esq. in the year 1719, gave the sum of 500 l. in money, for the purpose of building a free-school at Doddington, the place of his nativity, and for the maintenance and education of so many poor children as his trustees should think fit: this benefaction having remained for many years unappropriated (the donor's inten-

^o It belonged to the Earl of Oxford, 29 Henry VIII. to Lord Neville and Robert Abingfield, 6 Eliz. Escheat Rolls.

tions not having been carried into effect) accumulated to the sum of 1800 l. 3 *per cent.* and 500 l. 4 *per cent.* A school has since been established, and we are informed that the master has a salary of 40 l. *per annum*, and a house. Mr. Thomas Waddington, in 1722, gave a piece of land, then valued at 2 l. *per annum*, for the instruction of poor children of Doddington.

This parish, the most extensive in the county, and one of the most extensive in the kingdom, contains 38,000 acres of rich land; the tithes have lately been let, as we are informed, at the sum of five thousand guineas *per annum*.

Benwick, March, and Wimblington, are hamlets of this parish; the two former have chapels of ease. Benwick lies four miles west of Doddington, at the conflux of the Nen, and the west water of the Ouse.

March is a considerable town^r, four miles north of Doddington, and 15 north-west of Ely. In the year 1671, Sir Algernon Peyton procured the grant of a weekly market at March on Friday, and two fairs, each of which was to last three days, one beginning on the Monday before Whitfuntide, (horses to be sold only on the Wednesday,) the other on the second Tuesday in October^s: the market is merely for butchers' meat. The manor was given to the monks of Ely by Osvy and his wife Leofleda, daughter of Duke Brithnod^t: it now forms part of Sir Henry Peyton's estate.

The chapel of St. Mary is a very handsome Gothic structure, with a spire, erected about the year 1343; in which year an indulgence was granted by the Pope to all those that should resort to it: in the north aisle is the gravestone of Catherine, wife of Anthony Hanfart, and sister of Sir Robert Southwell, Privy-Counsellor to King Henry VII. and King Henry VIII.: there are memorials also for the families of Harrison and Walsham.

William Neale, Esq. who died in 1696, founded a school at March, for the instruction of eight boys in English and Latin, and endowed it with 33 acres and a half of adventure-land in White's fen^s. Mr. Henry Wade having left a house and lands^t, to be disposed of in charitable uses, for the benefit of this parish; the rents were thus appropriated, by a decree in chancery in 1713, 20 l. *per annum* to a schoolmaster for teaching 20 poor children of March; 20 l. *per annum* for apprentice fees; 5 l. *per annum* for decayed house-keepers; and the residue for the purpose

^r Containing 555 houses, as appears by the return to Parliament in 1801. ^s Pat. 22. Car. II. p. 7. No. 8. ^t Hist. Ang. Scrip. vol. III. p. 469. ^u Mr. Neale directed by his will, that this land should never be broken up, unless it should be overgrown with rushes; in that case to be once cropped with oats, and again laid down to greenward; on failure of these conditions the land was to be forfeited to his heirs. ^v Producing a rent of 10 l. 15 s. when the return of charitable donations was made to the House of Commons.

of buying heifers or young cows for poor house-keepers on Easter-Monday^u; the master of Mr. Neale's school enjoys also the above-mentioned salary, and the further sum of 6 l. 15 s. (paid by the church-wardens) arising from some land, devised in 1653 by Mr. James Sheppard, for the purpose of educating poor children, and the interest of 30 l. given by Mr. Gabriel Sheppard. There are some almshouses at March inhabited by parish paupers, but not endowed.

At *Wimblington*, another considerable hamlet^x of *Doddington*, a school was founded in the year 1714 by Mr. Thomas Eaton, for the education of 40 children in reading, writing, and arithmetic; it was endowed with lands of considerable value; but, in consequence of a litigation in chancery, the school has not yet been established. The Bishop of Ely, the Lord of the Manor, the Rector and the Curate of *Doddington*, the curate of *March*, and 13 of the principal gentry in the neighbourhood, are trustees. It is intended to build a school-house and dwelling-house for the master, when the funds arising from the estate, which now produces upwards of 50 l. *per annum*, will permit.

DOWNHAM, in the hundred and deanery of Ely, lies about three miles north of Ely. The manor having been purchased by Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, was given by him to the monks of Ely^y. On the division of the manors of the church, in the time of Hervey the first Bishop, Downham was one of those annexed to the fee, and became one of the chief residences of its prelates. Bishop John de Fontibus died at his palace at Downham in 1225^z; Bishop Robert de Orford in 1310^a; Bishop Fordham in 1425^b; and Bishop Grey in 1478^c. Downham palace was repaired by Bishop Andrews^d, who was promoted to the see in 1609; Bishop Wren was arrested at Downham, and sent from thence prisoner to the Tower, by order of Parliament, in 1642^e. The palace having been suffered to go to decay during the interregnum, and no repairs having been attempted by the succeeding prelates, Bishop Patrick, who was promoted to the see in 1691, procured an act of Parliament to enable him to lease out the mansion and demesnes, and to secure himself and his successors from dilapidations^f; George Grant, Esq. of Piccadilly is the present lessee.

There are considerable remains of the Bishop's palace, which appears to have been rebuilt by Bishop Alcock, the founder of Jesus College in Cambridge,

^u John Walsham in 1670 gave a rent-charge of 4 l. 10 s. *per annum*, for buying four heifers for poor persons.

^x Containing, in 1801, 98 houses, according to the returns under the population act.

^y Hist. Eliens. in Hist. Ang. Script. vol. III. pp. 468. 471.

^z Wharton's

Ang. Sacra, vol. I. p. 635.

^a Bentham's Ely, p. 155.

^b Wharton, vol. I. p. 666.

^c Ibid. p. 673.

^d Bentham, p. 198.

^e Ibid. p. 201.

^f Ibid. p. 206.

whose device, with the arms of the fee, are upon a rich door-way of brick and stone, ornamented with crockets, &c. ; the offices are fitted up as a farm-house ; the park, in the reign of Henry III., contained 250 acres ^r.

In the church is the tomb of John Johnson, fellow of Jesus College, a civilian, who died in 1685 ; and a tablet for Elizabeth, wife of Richard Lake, M. A. the mother of 16 children : her husband died in 1714. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

DRY-DRAYTON, in the hundred and deanery of Chesterton, lies about five miles north-west of Cambridge. The principal manor belonged to the Abbot and convent of Crowland, to whom it was confirmed by King Edred's charter. The manor-house having been destroyed by the Danes, Abbot Brichtmer, a favourite of King Canute, in the year 1032, built a handsome mansion on its site for his summer residence ^h. The manor, after the dissolution of monasteries, was granted, together with a smaller manor which had belonged to the priory of Swavefey, to Thomas Hutton ; the Huttons were before possessed of the manor of Chambers in this parish, so called from the family of De Camera, who possessed it in the reign of Edward I. ; and was afterwards in the families of Bray and Burgoyne ⁱ. The manor of Dry-Drayton, comprising, it is presumed, the three manors thus united, passed successively through the families of Lawrence, Cutts, Weld ^k, and Howland ^l : Wriothesley, Duke of Bedford, having married the heiress of the Howland family, became possessed of this estate : it was sold, in 1795, by the late Duke of Bedford to the Reverend Dr. Smith, Prebendary of Westminster, who is the present proprietor, patron of the rectory, and incumbent. The manor-house, which had been occasionally a residence of the Duke of Bedford, is occupied by a farmer : the advowson of the rectory was formerly attached to the Swavefey manor.

FENNY-DRAYTON, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about 10 miles north-west of Cambridge, and about two miles south-east of St. Ives. In the reign of Edward II. there were two manors in this parish, which, from the families who then possessed them, were called the manors of Zouches and Segraves ; the latter descended to the Mowbrays. The Knevetts held a considerable estate under the Zouches in the reign of Richard II. ^m The Battsifords appear to have

^r See an account of the manors of the see of Ely in the time of Bishop Hugh de Balsam. Cotton MSS. Claudius C. IX.

^h Ingulphus in Rerum Ang. Scrip. vol. I. p. 61.

ⁱ Layer's

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^k Dry-Drayton is described as the seat of Humphry Weld, Esq. 1675. Blome.

Duke of Bedford's Muniments.

^m Escheat Roll.

in the reign of James I. it was in the family of Peniston ^a. It is probable that this has been united either to the last mentioned manor, or to that of the rectory: the whole manerial property of the parish now belongs to Colonel Jeaffreson, whose ancestor, in 1733, purchased of the Edgar family, an estate, described as the manor, rectory, and advowson of Dullingham; which, in the reign of Charles II., had belonged for many years to the Milicents. The rectory of Dullingham was before the reformation parcel of the estates of the prior and convent of Thetford, and had been granted in 1539 to Thomas Duke of Norfolk ^a. In the year 1535, Thomas Hildertham had a small manor in this parish called Matfreys, from the family of Matfrey, who possessed lands in Dullingham in the reign of Edward I. ^b

Earl Grosvenor has lately built a handsome house, on a piece of ground called the Hare Park, which he holds on lease under Colonel Jeaffreson, and resides here occasionally during the Newmarket meetings.

In the parish church are some monuments of the family of Jeaffreson. There is a charity-school in this parish, endowed with 5 l. *per annum* by Mr. Borodale Milicent, who died in 1678. The parish of Dullingham is now inclosing under an act of Parliament, passed in 1806, by which allotments of land are assigned in lieu of tithes to the impropiator and to the vicar.

DUXFORD-St. John, and DUXFORD-St. Peter, are two small parishes adjoining, and intermixed, in the hundred of Whittlesford, and deanery of Camps. The village in which both the churches are situated, lies about five miles south-west of Linton, eight miles north-east of Royston, and about the same distance south-east of Cambridge. In the year 1547, Sir Richard Long died seized of the manor of Temple, in the parish of Duxford-St. John ^c, which belonged formerly to the Knights Templars; his grand-daughter brought it in marriage to William Lord Russell of Thornhaugh, father of Francis, fourth Earl of Bedford; it was afterwards in the family of Webbe ^d. The manor of Lacy's in the same parish, so called from Henry Lacy, who possessed it in the reign of Edward I. ^e belonged successively to the family of Fyndern ^f, Taylor and Symonds ^g; they were both afterwards in the family of Barry, and being in settlement, James Barry, Esq. in 1758, procured an act of Parliament under which they were sold to the late Richard Crop, Esq. who died in 1796.

^a Esch. ^b Record in the Augmentation Office. ^c Escheat Roll. ^d Esch. 38. Henry VIII.
^e Lacy. ^f Hundred Roll. ^g Esch. 8. Henry VIII. ^h Lacy.

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They are now the property of his widow ; the reversion is vested under Mr. Crop's will, in his nephew Charles Long, Esq.

The manor of Buftelers, in the parish of Duxford-St. Peter, belonged to a family of that name, afterwards to that of Paris^b. About the year 1680, it was purchased by Sir Thomas Sclater, Bart. : in 1770 this manor was purchased by Lord Montfort of Thomas Sclater King, Esq., whose family became possessed of it by bequest from Thomas Sclater Bacon, Esq. devisee of Sir Thomas Sclater : Lord Montfort sold it not long afterwards, to Richard Trott, Esq. grandfather of the Rev. Edmund Fisher, junior, the present proprietor. Richard de Duxford, and William le Boys, had manors in Duxford in the reign of Edward I.ⁱ ; but we find no traces of them in records of a later date. The master and fellows of Caius College have a manor in this parish called Dabernoons, which in the 13th and 14th centuries belonged to the family of Dabernoon, and was purchased by the College in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, of John Brown, their representative in the female line.

The master and fellows of Bene't College are patrons of the rectory of Duxford-St. Peter ; and the master and fellows of Clare-Hall are impropiators of Duxford-St. John, and patrons of the vicarage.

At Whittlesford bridge, in the parish of Duxford St. John, are the remains of an ancient hospital, the chapel of which is now used as a barn. This hospital, which was under the government of a prior, appears to have been founded by Sir William Colville, who gave the patronage of it to the Bishops of Ely. There were belonging to this hospital an estate of about 30 acres of arable land, and some meads in Duxford, a water-mill, a free chapel, and a fair, which, in the reign of Edward I., is stated to have been kept *de antiquo tempore*^k. The hospital estate is now the property of Mrs. Crop.

ELME, in the hundred and deanery of Wisbech, lies about two miles south-east of Wisbech. The manor belongs to the Bishop of Ely, who is patron of the sinecure rectory, and of the vicarage. Ancient records speak of some subordinate manors in this parish ; Benford, which, in the reign of Edward III., belonged to the Peverells^l, Hansted, which belonged in the reign of Charles I. to Francis Lord Aungier^m, and Coldham, which, in the reign of Edward I., was the property of Walter Langton, Bishop of Litchfield : the latter was inherited of the Bishop, by the Peverells, and was afterwards in the family of Vennour ; Sir Henry Peyton, Bart.

^b Layer's MSS.

ⁱ Hundred Roll.

^k Ibid.

^l Escheat 5. Edward III.

^m Esch. 8. Car.

is the present proprietor: Coldham-house was pulled down a few years ago, and a farm-house erected on its site.

In an ancient record, "the house of Lepers" is mentioned as a boundary between the parishes of Elme and Wisbech. Emmeth, in the county of Norfolk, is a chapel of ease to Elme.

Mr. Thomas Squire, in the year 1689, gave by will a school-room, and a house and lands to provide a salary for a school-master, to teach the poor children of the parishes of Elme and Emmeth to read, write, and cast accounts.

ELSWORTH, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about eight miles nearly west of Cambridge, and about the same distance south-east of Huntingdon. The whole of this parish belonged to the abbot and convent of Ramsey; Ethelstan Menefune, who gave them the eastern mansion, with part of the manor, died in 996ⁿ; Alwara gave them the church, and another portion of the manor^o; the western mansion, with a portion of the manor attached, was given by King Canute to Turkell his General, who, in consequence of a fatal calamity in his family, his wife having been convicted of murdering his son by a former marriage, gave it to Etheric Bishop of Dorchester; the Bishop conveyed it to the abbot and convent of Ramsey^p, already possessed of the other portions of the manor. In the year 1550, the manor of Elsworth, and the manor of the rectory, were granted to Thomas Wendy, Esq.^q; of whose descendants they were purchased in 1656 by Samuel Disbrowe^r, Esq. Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland during the civil war; Mr. Disbrowe, who resided at Elsworth, died in 1690: his granddaughter^s brought it in marriage to Matthew Holworthy, Esq.^t After Mr. Holworthy's death, it was possessed by his daughter Mrs. Heathcote, who, having no children, devised it to Matthew Heathcote, who took the name of Holworthy, and was grandfather of the Reverend Matthew Holworthy, now lord of the manor, patron of the rectory, and incumbent. In the rectory manor the fine for renewal is certain, a double quit-rent; in the other manor, it is at the will of the lord. Lancelot Brown, Esq. claims a paramount authority over Elsworth, as lord of the manors of Fen-Stanton and Hilton, in Huntingdonshire^u.

In the parish church is the monument of Samuel Disbrowe, above-mentioned, and several memorials of the Holworthy family.

ⁿ Dugdale's Mon. vol. I. p. 231.

^o Hist. Ang. Scrip. vol. III. p. 418.

^p Ibid.

438, 441

^q Abstract of the title.

^r Ibid.

^s Only daughter of James

Disbrowe, M.D.

^t Only son of Sir Matthew Holworthy, Kat. of Great Palsgrave, in Norfolk.

^u Inclosure act.

The parish of Elsworth has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1800, when an allotment of land was given to the rector in lieu of tithes; the parish is described in the act as containing 3900 acres.

Dr. Franklin, by his will, bearing date June 27, 1695, bequeathed the sum of 400 l. for building and endowing three alms-houses for poor widows.

ELTISLEY, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about 12 miles nearly west of Cambridge. The manor of Stow, or Goldinghams, afterwards called the manor of Eltisley, belonged successively to the families of Stow, Ward, and Goldingham^x. Sir William Goldingham left two daughters, who married into the families of Chilterne and Mannock^y: in the year 1656, this manor was sold by Sir Francis Mannock, Bart. to Major-General Disbrowe, whose descendant, Mr. John Disbrowe, devised it in 1741 to the two sons of his nephew, William Walford of Bocking: it is now the property of Joseph Leeds, Esq. of Croxton, having been purchased of the Walford family in 1789, by the late Edward Leeds, Esq.

The manor of Pappelley, in this parish, belonged to the prior and convent of Huntingdon; after the dissolution it was in the Marshall family^z; and now belongs to the master and fellows of Emanuel College.

The parish church of Eltisley is dedicated to St. Pandionia, the daughter of a King of the Scots, who, in her flight from some persons who attempted her chastity, is said to have taken refuge in a nunnery at Eltisley, the prioress of which was her relation: her legend adds, that she died there, and was buried by a well called St. Pandonia's well; from whence her body was removed into Eltisley church in the year 1344, a sermon for her translation having been composed by Sir Richard, a parish priest there^a. Nothing further is known of this nunnery, than that it is said to have been near the site of the vicarage-house, and to have been destroyed about the time of the conquest^b. St. Wendreth also is said to have been buried at Eltisley^c. The church contains nothing remarkable, except the mutilated effigy of a knight in armour and his lady.

The church of Eltisley was appropriated to the abbey of Denny in 1512; after the revolution, the rectory and advowson were granted to Edward Eldryngton, Esq. who, in 1642, sold his estate to Sir William Bowyer: having passed by sale to the families of Searle and Mannock^d, it was purchased in or about the year 1600

^x Layer's MSS.
Itin. 8. p. 97.

the information of G. W. Leeds, Esq.

^y Esch. 16. Edward IV.
^b Tanner.

^c Leland's Collectanea, vol. I. p. 10.

^z Layer.

^a Leland's
^d From

By the Disbrowe family, who settled at Eltisley. John Disbrowe, who was buried there in 1610, was grandfather of Major-General Disbrowe, and of Samuel Disbrowe, Keeper of the Great Seal in Scotland, both of whom were born at Eltisley, the former in 1608, the latter in 1619. The Major-General was married at Eltisley to Jane Cromwell, Oliver's youngest sister, in 1636; James Disbrowe, elder brother of the Major-General, inherited the estate at Eltisley, where he resided. His descendants possessed this estate until the year 1713, when it was sold by John Disbrowe to Mrs. Hester Barron of Everden^c; and having been devised by her to the family of Day, was purchased of them by the late Mr. Leeds in 1798^f; it is now the property of Joseph Leeds, Esq. : the parsonage-house, which had been the seat of the Disbrowes, has been pulled down.

ELY, the capital of the isle of that name^g, though far from populous, lays claim, as being a Bishop's see, to the title of a city: it is situated near the river Ouse, 15 miles from Cambridge, and 68 from London. The first origin of the place was the foundation of a monastery by Etheldreda, daughter of Anna, King of the East Angles, near the site of the cathedral: her first design was to build it, and the structure was actually commenced at a place called Cratendon, about a mile from the present city, where Ethelbert, King of the East Angles, is said to have founded a monastery, which was destroyed some time afterwards by the army of Penda, King of Mercia. The legend of the foundress, the circumstances of her marriage to Tonbert, a nobleman of the East Angles, and after his death to Egfrid, King of Northumberland; her persevering to live in a state of virginity; her departure from the Northumbrian court; her taking the veil at Coldingham abbey; and her subsequent retirement to the Isle of Ely, (which had been her dower from

^c From the information of Mr. Leeds.

^f *Ibid.*

^g The etymology of the word Ely has been variously explained; the opinions of those authors who derive it from *Helig*, signifying, in the British language, willows, or from the Saxon *Æl*, an eel, are rendered most plausible by local circumstances; Venerable Bede, who lived in the eighth century, adopts the latter derivation: it appears by the Domesday Survey, that the number of eels to which the several lords of manors in the island were annually entitled, amounted altogether to more than 100,000; Wisbech alone paid 28,000, Stuntney 27,250.

The boundaries of the isle of Ely are thus described by an ancient historian: "At Erhithbrigge begins one entrance into the island, which extends as far as Sotton grove, and so at Mephale, and so at Wychlombrigge, and so at Ely-Donnhom, and so at Litteport, and so at the town of Ely, and so at Haverynmere, and so at Stratham lode, and so at Andlonge Wesche, on the south side of the island, and so at Alderhethbrigge, and so at Erhithbrigge. These are the entrances into the island, one at Litteport, another at Stonteneybrigge, the third at Alderhethbrigge; the fourth at Erhithbrigge." See Spratt's *Chronicle*, published by Hearne, p. 199.

her first husband Tonbert,) for the purpose of founding a monastery as above-mentioned, may be read at large, as taken from the monkish annals, in Bentham's History of Ely Cathedral.

The buildings at Ely are said to have been begun in 673 by Etheldreda, who became herself the first abbess, died in the year 679, and was canonized as a saint. A town by degrees grew about the monastery, and both were in a flourishing condition, when the Danes, in the year 870, having entered the isle, marched directly to Ely, plundered the town and convent, and set fire to both, having first massacred the religious, both men and women, excepting a few who escaped by flight; some of these a few years afterwards returned to Ely, and sufficiently repaired some parts of the church to render it fit for their own habitation, and the celebration of divine service. This was the commencement of a college of secular clergy, which continued at Ely till the year 970, (being just 100 years after the Danish massacre,) when the monastery was restored to its former flourishing state, and replenished with monks by Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, under the patronage of King Edgar, who, in consideration of a large sum of money paid by the Bishop, restored to the convent the jurisdiction of the isle; which, after the Danish massacre, had been annexed to the crown by Burrhed, King of Mercia. The same Bishop bestowed other princely benefactions on the abbey: Brithnoth was appointed the first abbot under the new establishment, which consisted of regular monks of the order of St. Augustine.

In the time of the second abbot, anno 991, the brave Duke Brithnoth marching against the Danes, previously to the battle of Malden, was most hospitably entertained with his whole army in the abbey; and having been admitted a member of their society, gave them several valuable manors, (all of which, excepting one^b, have passed into lay hands,) on condition that if he should be slain in battle, they should bring off his body and bury it in the church of their convent; a duty which the event called on them to perform, and which they punctually discharged. At the fatal battle of Assendon, in 1018, the monks of Ely, who came thither to pray for their countrymen, were all massacred by the Danes. After the accession of King Canute to the English throne, the new monarch shewed much partiality to the monks of this convent, and for several years kept the festival of the purification at Ely with his Queen Emma. Prince Edward, who afterwards succeeded to the throne of his ancestors, and obtained the name of the Confessor, received his education within the walls of

^b The manor of Triplow-Pittensaries: the others were Croxton, Fulbourn, Hardwick, Impington, Pampsworth, and Feverham.

this monastery, where his unhappy brother, Alfred, ended his life a prisoner, after his eyes had been put out by command of King Harold, the son and successor of Canute the Dane.

When the English nobility, in the interest of Edgar Atheling, having retired into the isle of Ely, defended it for a long time against the Conqueror's army, they and their officers were entertained daily in the refectory of the convent: farther particulars relating to this event have been already given¹. It will be sufficient to observe here, as immediately connected with the history of the convent, that after the abbot had been obliged, from motives of humanity, to abandon the cause of his friends, and assist the King in gaining possession of the island, the victorious monarch paid a visit to the convent, and made an offering at the altar of St. Etheldreda: nevertheless he shewed his resentment against the monks for having, in the first instance, favoured his enemies, by imposing a heavy fine on them; he also took away all the gold, silver, and jewels of the church; but restored them, at the instance of Theodwin, whom he had appointed abbot on the death of Thurstan. During the time of his successor Simeon, who lived to the great age of 100 years, the convent was obliged to maintain a guard of foldiers for the defence of the island.

In the year 1109, Ely was made a Bishop's see; on this event, the manors belonging to the church, were divided by the Bishop between himself and the monks: he appears to have taken by far the larger share; the unequal division was much complained of by the monks; and it appears, by what we learn from William of Malmesbury, a contemporary historian, to have been in a proportion of more than three to one in the Bishop's favour: the revenues of the monks were considerably augmented by the grants of succeeding Bishops. After the foundation of the Bishopric, the convent was governed by priors till the dissolution. Nigellus, the second Bishop of Ely, having espoused the cause of the Empress Maud, among the measures which he took for the defence of the isle, built a castle at Ely, of which no traces remain except the keep; it gives name to one of the wards of the City. The priory, in which there was at that time between 30 and 40 monks, was surrendered to King Henry VIII. in the year 1539; the possessions of the convent were then estimated at 1084 l. 6 s. 9½ d. clear yearly value; those of the Bishop at 2134 l. 18 s. 6½ d. The Bishopric is still charged with this sum for first fruits, notwithstanding the great alienations of manors belonging to the see by Bishop Cox and Bishop Heton. The peculiar privileges and jurisdictions belonging to the Bishopric of Ely have been already spoken of². Soon after the suppression of the priory, the King (in the year 1541) placed in the cathedral of

¹ See pp. 6, 7, 8.

² See p. 4.

Ely a Dean, eight prebendaries, and other ministers; endowed the chapter with the site of the dissolved monastery, and most of its possessions; and as a reward for his ready compliance in acceding to the King's wishes, made Robert Steward, the last prior, Dean.

The episcopal palace of Ely stands near the west end of the cathedral; it was much altered by Bishop Mawson, but retains some traces of the ancient structure, besides the gallery, built by Bishop Goodrich, 100 feet long, in which are portraits of Bishops Andrews, Felton, Patrick, Fleetwood, Greene, Butts, Gooch, Mawson, Keene, and the present Bishop, Dr. Yorke. In the library, is a rude painting of the funeral of Bishop Cox, who died in 1581, with the procession on the outside, and the ceremony within the church; there is also the original of the *Tabula Eliensis*, engraved in Mr. Bentham's history. During the alienation of the church lands in the 17th century, the palace was sold to James Standish for the sum of 1862 l.

The deanery and prebendal houses occupy the site of the ancient conventual buildings, many parts of which, now remaining, are described in the introduction to this county, under the head of ancient architecture, where more particular mention will be found also of the cathedral, which, as it was built at various times with much art and cost, and the dates of the several parts of the structure are well known, forms a most interesting study for the architect and antiquary. The monuments of the Bishops, prior to the reformation, some of which possess much architectural beauty, are there noticed, and that supposed to be of John Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester. Among the most remarkable monuments of later date, are those of Bishops Heton, Laney, Gunning, Patrick, Moore, Fleetwood, Greene, and Butts¹. The inscriptions are all printed, and there are engravings of all the monuments in Bentham's History of this church. There is a gravestone for Dean Tyndall, who died in 1614^m; and there are also the monuments of Dean Cæsar, who died in 1636ⁿ; Robert Steward, Esq. 1570; Sir Mark Steward, Knight, 1603; Henry Morley, Esq. 1800; and that of Humphrey Smith, Esq. an eminent engineer, who drained Thorney level and Deeping fens, and died in 1743; the last mentioned monument, which was designed and erected by John Sanderfon, architect, is in St. Mary's Chapel, and has a bust of the deceased.

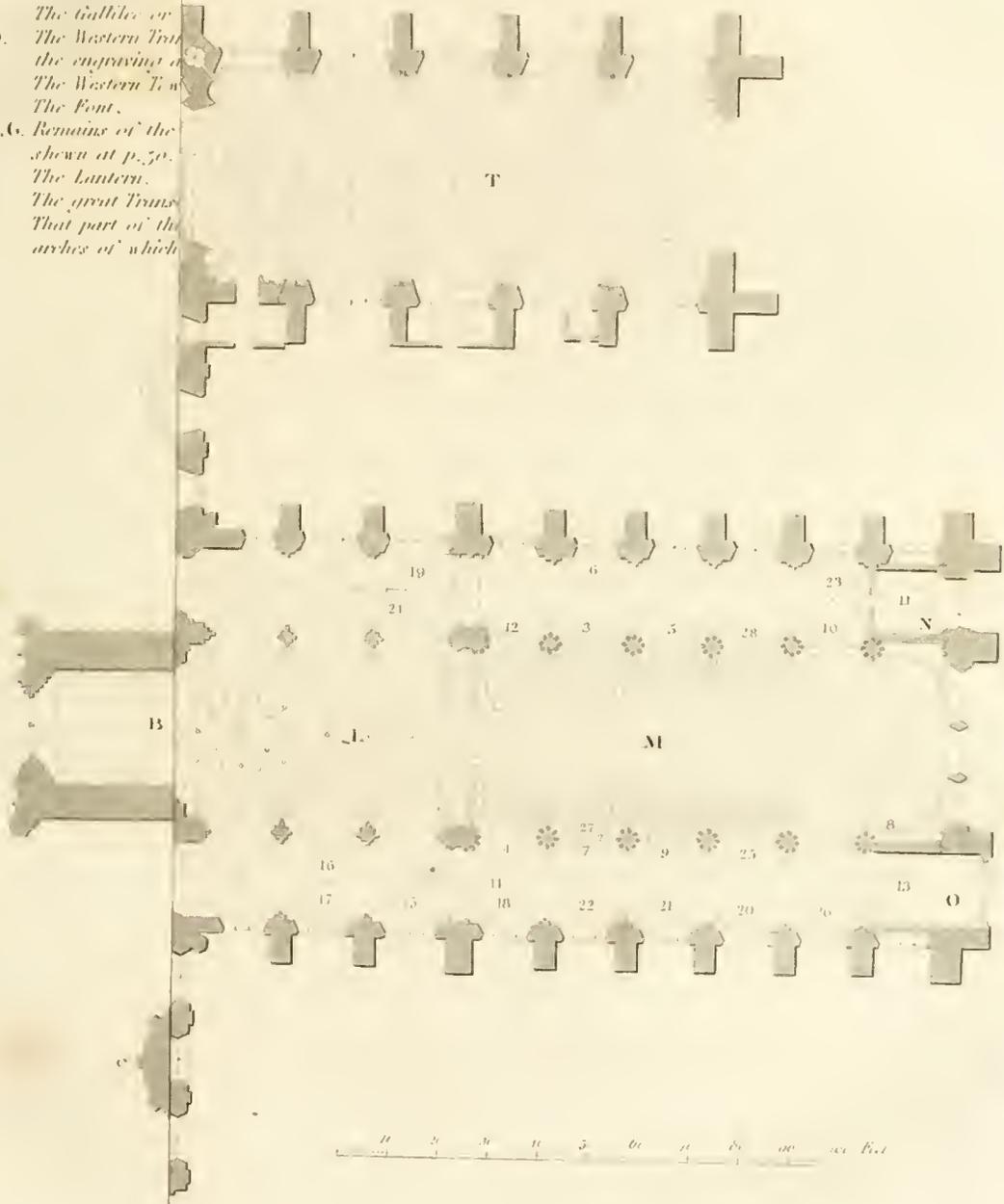
¹ The monuments of Bishop Heton and Bishop Gunning have effigies of the deceased; that of Bishop Gunning is well executed in white marble; the monument of Bishop Butts has his bust: there is a memorial for Bishop Keene on a plain gravestone.

^m The gravestone of Dean Tyndall has a figure of him engraved on a brass plate.

ⁿ The monument of Dean Cæsar has his

effigies in a kneeling posture in stone.

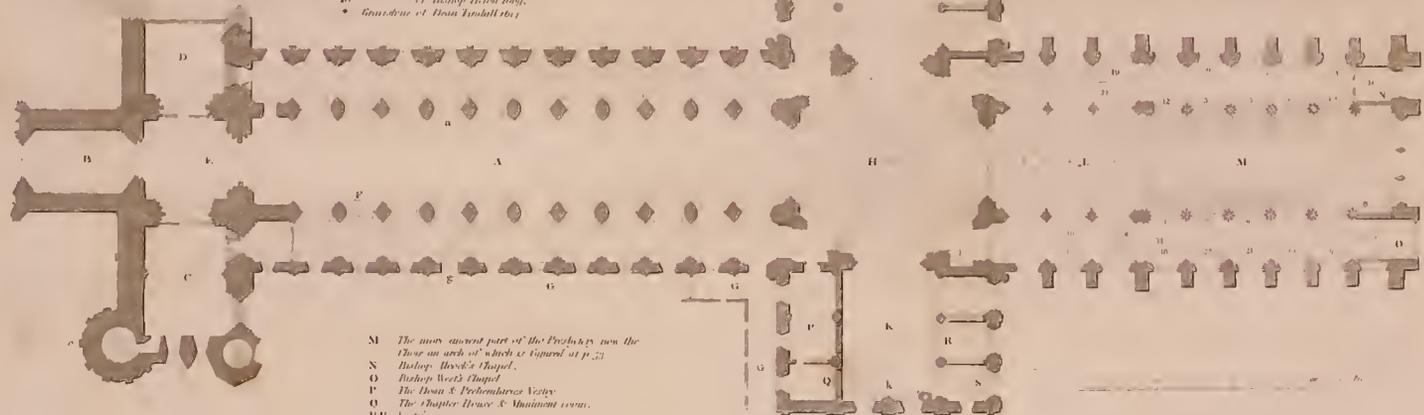
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the engraving of
- E. The Western Trip
- F. The Font.
- G. G. G. Remains of the
shown at p. 50.
- H. The Lantern.
- I. K. The great Trans
- L. That part of the
arches of which



- A The Vault of the part expressed at p. 25
- B The Middle or Western Vestibule
- C D The Western Vestibule - e the part shown in the engraving at p. 24
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- K The great Piazza - k the part figured at p. 24
- L That part of the Presbytery shown in 1321, the circles of which are figured at p. 24

- 1 Monument of a Bishop supposed to be either John de Beaufort who died 1295, or Geoffrey de Bunch 1293 see page 25
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- 16 Remains of Bishop Giffard 1226
- 17 Monument of the Monk, Richard 1202
- 18 of Bishop Beilham 1231
- * Remains of those mentioned in the text

- 10 Monument of Dean Giffard 1226
- 20 of Bishop Lanes 1678
- 21 of Bishop Manning 1694
- 22 of Bishop Moore 1714
- 23 of Bishop Fleetwood 1723
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- 25 of Bishop Fleetwood 1723
- 26 of Bishop Stone 1720
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- M The most ancient part of the Presbytery now the Choir an arch of which is figured at p. 23
- N Bishop West's Chapel
- O Bishop West's Chapel
- P The Dean & Prebendaries Vestry
- Q The Chapter House & Monument room
- RR Vestibule
- S The Labyrinth
- I St Mary's Chapel now Dean's Parish Church

The city of Ely is not incorporated, nor has it any jurisdiction distinct from that of the island; Browne Willis enumerates it among the disused boroughs as having once (23 Edw. I.) sent members to Parliament, and being summoned to send members to the great council at Westminster (27 Edw. III.). Ely is divided into three wards^o, each of which has its separate constable. The spring assizes for the isle of Ely, and the Easter and Michaelmas Quarter-sessions, are held here. The market, which is held by prescription, was altered in 1801 from Saturday to Thursday: King Henry I. granted a fair at Ely to the abbot and convent for seven days, to commence three days before the festival of St. Etheldreda: in 1312, the prior had a grant of a fair for 15 days at the festival of St. Lambert^p; and, in 1318, the Bishop had a grant of a fair to last 22 days, commencing on the vigil of the ascension^q. Matthew Paris speaks of a fair, established by King Henry III. at Westminster, as being very prejudicial to the Ely fairs^r. St. Lambert's fair has been discontinued; the others are still held, and are called the old and new fair; they are both held for nine days: the old fair now commences the 29th of October, being the festival of St. Etheldreda, old style: this fair was in ancient times noted for the sale of ribbands of various colours, which were held in veneration, as having touched the shrine of St. Etheldreda, and were called St. Awdrey's ribbands; hence the origin of the word *tawdry*. In 1665, St. Etheldreda's fair was prohibited on account of the great plague; the advertisement issued on that occasion describes it as a fair of great resort, particularly from London, Yarmouth, Colchester, and Cambridge^s.

According to the returns made to Parliament, under the population act, the city of Ely in 1801 contained 796 houses, of which 40 were uninhabited; the number of inhabitants was 3713.

There is no manufacture in or near the city, except some potteries of coarse ware: many of the inhabitants are employed in the culture of gardens; great quantities of asparagus, and various other vegetables, being sent, by the gardeners in the neighbourhood of Ely, to Cambridge and London. The cherry gardens are extensive; the soil, indeed, seems to have been from a very early period favourable for the growth of fruit; three acres of vineyard at Ely, are mentioned in the Survey of Domesday; and the anonymous author of a Chronicle of the monastery, which seems to have been written about the year 1368, speaks of this vineyard as being in his time very productive, "*multum dans vinea vinum*!" The city has the advantage of water-carriage by the Ouse, and other navigable rivers connected with it, to Cambridge, the principal towns of Norfolk, Suffolk, &c.

^o Steeple-high ward, Fore-hill ward, and Castle-hithe ward; these are all in the parish of the Holy Trinity, the parish of St. Mary being in the suburbs. ^p Cart. 5. Edward II. ^q Cart. 12. Edward II. ^r p. 734. ^s "Newes," Sept. 21. ^t Wharton's Ang. Sac. vol. I. p. 592.

Ely contains two parishes; that of the Holy Trinity, and St. Mary's. The beautiful chapel of St. Mary in the cathedral, has been appropriated as the parochial church for the former; the congregations of both parishes, after having heard divine service in their respective churches, go to hear a sermon in the cathedral.

Chetisham, about a mile and three quarters from Ely, is a hamlet to St. Mary's, and has a chapel of ease.

Stuntney, about a mile and a quarter from Ely, which has also a chapel of ease, is a hamlet to the parish of the Holy Trinity. Wolstan de Delham, sheriff of Cambridgeshire, gave the manor of Stuntney to the secular clerks who inhabited the monastery at Ely before its restoration by King Edgar. On the partition of the manors of the church by Bishop Hervey, Stuntney was one of those assigned for the maintenance of the monks, and was appropriated to the office of cellarer^u. After the dissolution, it was not given, with the other possessions of the monastery, to the Dean and Chapter, but granted in 1540 to Sir Edward North^x: not long afterwards it came into the Steward family. Sir Mark Steward, who settled at Stuntney, was nephew of Dr. Steward, Dean of Ely, of the ancient family of the Stewards of Dundevale in Scotland: their descendants continued at Stuntney till about the middle of the last century, but the manor was alienated before the year 1723 to Robert Lightfoot, Esq.: it is now the joint property of Francis Bagge, Esq. Chief Bailiff of the Isle of Ely, and his wife Mary, who is one of the representatives of Mr. Lightfoot: the seat of the Stewards is now a farm-house. The Stewards were lessees under the church of Ely, of the rectory of Ely, called the Sectary, and of the tithes of the parishes of the Holy Trinity and St. Mary. On the death of Sir Thomas Steward in 1636, this estate passed by bequest to his nephew Oliver Cromwell, who, in the same year, took possession of the rectory-house, which was his constant residence, except whilst he was preparing for his abortive project of migrating to North America, till he was chosen one of the members for Cambridge in the Parliament of 1640: whilst he resided at Ely, he was a warm opponent of the schemes for draining the fens; and it is said that his mind was then at the highest pitch of enthusiasm, absorbed in melancholy, and disgusted both with the religious and civil establishments of the kingdom^y. He occasionally retired to Ely after the commencement of the war, and being resident there in the month of January 1644, by his personal authority ordered the cathedral service to be discontinued: he first wrote to the "clergy-vicar" to request that he would desist from using it, but finding that his

^u Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, vol. I. p. 617.

^y Noble's *Memoirs*, vol. I. p. 109,

^x *Tec-farm Roll in the Augmentation Office.*

request was disregarded, he entered the cathedral with a party of soldiers, and with his sword drawn, ordered the vicar "to leave off his fooling;" and drove the whole congregation from the cathedral².

There are two manors in Ely, called Ely-Barton and Ely-Porta; the former, which is the paramount manor, belongs to the Bishop, the other to the Dean and Chapter. Barton farm, which extends into the parishes of the Holy Trinity and St. Mary, is held on lease under the Bishop by Thomas Page, Esq. This farm, when the church lands were put up to sale after the termination of the civil war, was sold to Richard Cromwell for 1289 l. 19 s. 8 d. New-Barnes grange and mansion were sold about the same time for 2805 l.: this estate was held on lease under the Bishop, by the late Mr. Tatterfall, the celebrated horse-dealer, who had a country-house at New-Barnes: the present lessee is Samuel Farmer, Esq. Keton manor-farm, in Trinity parish, was anciently appropriated to the sacrifice of the church of Ely; it belongs now to the Dean and Chapter, and is on lease to Mr. John Pond. Thorney manor-farm, in the parish of the Holy Trinity, which belonged formerly to the church of Ely, is now freehold, the property of Harry Spencer Waddington, Esq.: it belonged formerly to the Stewards³. Norney manor-farm, or as it is called in title-deeds, Northney dairy, is held on lease under the Dean and Chapter by Mr. John Hatch, junior; Quaney manor-farm, or dairy, by the Reverend James Bentham, son of the antiquary, who was a native of Ely, having been born within the precincts of the college. Tydbersey, now called Turbetsy; Shepey, now Shippey; and Brame, now Braham, were ancient manors of the church of Ely. Turbetsy farm, in the parish of the Holy Trinity, is now held on lease under the Dean and Chapter by Thomas Gotobed, Esq. that of Shippey, in the same parish, by Francis Marketts, Esq.; and that of Braham, in the parish of St. Mary, by Miss Wade.

The two ancient hospitals of St. John and St. Mary Magdalen were united by Bishop Northwold about the year 1240: the rectory of Littleport had been appropriated to one of them not long before (about 1225) by Bishop de Burgh. By the ordinance of Bishop Northwold, the united hospital was to consist of 13 chaplains and brethren, who were to have a common refectory and dormitory, and to wear an uniform habit; they were to be under the immediate government of the Sacrist of Ely⁴. In 1453, the hospital was fallen into great decay and poverty⁵; not long afterwards Bishop Grey made one of his secular priests master or warden⁶. In the reign of Henry VIII., the revenues of the hospital were valued at 25 l. 5 s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. *per an-*

² Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy.

³ Esch. Eliz. and Car. I.

⁴ Bentham.

⁵ Coles's MSS. from Bishop Boucquier's Register.

⁶ Tanner.

num. In 1561, at the instance of Dr. Edward Leeds, its last master, who was at the same time master of Clare Hall, it was granted, with all its appurtenances, to the master and fellows of that college^c, to whom the site still belongs; there are scarcely any remains of the buildings.

The free school at Ely was founded by King Henry VIII. at the same time that he established the Chapter. The master is appointed by the Dean and Chapter; his salary is only 18 l. *per annum*, but there is a good house belonging to the school, besides other advantages.

In the year 1740, Mrs. Catherine Needham, formerly of New Alresford, in the county of Southampton, founded and endowed a charity school at Ely for 24 boys: the master's salary is 31 l. 10 s. *per annum*, and the boys are clothed and apprenticed out of the profits of the estate, the rent of which is now 223 l. 10 s. *per annum*^f. There is a good house attached to the school for the residence of the master, who is appointed by the trustees; the number of boys has lately been increased from 24 to 30. Bishop Laney, who died in 1675, gave lands, now producing upwards of 250 l. *per annum*, for apprenticing poor children of Ely and Soham; these lands are vested in trustees; the premiums are limited to 10 l.

Various small estates, amounting in the whole to upwards of 270 l. *per annum*, are vested in "the governors of the lands and possessions of the poor of the city or town of Ely," who were incorporated by that name in the reign of Charles I. Oliver Cromwell was one of the first governors. The rent is distributed by the governors, who consist of the Bishop, Dean, Archdeacon, and nine of the principal inhabitants of Ely, in sums not exceeding eight shillings each, to the poor; every poor inhabitant has the privilege also of digging 5000 turves for fuel, from a tract of turf-land vested in the governors for that purpose. They have also some valuable commons on which such of the poor as have stock are permitted to depasture their cattle, and about 150 acres of waste land, which the poor by turns are allowed to mow. The dividends of some money in the funds, given by John Howard and Mary Austin, are distributed also by the governors, by whom the whole appears to be very judiciously managed.

GREAT-EVERSDEN, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about five miles south-west of Cambridge. It has usually been supposed that the Berners family held the principal manor of this parish^g, by gift from William the Conqueror; but on referring to the Domesday Survey, it appears that Hugh de Ber-

^c Tanner.
and Layer's MSS.

^f It was only 80 l. *per annum* when first devised.

^g See Dugdale

ners, had only one hide, and Wido de Rainbuedcurt six hides. At an early period, the manor of Everfden was in the Andevilles^h, and passed afterwards successively to the families of Perrersⁱ, and Castleacre^k. John Lord Tiptoft died seised of this manor in 1442, and his son the Earl of Worcester in 1470: Joan, Lady Ingoldesthorp, the Earl's daughter, gave it in 1491 to the master and fellows of Queen's College. The parsonage manor, which formerly belonged to the monastery of St. Alban, was granted after the dissolution, with the improper rectory, to the family of Warner; and afterwards, by purchase, became the property of Dr. Dove, Bishop of Peterborough, who bequeathed this estate to his relation Sir William Dove: it is now the property of Mr. T. D. Finch. The vicarage is in the gift of the crown.

LITTLE-EVERSDEN, an adjoining village in the same hundred and deanery, lies about the same distance nearly west of Cambridge. The manor, having passed with Great Everfden ever since the reign of Henry IV., is vested in the master and fellows of Queen's College, who are patrons of the rectory. The advowson was given to the college in 1572 by John Chetham of Great Livermore in Suffolk, Gent. in consideration of which benefaction he and his heirs were to have the privilege, of nominating to one of the smaller scholarships in that college.

FORDHAM, in the hundred of Staplehoe, is in the diocese of Norwich, and gives name to the deanery in which it is situated; it lies about five miles north-west of Newmarket, and about six south-east of Ely. A small priory of Gilbertines was founded at this place in the reign of King Henry III.^l by Sir Robert de Fordham, as a cell to the great monastery of that order at Sempringham in Lincolnshire, to which the church of Fordham had been given by the above-mentioned monarch. The annual revenues of this priory, which was called Fordham or Bigging, were estimated, in the reign of King Henry VIII., at the clear sum of 40l. 13s. 4d.; at that time there was only one monk besides the prior in the house: after its suppression, the site and the priory manor were granted to Philip Paris, Esq. and Margaret, his wife. At a later period, Fordham Abbey became the property and seat of a younger branch of the Russells of Chippenham; William Russell, Esq. who died, and was buried at Fordham, in

^h Lamer's MSS.

ⁱ Esch. 9. Edward III.

^k Sir William Castleacre, who died

7. Henry IV., (1405) appears to have acquired it of Sir William de Hoo, (See Cl. 4. H. IV.) Sir William Castleacre, by his will, bearing date 6. Henry IV., directed the reversion of his manor of Everfden, called Perrers, to be sold. (See Cl. 8. Henry V. m. 14. dors.)

^l Bishop Tanner says, that a religious house had been begun in this parish at an earlier period by Henry, Rural-Dean of Fordham.

1701, was grandson of Sir William Ruffell of Chippenham, the first baronet, who married the only daughter of Henry Cromwell, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland: he left a numerous family (all now extinct) in a state of pecuniary distress: Admiral Sir Charles Wager, who purchased the estate, and built a fine seat on the remains of the old mansion, educated one of the daughters at his own expence, and gave her a marriage portion. Fordham Priory was sold by Sir Charles Wager to Edward Harrison, Esq. Governor of Fort St. George, whose only daughter and heir brought it in marriage to Charles Lord Viscount Townshend. William Metcalfe, Esq. purchased the estate of Lord Townshend; and his son, James Metcalfe, Esq. sold it in 1790 to the present proprietor, Francis Noble, Esq. who pulled down the capital mansion, esteemed one of the finest seats in the county, and resides in a modern-built house, which occupies the site of the offices. Mr. Noble gives a deputation for the priory manor, by the name of Fordham-Bigging.

The family of Kemseke had a manor in Fordham in the reign of Edward I.^m, probably the same which afterwards belonged successively to the families of Hengrave, Feltonⁿ, and Wodehouse^o. This manor, by the name of Feltons *alias* Hengraves was purchased of Thomas Poley in the year 1563 by the master and fellows of Trinity Hall in Cambridge. The family of Bassingbourn had a manor in Fordham, which descended to the Tiptofts, Ingoldesthorps, Nevilles, and Fortescues^p: it now belongs to the master and fellows of St. John's College in Cambridge, having been purchased of Sir Adrian Fortescue, and Anne his wife, in 1509. The manor of Coggeshall belonged to a family of that name in the reign of Edward III.^q: it is now vested in the master and fellows of Christ's College in Cambridge. There is another manor in this parish, now belonging to Mr. John Rayner, of which we could learn no particulars. The manors of Soham and Netherhall-Wygorne, extend into Fordham.

In the parish church are some memorials of the Ruffells. Near the church is an ancient decayed building, said to have been formerly a school.

The register records the circumstance of King James I. hunting the hare, and taking some refreshment in Fordham field on the 27th of February 1604^r.

^m Esch. 16. Edward I.
see Esch. Roll, Edward III.

ⁿ Sir Thomas Felton purchased of Sir Edward Hengrave in 1362,
^o Esch. 30. Henry VI.

^p By the partition deed be-

tween the co-heiresses of John Neville, Marquis of Montague, this manor was assigned to Sir Adrian Fortescue, and Anne his wife.

^q See Esch. 49. Edward III.

^r It is thus circumstantially recorded:—"1604. Upon Wednesday the 27th of February, the high and mighty Prince James, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. did hunt the hare with his own hounds in our fields of Fordham, and did kill six near a place called Blackland, and did afterwards take his repast in the fields, at a bush near the King's park."

Thomas Hynson, in the year 1626, built six alms-houses at Fordham for six poor widows ; which have not been endowed.

The master and fellows of Jesus College in Cambridge are patrons of the vicarage ; the advowson having been procured for them by Bishop Thirlby : the great tithes belong to the fee of Ely, and are on lease to Mr. John Filby.

FOXTON, in the hundred of Triplow and deanery of Barton, lies about eight miles south of Cambridge, six miles north of Royston, and nine west of Linton. It had in ancient times a market, by virtue of a charter granted to the De la Hayes in 1325^a, which gave them the privilege also of holding two fairs annually, one at the festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, the other at the festival of St. Andrew ; the charter was confirmed in 1366^b : there is now only one fair, which is held at Easter. The principal manor, called the Bury, or Foxton-Chatteris, belonged to the nuns of Chatteris, and was purchased of King Henry VIII. by Sir Ralph Warren^c, the daughter and heir of whose son Richard, brought it in marriage to Sir Oliver Cromwell, who gave it to his son-in-law Sir Henry Palavicini : in the early part of the last century it was in the Hattons of Long-Stanton^d, afterwards in the Mitchells^e : in 1786, it was purchased of Thomas Parker, Esq. by Richard Bendyshe, Esq. the present proprietor.

The manor of Mortimers in Foxton, was in the family of Mortimer of Attleborough in Norfolk, as early as the reign of Edward I.^f : it passed by female heirs to the families of Radcliffe, Harlyng, Chamberlayne, and Scrope of Bolton^g : in, or shortly before, the year 1700, it was purchased of the Scrope family by Thomas Bendyshe, ancestor of Richard Bendyshe, Esq. the present proprietor. The De la Hayes, to whom the market was granted, possessed a manor in this parish, which passed by a female heir to the D' Engaynes : Sir John D' Engayne left two daughters, co-heirs, Joan married to Sir Baldwin St. George, and Mary the wife of William Bliton ; this manor having been divided into moieties, which passed by other marriages to the families of Dockwra^h and Wimbish, they were afterwards esteemed separate manors, being called after the names of their owners : having passed severally through various families, they have been again united, and are both the property of Mr. Bendyshe. The Welbores, who were for some time possessed of one of these estates, were settled at Foxton for more than two centuries.

^a Cart. 19. Edward II. ^b Pat. 39. Edward III. p. 1. ^c Layer. There had been a previous grant in 1543 to Elrington and Metcalfe, who surrendered it again to the crown the following year. See Records in the Augmentation Office.

^d the information of Mr. Bendyshe.

^e Layer.

^f Court Rolls.

^g From

^h Ibid. and Inquis. 19. Henry VI.

ⁱ See the next page.

The parish church appears to have been built about the year 1456^c. The church of Foxton was formerly appropriated to the almoner of Ely^d; it now belongs to the Dean and Chapter, under whom the rectory is held on lease by William Hurrell, Esq. The Bishop of Ely presents to the vicarage.

FULBOURN, in the hundred of Flendish, and deanery of Cambridge, lies about five miles south-east of Cambridge, comprising two parishes, All Saints and St. Vigor's, which have long been united in one township, and in most respects incorporated^e, although the boundaries of each are known. The churches stood within the same church-yard; that of All Saints fell down in the year 1766, and has never been rebuilt: in 1775, an act of Parliament passed for enabling the inhabitants of the parish of All Saints to sell the materials of their church, and for giving power to the vicar to officiate in the church of St. Vigor^f. The benefices still continue distinct; St. Vigor's being a rectory in the gift of the master and fellows of St. John's College in Cambridge; All Saints a vicarage in the patronage of the fee of Ely.

The manor of Zouches, in the parish of All Saints, is considered as the paramount manor. This manor, which had been held by Godwin Cilt under Queen Editha, the consort of King Edward the Confessor, was given by the Conqueror to Alan la Zouch, Earl of Brittany; and continued in the Zouch family, and that branch of the Mortimers which took the name of Zouch, and were called by way of distinction Zouch of Mortimer, till the year 1400, when, on the death of Hugh la Zouch, it devolved to Sir John Botetort, who married his sister and sole heir^g. Sir Hugh Burnell, who married the heiress of Botetort, died seised of this manor, in 1420^h; on the attainder of John Ormond *alias* Boteler, (who inherited from the Burnells,) it was granted, in 1475, to Henry Bourchier, Earl of Essex; but was restored afterwards to the Ormond family, and passed by a female heir to Henry Carey, Lord Hunsdon. It appears to have been afterwards in the Dockwras, a family of considerable antiquity in Hertfordshire, a younger branch of which, on being possessed of this manor, settled at Fulbourn; Thomas Dockwra died seised of it in 1601; Periam Dockwra, Esq. in 1620ⁱ.

^c An indulgence having been granted in that year to all such as should contribute to the structure of the Nave, Chancel, or Tower. ^d Bentham's Ely, p. 128. ^e All parochial rates, excepting church rates, have long been assessed in common, and there has been only one set of officers excepting church-wardens. ^f Divine service, under this act, is to be performed by the rector of St. Vigor, and the vicar of All Saints alternately, week by week, unless otherwise arranged by mutual agreement, or directed by the ordinary of the diocese. The parishioners of All Saints are in future to be assessed to the church-rates for St. Vigor's parish, and the impropiator to contribute jointly with the rector of St. Vigor to the repairs of the Chancel. ^g See Dugdale's Baronage. ^h Esch. 8. Henry V. ⁱ Esch.

Soon after this, the manor of Zouches became the property of the Tyrrells; Sir Thomas Tyrrell in 1642 died seized of this and other manors in Fulbourn, which had belonged to the Dockwras; but that family appears nevertheless to have retained some property in the parish, Mrs. Anne Dockwra having, in the year 1710, bequeathed an estate in Fulbourn, consisting of 74 acres of land, in trust, for the benefit of poor quakers in Cambridge, the place of her residence^k. From the Tyrrells, the manor of Zouches passed by inheritance to the Daltons of West-Wratting, the last heir-male of which, Tyrrell Dalton, Esq. was buried at Fulbourn in 1730; the same year this manor appears to have been the property of the Reverend John Perkins^l, rector of St. Vigor's: in the year 1742, Mr. Perkins sold it to William Greaves, Esq. who afterwards assumed the name of Beaupré Bell: it is now the property of Richard Greaves Townley, Esq. great-nephew of Mr. Greaves, who died in 1787.

Mr. Townley's seat, called Fulbourn-house, adjoins the old manor-house of Zouches, a part of which remains, and is fitted up for offices: it appears to have been built about the time of Henry VIII. Among other portraits at Fulbourn-house is that of Michael Dalton, author of the Country Justice. A court-leet and court-baron are annually held for the manor of Zouches. A fee-farm rent, issuing out of this manor, having been purchased by the Earl of Nottingham, was by him made part of the endowment of a hospital at Ravenston in Buckinghamshire.

The manor of Dunmowes belonged in ancient times to a family of that name^m. In the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James I., it was in the family of Dockwra, and appears to have been afterwards in the Daltons: it is now the property of Mr. Townley, having been purchased by the late Mr. Greaves of the family of Ward: the manor-house, called the Hall-farm, was the residence of the Daltonsⁿ.

The manor of Maners-fee, or Manors, to which the church of St Vigor was formerly appendant, was given to the monks of Ely by Duke Brithnoth^o: it was one of the manors appropriated to the Bishop in the reign of Henry I., not long afterwards it was alienated to the Fitz-Walters, under whom it was held by the family of Manners^p. Baldwin de Manerijis sold it to Sir John Botetort in 1311^q: before 1360, it came into the possession of the Zouch family^r, since which time it has passed with the manor of Zouches.

^k From the information of the Reverend Robert Fiske, rector of St. Vigor's and vicar of All Saints, Fulbourn. ^l Court Rolls of the manor. ^m Hundred Roll, 2 Edward I. ⁿ From the information of Mr. Fiske. ^o It was then called the manor of Fulbourn. See Dugdale's Mon. I. 94.

^p Blomefield's Collectanea, p. 36.

^q Ibid.

^r Esch. Roll, Edward III.

The families of Colville and Shardelowe had distinct manors here, called after their names. Sir John Colville was patron of the free-chapel of St. Edmund near his manor-house, of which, in the reign of Richard II., he twice appointed the warden: about the same time, (1388) Sir John Shardelowe had a licence for an oratory in his manor-house of Fulbourn⁵. In 1400, Robert Shardelowe died seised of the manors of Colvilles and Shardelowes⁶; it is probable that they were soon afterwards purchased by the Botetorts, or by Sir Hugh Burnell, who died seised of them in 1424⁷: they were held with Zouches by the Bouchiers, the Dockwas, and the Tyrrells⁸. Shardelowes has since been separated, and is now vested in the co-heiresses of the late Reverend Walter Serocold, who possessed it by inheritance from Dr. Thomas Watson, some time Bishop of St. David. There is a farm-house on the site of the ancient mansion, which is surrounded by a moat.

The Abbots of Barking had a manor in Fulbourn as early as the reign of Edward I., which, after the dissolution of monasteries, continued in the crown as late as the year 1602⁹: we could not learn what became of it afterwards, or to whom it now belongs.

In the parish church of St. Vigor, are the gravestone (with his effigies on a brass-plate, under a rich canopy,) of William de Fulbourn, Canon of St. Paul's, Chaplain to King Edward III., one of the Barons of Exchequer, and patron of St. Vigor's; an altar-tomb, with an emaciated figure, said to be that of John Careway, some time rector, who, by his will, bearing date in 1441, left a benefaction to the poor of this parish; and a monument, with the figures of a knight in armour and his lady, for one of the Wood family, which, from the impalement, appears to be that of Edward Wood, Esq. of Fulbourn, who married a Chicheley: he was father of Sir John Wood, who, in 1633, sold an estate² in this parish to the Tyrrells, and went to reside at Leeds, where he lies buried: Nicholas, the father of Edward, was the first of the family who settled at Fulbourn³.

Alan, Earl of Brittany and of Richmond, gave the church of All Saints in Fulbourn, to the abbot and convent of *Bon-Repos* in Normandy, who leased it to the abbot and convent of Sawtrey in Huntingdonshire⁴: it belonged to that abbey at the time of the general dissolution of monasteries, after which the impropriate

⁵ Blomefield. ⁶ Esch. 1. Henry IV. ⁷ Ibid, 8 Henry V. ⁸ See Esch. Roll. ⁹ Ibid. Eliz. ² It does not appear what this estate was. In 1602, being then John Wood, Esq. he is stated to have held under the King, as of his manor of Barking, a toft called Wrights, on which a fair mansion had been formerly built. Escheat Roll, Eliz. ³ Blomefield. ⁴ Ibid.

rectory was granted to the family of Cromwell: in 1563, it passed by sale to the Killingworths, of whom it was purchased in 1712 by Dr. Watson, some time Bishop of St. David; it is now vested in the co-heiresses of the Rev. Walter Serocold, as representatives of William Watson, Esq. brother and devisee of the Bishop.

In the church of All-Saints, which, (as was before-mentioned) fell down many years ago, was the monument of Mrs. Elizabeth March, who died in 1722: she bequeathed a farm in Ockington, now worth about 100 l. *per annum*, for the endowment of reading-schools in Fulbourn, and four other parishes. On the north side of the church are some ancient alms-houses, which have no endowment.

An act of Parliament, for inclosing Fulbourn, passed in 1806; under this act lands are allotted in lieu of tithes to the rector, vicar, and impropiators.

FULMERE, (or as it is now usually written FOULMIRE,) in the hundred of Trip-low, and deanery of Barton, lies about five miles north-east of Royston, and about nine miles south of Cambridge. The manor belonged in ancient times to the Montfichets from whom it passed by female heirs to the families of Playz, Howard, and Vere. Edward Vere, Earl of Oxford, sold it, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Skynner, alderman of London, from whom it passed, by successive conveyances, to the families of Aldred and La Motte^c: it is now the property of Knight Mitchell, Esq. in whose family it has been for a considerable time^d.

In 1332, Sir Thomas Hesterton died seized of the manor of Fitz-John in this parish, which, having acquired from his family the contracted name of Harlston, passed by female heirs to the families of Child and Hutton; and having been purchased of the latter by the Aldreds, became united to the manor of Fulmere^e. There was anciently a market in this place, which having been long discontinued, was revived by Edward Aldred, Esq. who procured a new charter from King James I., but the market soon declined, and was of short continuance^f. The Earl of Hardwicke, (by a late purchase) is patron of the rectory, to which a manor is annexed.

GAMLINGAY, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies on the borders of Bedfordshire. It had formerly a Market on Tuesdays, originally granted to the Avenells, some time Lords of the Manor^g: it has been many years discontinued, the business having been removed to the neighbouring town of Potton, in Bedfordshire. When the Survey of Domesday was taken, the principal manor in

^c Laver's MSS.

^d William Mitchell, Esq. lord of the manor of Fulmere, died in the

year 1745, as appears by his monument in the church.

^e Laver's MSS.

^f Ibid.

^g Laver's MSS. We have not been able to find the charter among the records at the tower.

Gamlingay,

Gamlingay belonged to Eudo Fitz Hubert, steward of the king's household. At an early period it was in the Avenells, who had their chief feat here; Robert Avenell, the last heir male of the family, died in the reign of Richard II., after which the manor passed by female heirs to the families of Bradford and St. George, by the latter of whom, after a possession of more than a centuryⁱ it was sold to the Brograves^h. In the year 1600, it was conveyed by John Gill and others to the warden and fellows of Merton College, in Oxford.

The manor of Woodbury was for many generations in the Babington familyⁱ, who held it under the Frevilles, as superior lords; from the Babingtons it passed, by female heirs, to the families of Delves and Sheffield: Edmund, Lord Sheffield, sold it in the reign of Queen Elizabeth to the Machells, of whom it was purchased in the reign of King Charles I., by Sir John Jacob, one of the farmers of the customs, whose family had then been settled in Gamlingay for more than a century^h. This estate appears to have been sold among others, on account of the great embarrassments occasioned to the Jacob family, by the large sums of money taken up by Sir John for the service of King Charles I., and never repaid by the crown. It was conveyed in 1674 by Sir Thomas Wolstonholme, and other Trustees, to William Mainstone, Esq. who married the daughter of Sir Thomas Jones, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and died in 1683, as appears by his epitaph in Gamlingay Church: his nephew and heir sold Woodbury, in the year 1696, to Ralph Lane, an eminent Turkey Merchant. Mr. Lane died in 1732, and was buried in the church-yard at Gamlingay, where he had made a burying place for his family: by his will, bearing date 1726, he bequeathed a close, then of the yearly value of 40 s., to be vested in the churchwardens of Gamlingay, for the benefit of the parish-clerk, on condition of his keeping this burying place neat, and clear from weeds; planting it with roses and rosemary, and keeping the iron-work duly painted, which conditions have ever since been punctually performed. Mr. Lane's eldest daughter and co-heir brought the manor of Woodbury in marriage to George, Earl of Macclesfield, President of the Royal Society: his son, the present Earl, sold it in 1803 to the Reverend John Wilkieson, who is about to pull down Woodbury-hall, having built a new Mansion in another part of the grounds: part of this estate extends into Huntingdonshire.

The Manor or Grange of Shackleton belonged to the abbot and convent of Sawtre, in Huntingdonshire, and was granted soon after the reformation to Sir Richard Cromwell: from him it passed to the Burgoynes, of whom after they

^h Layer.

ⁱ The Babingtons had it from the reign of Edward I., to that of Edward IV.

Layers MSS., and Escheat Edward IV.

^k Layer.

had possessed it nearly a century, it was purchased by Sir John Jacob: the next possessor was Sir George Downing, bart.¹, who having pulled down the manor-house on his adjoining estate at East-Hatley, built a magnificent mansion on this estate. Sir George, the last Baronet, who died in 1749, left all his estates, on failure of issue from his nephew Jacob Downing, and Serjeant Barnardiston, for the purpose of building and endowing a college in Cambridge, to be called after his name. This foundation, both the above-mentioned persons having many years ago deceased without issue, has at length, after much litigation with the heir at law, taken place; and the college having been incorporated, although not yet built, this estate is now vested in the master and fellows. Sir George Downing's great mansion at Gamlingay was pulled down in 1776, and the materials sold.

Brookend-house, in this parish, the property of Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. of Madingley, is in the occupation of Thomas Quintin, Esq.

The rectory of Gamlingay belongs to Merton College in Oxford; it was anciently in moieties, one of which belonged to the Avenells^m: this estate forms the manor of the Mertonage, and was part of the endowment given to the college by their founder, Walter de Merton; who had purchased it of William de Leycester. It appears by an ancient map in the British Museum, drawn in 1601, that the parish of Gamlingay, then contained 3255 acres of cultivated land, and 500 acres of waste, exclusively of the Woodbury estate, and the Grange. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the vicarage. The parish church is a handsome structure; the altar-piece was brought from Ely-house in London.

An alms-house having been built on the Woodbury estate, by Sir John Jacob, in 1665, Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, widow, by her will, bearing date 1754, bequeathed the sum of 2000 l. old S.S.A., to be vested in three trustees; the interest, subject to the repairs of the alms-house, and other expences incidental to the trust, to be divided among eight poor widows inhabiting the said alms-house: the proprietor for the time being, who, by course of inheritance, shall be entitled to certain lands to be bought pursuant to the directions of her will, she appointed to be always one of the trustees; and to have the nomination of the widows in case of vacancies, unless the said lands should be alienated, in which case her heir at law to be a trustee and patron: the Earl of Macclesfield fills both these situations.

There is a small charity-school in this parish, having for its endowment only 40 s. *per annum*, given by John Mean in 1769.

¹ It is probable that it was sold about the same time as Woodbury; Sir George Downing was Sheriff in 1806.

^m Hundred Roll, 8 Edward I.

GIRTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about three miles nearly north of Cambridge. The manor was given to the abbot and convent of Ramsey, by Eyericus, who was promoted to the see of Dorchester in the year 1016. Soon after the reformation, it became the property of the Hindes, who acquired also by purchase a manor, which having been successively in the families of Trumpington, Enderby, and Pigott, had been called after their respective names^o: these estates are now, by inheritance from the Hindes, the property of Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. who is patron of the rectory.

GRANCHESTER, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about two miles south-west of Cambridge: it has been supposed by some to have been the ancient Grantaceaster mentioned by Bede, whilst others, from various circumstances, are inclined to believe that Grantaceaster, which had been evidently a Roman station, was situated in what is now the north suburb of Cambridge: it is certain that in the Domesday Survey, and other very ancient records, the name of this village is written Granlete, Grauncete, and Grauntefethe: the manor of that name was at an early period in the noble family of Lacy: Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, who died in 1312, gave it to a kinsman, supposed to be his natural son, directing that he, and his successors, should always name their eldest son Henry^p: it is probable that this kinsman died without issue, for it appears that the manor of Granchester descended, with other estates of the Lacies, to the house of Lancaster; and that King Henry IV. gave it to the provost and fellows of King's College, newly founded by him. In 1451, not long after the foundation, the manor of Burgherst, in Granchester, so called from its former possessor, Bartholomew Lord Burgherst^q; and the manor of Jak, in the same parish, were purchased, in trust for the college, of the executors of Henry Somer, Esq.: in the old mansion, which belonged to this estate, was some years ago a large hall, with a pulpit and gallery; the arms of Somer remained in one of the rooms: Henry Somer's name was returned in a list of the gentry of Cambridgehire in 1433^r.

Walter de Merton gave an estate in this parish, in ancient writings^s, called *Manerium de Grauntefethe*, which he had purchased of the Sengham family, to the warden and fellows of his newly founded college in Oxford. The prior and convent of St. Neots had a manor in Granchester in the reign of King John^t.

^o Layer.
ler's Worthies.

^p Dugdale's Baronage, vol. I. p. 105.
^q In the possession of Merton College.

^r Esch. 29. Edward III.
^s Escheat Roll.

^t Ful-

The rectory of Granchester was purchased by Bene't College in Cambridge in 1359, and the great tithes were appropriated to the master and fellows in 1380: in the intermediate time, (1373) John, King of Castile and Leon, had given an estate in Granchester to this college^a.

The church appears to have been built in the time of Bishop Fordham, who died in 1425: his arms are on the tower; the inside of the chancel is very light and elegant.

LITTLE-GRANSDEN, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies on the borders of Huntingdonshire, about 12 miles south-west of Cambridge. The manor was one of the ancient estates of the church of Ely, and one of those assigned to the Bishop soon after the creation of the see: it was alienated by Bishop Heton to the crown in 1600; and, in 1602, granted to Edward Skipwith; not long afterwards it was the property of Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart.; and, in 1660, of Sir Thomas Cotton, of whose descendant it was purchased, in 1719, by Thomas Pindar, Esq.: after passing through several hands, it was purchased of George Shergold, Esq. in 1786, by Thomas Quintin, Esq. grandfather of Thomas Quintin, Esq., the present proprietor. The advowson of the rectory is still in the see of Ely.

GRAVELY, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies on the borders of Huntingdonshire, about 12 miles west of Cambridge, and five south of Huntingdon: an extract from the register of Ramsey abbey, printed in Dugdale, says that the manor was given to the abbot and convent of Ramsey, by Ethelstan Manefune, who died in 986^b. The Hundred Roll^c for this county, states, that it was given in the reign of King Edgar, by Countess Lewena; as the dates are not inconsistent, it is probable that the countess had the paramount lordship, and confirmed the gift. Since the reformation, it has been vested in the master and fellows of Jesus College, who are patrons of the rectory. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1802, when an allotment of land was given to the rector in lieu of tithes. The Reverend Henry Trotman, rector of this parish, founded a charity-school in the year 1763, "for instructing 12 poor children in the principles and duties of the Christian religion, as laid down in the Catechism of the church of England, and teaching them to read, write, and

^a Escheat Roll, Edward III.

^b Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. I, p. 231.

^c 8 Edward I.

cast accounts :” the master is appointed by the rector ; his salary is 6*l.* *per annum.*

HADDENHAM, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about six miles south of Ely, and about ten north of Cambridge. It is divided into two districts, Haddenham-end and Lindon-end, and has two hamlets, Hill-row and Aldreth. The principal manor, in ancient times, was that of Lindon, which, with its appendages of Haddenham and Hill, was purchased for the abbot and convent of Ely by Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, and Abbot Britnoth ^z.

This manor having been assigned to the Bishop, continued attached to the fee, till alienated by Bishop Heton in the year 1600 : in 1632 it belonged to the Earl of Suffolk ^a, and was afterwards in the family of March, who had been possessed of the manor of Graies in Haddenham, as early as the year 1614 : by the marriage of one of their descendants with the heiress of Rowlands, they became possessed also of the manor of Hinton, in this parish ; and the three manors passed, as described below, to the present proprietor, the Earl of Hardwicke. The feat of the March family is now a farm-house.

The manor of Hinton, in Haddenham, which had belonged to the monks of Ely, was granted by King Henry VIII. in 1540 to Sir Edward North ^b ; it was afterwards successively in the families of Brakin, Wren, and Jolles ^c : Sir John Jolles bequeathed it in the year 1613 to Thomas Towers, Esq. of an ancient Lincolnshire family : in 1693, an act of Parliament passed for selling this manor, then still in the Towers family, to pay debts : it was purchased by David Rowlands, Esq. supposed to have been the translator of Lazarillo de Tormes ^d. The heiress of Mr. Rowlands, who died in 1717, married Ralph March, Esq. whose family had been settled at Haddenham more than a century ^e : Sarah Rowlands March, heiress of both families, married first Mr. Pell Gatward, and afterwards Isaac Lawrence Wollaston, Esq. who, in 1749, on the death of his uncle, Sir Edward Lawrence, created a Baronet at the advanced age of 90, succeeded to the title, pursuant to a remainder in the patent, and died in 1756 : on the death of an only son, in his minority, the title became extinct. This manor, with Haddenham and Graies already mentioned, was sold, in 1766, by the trustees of the young Baronet, who appears to have been then living, to the late Earl of Hardwicke.

^z Hist. Ang. Scrip. Office. in the Brit. Mus.

^c Layer's MSS.

^a Layer.

^d Cole's MSS.

^b Fee-farm Rolls in the Augmentation Office. ^e Cambridgeshire Pedigrees

The manor-house was built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by Mr. Wren, and acquired the name of the Wren's nest ^f: it was the seat of several of its successive owners, but has been pulled down many years, excepting the hall in which the courts of the manor are still held.

A small manor, in Haddenham, called Chewells, was given by Bishop Montacute in 1344 to Peter-Houfe ^g, under which college it is held on lease by the Rev. Samuel Hunt.

In the parish church are several monuments, and other memorials of the families of Rowlands and March. The roof of the north aisle was put up at the expence of John Godfrey, who died in 1454, as appears by the epitaph on his gravestone.

The church of Haddenham was appropriated to the archdeaconry of Ely in 1401: the archdeacon appoints the perpetual curate.

Haddenham is one of the five parishes, whose schools were endowed, by Mrs. Elizabeth March, who died in 1722, with lands now producing about 100 l. *per annum*.

At Aldreth, in this parish, in ancient writings called Alderhithe, is one of the principal approaches to the Isle of Ely ^h. In the Hundred Roll for Cambridgehire ⁱ, it is recorded that Aldreth-bridge and caufey, which was a public high-way had been out of repair for 16 years, but had then lately been repaired by the Bishop of Ely; that the tolls were let at 20 s. a-year; a foot-passenger paid one farthing at this bridge, and a horseman a halfpenny.

There was formerly a great cattle-market held at Aldreth, as appears by a petition ^k of the inhabitants of the isle of Ely, in the reign of Charles I., signed by Oliver Cromwell, and others; this market, which had been celebrated as a great mart for fat cattle, is stated to have been for some years discontinued, in consequence of the decay of Aldreth-bridge, which, as the petitioners affirm, ought to be kept in repair by the Earl of Suffolk, as lord of the manor of Haddenham; the object of the petition, which is addressed to Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely, is to request him to lay their case before the King, and to implore his favour in behalf of the petitioners.

HARDWICK, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about five miles west of Cambridge. Duke Brithnoth gave the manor to the abbot and con-

^f Cole's MSS. ^g Bentham's Ely, p. 159. ^h See in p. 7, an account of a temporary caufey, made there by William the Conqueror, for the purpose of attacking the island. ⁱ Among the Records in the Tower. (8 Edward I.) ^k Communicated by Henry Evans, Esq. of Ely.

vent of Ely in 991 : it was afterwards annexed to the fee, till alienated by Bishop Heton in 1600. Soon after this it was in the family of Long, whose heiress brought it in marriage to Lord Russell : after some intermediate alienations it became the property of Bishop Wren, who gave it to the master and fellows of Pembroke Hall, for the support and repairs of their new chapel, built chiefly at his expence.

The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

HARLTON, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about six miles almost south of Cambridge, and about seven miles north of Royston. The manor belonged to the baronial family of Huntingfield, during the 12th, 13th, and part of the 14th centuries¹ : it was afterwards successively in the families of Coleshill, Child, Hutton, and Barnes^m. The manor of Harlton was purchased of the Barnes family, by Thomas Fryer, M.D. who died in 1623, as appears by his monument in the church ; his son Henry, by his last will, bearing date 1631, left this manor, and all his other estates, subject to a perpetual annuity to Mary Wollascot and her heirs, to charitable uses, without specifying how they should be disposed of (with the exception of 35 l. *per annum*, appropriated to the poor of Harlton, and some smaller sums to certain parishes in London.) Mr. Fryer, very soon after making his will, was killed in a duel, at Calais, and his elder brother, John Fryer, M.D. who had been disinherited by his father, having secreted the will, kept possession of the estates, as heir at law, and it was not till after his death, in 1672, that the will was discovered. By a decree of the court of chancery, made in the year 1676, the whole of the estates were vested in the Governors of Christ's Hospital, for the benefit of that noble establishment, subject to the payment of the specific sums mentioned in Henry Fryer's will. The manor of Ladyes in this parish, was united to Huntingfield's before the year 1474 both being then in the family of Childⁿ.

The rectory of Harlton is in the patronage of the master and fellows of Jesus College, in Cambridge. The sum of 100 l. was given by the Reverend Dr. Cooke, formerly rector of this parish for the endowment of a school, but was lost by the insolvency of his executors.

¹ Layer's MSS. ^m Ibid. ⁿ Escheat Roll. The manor probably took its name three sisters and coheirs of Gilbert de Clare, who held a knight's fee in Harlton. 9 Edw. II. *No-raina Villarum.*

HARLSTON, in the hundred of Triplow, and deanery of Barton, (formerly written Harleston) lies about six miles from Cambridge.

The manor of Harleston-Tiptoft belonged, at an early period, to the family of Tibetot, or Tiptoft, who were eventually Barons Tiptoft, and Earls of Worcester; and from them descended by female heirs to the Ingoldesthorps, Nevilles, and Scropes: in the reign of James I. it was sold to the Duckfield family, one of whose coheiresses married into that of Buck^o: it is now the property of Mr. Rivers Taylor, who purchased it of Charles Wale, Esq. in the year 1800.

The manor of Harleston-Shadworth, which had belonged also to the Tiptofts, descended through the families before mentioned to the Wentworths, who were succeeded by the families of Lovell^p, Symons, and Wendy^q. The daughter and sole heir of Mr. Lyell, who had inherited by female descent from the Wendy family^r, brought this manor in marriage to the late Earl of Delaware: it is now the property of the present Earl who is a minor.

The manor of Botelers, so called from the ancient family of that name, was in the Duckfields in the reign of James I., and passed, by a coheiress, to the Wilkinsons^s: after passing through various hands it is now in the family of Green.

The prior of Barnwell had a manor in this parish^t. Alice de Hestarton, in the reign of King Edw. III., gave an estate in Harleston, held under the prior of Barnwell, to the master and fellows of St. Michael's House in Cambridge^u: this has passed, with the other estates of St. Michael's House to Trinity College.

The Bishop of Ely is impropriator of Harleston, and patron of the vicarage. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of parliament, passed in 1798, when allotments of land were made to the Bishop of Ely, as impropriator, (under whom the master and fellows of Jesus College were lessees,) to the dean and chapter of Ely for a portion of tithes, and to the vicar.

HASLINGFIELD, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies five miles almost south of Cambridge. The manor belonged, at an early period, to the Someries, who granted large estates to the priory of Stratford le Bow, and the

^o Layer's MSS.

^p Escheat Roll. Eliz.

^q Layer.

^r Sir

Thomas Wendy, K. B. the last heir male of his family was succeeded in his estates, by his nephew Thomas Stewart, Esq. of Barton Mills.

^s Layer.

^t Ibid.

^u Escheat Roll.

Abbey

Abbey of St. Mary, at York^a. The prior and convent of Anglesey also had (in the reign of Edw. I.) an estate consisting of 120 acres of land, which they had purchased of Elias de Hafwell; and the prior and convent of Clerkenwell had another estate of the same extent. Two estates, held by the families of Picott and Monkhouse, in the reigns of Edw. I. and Edw. II., being each described as one fourth of the manor of Haslingfield, were purchased in the succeeding reign by the family of Scales^z; and formed a manor called after their name. Elizabeth, heiress of Lord Scales, married Anthony Widville, Earl Rivers, who having bequeathed the lands which had belonged to his first wife, the Lady Scales, to his younger brother, Sir Edward Widville, this manor passed from that branch of his family, by a female heir, to the Tindalls³, by whom it was sold to Dr. Thomas Wendy, Physician to King Henry VIII., and one of the witnesses to his will. Dr. Wendy had also the manor of Minchins, or Stratfords, which had belonged to the nuns of Stratford-Bow, and the manor of Melfords, which had been held by the Melford family, under the abbot and convent of St. Mary, at York. These manors having continued in the Wendy family for several generations, have passed, with Harston, to the Earl of Delawar: the manor-house, an ancient decayed building, now occupied by a farmer, was built by Dr. Wendy, above mentioned, who died in 1560. Queen Elizabeth, on the night previous to her public entry into Cambridge, when she honoured that University with a visit, in the month of August, 1564, slept at the house of Mr. Worthington, at Haslingfield^b.

The family of Sterne had a manor in Haslingfield, called after their name, in the reign of Edward III^c.

In the parish church, a handsome gothic structure, built in the year 1352, are several monuments of the Wendy family: among others, that of Dr. Wendy; with the effigies, in alabaster, of himself and his wife, and those of his son and *his* wife; and the monument of Sir Thomas Wendy, K. B., 1673, with his effigies in statuary marble.

^a Dugdale's Baronage. The Earls of Britanny also gave an estate (two hides) to the Abbey of St. Mary, at York. Dugdale's Monast. I. 47 and 391. ^y Escheats temp. Edw. I. and Edw. II. ^z Originalia, 18 Edw. II. Rot. 12. ³ It was granted, by King Richard III., on the attainder of Lord Rivers, to John, Duke of Norfolk; but was afterwards restored to the Widvilles. ^b Peck's Desid. Curios. vol. II. p. 31. Probably he had some temporary interest in the manor, or was tenant of the manor-house. There does not appear to have been any other house of consequence in the parish. ^c Layer.

Stephen, Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond, gave the church of Haslingfield to the priory of Romburgh, in Suffolk (a cell to St. Mary's Abbey, at York). Sir Thomas Wendy being possessed of the abbey estate, endowed the vicarage with a moiety of the great tithes: it is also endowed with the tithes of hay. The advowson has been alienated from the Wendy family, and now belongs to Charles Michell, Esq., of Forcett Hall, in the County of Durham.

Simon Ertman, a Dane, who died at Haslingfield, in 1658, left the sum of 400 l. for the endowment of a charity school. Sir Thomas Wendy, by his will, (1673,) directs that in lieu of the 400 l. given by Simon Ertman, which was then in his hands, 20 l. *per annum*, should be charged on some of his estates; and he gives 10 l. *per annum*, for such charitable uses as the lord of the manor of Scales, and the vicar may appoint. Sir Thomas Wendy's rent-charge for the school, after deducting taxes, produces now only 16 l. *per annum*; to which is added 12 l. *per annum*, out of lands given to the parish in 1494, by William Skellman for charitable uses.

There was formerly a chapel on a hill near the town, then called White-hill, now Chapel-hill, to which was a great resort of pilgrims^d; particularly at the festival of Easter, when it is said that the village was scarcely large enough to contain the numbers that flocked thither: there are now no remains of this chapel.

EAST-HATLEY, or CASTELL-HATLEY, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about seven miles N.W. of Royston; and about thirteen S.W. of Cambridge. This place was, in ancient times, reputed one vill with Clopton; and the manor was, in the reign of Edw. II., divided between the families of Beresford, Rous, and De Quoye^e. In the reign of Henry VII. the manor of East-Hatley came to the Castells^f; who, after a possession of about two centuries, were succeeded by the Downings. The manor and advowson of the rectory are now vested in the master and fellows of Downing College, in Cambridge. The manor-house, the ancient seat of the Castells, was pulled down by Sir George Downing, about the year 1685; the site which is moated is now occupied by a farm-house.

HATLEY-ST.-GEORGE, or HUNGRY-HATLEY, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourn, lies about ten miles almost west of Royston; and about

^d Layer's MSS.

^e Nomina Villarum Brit. Mus.

^f Layer.

thirteen miles nearly west of Cambridge. The manor was, as early as the reign of Henry III.¹, in the family of St. George, who had their chief seat and a park here². Among the descendants of this family were Sir Richard St. George, Clarencieux, Sir Henry St. George, Norroy, and Henry St. George, Garter king of arms; the latter, in whom the male line of this branch of the family became extinct, died in 1715, at the age of 92. This estate appears to have been alienated many years before his death; Sir Robert Cotton (of the Connington family) was possessed of it as early as the year 1684. He built a fine seat at Hatley, which passed with the manor to his daughter and heir, who married ——— Trefusis, Esq. and afterwards Secretary Craggs. The manor of Hatley-St. George was sold by her son to the family of Pearse³, of whom it was purchased, about the year 1782, by the late Thomas Quintin, Esq.; and is now the property of his son, John Whitby Quintin, Esq., who resides at Hatley Hall: Mr. Quintin is patron of the rectory.

In the parish church, which was built in 1352, are some memorials of the family of St. George, among which is the gravestone of Sir Baldwin St. George, who died in 1425, with his effigies in armour on a brass plate.

HAWKSTON, in the hundred of Triplow and deanery of Barton, lies about five miles south of Cambridge, on the road to Royston. The manor of Hawkston *cum* Newton was procured for the church of Ely by Abbot Brithnoth⁴, and was one of those assigned to the monks, by Hervey, the first bishop. After the reformation it was granted to the dean and chapter, who are patrons of the vicarage and impropiators of the great tithes, which were formerly annexed to the office of chamberlain of the convent⁵. Another manor in Hawkston belonged anciently to the Veres: it was sold by the coheirs of John, Earl of Oxford, to Isaac Barrow, M. D. and passed, by successive sales to the families of Symonds, Wendy, and Burgoyne⁶: it was purchased of the Burgoynes, about the year 1740, by John Stevenson, Esq. whose son's executors sold it, about the year 1796, to the father of Mr. Lilley, the present proprietor. The parish of Hawkston has been inclosed, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in

¹ Layer's MSS.

of Hatley St. George, was sheriff of the county, in 1749.

² *Ibid*, p. 128.

³ See Hundred Roll, 8 Edward I.

⁴ The Burgoynes purchased of the Stewarts. Thomas Stewart, Esq. was nephew, heir at law, and devisee of Sir Thomas Wendy, K. B., who died in 1673.

⁵ Best Pearse, Esq.

⁶ Bentham's Ely, p. 75.

1798, when allotments of land were assigned to the impropiators and to the vicar.

HILDERSHAM, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies about eight miles south-east of Cambridge. The manor of Hildersham, which had, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, belonged to Wulwin, a noble Saxon, was one of those given by the Conqueror to Aubrey de Vere; it was afterwards successively in the families of Busteler and Paris²: Robert Paris, the first of the family, who possessed this estate, died in the year 1408²: it continued in the male line till the reign of Charles I., when an heiress brought this estate in marriage to Sir William Andrews, created a Baronet in 1641. After the death of Sir William, the last Baronet, it passed successively to the family of Southcote, and to Lord Petre. This estate, consisting of the manors of Nether-hall and Upper-hall^b, was purchased of Lord Petre by John Mortlock, Esq. the present proprietor.

In the parish church are several monuments of the families of Paris, Andrews, and Southcote. In the south chapel, now pulled down, were monuments of a Crusader and his Lady, with their effigies carved in oak, now deposited in the belfry. The chapel was built by William Busteler, rector of the parish, and the Crusader may have been Sir Robert Busteler, who died seized of the manor in 1370. The Reverend Charles Goodwin, the present incumbent, is patron of the rectory.

HINTON, commonly called CHERRY-HINTON, in the hundred of Flendish, and deanery of Cambridge, lies about three miles south-east of Cambridge. The manor of Hinton, which had belonged to Editha, consort of King Edward the Confessor, was given by the Conqueror to his son-in-law, Alan Earl of Brittany and Richmond, and was held in the reign of Henry III. as parcel of the Earldom of Richmond, by Peter de Savoy, and his successor in that honour, John Duke of Brittany^c. The manor of Hinton-Netherhall, with the advowson of the church, was held of the honour of Richmond by the Hintons, and afterwards by the Moubrays^d. On a partition of the Moubray estates between the noble families of Howard and Berkeley, this manor fell to the lot of the latter, and was given, among others, by William Marquis of Berkeley to Sir Reginald Bray^e. Not long afterwards it was given to the

² The Bustelers appear to have been in possession as early as the reign of Edward I. Hundred Roll.

² Esch. 10 Henry IV.

^b It is probable that one of these, but it would be impossible perhaps to distinguish which, was the same manor, which, in the reign of Edward I., was in the family of Pauncefoot. See the Hundred Roll.

^c Dugdale's Baronage, vol. 1. p. 50.

^d Esch. 6 Richard II., &c.

^e Rot. Parl. VI. 529.

hospital of the Savoy, founded by King Henry VII., and, upon its suppression by King Edward VI., was granted, with its other possessions, to the governors of St. Thomas's Hospital. The manor of Hinton-Upperhall, which belonged, in the reign of Richard II., to Henry Lord Fitzhugh^f, was afterwards parcel of the possessions of the abbess and convent of Sion^g. Towards the latter part of the seventeenth century, it became the property of the Reverend Thomas Watson, who was deprived of the Bishopric of St. David's, in 1691: he was succeeded by the Reverend Walter Serocold, who married the daughter and only child of his brother, William Watson, Esq. It is now vested in the sisters and co-heiresses of the late Walter Serocold, Esq. The manor-house, which was the seat of the Serocolds, is now occupied by the tenant of the farm; that of Hinton-Netherhall is occupied also by a farmer. There was a small manor in this parish called Mallets, from the Mallet family, who possessed it in the reign of Edward I. This manor, towards the close of the fifteenth, and beginning of the sixteenth centuries, was in the families of Hudleston and Talyard^h.

In the parish church are some monuments of the Serocold family; among others, that of Walter Serocold, Esq. Captain in the Navy, who lost his life at the siege of Calvi, in Corsica, July 8, 1794; an extract from Lord Hood's letter, bearing testimony to his merits, is inscribed on the monument.

The advowson of the church of Hinton, was sold to the Bishops of Ely by John de Hinton, before the year 1286. Bishop Montacute gave it to the master and fellows of Peter-house in the year 1344, and the rectory, to which a manor is annexedⁱ, was appropriated to the college in 1395^k: the master and fellows are patrons of the vicarage. The culture of saffron, which prevailed in this and the neighbouring parishes, has been wholly disused.

HINXTON, in the hundred of Whittlesford, and deanery of Camps, lies about 10 miles south-east of Cambridge. There were anciently two manors in Hinxton, one of which was for several generations in the family of St. Andrew^l, the other

^f See Esch. 10 Richard II. and Rot. Parl. It is probable that Lord Fitzhugh succeeded the Keryells, who, in the reigns of Edward I., Edward II., and Edward III., held a nameless manor in Hinton, of which no trace is afterwards to be found. Escheat Rolls.

^g Rot. Parl. vol. V. p. 552.

^h Escheat Rolls, Henry VII. and VIII.

ⁱ The rector of Hinton had view of Frankpledge, in the reign of Edward I. Hundred Roll.

^j The

^k Ben-

^l Esch. 3 Edward I. and 43 Edward III.

passed by marriage from the Strattons to the families of Stourton and Talmache^m: both these manors belonged, in the reign of Henry VI., to John Vere, Earl of Oxfordⁿ, whose son, in 1493, gave them to the prior and convent of Colne^o. After the dissolution, the manor of Hinxton, including the above-mentioned manors, came again into the possession of the Veres, who were succeeded by the families of Machell and Deane. Sir John Deane, (about the reign of James I.) gave it to five brothers of the name of Chamberleyne, in consequence of which the manor became divided, and was for a considerable time held in severalties: two parts passed by purchase to the Dods^r; and the whole having been reunited, was for many years in the family of Flack. It was purchased of Sir Fitzwilliam Barrington, Bart. devisee of Barrington Flack, Esq. by Mr. Ebenezer Hollick, and is now the property of William Hollick, Esq.

Hinxton-hall, built by L. Vachell, Esq. was sold, on the death of E. Green, Esq. in 1804, to Jonathan Miles, Esq. and is now, (1806,) again on sale.

In the reign of Richard II., Sir Henry Trevett had an estate in Hinxton, of the inheritance of his wife, the heiress of the Limbery family, which was held by the payment of a lamprey in the month of March^q. In the parish church are some monuments of the Dayrells of Shudy-Camps^r: among which is a cenotaph in memory of Sir Thomas Dayrell, who was buried at Castle-Camps in 1669. The gravestone of Sir Thomas Skelton, Steward of the Duchy of Lancaster, who died in 1416, has the figures of himself and his two wives on brass plates.

The rectory, which had been appropriated to the priory of Barnwell, is now vested in the master and fellows of Jesus College, in Cambridge, who are patrons of the vicarage.

HISTON, in the hundred and deanery of Chesterton, lies about three miles nearly north of Cambridge. The manor of Histon-St. Andrew, anciently called Colvilles, after having been in the families of Colville and Baynard^s, was given by Sir Philip Tilney, in or about 1391, to Denny Abbey^t. It was granted, after the dissolution, to Sir William Bowyer, and remained several years in his family^u.

The manor of Histon-St. Etheldreda belonged to the abbot and convent of Eynsham, in Oxfordshire, and was granted, after the reformation, to Sir Thomas

^m Escheat Rolls, Edward II. and III.
Henry VII.

^p Laver's MSS.

ⁿ Escheat Roll.

^o Escheat Roll.

^q Ibid.

^r The Dayrells had

a feat for several years at Hinxton, where they were lessees of the rectory under the Bishop of Ely.

^s Temp. Henry III., Edward I., and Edward II.

Laver.

^t Ibid.

^u Laver.

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Eliot, who bequeathed it to his nephew, Richard Puttenham^x: it was soon afterwards purchased by the Hindes, who sold to the Gardiners^y, descended from a family of that name at Macclesfield, in Cheshire. The Gardiners remained at Histon for three or four generations. Whether they were possessed of both manors does not appear; but it is certain that they were united in their successors the Archers. Hoſte Archer, Esq. the last of this family, who died in 1740, bequeathed the manors of Histon-St. Andrew and Histon-St. Etheldreda to Mr. Guy Sindry, town-clerk of Cambridge, who devised them to Thomas Sumpter, Esq. father of Richard Sumpter, Esq. the present proprietor, who resides occasionally in the manor-house.

Histon-St. Andrew, and Histon-St. Etheldreda, were formerly separate and distinct parishes. About the year 1600, Sir Francis Hinde, being possessed of the manor, rectory, and advowson of the vicarage of Histon-St. Etheldreda, pulled down that church, used some of the materials in building his house at Madingley, and sold the remainder^z: not a stone of this structure, which stood about a furlong to the west of the church of Histon-St. Andrew, now remains. The two parishes, which have been long united, contain about 1920 acres.

In the parish church of Histon-St. Andrew, are memorials of the families of Archer, Willys, and Sumpter: the impropriate rectory of both parishes; the tithes of the one having been formerly appropriated to the nuns of Denny, and those of the other to the monks of Eynsham, was for many years in the family of Willys, from whom it has passed by the same title as the Hornsey estates, to the present proprietor, Thomas Panton, Esq.: Robert Michell, Esq. is patron of the vicarage. Histon-St. Andrew, and Histon-St. Etheldreda, have been inclosed, pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1801, when allotments of land were assigned to the impropiator, and to the vicar, in lieu of tithes. At Histon, is one of the five schools, founded by Mrs. Elizabeth March of Fulbourn, who died in 1722; they are endowed with lands, now producing about 100*l.* *per annum*.

HOKINGTON, or HOCINGTON, now generally written OCKINGTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about five miles north-west of Cambridge. Turketel, a priest of the Saxon blood royal, gave the manor to Crowland Abbey^a; some time after the reformation it was in the Joscelyn family^b; and now belongs, together with the impropriate-rectory and advowson of the vicarage,

^x Layer. ^y Ibid. ^z Wharton's Life of Archbishop Laud, p. 562.

Ordericus Vitalis in Hist. Norman. Scrip. 541.

^b Layer's MSS.

^a Or-

(which

(which had also been vested in the abbey) to the master and fellows of Queen's College, in Cambridge: it was purchased by the college in the year 1560.

Ancient records speak of several lay manors in this parish, one of which, as an appendage to the manor of Lilford in Northamptonshire, had been in the Willoughby's of Eresby, by descent from the Latimers^c. The family of Elmes had a manor from the reign of King Henry VII. to the year 1632^d, and perhaps later; and the family of Hutton had a manor in this parish, in the reign of King Henry VII. We could learn nothing further of their history: it is probable that one of them was the property of Samuel Fortrey, Esq., who had a feat here in 1673^e.

A very remarkable instance of contemporary longevity occurs in the history of this parish, in the year 1315, when there were living at the same time, one person of 120 years of age, two who were upwards of 100, and two others upwards of 90; as appears from the proceedings in a tithe cause, recorded in the register of Crowland Abbey.

The manor of *Westwick*, a hamlet of this parish, belonged in the reigns of King Edward I. and Edward III. to the Lises of Ridgmont^f, afterwards for several generations to the Finchams^g; at a later period to the family of Perfe^h; it is now the property of Mr. Cook. This hamlet is in the hundred of Chesterton, and has been erroneously described as a hamlet of Cottenham.

HORNSEY, in the hundred of Flendish and deanery of Cambridge, lies about five miles nearly north of Cambridge. In very ancient times there was a considerable monastery at this place of royal foundation; which was destroyed by the Danes, in or about the year 870. A manor which had belonged to the monks, was purchased some years afterwards, by Ethelward Bishop of Winchester; and given to the abbot and convent of Ely: We have not been able to find what became of this manor after the reformation; it has probably been annexed to the manor of Eyhall, in some ancient records called Upwereⁱ: this manor was anciently in the family of Pecche, from whom it passed by marriage to the Howards^k: Mary de St. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, died seised of it in 1364^l: about the early part of the 16th century it came into the possession of the Willys family^m; and having passed

^c Escheat 20. Ric. II.

^d Layer.

^e Carter's Cambridgehire.

^f Escheat Roll.

^g Cambridgehire Pedigrees. The Finchams were possessed of it as early as the reign of Henry V.

^h Layer's MSS. Thomas Buck, Esq. had a feat at Westwick in 1673, it is probable that he succeeded the Perfes in the Manor.

ⁱ See Esch. 5. Ed. III.

^k Ibid.

^l Esch. 38. Edw. III.

^m They appear to have had a feat at Eyhall for four generations before Thomas Willys, who was created a baronet in 1641. Wotton's Baronetage.

by the same title as Fen-Ditton ^o, is now the property of Thomas Panton, Esq. of Newmarket.

The Master and Fellows of St. John's College, being impropiators of the great and small tithes, had an allotment of land in lieu thereof, when this parish was inclosed pursuant to an act of parliament passed in 1802: the college presents to the benefice, which is a perpetual curacy.

HORSEHEATH, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies three miles and a half from Linton, and 14 miles and a half from Cambridge. At an early period the families of Audley ^o, Lymbury ^p and Horsfeth or Horseheath ^q, had manors in this parish: the manor belonging to the Audleys, being held of the honour of Richmond, must have been the same, which when the survey of Domesday was taken, belonged to Alan Earl of Brittany and Richmond; and had been part of the estate of Queen Editha. Lymburys, so called from its possessors, was held under the earls of Oxford, of the honour of Hevenyngham, by the service of holding the Earl's stirrup, whenever he should mount his palfrey, in the presence of the owner of that manor ^r. Horsfeth-hall was held by the Horsfeths, under the Earls of Gloucester, as of the honour of Clare. The Alingtons, who eventually became possessed of the whole manerial property of the parish, first acquired the manor, which had belonged to the Audleys: they settled at Horseheath before the year 1429 ^s: William Alington, Esq., who was treasurer of the exchequer for Ireland ^t had the King's licence to make a park at Horseheath in 1448 ^u: Sir William Alington, probably his son, was in 1479 appointed one of the privy council with a handsome salary ^w: in 1528 Sir Giles Alington purchased of William Methwold the manor of Bower-hall in Horseheath ^x, which had been in his family from the reign of Richard II. ^y; if not before. This Sir Giles Alington ^z was Master of the Ordnance to King Henry VIII. and having been at the siege of Boulogne, brought from thence a bell, which, within the memory of man, was used as a dinner bell at Horseheath-Hall ^a. Sir Giles Alington, or his Son of the same name, entertained Queen Elizabeth at Horseheath in the year 1578, in her progress from Norwich to London ^b. Another

^o See p. 174. ^p Temp. Hen. III. Edw. I. and Edw. II. ^q Temp. Edw. I. Edw. III.

^r Temp. Edw. III. Ric. II. Escheat Rolls. ^s Escheat Roll. ^t See a tomb of the family in the parish church. ^u Pat. 7. Hen. IV. ^w Layer's MSS. We have not been able to find the grant. ^x Pat. 18. Edw. IV. ^y Cole's MSS. ^z Esch. 15. Ric. II.

^a Prefixed to a small folio called "the Mirrour of Good Manners," written by Alexander Barclay, is a wooden print of the author presenting his work to Sir Giles Alington, as his patron.

^b Coles's MSS.

^c Carter 207.

Sir Giles Alington did penance at Paul's Crofs, and in St. Mary's church at Cambridge in the year 1631, for marrying his own niece, the daughter of his fiftter Mrs. Dalton^c; the fame punifhment was inflicted on the lady, who died of the fmall pox in the year 1644^d: Sir Gilcs was alfo fined in the Star-Chamber the fum of 12000 l.^e, which by a writer not very well affected to the houfe of Stuart^f, is faid to have been fhared between Queen Henrietta Maria, and the Earl of Holland. William Alington, who was created an Irifh Peer, by the title of Lord Alington, in 1646, built a magnificent manfion at Horfeheath, after the defign of Webb, in 1665, at the expence of 70,000 l. This eftate was fold, with the houfe, about the year 1687, for only 42,000 l. to John Bromley, Efq., who expended 30,000 l. more in building^g, and died in 1707: his grandfon was in 1741 created Lord Montfort of Horfeheath. Thomas, the fecond Lord Montfort, having involved himfelf in embarraffments, was obliged to fell this eftate: the advertifement for the fale, which bears date 1776, befides the manors of Horfeheath and Limbury's, already fpoken of, enumerates Jacob's, which had belonged to the family of Jacob, who were of Horfeheath^h, and of Bromley in Middlefex; Carbonels, in Horfeheath and Shudy-Camps, which in the reign of Henry VII. had belonged to the family of Gardinerⁱ; Barnham or Barham (Burnham); Eynell (Enhale) and Stretly-Hall in Weft-Wickham; Goodrige; and Yend. We have not met with any notice of the two laft mentioned manors, nor do we know in what parifhes they are fituated. The fplendid manfion^k, on which fuch large fums of money had been expended, was fold in 1777 for the materials: the hall was 50 feet by 40, and 40 feet in height^l: it had been ftripped of its furniture in 1775, and the valuable portraits^m removed. The park, which contained 880 acresⁿ, has been difparked. The eftate was purchafed in 1783 by Stanlake Batfon, Efq. who is the prefent owner.

^c Sir Giles Alington married Dorothy, daughter of Michael Dalton, author of the Country Juftice, by his wife Mary, Sir Giles's own fiftter: it is fomewhat remarkable, that this inceftuous marriage fhould have been celebrated (Dec. 2, 1630) at the parifh church of Weft-Wrattin, where her father Mr. Dalton refided; by which it feems probable that it was not without the knowledge, if it had not the approbation of that eminent lawyer.

^d Sanderfon's Life of King Charles I.

^e Ibid.

^f Sir Edward Peyton in his "Divine Cataftrophe of the Houfe of Stuart."

Mr. Cole in his MS. collections, from the information of Lord Montfort.

^g Kimber's

Baronetage.

^h Efcheat Roll.

ⁱ There is an elevation of this houfe in Campbell's

Vitruvius Britannicus.

^l Cole.

^m Among thefe were Oliver Cromwell, by Walker, Beau

Fielding in armour by Lely; Sir Godfrey Kneller by himfelf; and Lord and Lady Derwentwater by the fame artift. Cole's MSS.

ⁿ Sir Giles Alington had the king's licence to enlarge it in

1550. Cole's MSS.

In the parish church are several monuments, and other memorials of the Alington family, the earliest of which bears date 1429: there is a dormitory for the Montfort family. The governors of the charter-house are patrons of the rectory.

ICKLETON, in the hundred of Whittlesford, and deanery of Camps, lies about five miles south-west of Linton, and about nine south-east of Cambridge. There was in ancient times a priory of nuns at this place, founded, as some say, by Aubrey de Vere, the first Earl of Oxford, or, according to the opinion of others, by his father-in-law, Sir William de Cantilupe^o. The prioress had a grant from King Henry III. of a market on Thursday at Ickleton, and a fair^p; the latter is still continued, being now held on the 22d of July. The annual revenues of this priory, were valued in the reign of King Henry VIII. at 71 l. 9 s. 10½ d. That monarch, in 1538, granted the site of the priory, with the church-yard, and all the demesnes, the fair^q, the manor which had belonged to the abbey of Calder, in Cumberland, the manor, which had belonged to the abbey of West-Dereham, in Norfolk, and a grange called the Hovel, which had belonged to the priory of Tyltey, in Essex, (all in the parish of Ickleton^r;) to the Bishop of Ely, and his successors^s, in exchange for Hatfield. In 1600, these estates reverted to the crown, by the surrender of Bishop Heton: in the reign of King James I., they were the property of Sir John Wood, Knight^t: the present proprietor is the Honourable Charles Percy Wyndham, who inherits from Percy Earl of Thomond.

Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, became possessed of a manor in Ickleton, in the reign of Edward I., by a grant of the prior of Montmorel^u.

Another manor was in the family of Lymbury, in the reigns of King Edward II. and Edward III.; in the succeeding reign it passed by marriage to Sir Henry Trevett^x; a third was successively in the families of Segrave and Moubray; John Moubray, Duke of Norfolk, was seized of it in 1461^y: it is probable that this was the same estate, which, in the Escheat Roll of King James I., is called the Manor of Brayes; a great part of the property, which passed by inheritance from Thomas Moubray, Duke of Norfolk, to the Marquis of Berkeley, having been given by that nobleman to Sir Reginald Bray. Lionel Copley, Esq. had a manor in Ickleton in 1491, which was held under the Earls of Oxford.

^o Tanner.

^p Cart. 11. Henry III. p. 1. m. 11.

^q It appears the market

had been then discontinued.

^r These are now described as the manors of Priors, Caldres, Durhams, and Heovells, in Ickleton.

^s Record in the Augmentation Office.

^t Escheat

Roll.

^u Pat. 28. Edward I.

^x Escheat Rolls.

^y Ibid.

The impropriate rectory, and advowson of the vicarage, are still vested in the fee of Ely.

IMPINGTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about three miles north of Cambridge. A market at this place on Thursdays, and a fair for eight days, to begin on the Saturday in Easter week, (both long ago discontinued) were granted to Peter de Chauvent in the year 1300². The manor of Impington was given to the abbot and convent of Ely in 991, by Duke Brithnoth^a; this manor being held under the fee of Ely, passed successively to the families of De Lisle^b, Chauvent^c, Colville, and Burgoyne^d: a portion of it, called Ferme-part, was sold by the co-heirs of the Burgoynes to the Pepys family before the year 1632^e; another, called the Manor of Burgoynes, became the property of the master and fellows of Christ's College in Cambridge: Ferme-part now belongs to the Reverend John Pine Coffin, of Portledge, in Devonshire, nephew of the late Mr. Pepys, who died in 1778: he succeeded to it on the death of Mrs. Pepys in 1805. The manor-house, many years a feat of the Pepys family, was rebuilt by the late Mr. Pepys's father about the year 1725: it is at present uninhabited. The manors of Burgoynes and Ferme-part extend only over one half of the parish of Impington; Mr. Sumpter's manor of Histon extending over the other half. Mr. Panton claims a paramount jurisdiction over the whole parish.

The rectory of Impington, which belonged to the monks of Ely, was appropriated to the purpose of augmenting their library^f, or as one of their historians expresses it, making books for the library^g: since the reformation, it has been vested, together with the advowson of the vicarage, in the Dean and Chapter. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1801, by which allotments of land were made to the Dean and Chapter as impropiators; to the vicar; and to the Pepys family, for a considerable portion of the great tithes annexed to their estate.

Impington was the residence of Elizabeth Woodcock, who, on her return from Cambridge market, February 2, 1799, was enveloped in a snow-drift, under which she remained confined nearly eight days and nights: she was taken out alive,

² Cart. 29 Edward I.

^a Hist. Ang. Scrip. vol. III. p. 493.

^b Leland's

Collectanea, vol. I. p. 440. Simon de Lisle sold the manor to Peter de Chauvent, or as he is elsewhere called Chauvent.

^c Ibid. and Esch. 31 Edward I.

^d The Burgoynes had the

manor in 1505. See the tomb of John Burgoyne in the church.

^e Layer's MSS.

^f Wharton's Anglia Sacra, vol. I. p. 619.

^g Ibid. vol. I. p. 634.

and under the care of Mr. Okes, a surgeon of Cambridge, was so far recovered on the 17th of April, after the loss of all her toes, and most of the fleshy part of her face, as to be deemed in a state of convalescence. About this time, a pamphlet drawn up by Mr. Okes, and the Reverend Mr. Holme, then curate of Impington, was published for her benefit. Through imprudence, in not abstaining from the immoderate use of strong liquors, her health never became completely re-established, and she died in the month of July the same year.

ISLEHAM^b, or ISELHAM, in the hundred of Staplehoe, lies about six miles east of Ely, and about seven north of Newmarket. There was in ancient times a priory at this place, which was a cell to the monastery of St. Jacutus de Infula, in Brittany; but nothing can be discovered either as to the time of its foundation, or the length of its continuance; it is certain that it existed in the year 1219, and about the year 1254ⁱ: it seems probable that the monks removed to Linton, which was another cell to the abbey of St. Jacutus, as no mention is made of the priory of Isleham in the grant of the English possessions of that monastery to Pembroke-hall^k. An ancient building now used as a barn, which stands in the village at a small distance west of the parish church, was the conventual church or chapel: it is of the most simple style of Saxon architecture^l, and seems to indicate that the foundation was very little, if at all later, than the time of the conquest. The priory estate is held on lease under Pembroke-hall, and has lately been renewed to Mr. John Moore, who purchased it of Mr. Buller in 1807.

The manor of Isleham was given at an early period by Roesia de Dunstanville to the family of Bridport, which was possessed of it in the reign of King Edward I^m: some time after this it belonged to John de Orreby, a baron; his daughter and sole heir was the second wife of Henry Lord Percy, who died in 1368ⁿ; Mary, their only daughter, brought this manor in marriage to Lord Roos of Hamlake; but having no issue, it passed to a younger branch of the Percies: Sir Henry Percy, styled in right of his mother, Earl of Athol in Scotland, died seized of it in 1427^o, and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Lord Bardolf, in or about the year 1439^p, leaving no male issue; this manor appears to have reverted to the elder branch: Henry, Earl of Northumberland, who was killed in the battle of

^b So spelt in ecclesiastical records; in other ancient records generally Iselham.

Thorpe's Regist. Roffens. p. 437, and 449.

ⁱ See p. 49.

^m Hundred Roll.

^k See Tanner's Notitia Monastica.

ⁿ Collins's Peerage.

^l See

^o Ibid.

^p Esch. 18 Esch. Hen. VI.

St. Albans, died seized of it in 1455; on the attainder of his son in 1461 it was given to George, Duke of Clarence, but was restored, with all other lands belonging to the earldom, in 1472^a. Before the year 1563 this manor was in the family of Peyton^c, which was before possessed of the manor of Bernards, and afterwards acquired that of Beck-hall, which in the reign of Henry VI. had been in the family of Woodhouse^c, and at an earlier period in that of Walkfare^c. The manor of Isleham was held in ancient times under the Earl of Arundel, by the singular service, that whenever the Earl, in going to the wars, should pass Haringesmere^u, in this parish, the tenant should meet him and present him with a gammon of bacon on the point of a lance^x. The manor of Bernards had belonged to a family of that name; Margaret, one of the co-heiresses of Sir John Bernard, who died in 1451, brought this estate in marriage to Thomas Peyton, Esq.^y, who was sheriff of the county in 1442 and 1452. The family of Peyton had been some time before settled in Cambridgeshire, by the marriage of Sir John, son of Sir Robert Peyton, of Peyton, in Suffolk, and grandfather of Thomas before-mentioned, with the daughter and heir of Sir John Gernon, of Wicken: their descendant, Sir John Peyton, Knt., of Isleham, was created a baronet by King James I., at the first institution of the order in 1611: the present baronet, Sir Yelverton Peyton, resides at Southampton. We have not been able to learn when the Isleham estate was alienated from the Peyton family: in 1683, the three manors of Great-Isleham with Beck or Bernards; of Beck-hall; and of New-hall and Up-hall^z, belonged to Mrs. Catherine Maynard, widow; in 1696, to Sir Rushout Cullen, who, in 1730, was succeeded by John Francis Buller, Esq.^z, great grandfather of John Buller, Esq. one of the commissioners of the customs, who, in 1807, sold the estate to Mr. Robert Knight, the present proprietor.

In the parish church^b are several monuments of the Bernards and Peytons^c. Isleham is a peculiar of the diocese of Rochester; the vicarage is in the patronage of the Bishop of that see, to whom the rectory is appropriated. An estate in this parish, to which it is probable the rectory became annexed, was given by King Alfred to Burric, Bishop of Rochester, and his successors^d.

^a The Earls of Northumberland continued^d possessed of Isleham, 9 Hen. VIII. Escheat Roll.

^b Escheat Roll, Eliz.

^c Escheat Roll.

^d Esch. Edward III.

^e Herringsmere is now a piece of arable land in the open fields, containing about ten acres; on the east side of it is an ancient road overgrown with grass.

^f Hundred Roll, 8 Ed-

ward I.

^g Kimber's Baronetage.

^h Of this manor we have found no

earlier notices.

ⁱ From the information of Hugh Jackson, Esq. steward of the manor.

^j See particulars relating to its structure, p. 56.

^k See p. 65, 67, 68.

^l Thorpe's

Regist. Roffens. p. 436.

A hospital for five widowers and five widows was founded at this place by the Lady of Sir Robert Peyton, who died in 1518: it is endowed with lands now let at 96 l. *per annum*, and a rent-charge of 12 l. payable by the lord of the manor.

At Little-Ifleham, a depopulated hamlet of this parish, was a free chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas, of which there are now no remains: in the south aisle of the parish church is a memorial for Christopher Green, warden or master of this chapel, the advowson of which was vested in the Peyton family^e. The manor of Shrewsbury, in Little-Ifleham, formerly belonging to the abbot and convent of Shrewsbury, is now vested in the provost and fellows of King's College in Cambridge.

KENNET, in the hundred of Staplehoe, and deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies about two miles north-east of Newmarket. The manor was anciently in the Bigods, Earls of Norfolk^f, from whom it passed with the title, to the Brothertons and Moubrays: on the partition of the Moubray estates, between the noble families of Howard and Berkeley, this manor was assigned to the latter; William Marquis of Berkley, on failure of issue from himself, settled it on Richard Willoughby and his heirs^g; John Willoughby died seised of it in 1557^h. In the early part of the ensuing century it was in Lord Petre's familyⁱ; soon afterwards in that of Barnardiston. About the year 1777, John Onslow, Esq., who had lately taken that name in exchange for Williams, and was allied by marriage to the Barnardistons, sold it to the present proprietor, Mr. Oliver Godfrey. The advowson of the rectory is annexed to the manor.

Kentford, in Suffolk, although a distinct parish, is esteemed a chapelry of Kennet: the manors have always been united.

The head-quarters of the parliamentary army were at Kennet, in the month of June, 1647^k.

KINGSTON, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about six miles nearly west of Cambridge: it had formerly a market on Thursdays, granted in 1305 to Sir Constantine Mortimer, together with two fairs, one at the festival of St. Margaret, for six days, the other for three days at the festival of St. Luke^l: both the market and fairs have been long discontinued.

^e Temp Hen. VIII. Cole's Escheats.

^f See Escheat 35. Edw. I.

^g Dugdale's Baronage, vol. I. p. 366. ^h Esch. 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar.

ⁱ William, Lord Petre,

died seised of it in 1637, Robert, Lord Petre, in 1638.

^k In Dugdale's View of the Troubles,

the name of this village is erroneously printed Kenton.

^l Cart. 34 Edward I.

There were in ancient times two manors in this parish: one of these is stated, in the record of Domesday, to have been from time immemorial parcel of the demesne of the crown; this manor, in the reign of King Henry III. was the property of Robert Mortimer, grandfather of Sir Constantine, to whom the market was granted: Margaret, the grand-daughter of Sir Constantine, and sole heiress of this branch of the Mortimer family, married John Fitz-Ralph, whose great grand-daughter and sole representative became the wife of Sir Robert Chamberleyne. After this manor had been in the Chamberleyne family for five descents, they sold it (before the year 1632) to Mr. Crane, an eminent apothecary of Cambridge^m; his heir, William Crane, Esq. about the year 1663 conveyed it by the name of Kingston-Wood to Sir Thomas Hatton, Baronet: in or before the year 1691, Francis Henry Lee, Esq. appears to have been the possessorⁿ: about the year 1720 it became the property of Edward Lord Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford; and having been purchased of his representatives, by Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, some time lord high chancellor, has descended to his grandson, the present earl.

The other manor was held when the survey of Domesday was taken, under Picott, the Sheriff, by Ralph de Bancis: it was afterwards for several generations in the family of St. George, and being called by the name of Kingston-Bancis, or Kingston-St. George was sold by the family of St. George, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Robert Catlyn, lord chief justice of the Queen's Bench. Sir Robert sold it to the Chamberleynes, and thus it became united to the other manor^o. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth a small manor, called Debdens, was held under the Chamberleynes by the family of Martyn^p. The provost and fellows of King's College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the rectory, which belonged formerly to the priory of Spinney.

Mr. Francis Todd, by his will, bearing date 1702, founded a charity school in this parish, and endowed it with 13 l. *per annum*, directing that 10 l. should be appropriated as a salary for the master; 2 l. to the minister for catechising the children; 13 s. 4 d. for books; and 6 s. 8 d. for rewards to be given to the most deserving.

KIRTLING^q, (commonly called Catlige or Catlage) in the hundred of Chevly, and deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies on the borders of Suf-

^m Laver's MSS. Mr. Crane, who died in the year 1652, at the age of 81, is called in his epitaph "*Medicus et Pharmacopæus præst. ntissimus.*" See p. 149.

ⁿ Court Rolls of the Manor; but it is possible, although he is styled lord of the manor, that he might have been a trustee for the Hatton family.

^o Laver's MSS.

^p Escheat Roll.

^q In the

survey of Domesday it is written Chertelinge.

folk, about five miles south of Newmarket. The manor, which had belonged to Earl Harold, was, when the survey of Domesday was taken, the property and one of the feats^r of Judith, Countess of Northumberland, relict of Earl Waltheof; her daughter Judith having brought it in marriage to the family of Tony^s, it became the chief feat of their barony. In the reign of King Henry III. Roger de Tony adhering to the king's party, the rebellious barons took possession of his castle at Kirtling, and committed it to the custody of Henry de Hastings'. The heiress of the family of Tony married Guy Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick^a, whose descendants inherited this manor for several generations. In the reign of King Henry VIII. it was purchased (probably of the Warwick family) by Sir Edward North, treasurer, and afterwards chancellor of the augmentations, who, in 1554, was created by Queen Mary Lord North of Kirtling. This noble peer built a fine mansion, which acquired the name of Catlage-hall, on the site of the ancient castle of the barony of Tony, which was surrounded by a deep moat. At this mansion Roger, the second Lord North, entertained Queen Elizabeth, in the twenty-first year of her reign; a tradition, for which we have not found any authority, asserts that it had been one of her prisons in the reign of her sister Mary. The last of the North family, who inhabited Catlage-hall, was the widow of William, the sixth Lord North: this lady, who was daughter of Elimet, treasurer of the united provinces, resided there many years with her second husband, Lord Elibank, who died in 1778. One wing of Catlage-hall was pulled down before the year 1752^x, and the remainder of the mansion^y shared the same fate in 1801; a handsome brick gateway, with four octangular turrets, through which was the approach to the house, still remains. Several valuable portraits of the North family were removed many years ago to Wroxton, in Oxfordshire, which has long been their principal seat. Kirtling is now the property of Francis, Earl of Guildford, whose grandfather, Francis, the seventh Lord North, was advanced to that title in 1752. Lord Guildford has another manor in this parish (inherited from his ancestor, Sir Edward North) called Bensted, from a family of that name, which possessed it for more than two centuries^z.

In the parish church are several monuments of the noble family of North, among which are those of Edward, the first Lord North, who died in 1564; Roger Lord North, 1600; Dudley, Lord North, 1666; Dudley, Lord North, 1677;

^r So it appears by the mention of a deer-park, which occurs only twice in the Survey of Cambridge-shire. ^a Dugdale's Baronage. ^s Ibid. ^a Ibid. ^x Cole's MSS.

^y There is an engraving of Catlage-hall from a drawing made by the Rev. Cooper Wyllyams in 1791, in a work entitled Topographical Miscellanies. ^z Cart. 32 Edw. I.—Esch. 11 Edw. IV.

and Charles, Lord North and Grey, 1690. Mrs. Dudleia North (sister of William Lord North) a very learned lady, of whom we have an account in Ballard's Memoirs, having fallen a victim to her intense application to study, was buried at Kirtling in 1712. In Kirtling church also is the tomb of Edward Myrfin, a great traveller, who died in 1553^u.

The great tithes of this parish are appropriated to the see of Rochester: Lord Guildford is patron of the vicarage. At Up-end, a hamlet of Kirtling, was a seat of the family of Folkes, now the property of the Reverend J. T. Hand, of Cheveley.

KNAPWELL, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about six miles north-west of Cambridge, and about eight south-east of Huntingdon. The manor, which had been given to the abbot and convent of Ramsey by Ednothus, Bishop of Dorchester^x, was granted, after the reformation, to William Cooke, Esq. serjeant at law, from whose family it passed by successive purchases, to the families of Marsh and Cage: in 1632 it belonged to Sir Anthony Cage, whose grandson, Adelard, sold it, about the year 1690, to John Gape, Esq. it was soon afterwards conveyed to the family of Perne, of which it was purchased in 1773, by the father of William Squire, Esq., the present proprietor.

The Reverend Frithney Gunnis is patron and incumbent of the rectory: the rector has an allotment of land in lieu of tithes and glebe, under an inclosure-act passed in the year 1775.

LANDBEACH, in the hundred of North-Stow and deanery of Chesterton, lies about five miles north of Cambridge. The manor of Chamberlaynes, in this parish, belonged anciently to the family of De Beche; in the year 1359 it was purchased, by the master and fellows of Bene't college, of Sir Thomas Chamberleyne, whose grandfather, Sir Walter, bought it of Helen de Beche^y. The site of the manor-house

^u The epitaph is as follows:

“ Here restith the cors of Edward Myrfin, gentilman, born in y^e citie of London, educated in good vertu and lernyng, traveled thrōgh all the countreis and notable cities, princes courtes, with other famose places of Europe, and lykewise of y^e Iles of Greece, and soe to the Turkes courte, then being in the citie of Haleppo, on the borders betwene Armenia and Siria, and soe retournyng thrōgh Jury to Jerufalem, and soe to Damasco, and from thence passing by diverse coūntreis, with fondrye adventures, arived at lengeth in his owne natyve citie, where shortly after he endid his life, in the yere of our Lorde God on M. CCCC, fyftie and three, and in the xxvii yere of his age.

^x Promoted to that see in the year 1004.
(or Bene't) College.

^y Masters's History of Corpus Christi

of Chamberleyne, furrounded by a moat, with considerable traces of buildings, is in a clofe to the east of the church. The manor of Bray's belonged to the family of Bray, during the thirteenth and the early part of the fourteenth century²; it was afterwards, for more than a century, in the family of Keteriche³: Robert Kirkby died feifed of it in 1567, leaving no male iffue^b: it is now vefted in truftees acting under the will of William Worts, Efq., who in the year 1709 bequeathed this eftate for charitable ufes^c.

In the parifh church is the gravestone of William Rawley, S. T. P., who died in 1667: he was chaplain to Lord Chancellor Bacon, and publifhed his life and works. On the outside of the church, is a monument for the late rector, Robert Mafters, B. D., F. S. A., author of the hiftory of Corpus Chrifti (or Bene't) College, who, after an incumbency of 41 years, died in 1798, at the age of 84.

The mafter and fellows of Bene't college are patrons of the Rectorry: the rectorry-houfe has the appearance of great antiquity; the cellars are vaulted with ftone, and have groined arches: the arms of Bifhop Lifle, who was promoted to the fee in 1345, are on one of the walls. An act of parliament for inclofing this parifh paffed in 1807, when an allotment of land was given to the rector in lieu of tythes.

William Gonel, the friend of Erafmus, was a native of Landbeach; his defcendant, Matthew Gonel, the laft of the family, died there in 1793^d.

LANDWADE, in the hundred of Staplehoe, lies about three miles weft of Newmarket: the manor was, as early as the year 1231, in the family of Haftings^e; in the reign of King Edward III. Sir Thomas Cotton, grandfon of Sir Henry Cotton, of Cotton-hall, acquired it by marriage with Alice, daughter and heir of John de Haftings^f: Sir John Cotton, his immediate defcendant, (after an interval of fix generations,) was made a baronet by King Charles I. in 1641; he married the heirs of the Hindes of Madingley hall, which has long been the principal feat of the family. The prefent baronet and poffeffor of this eftate is Sir Charles Cotton, vice-admiral of the white. The remains of the old manfion, which are within a moated fite, in a retired fpot, furrounded with wood, exhibit the architecture of the early part of the 16th and 17th centuries; part of the building has been fitted up for a farm-houfe.

² Layer's MSS.
p. 156.

³ Ibid. and Efch. 19 Edw. IV.

^b Cole's Efcheats.

^c See

^d From the information of the Rev. Mr. Burroughes, the prefent rector.

^e Layer's MSS.

^f Kimber's Baronetage.

In the parish church, which was built by Walter Cotton, Esq., who died in 1445, are several monuments and other memorials of the Cottons, among which may be particularly noticed a brass plate in memory of William Cotton^g, vice-chamberlain to King Henry VI., and the monument of Sir John Cotton, who died in 1593, much enriched with the ornaments then in use: the windows were filled with stained glass, of which there are some remains.

Landwade is a separate parish, and not attached, as some have supposed, to the neighbouring parish of Exning, in Suffolk. The church, which was formerly: chapel to Burwell^h, is exempt from ecclesiastical jurisdiction: Sir Charles Cotton, in whom the tithes are vested, pays a small stipend to a minister of his own appointment: the parish is of very small extent, containing less than a hundred acres.

LEVERINGTON, in the hundred and deanery of Wisbech, lies about two miles north of Wisbech, near the borders of Lincolnshire and Norfolk: it is divided into two townships, called Leverington St. Leonard's, and Leverington-Parson-drove. We have not been able to procure any information respecting Richmonds, the principal manor in this parish, (so called probably from having belonged anciently to the Earls of Richmond,) of an earlier date than the year 1632ⁱ, when it belonged to the family of Carville^k. Some years ago this estate was sold in lots by the family of Mafon; the manor, with a principal farm, was purchased by the Johnsons of Leverington, to whom it now belongs. The manor of Fitton, so called from an ancient family of that name, passed afterwards successively to the families of Hode^l, Everard, and Buckworth: the latter was possessed of it in 1632^m; we could gain no farther information respecting this estate, which appears to be no longer known as a manor. In the parish church are memorials of the families of Crosse, Swaineⁿ, and Johnson: in some of the windows are considerable remains of painted glass^o.

The bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory. Sir Thomas Smith, provost of Eton College, and secretary of state in the reign of King Henry VIII., was rector

^g This William Cotton was killed at the battle of St. Alban's, in 1453: it appears by his epitaph that he was keeper also of the wardrobe, receiver to the queen, and collector for the duchy of Lancaster.

^h See the Hundred Roll for Cambridgeshire, temp. Edward I.

ⁱ A licence

for celebrating divine service in the chapel at Richmond manor, in Leverington, granted in 1392, is mentioned in Blomefield's Collectanea, but the owner's name does not appear.

^k Layer's

MSS. ^l Esch. 40 Edward III.

^m Layer.

ⁿ All now remaining at

Leverington; the earliest date of any monumental inscription for the Crosse family is 1633: Robert Swaine, Esq. was sheriff of the county in 1681.

^o See p. 58.

of Leverington : the present rector, Dr. James Nasmith, has distinguished himself by his edition of Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, and other works.

Certain lands in this parish having been appropriated before the reformation to superstitious uses, have been since vested in feoffees, for the purposes of charity : out of the rent of these lands, a salary of 20 l. per annum is given to a schoolmaster, for instructing poor children ; some alms-houses at Leverington, which have no endowment, but are inhabited by parish paupers, are kept in repair by the feoffees of this estate.

There was a hospital, in ancient times, at Leverington, dedicated to St. John the Baptist ⁹, of which no traces remain ; nor is its site known : it is probable that the above-mentioned lands, now vested in feoffees for charitable uses, belonged formerly to this hospital.

A chantry, founded at Fitton-hall, in the reign of King Edward III., by John Hode, then lord of that manor, and Martin de Holbeche, was transferred, in the year 1459, by the permission of Bishop Grey, to a chapel then built at Parson-drove, for the accommodation of that township : the lands belonging to this chantry were vested, after the reformation, in feoffees, for the maintenance of a chaplain, who was originally required to be approved by the rector of Leverington, and was removable by him ; but the nomination is now only in the feoffees, who after deducting all expences for repairs, &c. pay the remainder of the rent of the estate to the chaplain, who has a good house attached to his cure.

Trokenholt, the site of an ancient hermitage and chapel, given to the monks of Thorney, by Nigellus, Bishop of Ely, in the reign of King Henry II.^r, is in the township of Parson-drove : there are no remains of buildings.

LINTON, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, is a market town ten miles south-east of Cambridge, and forty-six from London. The market, which is principally for corn, is now on Thursday ; it was originally on Tuesday, having been granted to William de Say, in the year 1245, together with a fair for three days, at the festival of St. Lawrence ⁶ : this fair has been discontinued, but there are now two other fairs, the 30th of July ⁷, and Holy Thursday ; the former is a great sheep fair, the chief business of the latter, besides the sale of pedlary, &c. is the retaining of harvest-men. According to the returns made to par-

⁶ Tanner's Notitia.

⁷ Dugdale's Monasticon, I. 245.

⁸ 1 Cart. 30 Henry III.

⁹ This fair was granted in 1281 to Simon Furneaux, then Lord of the manor of Barham, to be held on the eve and festival of St. Margaret. Cart. 10 Edward I. A manor was granted by the same which probably was held also at Linton.

liament under the population-act in 1801, Linton then contained 183 houses, and 1157 inhabitants.

In the reign of King Edward III., there was an alien priory at Linton, which was a cell to the abbey of St. Jacutus de Infula, in the diocese of Dole, in Brittany^a: it was seized into the hands of the crown, with other alien priories, in the reign of King Henry V., and given by his successor (its revenues being then valued at 23 l. 8 s. 10 d. *per annum*) to the master and fellows of Pembroke-hall, in Cambridge^x. The grant was made in the year 1439, and was to take place after the death of Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, which happened in 1447^y.

At the time of the Domesday survey, there were two manors in Linton, both of which belonged to Alan, Earl of Brittany; one of these, Linton-Magna, was successively in the families of Say^z, Bustler^a, and Paris^b; the other, Linton-Parva, in the Leicesters^c and Huntingfields^d; these manors were united as early as the reign of King Henry VI. in the Paris family; of which they were purchased, together with two manor-farms, called Chilford^e, and Michaelots^f, in the year 1675, by Sir Thomas Sclater, Bart. who, dying in 1684, bequeathed these estates to his great nephew Thomas Sclater, Esq. then a student at Trinity College, Cambridge: he afterwards assumed the name of Bacon, and was, at the time of his death, in 1734, M.P. for the town of Cambridge. In 1768, Mr. Thomas Sclater King, to whose family the same estates had been devised by Mr. Bacon, sold them to Lord Montfort, of whom they were purchased, three years afterwards, by Dr. Keene, bishop of Ely, father of Benjamin Keene, Esq. the present proprietor. On this estate was formerly a park called Catley park, with a large mansion, which was the seat of Sir Thomas Sclater^g: the house was pulled down soon after Bishop Keene's purchase, and the offices converted into a farm-house. The lord of the manor of Linton-Magna, had in ancient times very extensive privileges, such as right of free-warren, the power of life and death^h, &c. &c.

In the parish church are several monuments, and other memorials, of the families of Paris, Loan, Flack, and Millicent, and a handsome monument by Wilton, for Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Sclater Bacon, Esq. of Catley park, who died in 1726,

^a Tanner. ^x Ibid. ^y Layer's MSS. ^z Hundred Roll for Cambridge-
shire, 8 Edward I. ^a Esch. 44 Edward III. ^b Layer. ^c In the reign
of Edward I. it belonged to Sir Roger de Leicester, one of the king's justices itinerant. Hun-
dred Roll. ^d Esch. Edward II. and Edward III. ^e Chilford, which is situated in
the centre of the parish, gives name to the hundred. ^f Michaelots or Mekellots, was in the
family of Paris, as early as the reign of Henry VI. Escheat Roll. ^g Sir Thomas Sclater, of
Catley park, was sheriff of the county^h in the year 1680. ^h Hundred Roll.

and

and of her brother, Peter Standley, Esq. of Paxton-place, Hants, who died in 1780. The most ancient monument of the Paris family is that of Sir Philip Paris, who died in 1502: Philip Paris, who died in 1680, was the last heir male of the family.

The master and fellows of Pembroke-hall have the impropriate rectory, which belonged formerly to the priory: the bishop of Ely is patron of the vicarage.

At Barham, in this parish, was a priory of Crutched friars as early as the year 1292; it was a cell to the monastery of Welnetham, in Suffolk. The site of this priory was granted by King Henry VIII. to Philip Paris, Esq. and afterwards to John Millicent, Esq. who was before possessed of the manor of Barham, purchased of the Loktons^k: this manor had been in the family of Furneaux, from nearly the time of the conquest, till about the year 1396^l: the Millicents possessed this estate for several generations; Robert Millicent, Esq., the last of the family, died in 1740: the manor and priory were purchased of his representatives, by the Reverend Christopher Lonfdale, who became the second husband of his widow: Mrs. Lonfdale died in 1807, at the advanced age of 93; having bequeathed her estates at Barham to the master and fellows of Pembroke-hall. Barham-hall, late the seat of Mrs. Lonfdale, appears to have been formed out of the conventual buildings, soon after the reformation; the hall, chapel and cloisters remain, but have undergone considerable alterations; under Mrs. Lonfdale's will, it was appropriated, with a few acres of land annexed to it, as a country-seat for the master of Pembroke-hall for the time being^m. At Barham-hall are several portraits of the Millicents, one of whom appears to have been usher of the black rod.

Barham and *Little-Linton*, are hamlets of Great-Linton: the tithes of Barham were given by Alan, Earl of Brittany, to the abbey of St. Sergius and Bacchus, in Normandyⁿ.

LITLINGTON, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about three miles west of Royston, and about five north-east of Baldock, in Hertfordshire. Litlington was one of the manors of Algar, Earl of Mercia: in the

^k Layer's MSS.

^l Ibid.

^m Under Mrs. Lonfdale's will, one third of the profits of the estate is appropriated to the sole benefit of the master; one third to be divided among the fellows, and the remainder to augment the building fund.

ⁿ Dugdale's Monasticon,

vol. I. p. 572.

Conqueror's reign, it was divided between William the Chamberlain, and Otho the Goldsmith, who held immediately of the King : from this time it appears that there were two manors^o, afterwards distinguished by the names of Huntingfields and Ovedales, or D'ovedales. Huntingfields belonged to a family of that name in the reign of King Edward III.^p; of late years it has been in the family of Radcliffe, and is now the property of Delmé Radcliffe, Esq., who assumed that name on his marriage with Miss Clarke, niece and heiress of the late John Radcliffe, Esq. D'ovedales, which had been before in the family of Valence, was in the reign of Edward II. the property of John D'ovedale^q. In the year 1352, William de Nolton, or Notton, had a grant of ten houses, and some lands in Litlington, to be held by the service of holding the King's stirrup, whenever he should mount his palfrey at Cambridge Castle^r; it appears, by other records, that this was the manor of D'ovedales^s: this manor now belongs to the Reverend William Foster Pigott, in right of his wife, as sole heiress of the ancient family of Pigott, by which it was possessed before the year 1465^t.

In the parish church is an ancient gravestone, with an inscription in the old French character, in memory of Robert de St. Alban; and that of Robert Stoughton, alderman of London, who died in 1690.

The rectory was impropriated, in the year 1338, to the master and fellows of Clare-hall, who are patrons of the vicarage.

LITTLEPORT, in the hundred and deanery of Ely, lies about five miles north of Ely, on the road to Lynne. The manor, which had been one of the ancient estates of the church of Ely, was alienated by Bishop Heton, in the year 1600: it now belongs to the Earl of Hardwicke, whose grandfather, the lord chancellor, purchased it in 1734, of Edward Partheriche, Esq.; the Partheriches had been in possession nearly a century. The church of Littleport was appropriated to the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, in Ely, by Bishop Geoffry de Burgh, who died in 1228^u: it is now a rectory in the patronage of the bishop.

LOLWORTH, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about seven miles north-west of Cambridge. The manor, which had belonged to a pre-

^o In the *Nomina Villarum*, temp. Edward II., the lord of only one manor is mentioned, Henry de Sarstene; but in the Escheat Roll of the same year, two manors are described, held under the honour of Clare, by the heirs of Hobridge, and the heirs of Valoynes, or Valence; to the latter the advowson of the church was annexed.

^p Esch. 11 Edward III.

^q Layer's MSS.

^r Pat. 26 Edward III. p. 2.

^s Escheat Roll, Edward IV.

^t Esch. 5 Edward IV.

^u Bentham's History of Ely, p. 146.

bendary in the reign of King Edward the Confessor, was held, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, under Picot, the sheriff, by one Robert. In the reign of King Henry IV., this manor was the property of Sir William Castleacre, Knight, who, on condition of certain payments, bequeathed it to the prior and convent of Ely; but the executors not performing their trust, according to the testator's intention, sold it to John Herry's for the sum of 600 marks; which money was afterwards paid to the prior and convent²: not long afterwards, this manor was in the Langleys, of whom it was purchased by Sir John Cutts about the year 1500; and continued in his family for several generations. In the year 1690, being then in the family of Edwards, it was put up to sale³: it is now the joint property of Sir Henry Hawley, Bart., and Paul Orchard, Esq., of Hartland Abbey, in Devonshire, who has three-fourths^b. They are also joint patrons of the rectory.

In the parish church, is the monument of Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Bocket, and wife of Sir John Cutts: it was put up in 1610, by her son.

Walsingham, the historian, speaks of a terrible destruction of houses and corn, caused by lightning, at Lolworth, in the year 1393.

MADINGLEY, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about three miles west of Cambridge. The whole lordship of this parish belonged for several generations to the family of Burdeley, or Burlewas^c, which became extinct in the reign of King Edward III.: the co-heiresses married into the families of Marshall and Chambre^d: the manor of Burdeleys, or Burlewas, was afterwards in the Swaynes, who continued to possess it in the year 1530^e: it was probable that they were lessees under the county of Cambridge: we have not been able to discover when or how this manor became the property of the county, but there is reason to suppose that it was long before the year 1530^f.

^a Sec Cl. 8 Henry V. m. 14 dors. ^b Cole's MSS. ^c About the year 1740, the manor of Lolworth belonged to four co-heiresses of the name of Smith, one of whom married Sir Henry Hawley's uncle, and another Mr. Orchard's father; the other sisters having died unmarried, their shares passed by bequest to Mr. Orchard.

^d The name is written both ways in ancient records.

^e Layer's MSS. ^f Ibid. ^g It is said in the act of 1543, that by means of the yearly rent of this manor, the inhabitants of Cambridgeshire had been *heretofore* discharged of the payment of the knight's wages. In the reign of King Henry V., the inhabitants of the isle of Ely came to an agreement with the rest of the county of Cambridge, whereby, for the sum of 200l. paid to the county, the inhabitants of the isle were for ever discharged from paying their *quota* towards the wages of the knights of the shire. The county, on petition to Parliament, procured the royal assent for purchasing lands of the yearly value of twenty marks, with this sum of money; and Mr. Browne Willis, with much probability, supposes that the manor of Burlewas was then purchased. Notit. Parl. I. p. 139.

The feoffees of the manor, who held it in trust for the county, let it to farm at the annual rent of 10*l.*, for the purpose of paying the fees, wages, and other charges, of the knights of the shire. In 1543, an act of Parliament passed, by which, "for the more sure and perfect continuance of the said rent, it was enacted, that John Hinde, Esq. Serjeant at Law, his heirs and assigns for ever, should have, hold, and enjoy the manor of Burlewas, otherwise called the shire-manor, and the lands thereto belonging, on condition of paying the said sum of 10*l.* *per annum* to the sheriff, and two knights of the shire, then incorporated by the name of the wardens of the fees and wages of the knights of the shire of Cambridge, chosen in Parliament, for the use of the said knights, towards the maintenance of their charges. In consideration of the premises, the county of Cambridge, and the inhabitants of the same, were for ever discharged of all sums of money, formerly levied and paid for the fees of the knights of the Parliament of the said county."

Serjeant Hinde, afterwards one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, being lessee of the shire-manor, became also possessed of the manors of Marham and Harleston^g, which, in the 14th century, had belonged to families of those names; a manor which had been parcel of the possessions of Barnwell Abbey, and an estate which had belonged to the Knights Templars: all these, by the marriage of Sir John Cotton of Landwade, the first Baronet of that family, with the daughter and heir of Edward Hinde, Esq. passed to the Cottons; and are now the property of Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. Vice-Admiral of the White.

Madingley Hall, the seat of Sir Charles Cotton, was built by Mr. Justice Hinde in the reign of King Henry VIII., and although it has been modernized, retains some traces of the original structure^h. Among numerous portraits at Madingley, are several of the Cotton family, by Lely and Kneller; a good picture of Secretary Craggs; and one of William Stewkley, Esq. by Walker. The park and pleasure-grounds are extensive, and well wooded.

The parish church, a neat structure, with a stone spire, stands in Sir Charles Cotton's grounds. The lease of the great tithes, held under the Bishop of Ely, has long been vested in the families of Cotton and Hinde. The Bishop is patron of the vicarage.

MELBOURN, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about three miles north of Royston. A manor in this parish was given to the monastery

^g The manor of Marham was held under the prior of St. John of Jerusalem, Harleston under the manor of shire-hall. Escheat Roll.

^h There is a bird's-eye view of Madingley, by Kip, in the *Nouveau Theatre de la Grande Bretagne*, plate 57.

of Ely by King Edgar ^x, and was one of those assigned by Bishop Hervey to the monks: it now belongs to the Dean and Chapter, and is called the Bury manor. The Ayloffes were for many years lessees of this manor, and resided at Melbourn-Bury: Sir William Ayloff, Bart. married the heiress of John Sterne, Esq. of Melbourn; the lease was afterwards in Sir Thomas Hatton, Bart., and was by him sold to the late Mr. John Trigg, in whose executors it is now vested.

The prior and convent of Ely had another manor in this parish, called Caxtons, from a family of that name, to whom it had formerly belonged ^y; it was given to the convent by Sir William Castleacre: it seems probable that this merged in the Bury-Manor, for the name is not now known.

In the year 1703, Richard Hitch, Esq. purchased of the representatives of Lord Alington, who died in 1692, the manors of Melbourn *cum* Meldreth, Argentines, and Trayles, now the property of his descendant, Wortham Hitch, Esq. who resides in the manor-house: it is probable that this manor of Melbourn *cum* Meldreth, comprehends a manor, extending into both parishes, which was given by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel and Shrewsbury, to the monks of Utica, in Normandy ^z; and that which, at the time of the Norman survey, belonged to Hardwinus de Scariis, or D'Echalers, and still continued in the representatives of that family in the reign of Queen Elizabeth ^a. The manor of Argentines was in the family of Argentine, as early as the latter end of the 13th century; and passed by marriage to the Alingtons, in the reign of King Henry VI. ^b The manor of Trayles belonged to the baronial family of Trally, or Trailli, which became extinct at an early period ^c. Another manor, called Melbourn-Browne, was held under Winchester College by the family of Browne, in the year 1469 ^d.

In the parish church, which is a handsome structure of the fourteenth century, are several memorials of the family of Hitch, or, as they are called in some of the earliest date, Hicks. The rectory of Melbourn was appropriated to the monks of Ely, for the increase of hospitality, by Bishop Kilkenny, who died in 1256 ^e: it is now vested in the Dean and Chapter, who are patrons of the vicarage.

^x Bentham's Ely, p. 73.

^y They held it under the family of D'Echalers.

^z Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. I. p. 270, and vol. II. p. 966.

^a It then belonged to the

Moore, as representatives in the female line of the family of D'Echalers.

^b Giles Ar-

gentine died seised of a manor in Melbourn, 11 Edward I.; William Argentine, 6 Henry VI.; William Alington, 39 Henry VI. Esch.

^c Layer's MSS.

^d Escheat Roll. Edward IV.

^e Bentham's Ely, p. 149.

William Aylofffe, Esq. who died in 1691, founded a school for the education of forty poor children of this parish and Meldreth, and endowed it with 15*l.* *per annum*, issuing out of the great tithes of Gargrave, in the county of York.

MELDRETH, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about four miles north of Royston, and nearly nine south of Cambridge. When the Survey of Domesday was taken, Hardwinus de Scalariis had a small manor in this parish, and the patronage of a monastery of which we find no other mention: the manor, which extended into Melbourn, belonged, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the family of Moore, by descent from that of De Scalariis, or D'Echalers^f. The prior of Ely had a manor in Meldreth, which had been assigned to the monks by Bishop Hervey: it is probable that this has been united to the manor of Bury, in Melbourn and Meldreth, now belonging to the Dean and Chapter^g. The Veyfies had formerly a manor in this parish^h, still called after their name; it was afterwards successively in the families of Cavell, Caldecote, and Hafeldenⁱ; from the latter it passed by female heirs to the families of Bury and Clerk^k: it is now the property of Mr. William Holder, who purchased of Sir Thomas Hatton, Bart. The manors of Flambards and St. Lowe, both so called from their ancient owners, were united in the Tyrrels, were afterwards in the noble family of Petre^l, and are now the property of Sir Charles Nightingale, Bart. The manor of Topcliffe, was at an early period held by the Brampton family, under the priory of Ware; Sir Edmund De la Pole was seized of it in the reign of King Henry IV.^m: it now belongs to St. Thomas's Hospital, having been granted by King Edward VI., and described as late parcel of the possessions of the hospital of the Savoy: both this manor and Flambards extend into Melbourn. The manor of Sheene, which had belonged to the Carthusian priory of that nameⁿ, and afterwards to Jesus College, in Rotherham, was granted, by King Edward VI.; to Robert Chelster, and Catherine, his wife; at a subsequent period, it passed by sale to John Sterne, Esq. of Malton^o, whose daughter and heir brought it in marriage to Sir William Aylofffe: it now belongs to the family of Pyke of Baythorne, in Essex.

^f See the preceding page.
Meldreth, temp. Edward II. Escheat Roll.
the British Museum.

^g Ibid.

^h Escheat Roll.
ⁱ Layer's MSS.

^k Walter Veyfie, Bishop of Carlisle, held a manor in
^l Layer's MSS.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Cambridge Pedigrees in
^o Escheat Roll, Henry VIII.

^p Layer's MSS.

The rectory of Meldreth was appropriated to the monks of Ely by Bishop Eustachius, who died in 1215^o: it is now vested in the Bishop, who is patron of the vicarage.

MEPAL, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about four miles west of Ely. The manor was given to the monks of Ely by Alan Walsingham, their prior, in 1345^p, and is now vested in the Dean and Chapter.

In the parish church is the monument of James Fortrey, Esq. of Byall-fen^q, with the following inscription: "Near this place lie the remains of James Fortrey, Esq., descended from an ancient stock in Brabant, which took asylum in England from the persecution of the Spaniards, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He was third son of Samuel Fortrey, Esq., who, upon undertaking the drainage of the Bedford Level, erected a commodious habitation in Byall-fen, which, coming into his son's possession, was by him enlarged with several convenient apartments, and with gardens, and other improvements, so as to make it (in such a situation) the admiration of the time^r. He was bred in courts and in camps; was page of honour to Mary of Modena, then Duchefs of York; afterwards groom of the bed-chamber to her husband, King James II.; major in the horseguards, and at the same time commanded a troop in Lanier's regiment of horse. He would have followed his unhappy master's fortune in exile, but was forbidden by his commands, on account of his ill state of health: fidelity and gratitude forbad him to engage in the service of his successor. Having lived a favourite of Princes, he rather chose obscurity; and after residing some time as fellow-commoner at Queen's College, in Cambridge, passed the remainder of his days in retirement, between Portugal and Byall-fen; at the last-mentioned place he died the 18th of August 1719, in the 63d year of his age, loved, lamented, and honoured by all who knew him. He married the Right Honourable Susanna Lady Bellasis, Baroness of Osgodby, in her own right, but left no issue." There is another monument for his elder brother, Samuel Fortrey, Esq., who died in 1688.

MILTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about four miles north of Cambridge. The manor was for several generations in the Le Stranges, who seem to have inherited it from the families of Deyville and

^o Bentham's Ely, p. 145.
extra-parochial spot near Mepal.

^p Stevens's Continuation of Dugdale, vol. I. p. 398.
! It is now a farm-house.

^q An

De Montibus¹. The Earl of Derby, who inherited from the Lords Strange, of Knockin, sold it, in the reign of King Henry VIII., to William Coke, Esq. one of the Justices of the King's Bench. In the reign of King James I., it was in the family of Harris: the present proprietor is Samuel Knight, Esq., whose father purchased it of the Pembertons in 1767.

The patronage of the sinecure rectory belongs to the provost and fellows of King's College: the rector presents to the vicarage. The Reverend William Cole, whose collections for this county have been already spoken of, resided at Milton.

GUILDEN-MORDEN, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about six miles west of Royston, and about thirteen nearly south-west of Cambridge, near the borders of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. In the reign of King Edward II., there were two principal manors in this parish, then belonging to the families of Kyriell and Avenell¹: it is probable that the former was the same which Sir Robert Belknap, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, was seised of at the time of his attainder in 1388²; and which was given two years afterwards by William Bateman to the priory of Barnwell³: soon after the reformation, this manor, by the name of Barnwell, seems to have been united to the manors of Bonebury, or Bondsbury, Bancis, Foxleys, and Pychards, which were called altogether by the name of the Manor of Guilden-Morden⁴. Of Bonebury, we find no other notice, than that it was in the family of Hafelden, in the reign of Edward IV. The Hafeldens were possessed also of the manors of Bancis, Foxleys, and Pychards, all of which had belonged to families from whom they derived their names: Foxleys was sold by Sir John Foxley to the Hafeldens, and had been before in the families of Bigot and Boteler. These estates passed, in the reign of King Henry VIII., to the Peytons, by the marriage of Sir Robert Peyton with the daughter and heir of Francis Hafelden, Esq. Sir Robert Peyton, son of Sir Robert above-mentioned, sold them to Thomas Mead, Serjeant at Law, by whose son, Sir Thomas, they were conveyed to William Haye or Hayes, who died in 1617⁵. It appears by his epitaph, that this Mr. Hayes married the daughter of Thomas Hobson, the celebrated carrier,

¹ Eubulo de Montibus had a grant of the manor of Milton, 37 Henry III., the heirs of Roger Deyville married into the family of Le Strange, in which the names of Eubulo and Roger continued for several generations.

² *Nomina Villarum.*

³ See a grant of John Burton, clerk,

Pat. 15. Rich. II., p. 2.

⁴ Laver's MSS.

⁵ The Escheat Roll of James I. describes Thomas Hayes, Esq., as seised of the manor of Guilden-Morden, and the manor of Barnwell, in 1621.

⁶ Laver's MSS.

who, after his death, became the wife of Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. In 1653, Thomas Story, Esq., became possessed of these estates by his marriage with the widow of Francis Hayes: Mr. Story died in 1706; and, some years afterwards, Sir George Downing purchased these manors of the trustees of his will; the purchase having been made after Sir George had bequeathed his estates for the purpose of founding a college at Cambridge, the Guilden-Morden estate went to the heir at law, and passed by bequest to the family of Jacob John Whittington, Esq. who, in the year 1806 sold it to the Earl of Hardwicke. Morden-hall is occupied by the tenant of the principal farm. The manor of Avenells, in which the family of that name were succeeded by the Hydes^u, and Hatfields^x, is now the property of Simeon Leete, Esq.: its claim to manerial rights was not allowed at the time of the late inclosure. Some ancient records speak of a manor in this parish, called Herewards, which belonged to a family of that name in the reigns of Edward I. and II.^y, and in the following reign to Sir William Lovell^z. The manor or manor-farm of Odsey (a hamlet in this parish) belonged to a priory in Bedfordshire, and, after the reformation, was granted to the family of Sewster^a: when the inclosure act passed in 1800, it was in the family of Fordham.

In the parish^b church, a handsome gothic structure, are memorials for the families of Hays or Hayes, and Story.

The church of Guilden-Morden, with the chapel of Redderia, was given by Picot, the sheriff, to the monks of Barnwell^b, to whom the tithes were afterwards appropriated. The rectory of Guilden-Morden was one of those given by Queen Elizabeth to the bishop of Ely, at the time when several manors belonging to that see were surrendered to the crown^c. The above-mentioned chapel, which stood at an endship, or hamlet, of this parish, now called Roderith, or Redreth, has been long ago destroyed. The master and fellows of Jesus College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the vicarage, the advowson of which was procured for them by Bishop Thirlby^d. This parish has been inclosed, pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1800, by which land was allotted to the impropiator, and to the vicar in lieu of tithes.

STEEPLE-MORDEN, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies on the borders of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, about six miles N.W. of Royston, and about thirteen from Cambridge. The manor of Steeple-Morden was

^u Esch. Roll Edward IV. ^x Layer's MSS. ^y Ibid. ^z See Esch. Roll Edward III.: it was an estate consisting of a fourth part of a knight's fee. ^a Layer.
^b Dugdale's Monasticon, II. p. 29. ^c Layer. ^d Bentham's Ely, p. 192:

anciently in the family of Fitzwalter^e; at a later period in the Fortescues^f. In the year 1621 the Earl of Suffolk sold the manors of Steeple-Morden and Brewys or Bruces, which from that time seems to have merged into the other, to Mrs. Joyes Norton, mother of Mr. Ducket, whose family possessed the estate about fifty years. After some intermediate alienations, it was sold in 1698, by the Hon. Thomas Wentworth, *alias* Watfon, to Charles Shales, Esq. who married the daughter of Sir Charles Barrington; his son, John Shales Barrington, Esq., sold Steeple-Morden, in 1737, to Peter Leheup, Esq. of whose family it was purchased about the year 1746, by Lord Chancellor Hardwicke: it is now the property of his grandson, the present Earl. Morden-house, an old mansion, formerly the seat of the Duckets, and afterwards of the Leheups, was pulled down and sold for the materials in 1765.

The manor of Bruces was so called from John de Bressy, or Brucy, who possessed it in the reigns of Edward I., Edward II., and Edward III.^g: it was afterwards successively in the Pigotts and Sewsters; from the latter it passed by purchase to the Earl of Suffolk^h. The manor of Cheynes, or Cheynes' Place, was in the family of Cheyne, before the reign of Edward I.ⁱ; it is now, by descent from a heiress of the Cheynes, the property of Lord Willoughby de Broke. The manor of Oldfields was successively in the families of Northbrooke^k, and Gery^l: it is now the property of Nicholas Westcomb, Esq.

The steeple of the parish church fell down more than half a century ago, by which accident the chancel was crushed in^m; the steeple has never been rebuilt.

The improper rectory of Steeple-Morden, to which a manor is annexed, has long been vested in the Warden and scholars of New College, in Oxford, who are patrons of the vicarage: the vicar has a lease of the great tithes: This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of parliament passed in 1807; the lands remain subject to tithes.

NEWMARKET, in the hundred of Cheveley, and deanery of Fordham, (in the diocese of Norwich) is a market town, thirteen miles from Cambridge, and sixty-one

^e Esch. Roll, Edward I. and Edward II.

Rolls.

^h Layer.

ⁱ Esch. Roll, Hen. VIII.

^f Ibid. Hen. VIII.

^g See Escheat Roll, 1 Edward I.

^m Cole's MSS.

^k Escheat

Layer.

from London. It consists of two parishes, and stands partly in Cambridgeshire, and partly in Suffolk. The Market is on Tuesday; the fairs are Whitfun-Tuesday and November 8th. We have not found any enrolment of the charter, but it is probable, that the town which we first find mentioned in record, in the year 1227^k, took its name from a market then recently established. In the parish of All-Saints, which is in Cambridgeshire, stands the king's house, first built by king James I. for the purpose of enjoying the amusement of hunting. His successor, the unfortunate Charles, was brought thither a prisoner by the army in 1647; he was removed from the house of Lady Cutts, at Childerley, on the 9th of June, having requested it as a favour from Cromwell and Fairfax: the head-quarters of the army were then at the neighbouring village of Kennet. In conducting him from Childerley to Newmarket, they took him by way of Trumpington, to avoid passing through Cambridge, the town's people having testified a disposition to shew him respect; Sanderfon says that flowers were strown before him in the highway as he passed from Childerley^l. The king remained about ten days at Newmarket^m.

King Charles II. rebuilt the house at Newmarket, which had fallen to decay during the civil wars, and frequently resorted thither for the sake of the races. On the 22d of March, 1683, it being then the time of the races, the town was nearly destroyed by an accidental fire. The King and Queen, and the Duke of York, were then at Newmarket, and their being in consequence obliged to return hastily to London, some days before the time appointed for their journey, is said, by some writers, to have occasioned the defeat of the Rye-house plotⁿ. The races at Newmarket^o, have ever since been honoured by royal patronage, and both on that account, and the excellence of the course, have maintained a celebrity much surpassing that of any other in the kingdom. His present Majesty has never visited Newmarket, but the races have been frequently honoured with the presence of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The races are held seven times in the

^k Cart. 11 Henry III.

^l Life of King Charles I. p. 986.

^m See

Whitelocke's Memoirs, p. 257.

ⁿ See Bishop Spratt's History of the Rye-house Plot.

^o We have found no mention of these races before the reign of Charles II., but it is probable that there had been races at Newmarket at an earlier period. Sir Simon D'Ewes, in his Journal, makes incidental mention of a horse-race in Cambridgeshire, in the reign of King James I. near Linton, at which town most of the company lay on the night of the race. Top. Brit No. XV. p. 11.

year, being distinguished by the names of the Craven Meeting; the first and second Spring Meetings; the July Meeting; the first and second October Meetings; and the third October or Houghton Meeting^p: the whole of the race-course is in Cambridgeshire.

The site of the house built by King James at Newmarket, and a house called the Hare-park Lodge, are on lease to the Duke of Rutland: the present King's-house is a moderate sized brick mansion; a room is shewn in it called King William's apartment, and another called Queen Anne's. The Duke of Rutland is lord of the manor of Newmarket, by inheritance from Charles, Duke of Somers^{et}; who gave it, with Cheveley, and some other manors in the neighbourhood, in marriage with his eldest daughter, to the Marquis of Granby. It had been before for many generations in the Alingtons, and their predecessors the Argentines^q, who had also the patronage of a chapel in Newmarket, dedicated to St. Simon and St. Jude.

Ancient records speak of a manor in Newmarket, which belonged to the priory of Fordham^r; the manor of Botelers, which belonged to the ancient family of that name^s; the manor of Wyke's-place, belonging to the Slades^t; and a manor which belonged to the priory of Thetford^u.

In the parish church of All-Saints, is the monument of Tregonwell Frampton, Esq., a celebrated sportsman, who was keeper of the running-horses to King William, Queen Anne, King George I., and King George II. He died in 1728, at the age of eighty-six: there are two portraits of him in mezzotinto, one of which is inscribed "the Father of the Turf." The benefice of All-Saints is a perpetual curacy, in the gift of the Bishop of Norwich: it is a separate and distinct parish, in no way connected with Wood-Ditton, as hath been erroneously supposed.

There are two charity-schools in Newmarket, one for twenty boys, the other for twenty girls, endowed by Queen Anne with 50 l. *per annum*.

NEWTON, in the fens, lies about three miles north of Wisbech, in the hundred and deanery of Wisbech. The Bishop of Ely, in right of his manor of Wisbech-Barton, is lord paramount of the whole hundred. The manor of Newton, held under the Bishop, continued in the Colville family from nearly the time of the conquest till

^p The Craven meeting begins on the Monday in Easter week; the first spring meeting on the Monday fortnight following; the second spring meeting a fortnight afterwards; the July meeting early in that month; the first October meeting on the Monday of that week in which the first Thursday in October falls; the remainder within the month of October. ^q See Escheat Rolls from Edward II.

to Henry VIII.
Henry VIII.

^r Escheat Roll, Edward II.
^s Layer's MSS.

^t Esch. Henry IV.

^u Esch.

the year 1792, when it was sold by Richard Colville, Esq. to Mr. James Redin, the present proprietor. Newton-hall, the ancient seat of the Colvilles, has been pulled down : in the parish church are some memorials of the family.

In the reign of Henry IV., Sir John Colville founded a college in this parish for four chaplains, four clerks, and ten poor men, called the college of St. Mary by the Sea-coast. One of the chaplains, who served the parish church, had 5 l. 6 s. 8 d. *per annum* ; the others 100 shillings ; the clerks 40 s. 4 d. ; and the poor men, who lived in a house called the Bede-house, 6 d. a-week each, and clothes. There are no remains of this college, which was latterly called the Chapel of St. Mary, or the Chapel of the Sea : it stood on the Roman bank adjoining Marshland : after the reformation, the lands belonging to it were annexed to the rectory ; the parsonage-house stands on the site of the college. The Bishop of Ely is patron.

NEWTON, in the hundred of Triplow, and deanery of Barton, lies about six miles south of Cambridge, and seven nearly north of Royston. The manor was procured for the monks of Ely by Brithnoth, the first abbot, in the reign of King Edgar^b ; and was one of those assigned by Bishop Hervey to the convent : it now belongs to the Dean and Chapter ; they are also impropiators of the rectory, and patrons of the vicarage, which is united to Hawkstone. This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1798, by which lands were allotted in lieu of tithes.

In the parish church are memorials of the family of Swann, which was settled at Newton for several generations ; the heiress of Robert Swann, (the last of the family) who died in 1727, married John Stevenson, Esq. The old mansion, which was the seat of the Swanns, and afterwards of the Stevensons, has been pulled down.

OCKINGTON. See HOGINGTON.

ORWELL, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about eight miles south-west of Cambridge, and about seven north-west of Royston. The manor of Orwell was at an early period in the baronial family of Camois, under which it was held by John de Kirkby, Bishop of Ely, who died in 1290^c : from the Bishop's collateral relations, it passed by a female heir to the family of

^b Bentham's Ely, p. 75. King Edgar granted the tenants of this manor an exemption from toll. Hundred Roll for Cambridgehire.

^c Esch. 5. Edward I.

Prilly^d. It was afterwards in the Pembridges, from whom it passed by marriage to Sir Simon Burley: being forfeited to the crown by his attainder in the reign of Richard II., it was granted to the Beauforts, and having passed by inheritance to Margaret, Countess of Richmond, became again vested in the crown^e. About the middle of the seventeenth century, this manor was in the family of Aglionby^f, and passed by marriage to the Butlers, who exchanged it with Sir Thomas Chicheley, of Wimpole, for Barnwell priory, near Cambridge. After this, it passed in the same manner as Wimpole to Edward Earl of Oxford, of whom it was purchased by the grandfather of Richard Bendyshe, Esq., the present proprietor.

The manor of Wratsworth belonged to a family of that name, in the reign of Edward I.: the Walters possessed it in the reign of Henry VIII., and were succeeded by the Cages^g, of whom it was purchased, in the year 1686, by Sir Thomas Chicheley: it has since passed with Orwell.

In the chancel of the parish church, are memorials for some of the rectors; among whom were Wolfran Stubbs, D.D., some time Professor of Hebrew in the University of Cambridge; and Charles Mafon, D.D. Woodwardian Professor of Mineralogy, who left behind him large collections relating to the Roman roads and stations in Britain, and copious materials for a map of Cambridgeshire; he died in 1770.

On the roof of the chancel are the arms of Burley, Mortimer, Scrope, Tiptoft, D'Echalers, and other families which were contemporaries, about the latter end of the fourteenth century, at which time it appears that the two last mentioned, as well as Sir Simon Burley, had manors in Orwell.

John Colbatch, D.D., some time rector of the parish, founded a school for instructing the poor children of Orwell; the boys in reading, writing, and the five first rules in arithmetic; the girls in reading, knitting, and plain work; the master and mistress to be chosen by the trustees, who are six in number.

The master and fellows of Trinity College are patrons of the vicarage and sinecure rectory, which, in the reign of Edward III., had been given by Margaret, relict of John Kendall, to the warden or chaplain of a chantry at Hitchin.

Adjoining to this parish, and now esteemed a part of it, is *Malton*, formerly a distinct parish. The manor was for many years in the Tyrrells, and was by them sold to Margaret, Countess of Richmond, who gave it to the master and fellows of Christ's College, in Cambridge^h. This college had formerly

^d Originalia, 30 Edward I. Rot. 18.

^e Layer's MSS.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

a house at Malton, which was reserved as a place of retirement for its members, during seasons of epidemical sickness; it has been pulled down many years^h.

Malton church having been before that time dilapidated, and applied to profane uses, was fitted up as a chapel by Robert Sterne, lessee of the manor under the college, in the early part of the seventeenth century, and divine service was for some years performed in itⁱ; but it has been again defecrated, and is now used as a barn.

OUTWELL, in the hundred of Wisbech, and deanery of Fincham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies partly in Norfolk, and partly in Cambridgeshire; as the church, and five-sixths of the parish, are in Norfolk, it will be more particularly treated of in that county. Richard Greaves Townley, Esq. is lord of the manor by inheritance from the Beauprés: the Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

OVER, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Chesterton, lies on the borders of Huntingdonshire, three miles from St. Ives, about seven north-east of Huntingdon, and about eleven from Cambridge. The manor was given to the abbot and convent of Ramsey, by Ednothus, Bishop of Dorchester, the second of that name^k. King James I., in the year 1619, granted it to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; Sackville Wade, Esq., was lord of the manor in 1676, as appears by his epitaph in the church; since that time it has been successively in the families of Kirkby, Phillips, and Edwards, and is now the property of J. N. Taylor, Esq.

The Bishop of Ely had a manor in Over, in the reign of Edward II., which was held under the fee in 1506, by the family of Hutton^l. A small manor in this parish was purchased for Bene't College, in Cambridge, by Dr. Botwright, the master, in 1473^m.

Over the west door of the parish church, is a rude carving in *bas relief* of the Virgin, described in the Revelations, as clothed with the sun, and standing on the moon. The master and fellows of Trinity College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the rectory.

Mrs. Kirkby, lady of the manor, in the early part of the last centuryⁿ, gave the sum of 300*l.*, since laid out in the purchase of lands, for the endowment of a cha-

^h Layer's MSS. ⁱ Ibid. ^k He was promoted to the fee in 1004. See Leland's Collectanea, vol. I. p. 580. ^l Escheat Roll. Henry VIII. ^m Masters's History of the College, p. 46. ⁿ Before the year 1727.

ity-school in this parish, and the relief of poor widows; Mrs. Alice Walpole in 1709, left 2 l. 10 s. *per annum*, for teaching six poor children.

PAMPISFORD, or PAMPSWORTH, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies about seven miles nearly south of Cambridge, five west of Linton, and eight nearly north of Royston. When the Survey of Domesday was taken, there were two manors in Pampsworth, one of which belonged to the abbot and convent of Ely, having been given to that monastery by Duke Brithnoth, in the year 991^o; the other was held by two knights, whose names are not mentioned, under Alan, Earl of Brittany and Richmond: the former manor was alienated from the church of Ely by Hervey, the first Bishop, and given to his nephew, William de Laventon, chaplain to King Henry I., to be held by him under the abbey by knight's-service^p: in the reign of Edward I., it was in the family of Fitz-ancher, or Fitz-anger, afterwards in the Shardelowes^q. The other manor being held of the honour of Richmond, was successively in the families of Brock, Creek, Colville, and Marsh^r. The family of Marsh was in possession as early as the reign of King James I.; and it is probable that the two manors had been before that time united, as we have found no later mention of more than one, which was afterwards in the Parkers^s; and is now, by inheritance, the property of William Parker Hamond, Esq.

The impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage, which belonged formerly to the nuns of Blackeburgh^t, were, after the reformation, successively in the families of Wood and Tyrrell, and are now the property of John Mortlock, Esq., of Cambridge: the parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1799, by which allotments of land were given in lieu of tithes.

PAPWORTH-AGNES, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies on the borders of Huntingdonshire, about five miles nearly south of Huntingdon, and about twelve nearly west of Cambridge.

The manor of Ruffells, in this parish, belonged, in the reign of King John, to a family of that name, from which it passed successively to the families of Papworth and Mallory. The Mallorys, who became possessed in the reign of Henry V., re-

^o Bentham's Ely, p. 84.

^p Ibid. p. 272.

^q Temp. Edward III., as appears by the Escheat Roll.

^r Sir Henry Brock held it, temp. Edward I.; Sir John de Creek, temp. Edward II.; Henry Colville, temp. Henry VII.; Thomas Marsh, 15 Jac. I. Escheat Rolls.

^s The Parkers succeeded the family of Marsh about the year 1706.

^t It was appropriated to them in the year 1377.

tained it till the early part of the seventeenth century, when they sold it to the Caters^u: it has been since in the families of Cotton and Pigott; and is now the property of Mrs. Grace, who has the patronage of the rectory. The manor-house stands partly in the county of Huntingdon. The manor of Francis's, after having been in the families of Beaumys and Francis, passed to the Mallorys, and became united to the other manor.

In the *Nomina Villarum*, bearing date 1316, John Knevett is mentioned as lord of a manor in Papworth; and it appears that his descendants continued to possess an estate there in 1517^x. Ten virgates of land in this parish were held in the reign of Edward I., (being then the property of John Russell,) by the service of maintaining two paupers, to pray for the souls of King Henry III. and King John^y. A small estate, afterwards annexed to the manor of Ruffells by the Mallorys, was held formerly under the Bishop of Ely, by the annual render of twenty-five wooden trenchers^z.

PAPWORTH-EVERARD, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies about six miles south of Huntingdon, and about ten miles nearly west of Cambridge. The manor having been successively in the families of De Beche and De la Haye, passed, in moieties, by female heirs, to the St. Georges and Blitons. Blitons moiety passed, by inheritance, to the Wimbishes and Nortons, and afterwards, by successive sales, to the families of Mallory and Thoroughgood^a. About the middle of the seventeenth century, the whole was vested in the Mordens; and having since passed, by successive sales, through the families of Phillips, Pedley, Holworthy, and Moreland; is now the property of Charles Madryll, Esq.

The master and fellows of Trinity College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the rectory.

RAMPTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about six miles north of Cambridge. The manor was for several generations in the ancient family of Lisse, of Ridgmont^b, who, in the reign of Edward I., had a weekly market at Rampton, and an annual fair^c: we have not found any record of the grant. The manor was afterwards in the Scropes^d: about the year 1623,

^u Layer's MSS. ^x Escheat Roll, Henry VIII. ^y Hundred Roll. ^z Escheat Roll, Edward II.
^a Layer's MSS. ^b From the reign of Henry III. to 30 Edward III. Layer's MSS., and Esch. ^c Hundred Roll. The festival is not mentioned. ^d In the reign of Richard II., there was a law-suit between John Windfor and Sir Richard le Scrope, for the manor of Rampton, and other estates, which was determined in favour of the latter. See Pat. 17 Richard II. p. 2.

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having been in the family of Alcock, it was purchased by Sir John Lemon^c, alderman of London, whose descendant sold it to Mr. Strode, the present proprietor.

In the parish church is an ancient monument of one of the Lisle family, whose residence is supposed to have been a little to the east of the church, where is a moated site, with considerable vestiges of buildings.

Soon after the conquest, Picot, the sheriff, gave the advowson of Rampton to the monks of Barnwell: the Reverend John Perkins is the present patron and incumbent.

ROYSTON, a market town on the road from London to Cambridge, lies partly within this county, but mostly in Hertfordshire. The Cambridgeshire part contains nothing worthy of notice, except the sites of the King's house, and the hospital of St. Nicholas; the town, therefore, will be treated of more at large in the county of Herts, in which are the church, the sites of the priory, and of the hospital of St. John and St. James, the market-place, and the subterraneous chapel.

The King's house was built by King James I., as an occasional residence for enjoying the amusements of hawking and hunting. That monarch was at Royston with his favourite, the Earl of Somerset, when he received intelligence of the murder of Sir Thomas Overbury: the Earl was arrested as a principal in this infamous transaction in the King's presence; and it is said, that his Majesty, who, at the moment of the arrest, had been leaning on his favourite's shoulder, said very coolly, as soon as he had quitted the apartment, "Now the De'el go with thee, for I will never see thy face any more^f." At the commencement of the civil war, King Charles removed from Hampton Court to his house at Royston, previously to his setting up his standard at Nottingham^g. On the 24th of June 1647, being a prisoner to the army, whose head-quarters were then at Royston, he was lodged in his own house there two nights^h. The survey of Royston-houseⁱ, taken during the *interregnum*, describes the King's lodgings as in good repair, consisting of a presence-chamber, privy-chamber, and other rooms. It has since gone to decay, and there are now very small remains of the building. In 1753, the site was leased to John Minchin for fifty years; this lease, at the time of its expiration in 1803, was vested in Mrs. Anne Wortham, to whom it has not as yet been renewed.

^c Escheat Roll, Jac. I. of King Charles I., p. 482.
tation Office.

^f Coke's Detection, vol. I. p. 82, 83.

^h Whitlocke's Memorials, p. 258.

^g Sanderfon's Life

ⁱ In the Augmenta-

The hospital of St. Nicholas existed as early as the reign of King John, who granted the brethren a fair at the festival of St. Nicholas^k. There are no remains of this hospital, the site of which is covered with modern buildings.

SAWSTON, in the hundred of Whittlesford, and deanery of Camps, lies about six miles south of Cambridge, and about seven nearly north of Royston. There are four manors in this parish, Pyrotts, Dernford, Dale, and Huntingtons; all now the property of Ferdinand Huddleston, Esq. The manor of Pyrotts continued, until the year 1329, in the immediate descendants of Pirotus, who held it under Eudo Fitzhubert, Steward of the Household to William the Conqueror. Sir Edmund De la Pole died seised of this manor and Dernford in 1419^l. Mr. Huddleston's ancestor married one of the co-heiresses of John Neville, Marquis Montagu, and in her right acquired these manors, which had descended from the De la Poles, through the Ingoldesthorps, to the noble family of Neville. The manors of Dale and Huntingtons were purchased by Sir Edmund Huddleston before the year 1580^m: the manor of Dale, or Le Dale, had been in the Sawstons, who held it under the manor of Pyrotts, by the service of finding an armed soldier, whenever the owner of that manor should attend the King to the warsⁿ. The manor of Huntingtons was purchased of the Moores, representatives of the Huntingtons from whom it acquired its name. A paramount manor in Sawston, was confirmed, in the reign of Richard III., to the Duke of Buckingham, as representative of the Bohuns and Mandevilles: one Roger held an estate under Geoffrey de Mandeville, when the Survey of Domesday was taken.

William Huddleston, who settled at Sawston, in consequence of his marriage with one of the co-heiresses of the Marquis Montagu, was of an ancient family in Cumberland; his son, Sir John Huddleston, entertained the Princess Mary at his house, immediately after the death of her brother, King Edward VI., and contrived her escape to Framlingham Castle, for which his house was plundered by the mob, who took part with Lady Jane Gray. The Princess is said to have been conveyed to Framlingham on a double horse, behind Mr. Huddleston's servant; on her accession to the throne, she rewarded her protector by bestowing on him the honour of Knighthood, and making him Vice-chamberlain; it has been said also, that she gave him a great part of the materials of Cambridge Castle to re-

^k Tanners. ^l Esch. 7 Henry V. It appears by the Escheat Roll, that the De la Poles had Dernford as early as 37 Edward III. ^m From the information of Mr. Huddleston. ⁿ See the Hundred Roll for Cambridgeshire, and Escheat Rolls.

build his house at Sawston : it may be observed, however, that this ancient mansion, now the seat of Ferdinand Huddleston, Esq., is chiefly of brick : the date corresponds with the tradition, for it appears that it was built in 1557. In the gallery are several portraits of the Huddleston family ; among which is that of Sir John Huddleston above-mentioned. In the parish church, are monuments for Sir John, and others of the family ; there is an ancient tomb also for Hera De la Pole, who died in 1423 : she was wife of Sir Walter De la Pole, and daughter and heir of Thomas Lord Bradston ; this tomb is almost concealed by a monument of one of the Huddlestons.

The rectory of Sawston, which had belonged to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem, or rather to the preceptory of Shengay, which was subordinate to that priory, was granted, by King Henry VIII., to Sir Richard Long : it is now in moieties between Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Gosling^o, who are joint patrons of the vicarage. The parish of Sawston having been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament, passed in 1802, the impropiators and the vicar have allotments of land in lieu of tithes.

GREAT-SHELFORD, in the hundred of Triplow, and deanery of Barton, lies about four miles nearly north of Cambridge. The Bury manor, in Shelford, was given to the monastery of Ely by the parents of Leofsin, when he was professed a monk^o : having been assigned to the Bishop in the reign of Henry I., it continued to be annexed to the see, until alienated to the crown by Bishop Heton, in the year 1600. After having been, in the intermediate time, in the family of Goldwell^s, it was purchased, in 1614, of the executors of Christopher Rogers, for the sum of 2000 l., by the master and fellows of Gonville and Caius College.

The manor of Valence, Moynes, or Grendons, now corruptly called Granhams, was anciently in the Le Moynes, of whom it was purchased, in the reign of Edward II., by Agnes Valence^r : it was held, by what was called Goldsmith's service, that is, the making or repairing the King's crown whenever either should be wanted, being allowed 2 s. a-day for wages^s. From the Valences this manor descended to the family of Hastings, under which it was held by the Grendons : in the reign

* The impropriation and advowson had been divided into six parts, one of which had been in the Huddleston family more than a century ; the other five parts were, in 1724, the property of Stephen Corby, of whose co-heirs they were purchased by Mr. Gosling. Mr. Huddleston has since purchased two of these parts, in consequence of which he is become possessed of a moiety of the rectory, and has the alternate presentation. ^r Bentham's Ely. ^s Luyer's MSS. ^t Ibid.

^t Hundred Roll, 8 Edward I.

of Henry VIII., it was purchased by Sir John Hinde, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, whose son, Sir Francis, sold it to the Goldwells¹. In 1632, it was the property of Valentine Cary, Bishop of Exeter, whose nephew, Ernestus Cary, in the year 1646, sold it to the family of Ventris: it passed afterwards to the Duncombes, of whom it was purchased, in 1714, by the master and fellows of St. John's College in Cambridge.

The parish church is said to have been built by Bishop Fordham, who died in 1425: the steeple was blown down by the great storm in 1703, and again in 1798; it has since been rebuilt by subscription. In this church are monuments, and other memorials, for the families of Goldwell, Torrell, and Redman: of the latter family was Dr. William Redman, Bishop of Norwich, who died in 1602: his widow was buried at Shelford: Mary Redman, a young lady of this family, who died in 1612, is described, in her epitaph, as "a fair flower whom too hasty death pluck'd from the face of the earth, to stick in the bosom of heaven."

The Bishop of Ely is impropiator of the great tithes, and patron of the vicarage.

LITTLE-SHELFORD, in the hundred of Triplow, and deanery of Barton, lies about five miles south of Cambridge, near the road to Chesterford. The manor was for more than three centuries in the family of Freville², of which it was purchased, soon after the year 1600, by J. Bankes, Esq.³ Mr. Bankes sold the manor-house to Sir Toby Palavicini; and his son the manor to Daniel Wigmore, Archdeacon of Ely. On the site of the manor, Sir Toby Palavicini built a house in the Italian style of architecture, which, when scarcely finished, he sold to John Gill, Esq.⁴ It was afterwards again united to the manor, and the estate was sold, in the year 1707, to Roger Gillingham, Esq., of whose family it was purchased, in 1745, by William Finch, Esq. Mr. Finch pulled down the house which had been erected by Sir Toby Palavicini, and built another on the site. The manor, and advowson of the rectory, are now the property of William Finch Finch, Esq., formerly William Finch Ingle. The manor-house is occupied by Mr. Charles Finch.

In the parish church is the monument of Sir John Freville, a Crusader, who died 6 Edward II., [see p. 63.] and some memorials for the families of Wale and Ingle.

There was formerly a hermitage at the bridge, between Great and Little-Shelford, of which John Lucas was hermit, in 1398⁵.

¹ Layer's MSS.
tanca, p. 8.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Blomefield's Collec-

SHENGAY, which gives name to a deanery, lies in the hundred of Armingford, about seven miles north-west of Royston. The manor of Shengay, written in the record of *Domesday Scelgei*, was, at the time of taking that survey, the property of Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel and Shrewsbury. In the year 1140, his daughter, Sibylla de Reynes^a, founded at this place a preceptory of Knights Hospitallers, to whom she gave the manor^b; a sister of this order is spoken of as resident at Shengay in 1180^c. After the reformation, the preceptory of Shengay was given, with the manor, to Sir Richard Long, from whom this estate passed, by a female heir, to the noble family of Russell. When the brave Admiral Russell, who possessed this manor, was created an Earl, his second title was Viscount Shengay. The manor is now, by inheritance, the property of the Marchioness of Downshire^d. The remains of Shengay-house, formerly the preceptory, were taken down about the year 1794; the hall, and some other parts of the conventual buildings, were standing not many years before. There was formerly a monument at Shengay for Sir Robert Dalyon, preceptor of the Knights Hospitallers, who died in 1404^e. The present chapel at Shengay, which was built by Lord Sandys^f, the Marchioness of Downshire's father, has been of late years disused. The benefice is a curacy, now consolidated with Wendy, and in the patronage of the Honourable Thomas Windfor, who is impropriator of the tithes; Shengay is nevertheless esteemed a separate parish.

SHEPRETH, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about eight miles nearly south of Cambridge, and about six north of Royston. The manor of Chatteris, in Shepreth, to which the advowson is annexed, belonged to the nunnery of Chatteris; and was granted, after the reformation, first to Elrington and Metcalf^g, and afterwards to Sir William Laxton, alderman of London: Sir William's niece brought it in marriage to the Wautons, from whom it passed, by bequest, to William Layer, Esq., father of John Layer^h, the antiquary. The last heir-male of the Layer family died in 1706; the manor of Shepreth was purchased of his representatives, by the ancestor of the present proprietor, Hale Wortham, Esq. of

^a Camden speaks of this lady as the wife of John de Reynes. She was either before or afterwards the wife of Robert Fitzhamon. See Dugdale's Baronage, vol. I. p. 29. ^b Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. II. p. 546. ^c Ibid. vol. II. p. 550. ^d See p. 167. ^e Cole's MSS. ^f Ibid. ^g Record in the Augmentation Office. ^h See in p. 77, some account of Mr. Layer's Collections for Cambridgeshire, which we have frequently quoted, and from which the particulars relating to this manor are taken.

Roylton: the manor-house, which was built by Mr. Layer, has been long occupied by the tenant of the farm. The lord of this manor possesses a right of free-warren, and has a royal charter for keeping swans on the stream which runs from Ashwell, in Hertfordshire, to Cambridge. The manor of Tyrrells, or Flambards, was successively in the families of Fitz-Ralph and Tyrrell; from the latter it passed, by a female heir, to the noble family of Petre^b, in which it continued until the early part of the last century, when it passed to the Coxalls, of whom it was purchased, in 1760, by the father of William Woodham, Esq., the present proprietor, who resides in the manor-house.

The manors of Dockwra's and Wimbish were formerly one, which was successively in the families of De la Hayeⁱ and Engayne; having been divided into moieties, between the Blitons and St. Georges, they became two manors, called, from subsequent proprietors, Dockwra's and Wimbish: they were again united by purchase in the family of Ingre; and, by successive conveyances, passed to the Hancocks and Richardsons, and, by bequest, to the Hales^k: having been a second time separated, Dockwras now belongs to Mr. Woodham, and Wimbish to Mr. Ingle, by inheritance from his uncle, Mr. John Gifford, who purchased it of John Stevenson, Esq. of Newton. Dockwra's has been in Mr. Woodham's family since the year 1759, and, during the preceding century, had passed through the families of Ladkin, Plover, Hunt, Comber, and Fairchild.

In the parish church are some monuments of the Layer family. Mr. Wortham is impropiator of the great tithes, which belonged to the nuns of Chatteris; and is also patron of the vicarage.

SNAILWELL, in the hundred of Staplehoe, and deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies about three miles north of Newmarket. The manor was given to Ely Abbey by the parents of Leofsin, when he was professed a monk, in the reign of Edward the Confessor; the abbot leased it to Archbishop Stigand: when the Survey of Domesday was taken, it was possessed by Hugh de Porth, ancestor of the St. Johns; this record states, that it was claimed by Simeon, abbot of Ely; and Wharton mentions that it was recovered by his successor Nigellus^l; but we find no other traces of the Abbot, Prior, or Bishop of Ely, having a manor in Snailwell. The Lords St. John of Basing, descended from Hugh de Porth, had a superior manor, which was held under them, as of the manor of Basing, by the families of Manners,

^b Layer's MSS. in 1324. Escheat Roll.

ⁱ A fair at Shepreth was granted to John De la Haye by King Edward II.,

^k Layer.

^l Anglia Sacra.

Hengrave and Thornton^m. The Pastons held a manor, in Snailwell, immediately of the King, in the reigns of Henry VI. and Edward IV.ⁿ In the year 1523, Thomas Chefewright held the manor of Hale in Snailwell, which had been Robert Burley's, under the prior of St. John of Jerufalem^o: in 1564, John Gatward held the manor-farm of Spinney under William Paston^p. Samuel Clarke, Esq. being possessed of the manor of Snailwell, and having a feat there, was created a Baronet in 1698; Sir Arthur Clarke, by whose death the title became extinct, was buried at Snailwell, in the month of June 1806. The manor was sold by Sir Samuel Clarke to the grandfather of the Honourable Thomas Brand, of whom it was purchased by the late John Tharp, Esq. of Chippenham: it is now the property of his grandson, a minor. The manor-house has been long uninhabited, and is in a very ruinous state.

In the parish church are some memorials of the family of Lucke. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

SOHAM, in the hundred of Staplehoe, and deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, is a considerable town, on the borders of Suffolk, about five miles south-east of Ely, and about seven nearly north of Newmarket. It had formerly a market on Thursdays, which has been disused somewhat more than a century^q. There are still two fairs, May 9th, for cattle, horses, and pedlary, and the Monday before Midsummer, now a mere holiday fair: another fair, held some years ago three days before Michaelmas, has been discontinued. We have not been able to find the charters, either for the market or fairs; it is probable that the former was held by prescription, as Soham appears to have been a place of note from a very remote period, having been the see of the Bishops of the East-Angles; Felix, the first Bishop, was buried there, but afterwards removed to Ramsey^r: the Bishop's palace, and a church, were destroyed by the Danes in 870^s. On the east side of the street, opposite the church, are many vestiges of buildings, and several human bones were dug up on this spot a few years ago^t: there is no doubt that this was the site of the Bishop's palace and the cathedral church, which, it is probable, were adjoining buildings.

^m Escheat Rolls, Edward III., Henry VI., &c. ⁿ Escheat Rolls. ^o Ibid. Henry VIII.

^p Ibid. Eliz. ^q Some aged inhabitants, now living, affirm that their fathers remembered the market in their younger days. ^r Leland's Collectanea, vol. II. p. 247. ^s Ibid.

247, 248. ^t From the information of Mr. Fisher, the present vicar.

Before the draining of the fens there was a large lake or mere at Soham, through which was in ancient times a dangerous passage by water to Ely^u: Hervey, Bishop of Ely, made a causeway from Ely to Soham through the fens^x.

The manor of Soham, having been parcel of the ancient demesne of the crown, (as appears by the Survey of Domesday) was given by King John to Hubert de Burgh^y; John de Burgh conveyed it to King Edward I. in 1273^z: in 1372, it was granted to John Duke of Lancaster^a; and, in 1459, was made parcel of that Duchy: in 1604, it was granted to Sir Roger Aston and Richard Grymeditch; and, in 1624, to Edward and Robert Ramsey, in trust for the Earl of Holderness^b, of whom it seems to have been purchased by the Chicheleys, for it appears that they possessed it in 1632^c. Sir Charles Wager was lord of this manor in the early part of the last century; it was sold by him to Edward Harrison, Esq., Governor of Fort St.-George, whose daughter brought it in marriage to Charles Viscount Townshend. It is now the property of Thomas Martin Dennes, Esq., by whom it was purchased, in 1806, of the late Marquis Townshend. This manor extends into the parish of Fordham.

The abbot and convent of Ely had a small manor in Soham, given them by Duke Brithnoth in 991^d; this estate continued in the church of Ely when the Survey of Domesday was taken; and it appears that it was held under the Bishops of that see, in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II. by the St. Georges^e. The family of Basset had a manor in Soham, in the reign of Henry III.^f, which passed by marriage to the Despensers^g. The families of Seyney^h, Crevequerⁱ, Mortimer^k, and Huntingfield^l, had manors in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II. One of these estates was afterwards in the family of Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester^m; and, having descended by female heirs to the families of Ingoldesthorp and Neville, has of late years passed, with the manor of Soham, by the name of Netherhall-Wygorne: this manor also extends into Fordham. Another manor, called Netherhall-Tindallsⁿ, has, during the last two centuries, been successively in the families of Barnes^o,

^u Leland's Collectanea, vol. II. p. 248. Soham Mere, containing 1369½ acres, has been drained and converted into tillage. ^z Dugdale on Draining. ^y Cart. 13 Henry III.

^a Pat. 2 Edward I. ^b Dugdale's Baronage, vol. II. p. 115. ^c From the information of Robert Harper, Esq., of the Duchy Office. ^d Layer's MSS. ^e Bentham's

Ely, p. 84. ^f Escheat Rolls. ^g Esch. 56 Henry III. ^h Esch. 9 Edward I.

ⁱ Escheat Rolls. ^j Esch. 10 Edward I. ^k Esch. 32 Edward I. ^l Esch.

1 Edward II. ^m Esch. 10 Edward IV. ⁿ John Tindall had a manor in Soham in 1500.

Escheat Roll. Henry VII. ^o Edward Barnes was possessed of it in 1561. Escheat Roll, Eliz.

Foulkes, Hanmer, and Hervey: in 1805, it was purchased of the Herveys by the present proprietor, Mr. Robert Pigott.

In the parish church, which has a large and lofty tower, seen at a great distance, are memorials of the families of Barnes, Hamond, and Cockayne.

The rectory of Soham was given by King Richard I. to the abbot and convent of Pyne, who, in the year 1285, conveyed it to the abbot and convent of Rewley, near Oxford. About the year 1450, it was purchased of the monks of Rewley by the master and fellows of Pembroke-hall², who are proprietors of the rectorial manor, and patrons of the vicarage.

The manor of *Barway*, a hamlet of this parish, was parcel of the estate of John Neville, Marquis Montagu, most probably inherited from the Tiptofts; and passed in marriage with his daughter Lucy to Sir Anthony Browne. About the year 1572, it was purchased by the master and fellows of Pembroke-hall, of the family of Pechey, or Petchie. At this hamlet is a chapel of ease, supported wholly by the inhabitants: there is another hamlet, about two miles from Soham, called the *Cotes*.

On the division of the commons in 1685, Sir Thomas Chicheley, then lord of the manor, and the other land-holders, allotted one hundred and sixteen acres of moorland for the benefit of the poor, the profits of which were to be appropriated to the purposes of setting them to work, providing a salary for a schoolmaster, and apprenticing children³: the master of the school, to which children of the poor are admitted without any limit as to number, receives at present a salary of about 50*l. per annum*.

Mr. Richard Bond founded three alms-houses at Soham in 1502, and Mr. Thomas Pechey nine others in 1581, all for poor widows; they are none of them endowed, except with a small allowance for fuel.

STANTON, or LONG-STANTON, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about six miles north-west of Cambridge: it contains two parishes and two churches, one dedicated to St. Michael, the other to All-Saints; but the boundaries of the two parishes are not now distinguishable.

The manor of Tony's, in Stanton, passed from the family of Tony, by female heirs, to the Beauchamps and Nevilles⁴; of this manor no later mention has been found, nor of that of Camps, which, in the reign of King Henry VII., was in the family of Ade, by inheritance from the Locrams⁵. The Colvilles had a manor in

² Obligingly communicated by the master from the College Archives.
of the vicar. ⁴ Layer's MSS. ⁵ Elcheat Roll.

³ From the information

Stanton, called after their name, which passed to the Burgoynes; and from them, by purchase, to the Hattons. The Cheynes had, from an early period¹, a manor in Stanton, called Walwyns, or Cheyne's Place, and another, called French Ladyes manor. The heiress of this branch of the Cheynes, married Thomas Lord Vaux, of Harrowden, whose descendant, Lord Vaux, possessed this estate in 1632².

A decree in chancery, bearing date 1757, states, that the ancestors of Sir Thomas Hatton, Bart., had been then possessed, for more than a hundred years, of the manors of Long-Stanton, Cheynes, Walwyns, and Colvilles. The family of Hatton, descended from the Hattons of Cheshire, settled at Stanton in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. John Hatton, Esq., the first of the family who resided there, was first cousin of the celebrated Sir Christopher Hatton; his third son, Thomas, succeeded to the estate, and was created a Baronet in 1641. Long-Stanton is now the property of Thomas Hatton, Esq., younger brother of Sir John Hatton, the present Baronet: the manor-house, a spacious ancient mansion, was some years ago modernized.

The church of St. Michael is thatched, and contains nothing worthy of notice: in the church of All-Saints are several monuments, and a *Columbarium* of the Hatton family. The church of All-Saints was given by John Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, to the collegiate church of Astley, in Lincolnshire, to which the great tithes were appropriated. Since the reformation, the rectory has been attached to the fee of Ely: the Bishop is patron of the vicarage. The Bishops of Ely had formerly a palace at Long-Stanton, whither they occasionally retired. Queen Elizabeth was entertained at dinner there by Bishop Cox, on the day that she quitted Cambridge, after her visit to the university, in the month of August 1564³. The president and fellows of Magdalen College, in Cambridge, are impropriators of Stanton-St. Michael's, and patrons of the vicarage.

STAPLEFORD, in the hundred of Triplow, and deanery of Barton, lies about four miles from Cambridge. The principal manor, called the Bury, was part of the ancient possessions of the church of Ely: it was one of the manors assigned to the monks, by Hervey, the first Bishop; and now belongs to the Dean and Chapter. The manor, or nominal manor of Sternes, in this parish, was so called from an ancient family of that name, who possessed it for several generations, and built a chapel at Stapleford: they were succeeded by the Woods. Sir John Wood

¹ Nicholas Cheyne had lands in Stanton, temp. Edward I.

² Layer's MSS.

³ Dugdale's

Baronage, vol. I. p. 233.

⁴ Queen Elizabeth's Progresses, vol. I.

fold it to Sir Henry North, of whose son it was purchased by Sir William Haughton^y; it was afterwards, for many years, in the family of Joscelyne: Arthur Joscelyne, the last heir-male, died in 1740^z; he was succeeded in the possession of this manor by the Earl of Godolphin, who probably purchased of his co-heirs. It is now, by bequest of the last Lord Godolphin, the property of Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne, younger brother of the Duke of Leeds, who has a seat at Gogmagog-hill, in this parish, which was rebuilt in the year 1759.

The dean and chapter of Ely are impropiators of the rectory of Stapleford: the Bishop is patron of the vicarage.

STECHWORTH, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about four miles south of Newmarket, and about ten east of Cambridge. The manor was given by Ofwy, a noble Saxon, to the abbot and convent of Ely, when his son Elfwin was professed a monk, for the purpose of providing him clothes during his life, and afterwards to remain to the convent^a. After the reformation, it was granted by King Henry VIII. to Sir Edward North^b: from the Norths, it passed, by purchase, to the noble family of Russell; and, about the year 1669, from the Earl of Bedford to Richard Lord Gorges, who died in the year 1712, in the ninety-fourth year of his age, having bequeathed this estate to his nephew, Henry Fleming. Richard Fleming, Esq., who died in the year 1740, gave it, by will, to the sons of Browne Willis, the antiquary^c. In the year 1786, the manor of Stechworth was purchased of John Willis Fleming, Esq., by Richard Eaton, Esq., who pulled down a large brick mansion, erected by Lord Gorges, and built another on the site, which he has given to his son, who resides in it; and has much improved the place by extensive plantations.

Lord Gorges, who sat in the Long Parliament, was surveyor-general of draining the fens, for twenty years; having been appointed to that situation in 1656^d: In the church is a handsome monument, to the memory of his son Henry, who died at the age of nineteen in 1674: it is ornamented with a figure, in white marble, of the deceased; and with those of his father and mother, in mourning attitudes. In the year 1700, Lord and Lady Gorges founded an alms-house at Stechworth, for two poor men and two poor women, and endowed it with³⁰ l. *per annum*;

^y Sir William Haughton was possessed of it in 1632. Layer's MSS.

^z Cole's MSS.

^a Bentham's Ely, p. 86.

^b Record in the Augmentation Office.

^c Cole's MSS.

^d Ibid.

the allowance to each of the paupers is 2 s. a-week, besides clothes and fuel; they are appointed by the lord of the manor.

Mr. Eaton is impropiator of Stechworth, and patron of the vicarage.

LONG-STOW, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about a mile from Caxton, and about ten miles nearly fouth-west of Cambridge. The manors of Stow and Brune were given to the abbot and convent of Ramfey by Ethelgiva, second wife of Earl Ailwin, who died in 985^d. Stow was held under the Abbey, by a family which took its name from the village, as early as the reign of King Henry I., this family continued to possess it for more than a century, and was succeeded by the Wautons and Denstons^e. In the reign of King Edward IV. it was in the Broughtons^f, from whom it passed by marriage to the family of Cheney: in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was purchased of the Cheney's by Anthony Cage, Esq.^g, who built the manor-house. The Cages were succeeded by the Boveys: Sir Ralph Bovey, Bart., who resided at Long-Stow, and died in 1679, bequeathed this estate to the Reverend Mr. Davies, who took the name of Bovey; his daughter and heir married Sir Thomas Alston, Bart., and, dying in 1778, gave this manor by will to her son John, of whom it was purchased by the Reverend Robert Thomson, L.L.D., the present proprietor. Stow-hall is now occupied by a farmer.

The manor of Borne-court, or Brune-court, which, in the reign of King Edward III., was in the family of Brune^h, was at a later period in the Gerysⁱ: it has been long united to the other manor. An estate in this parish, consisting of two virgates of land, was held until the reign of King Edward I., when the serjeanty was commuted, by the singular service of finding a truss of hay for the King's *Cloaca*^k, or, as some records^l express it, *Camera forinfeca*, whenever he should visit Cambridge: the Escheat Roll says simply, by the service of providing the King with a truss of hay whenever he should come to Barnwell.

Adjoining the parish church was a chapel built by Sir John Cage, who died in 1610; this chapel, which was blown down by a high wind in 1719, contained several monuments of the Cage family, one of which, with the effigies of a knight and his lady, is now in the chancel. The monument of Sir Ralph Bovey, Bart., who died in 1679, has a half-length statue of the deceased, in white marble, rising from

^d Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. I. p. 231.

^e Layer's MSS.

^f Esch. 20 Edward IV.

^g Layer.

^h Esch. 11 Edward III.

ⁱ Temp. Henry VIII., Escheat Roll.

^k See Bloant's Tenures,

^l Liber feodorum.

the tomb, and laying hold of an anchor let down to him by a hand from above, alluding to his epitaph ^m, which was written by himself.

Dr. Thomson is patron of the rectory: the parsonage-house is moated.

There was formerly a hospital at Stow for poor sisters, founded in the reign of King Henry III., by a chaplain of the name of Walter, who was some time vicar of the parish ⁿ.

Stow-QUI, or Stow *cum* QUI, in the hundred of Stane, and deanery of Camps, lies about five miles east of Cambridge, and about eight nearly west of Newmarket. The family of Traylly had the manor of Qui more than a century ^o. Reginald Traylly, the last heir-male, died seized of it in 1401 ^p; his estates passed, by inheritance, to the families of Hugford and Lucy ^q. This manor seems to be the same as Stow-QUI *alias* Holme-hall, which, at a later period, was successively in the families of Ansty ^r, Cholmeley ^s, Lawrence, Child ^t, and Whichcote. Sir Paul Whichcote, Bart. of Qui-hall, died in 1721 ^u; soon after which this estate was purchased by the ancestor of Thomas Martyn, Esq., the present proprietor.

Another manor, to which the advowson of the church of Stow was annexed, as early as the year 1273, belonged to the family of Engayne ^x: it was afterwards in the crown, and having been given by King Henry VI. to the provost and fellows of King's College in Cambridge, was reconveyed to the same monarch, and was by him granted to the prior and convent of Barnwell, to whom the tithes were appropriated ^y: we have not been able to discover what became of this manor after the reformation. The tithes are vested in the Bishop of Ely, who presents to the perpetual curacy. Brian Stapleton, son of Sir William, had a manor in Stow-QUI, called Brians, in the year 1419 ^z.

- ^m “ Vixi diu, mea vita fugax et inutilis ipse,
 “ Quæ mihi deficiunt perfecit ipse Deus:
 “ Immergor fundo, relevat tamen anchora Christus;
 “ En mihi mira falus, mors tua, vita mea.”

^o See the Hundred Roll for Cambridgeshire in the tower. The words of the record are: “ D^r. Walter, Capellanus, quondam Vicarius de Stow fundavit super duas aeras de terrâ extendent. juxta altam viam voc. Arming-street, domunclemof. ad hospitand. pauperes in honorem beatæ Mariæ Virginis et instituit ibidem ordinem puellarum quam vestiunt de Ruffet.” ^o Hundred Roll, 8 Edward I.—Escheat

Henry IV. ^p Esch. 3 Henry IV. The niece and heiress of Reginald Traylly married Sir William Hugford. ^q Escheat Rolls, Henry IV. and VI. ^r Ibid. Henry VIII.

^s Ibid. ^t Blomefield. John Child, Esq. had a feat at Qui in 1673. ^u Kimber's Baronetage. ^x Hundred Roll. ^y Blomefield. ^z Escheat Roll, Henry V.

In Stow church, which stands in the fields, at a distance from the village, on a spot called Stow-end, are memorials of the families of Sterne, Lawrence, Child, and Martyn.

Jeremy Collier, the celebrated Nonjuror, was born at Qui-Stow^a.

STRETHAM, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about seven miles south of Ely, and about ten north of Cambridge. The manor, which was purchased for the abbot and convent of Ely by Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, was afterwards annexed to the see of Ely, from which it was alienated to the crown, in the year 1600, by Bishop Heton: the next year it was granted to the family of Sandys. About the year 1658, this manor was in moieties between Sir William Walker and the family of Hanson: the latter moiety passed soon afterwards to the Harbords, and became sub-divided. The late Sir Charles Morgan, who had inherited one half of this moiety, purchased the other of Lord Byron: and having also purchased the other moiety of the Walker family, became possessed of the whole, which is now the property of his son. Sir Charles Morgan many years ago resided occasionally at a house in this parish, called the Plantation, formerly a feat of the Harbords.

In the parish church is an ancient gravestone in memory of Nicholas de Kingeston, who was rector of Stretham in the reign of King Edward I.: the Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

At *Little-Thetford*, a hamlet of this parish, is a chapel of ease. The manor of Little-Thetford, which was alienated from the see of Ely by Bishop Heton in 1600, is supposed to have been granted to Sir Roger Thornton, in whom it appears to have been soon afterwards vested: from the Thorntons it passed to the families of Sandys and Child. About the year 1770, John Drage, Esq., successfully prosecuted his claim to this manor in a suit at law, and it is now vested in his representatives, the Reverend Dr. Nafmith, and James Mereft, Esq.

SUTTON, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about five miles west of Ely: it had anciently a market on Thursdays, granted in 1312 to the prior of Ely, together with a fair for fifteen days at the festival of St. Lambert^b; they have been long both discontinued. The manor of Sutton was obtained by the convent of Ely, in the time of Brithnoth, the first abbot^c: it was one of those

^a Biograph. Brit.

^b Cart. 5 Edward II.

^c Bentham's Ely, p. 75.

assigned to the monks by Bishop Hervey, and is now vested in the dean and chapter. The parish church, a beautiful gothic structure, was built about the year 1370, in the time of Bishop Barnet. The vicarage is consolidated with the rectory of Mepal, in the patronage of the dean and chapter of Ely, in whom the great tithes of Sutton are vested. The dean and chapter support a charity school in this parish, and allow a salary of 20 l. *per annum* to the master.

SWAFFHAM-BULBECK, in the hundred of Stane, and deanery of Camps, lies about five miles west of Newmarket, and about ten north-east of Cambridge. A Benedictine nunnery was founded at this place, before the reign of King John, by the Bulbeck family; at the time of its dissolution it was occupied by a prioress and eight nuns, its revenues were then estimated at 40 l. *per annum*. In 1538 King Henry VIII. gave the priory estate to the bishop of Ely and his successors, in exchange for other lands^d: the impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage are annexed to this estate. The conventual church was built about the year 1352, there are no remains of it, nor of any other buildings of the nunnery, except some groined arches under a farm-house, which now occupies its site.

The manor of Swaffham-Bulbeck, which belonged at an early period to the family of Bulbeck, passed by a female heir to the Veres, Earls of Oxford, who possessed it for many generations. This manor, by the name of Michell-hall in Swaffham, is now the property of William Parker Hamond, Esq. by inheritance from the Parkers. The manor of Burgh-hall, now corruptly called Budge-hall, took its name from the family of Burgh, to which it belonged in the reign of King Edward III^e. From the Burghs it passed by a female heir to the Ingoldesthorps, and was afterwards successively in the Mordaunts and Alingtons^f. This manor now belongs to the Earl of Aylesford, whose father acquired it in marriage with one of the daughters of Charles, Duke of Somerset. A manor called Momplers was held under the manor of Burgh-hall, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by the coheiresses of Rudston^g.

A charity-school was founded at Swaffham-Bulbeck, in the year 1721, by Mrs. Frances Towers, and endowed with 50 l. *per annum*.

^d Tanner.

^e Esch. 8 Edward III.

^f Escheat Rolls, Henry VIII. and Eliz.

^g Escheat Roll.

This parish has been inclosed pursuant to an act of parliament passed in 1799, by which allotments of land were set out in lieu of the rectorial and vicarial tithes.

SWAFFHAM-PRIOR, in the hundred of Stane, and deanery of Camps, lies about four miles west of Newmarket: it contains two parishes, St. Mary and St. Cyric. There was formerly a market at Swaffham on Fridays, granted in 1309, together with a fair for five days, at the festival of St. John the Baptist, to the prior of Ely^y. The manor of Swaffham-Prior was obtained for the convent of Ely, by Brithnoth the first abbot^z; was one of those assigned to the monks, by Bishop Hervey; and now belongs to the dean and chapter.

There are several manors in the two parishes of Swaffham-Prior, besides that which belongs to the church of Ely. The manors of Baldwins^a, *alias* Lees^b, and Knights, were purchased by their late owner, John Peter Allix, Esq. of the representatives of William Finch, Esq. who died in 1779: the manor-house is occupied by a farmer. Swaffham-house, the seat of Mr. Allix, lately deceased, was purchased and rebuilt by his grandfather, Dr. Peter Allix, Dean of Ely: it had been for more than a century the property and residence of the family of Rant.

The manor of Totehill, or Totehall, so called from an ancient family of that name^c, was at a later period for some time in the family of Ellys, and is now the property of John Stevenson, Esq. whose mother was a daughter of Sir John Ellys. The manor of Shadworth^d belongs to the master and fellows of Queen's College, in Cambridge, having been purchased in the year 1478, with money bequeathed for that purpose, by John Collinson, Archdeacon of Northampton. One of the above-mentioned manors, but it is uncertain which, was in the reign of Edward II. in the family of Gosfield^e: a manor which might have been either Tothill or Shadworth, those names being of later date, was held in farm by William Pulteney, in 1349^f, granted to Robert de Corby, in 1361^g, and aliened to Evesham, in 1376^h. Another manor, which had been in the family of Brigham, belonged to Peter-house, in 1378ⁱ. St. Clere's manor, held by the family of that name un-

^y Cart. 3 Edward II. ^z Bentham's Ely, p. 149. ^a This manor took its name from the family of Baldwin, to which it belonged in the 13th century. Hundred Roll. ^b William Att-Lee had a manor in Swaffham-Prior, in 1408. Escheat Roll. ^c Joan Totehall had a manor in Swaffham-Prior in 1408. Escheat Roll, Hen. V. ^d John Shadworth had a manor at the same date. Ibid. ^e Nomina Villarum. ^f Escheat Roll Edward III.

^g Pat. 35 Edward III. p. 2.

^h Escheat Roll.

ⁱ Ibid, Edward III.

der the prior of Ely, the Earl of Oxford, William Att-Lee, John Shadworth, and Joan Tothill, in 1408^k, passed to coheiresses in 1439^l, and appears to have been in the Chamberleyne family in 1497^m: we have not seen any mention of it in records of later date, nor does its name appear to be now known.

The church of St. Cyric, having been for some years dilapidated, is now rebuilding: the old tower, which is square below, and octagonal at top, remains: the church of St. Mary has been pulled down, but the tower remains; in this church was the monument of Sir John Ellys, master of Caius College, who died in 1716, in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

The benefices of Swaffham-Prior-St. Cyric and Swaffham-Prior-St. Mary, were united by act of Parliament in 1667; the patronage of the one having been in the bishop of Ely, and of the other in the dean and chapter, the presentation is now alternate: the two parishes together are called the township of Swaffham-Prior. The impropriation is vested in the dean and chapter, the vicarage-house is at present occupied by Sir Charles Watson, Bart.

Some fen-lands having been allotted, under the draining-act, in 1663, for the benefit of the poor, the sum of 5*l. per annum* was appropriated as a salary for a schoolmaster, who teaches ten poor childrenⁿ: there is a good house for the master, near the church-yard gate. Some cottages are allotted for the poor, but they have no endowment.

The hamlet of *Reach* is principally in this parish^o: it lies about a mile to the north of Swaffham-Prior.

SWAVESEY, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Bourne, lies on the borders of Huntingdonshire, about four miles east of St. Ives, and about ten north-west of Cambridge. There was formerly a market at this place on Tuesdays, and a fair for three days at Michaelmas, granted to the Zouches, in the year 1243^p. The manor of Swavesey, which had belonged to Editha, the consort of King Edward the Confessor, was given by the conqueror to Alan le Zouch, Earl of Brittany, his son-in-law. This Alan gave the church of Swavesey to the abbot of St. Sergius and St. Bacchus, in Normandy; in consequence of which a priory of Black Monks was established at Swavesey, as a cell to that abbey. In the year 1393, the priory of Swavesey was conveyed by the abbot and convent of

^k Ibid. Henry V. ^l Ibid. Henry VI. ^m Ibid. Henry VII. ⁿ From
the information of the Reverend George Jenyns. ^o See p. 99. ^p Cart. 28 Henry III.
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St. Sergius and St. Bacchus, with the king's permission, to the Carthusian monks of St. Anne, near Coventry^a. The principal manor of Swavefey continued for many generations in the Zouches, collateral descendants of the Earls of Brittany, and passed by female heirs to the families of Burnell, Boteler Earl of Ormond, and Cary: Henry Cary, Lord Hunfdon, sold it to Sir John Cutts, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth^b. Sir John purchased also the manors of Bennetts, or Burgoynes, which had been in the families of Burgoyne and Heningham; and the manor of Hobbledods, which had been in the families of Hobbledod and Higham^c. Swavefey was for several generations the property and residence of the Cutts family, and passed afterwards by marriage to the Pickerings and Actons; of the latter it was purchased about the year 1718 by Thomas Sclater Bacon, Esq. who bequeathed it to John Standley, Esq^d. After an intermediate sale to the Marklands, it was purchased, about the year 1773, by the family of the present proprietor, Thomas Cockayne, Esq, of Ickleford. This manor had very extensive privileges granted by King Henry III. a view of frankpledge, twice in the year, free warren, the power of life and death, the regulation of weights and measures, &c. &c.^e About half a mile south-west of the church is the site of a castle, probably an ancient seat of the Zouches, who are known to have resided at Swavefey, in the fourteenth century.

The site of the priory, of which there are some small remains on the north side of the church, was granted with the priory manor, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the bishop of Ely and his successors. Mr. Cockayne, a few years ago, purchased of the late Duke of Bedford the lease of this manor^f, which is held on lives under the bishop. Mr. Cockayne is also lessee of the great tithes, which were appropriated to the priory in 1411, and granted to the see of Ely, together with the priory estate. Before their purchase of the manor, the Cockaynes had an estate in this parish, which they inherited from the family of Este.

In the parish church are several monuments of the Cutts family, of which there were five knights in succession, of the name of John. The monument of Anne, Lady Cutts, who died in 1631, is in the form of a cabinet of black marble, with folding doors set open. The young and beautiful Lady Cutts (wife of John Lord Cutts, of Gowran) whose amiable and interesting character has been delineated by the elegant pen of Bishop Atterbury, was buried at Swavefey; but there is no memorial of her in the church: she died Nov. 23, 1697, aged eighteen years and as many days.

^a Tanner. Roll, 8 Edward I.

^b Lamer's MSS.

^c Ibid.

^d Cole's MSS.

^e Hundred

^f It came to the duke by inheritance from the Howlands.

The master and fellows of Jesus College are patrons of the vicarage, the advowson of which was procured for them by Bishop Thirlby.

TADLOW, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies on the borders of Bedfordshire, seven miles north-west of Royston, and about thirteen south-west of Cambridge. The manor was anciently in the family of Fitzwarren^a; at a later period in the St. Georges^a, and afterwards in the Downings. It is now vested in the master and fellows of Downing College, in Cambridge, pursuant to the will of Sir George Downing, Bart. who died in 1749. This college has also the manor of Hobbledods, in Tadlow, which had in former times been successively in the families of Hobbledod, Brograve^a, and Hinde^b; and the impropriate rectory and advowson, which at an early period had been given to the monks of Barnwell, by Picot the sheriff.

TEVERSHAM, in the hundred of Flendish, and deanery of Cambridge, lies about four miles east of Cambridge. A manor in Teversham was given to the monks of Ely, by Brithnoth, the first abbot^c: as we find no further traces of this manor, it is probable that it was alienated and dismembered at an early period. The manor of Bassingbourn and Warburton, so called, we may presume, from families, by which it had been successively possessed, became the property of Dr. Watson, some time Bishop of St. David's, and was purchased of one of his representatives, Thomas Watson Ward, Esq. in 1786, by Mr. Loggan, of the Bull Inn, at Shooter's Hill: it is now, under a decree of chancery, passed in 1807, the joint property of Mr. Loggan's widow, and his heir at law. The manor of D'Engaynes, which had passed by a female heir from the family of De la Haye to that of D'Engayne^d, was given by Roger Townshend, Esq. in the year 1538 to the master and fellows of Caius College, in exchange for Pattisley, in Norfolk. The manor of Allens belongs to St. Thomas's Hospital in London, having been granted to the governors by King Edward VI., as late parcel of the possessions of the Savoy Hospital. The master and fellows of Pembroke-hall have an estate in this parish given them by Sir William Hussy, Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the reign of King Henry VII. In the parish church are the monuments of Edward Steward^e, Esq. 1596, and John Rant, Esq. 1696. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

^a Laver's MSS. and Esch. 22 Edward III.

^a Esch. Edward IV. and Henry VIII.

^b In the parish church is a memorial for John Brograve, who died in 1493; his son died seized of the manor of Hobbledods, in 1518.

^b Francis Hinde, Esq. was seized of this manor in

1550. Escheat Roll, Edward VI.

^c Bentham's Ely, p. 81.

^d Laver's MSS.

^e His only surviving daughter married Sir Thomas Jermy, K. B.

THORNEY, in the hundred and deanery of Witchford, lies in the north-west corner of the fens, about twenty miles from Ely; it has a small market on Thursdays, granted to the Earl of Bedford by the charter of the Bedford Level, bearing date 1638, together with two fairs, now held on July 1, and September 21: much frequented for the sale of horses and cattle; there is a holiday fair on Whitmonday. This parish, according to the returns made to parliament under the population-act in 1801, contained at that time 246 houses, and 1598 inhabitants.

At this place, which was originally called *Ankerig*, was founded about the year 662, a monastery, or rather an assemblage of hermitages, or as some writers call them eremitical cells^f, in which several hermits or anchorites lived under the government of a prior: it is said that Saxulph, the first abbot of Peterborough, was the founder; and that the cells were occupied by monks from that monastery^g. Some of the hermits had the honour of canonization, as St. Tancred, St. Torthred, and St. Tona. The Danes destroyed these hermitages in the year 870, and the place lay waste, until the year 972, when Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester founded, on the site, an abbey for Benedictine Monks, which became an opulent establishment, and ranked among the mitred abbies; its revenues were estimated in the reign of King Henry VIII. at 411 l. 12 s. 11 d. clear yearly value^h. A great part of its possessions, with the site of the priory, was given in 1549 to John, Lord Russellⁱ, ancestor of the Duke of Bedford, who is lord of the manor, and sole proprietor of the parish.

William of Malmesbury, who lived in the reign of King Henry II., speaks with great enthusiasm of the beautiful situation of Thorney, and the extreme fertility of the soil, and he describes it as abounding with orchards and vineyards^k.

^f See Stevens's continuation of Dugdale, I. 493.

^g Tanner.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k "Thorneia ulterior scripto & contractior spacio, sed prior laudum titulo, paradisi simulachrum, quod amœnitate jam cœlos ipsos imagnetur, in ipsis paludibus arborum ferax, quæ enodi proceritate luctantur ad sydera, æquorea planities herbarum viridantibus comis oculos advocat, currentibus per campum nullus offensionis datur locus. Nulla ibi vel exigua terræ portio vacat, hic in pomiferas arbores terra se subigit; hic prætexitur ager vineis, quæ vel per terram repunt, vel per baiulos palos in celsum surgunt. Mutuum certamen naturæ et cultus, ut quod obliviscitur illa, producat iste. Quid dicetur de ædificiorum decore, quæ solum mirabile quantum inter illas paludes solidum inconcuffis fundamentis sustinet? Solitudo ingens ad quietem data monachis, ut eo tenaciùs hæreant superis, quo castigatiùs mortales conspiciantur. Fæmina ibi si visitur, monstro habetur, maribus advenientibus quasi Angelis plauditur. Cæterum ibi nullus nisi momentaneè converfatur, famuli monachorum et ipsi feriatis diebus absunt. Verè dixerim insulam illam esse castitatis diversorium, honestatis contubernium, divinorum philosophorum gymnasium. Thorneie propter condensitatem dumorum vocata." Scrip. post Bedam. p. 167, 168.

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After the reformation, the greater part of the conventual church, which had been rebuilt between the years 1085 and 1125, was taken down; the present parish church appears to be a remnant of the Norman structure, and to have been formed out of the central part of the nave. In the church-yard are several tombs of the Refugee French, or Walloons; a colony of whom settled at Thorney, about the middle of the seventeenth century; having been employed by the Earl of Bedford in draining the fens. The epitaph of the Reverend Ezekiel Danois, who died in 1674, speaks of him as the first minister of the French colony, which began to assemble at Thorney, in 1652; but it appears that Bishop Wren granted a licence to Stephen de Cursol, a Frenchman, to preach at Thorney, either in French or Latin, in the year 1640: many of the inhabitants are descended from these refugees.

The Duke of Bedford is impropiator of the whole tithes of the parish, and patron of the donative, which is exempt from the bishop's jurisdiction.

An ancestor of the Duke of Bedford built a school-house at this place; the Duke allows a salary of 20*l.* *per annum*, to a master, and supports ten or twelve poor families in some alms-houses which have no permanent endowment.

TOFT, in the hundred of Stow, and deanery of Bourne, lies about six miles nearly west of Cambridge, and about ten north-west of Royston. The manor of Barnwell, in this parish, so called from having belonged to the priory of that name, was granted after the reformation to Sir Richard Gresham, and by him sold to Sir John Hinde¹. The manor of Leventhorp^m was anciently in the family of Beche, from which it passed in succession to the Avenells and Kymbells: it was purchased of the heirs of Joan Kymbell, by Francis Hinde, Esq. The two manors having been united in the family of Hinde, in the course of time lost their ancient appellationsⁿ: they have of late years passed, by the name of the manor of Toft, through various hands; and were the property of the Reverend Dr. Smith, prebendary of Westminster, lately deceased, who purchased of John Mortlock, Esq. of Cambridge.

In the parish church are some memorials of the family of Everfden of Everfden^o. The church of Toft was given by Alan, Earl of Brittany, to the abbey

¹ Laver's MSS. ^m It seems to have acquired this name from John Leventhorp, who inherited a part of the manor from the Stamfords, who were coheirs of the Kymbells. ⁿ In records of the reign of James I. and Charles I. they were still called the manors of Barnwell and Leventhorps, and the site of the former was described as the priory close. ^o William Everfden, Esq. of Great Everfden, was sheriff of the county in 1698.

of St. Sergius and St. Bacchus, in Normandy. The master and fellows of Christ's College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the rectory.

TRIPLOW, in the hundred of that name, and in the deanery of Barton, lies about eight miles south of Cambridge, about six nearly north of Royston, and about eight west of Linton. The manor of Triplow was given to the monks of Ely, by Duke Brithnoth, in 991; it seems to have been afterwards divided into two manors, one of which was attached to the fee of Ely, the other remained with the monks; and having been appropriated to the *Pitantiarius*, acquired the name of Triplow *Pittensaries*: this manor is now vested in the dean and chapter, under whom it is held on lease by Benjamin Wedd, Esq. The Bishop's, which was esteemed the principal manor, was alienated from the fee by Bishop Heton, in the year 1600; and immediately after this it passed by grant and purchase to the families of Harvey and Lucas¹: it is now the property of Ambrose Benning, Esq. by whose ancestor it was purchased in 1681: this manor is called Triplow-Bury, or Triplow-Place.

The manor of Barringtons, which was anciently held of the Earls of Hereford, by the service of meeting them at the boundary of the parish whenever they should pass through Triplow², continued in the family of Barenton or Barrington, from the reign of King Edward I. until about the year 1560, when it passed by sale to Richard Pryme, Esq. whose son continued to possess it in 1632³: it was afterwards in the Hatton family. Dr. Humphrey Gower, master of St. John's College, in Cambridge, who died in 1711, being possessed of this estate bequeathed it to his successors in the mastership, intending the house for their country residence; but it was only for a short time so occupied: about the year 1775 a great part of the house being out of repair, was taken down; the remainder was fitted up as a farm-house.

The manor of Bacons, or Bakyns, held under the Bishop of Ely, was successively in the Colvilles and Tyrrells; the latter continued to possess it in 1632⁴: this estate is now the property of Hale Wortham, Esq. of Royston. The manor of Crouchmans, which was also held under the fee of Ely, passed by female heirs from the family of Crouchman to the Huntingtons and Mordaunts⁵; it was purchased of the latter in the reign of Henry VIII., by the master and fellows of Trinity College, in Cambridge.

¹ Layer's MSS.² Hundred Roll.³ Layer's MSS.⁴ Ibid.⁵ Ibid.

The rectory of Triplov was appropriated to the master and fellows of Peterhouse by Bishop Bateman: the Bishop of Ely is patron of the vicarage.

Triplov-heath was the scene of a grand rendezvous of the Parliamentary army, under the command of Fairfax and Cromwell, in the month of July 1647^a.

TRUMPINGTON, in the hundred of Triplov, and deanery of Barton, lies about two miles south of Cambridge, on the road to Royston. The manor of Cayleys, or Trumpington De la Pole, to which the advowson of the church belonged, was anciently esteemed the chief manor in this parish; it was held under the Earls of Winchester, as early as the year 1237, by the family of Cayley, in which it continued more than a century; it afterwards passed in succession, partly by inheritance, and partly by purchase, through the families of Barrington, De la Pole, Ingoldesthorp, Neville, Scrope, Browne, Cutts, Chaplin, Bacchus, and Baron^c. The latter became possessed of it by purchase in the year 1616: in or about the year 1775, Mr. Crabtree, who married the niece and heiress of the last of the Baron family, sold it to the father of F. C. J. Pemberton, Esq. the present proprietor, who has a seat at Trumpington.

A manor, which belonged for nearly two centuries to the family of Trumpington^d, passed by female heirs to the Enderbys and Pigotts: it was sold by the latter, in 1547, to Edward Pychard, Gent.^e This manor was purchased of the Pychards, in 1675, by Sir Francis Pemberton, afterwards Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, from whom it descended to Mr. Pemberton, the present proprietor. In the year 1314, Giles de Trumpington had a grant of a fair, to be held within this manor for three days, at the festival of St. Peter *ad vincula*; the parish feast is still held on this festival: the manor of Trumpingtons was held formerly under the Lords Ferrars of Groby.

The manor of Arnolds took its name from the family of Arnold, who held it under the Valences^b; it afterwards passed by female heirs through the families of Porter, Francis, and Charlton: it was forfeited by the Charltons, and granted to John

^a Whitlocke's Memorials, p. 255. ^c See Layer's MSS. and Blomefield. ^d Esch. 17 Edward I., and 19 Edward IV. About the year last-mentioned, Sir Walter Trumpington, died seized of this manor, leaving an only daughter married to Richard Enderby, Esq. ^e Blomefield, —the name is sometimes spelt P'ycher or P'ychar. ^b In the reign of Edward IV., it was held under Lord Hastings, as of his manor of Great Shelford. Alicia de Hawkstone held a manor in Trumpington, which was possessed of considerable privileges, under the Valences, in the reign of Edward I., —Hundred Roll. It is not improbable that this may have been the same manor.

Fortescue, who died seised of it in the year 1518. This manor having been in the intermediate time in the Locker family, became, by purchase, the property of Dr. Eden, master of Trinity-hall, who died in 1645: it now belongs to Mr. Pember-ton, having been purchased by his ancestor, the Chief Justice, of the representatives of Dr. Eden.

The manor of Beaufoes, or Crochemans, was sold by the family of Beaufoe to that of Crocheman, or Crouchman, in the year 1331; from the Crouchmans, it passed by female heirs, or family conveyances, to the families of Winceflowe, or Wynstlowe, Huntingdon, Paris, and Bowyer: having acquired the name of Bowyer's manor, it escheated to the crown for a debt, being then in the family of Barne^x: it was afterwards granted to Hansard and others, who sold to Edward Bacchus, Esq. Mr. Bacchus rebuilt the manor-house; his grandson sold the manor to James Thompson, Esq. This was the estate of the late Christopher Anstey, Esq., author of the popular poem, entitled "the Bath Guide," and other poetical works: Mr. Anstey inherited it from the Thompsons; it is now the property of his eldest son, the Reverend Christopher Anstey: the manor-house is in the occupation of Nathaniel Wedd, Esq.

The manor of Tincotts, or Tickencotts, was formerly in a family of that name, afterwards in the Francis's: Sir Edmund Denny, who was made Baron of the Exchequer in 1514, was seised of this manor, and was succeeded by the Dacres, from whom it passed, by successive purchases, to the Pychards^y, and Thompsons: it was inherited, with Crochemans, by Mr. Anstey, and is now the property of his son.

Some records speak of a manor in Trumpington, as belonging to the nuns of St. Radegund, and afterwards to the master and fellows of Jesus College^z: The college has an estate of about thirty acres of land in Trumpington, but does not now claim any manerial privileges. The abbot and convent of Ely had a manor in Trumpington, given them by Duke Brithnoth in the year 991^a; it does not appear when this manor was alienated from the monastery, but no mention is made of it in records of a later date.

In the parish church is the monument of a Crusader, one of the Trumpington family^b; and some memorials of the Pychers or Pychards.

^x Layer. ^y From the Bowyers it appears to have passed immediately, by inheritance, to the Searles. Escheat Roll, Henry VIII. ^z The Escheat Roll of James I., speaks of a house at Dagling-end, held of the manor and fellows of Jesus College, as of their manor of Rade-gund, in Trumpington. ^a Hist. Ang. Scrip. vol. III. p. 493. ^b See p. 65.

William Austlin, in the year 1679, gave fourteen acres of land in Bottisham, now producing 10*l.* *per annum*, for the education of four poor children of this parish.

TYDD-ST. GILES, in the hundred and deanery of Wisbech, lies in the most northern part of the county, on the borders of Lincolnshire, from which it is separated by the shire-drain. The Bishop of Ely is lord of the franchise: the manor of Tydd-St. Giles, held under the Bishop, was in the family of Colville in the fourteenth century ^c; at a later period in that of Wood ^d: it is now the property of Lady Trafford, having been for a considerable time in the family of her late husband. The Bishop of Ely is patron of the rectory.

UPWELL, in the hundred of Wisbech, and deanery of Fincham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies partly in Cambridgeshire, and partly in Norfolk: as the church, the hamlet of Welney, and the greater part of the parish, are in Norfolk, it will be more particularly treated of under that county. In the Cambridgeshire part of the parish are the sites of two ancient monasteries: one of these having been known by the names of Welle, Mirmaud or Marmaud, was a small priory of Gilbertines founded in the reign of Richard I., or in that of King John, by Ralph de Hauville, as a cell to the priory of Sempringham, in Lincolnshire; it was valued in 1534 at 10*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* clear yearly income ^e. The estate belonging to this priory, now known by the name of Orman's farm, was granted, by Queen Elizabeth, to Perceval Bowes, and John Mosyer: it is now the property of Mr. Bacon, by purchase from the Audleys of Lynne, in whose possession it had been for many years ^f: there are no remains of the conventual buildings.

Little more is known of the priory of Thirling, than that such a religious house existed in the year 1528 ^g. Lands, called Thirlings, and an old mansion in the village of Upwell, which bears the appearance of having been a religious house, are now the property of Sir ——— L'Esrange.

Richard Greaves Townley, Esq., is lord of the manor of Upwell, by inheritance from the families of Bell and Beaupré, and is patron of the vicarage.

WATERBEACH, in the hundred of North-Stow, and deanery of Chesterton, lies five miles north of Cambridge, and eleven miles south of Ely.

^c Esch. 35 Edward III.

^d In the manor-house, an ancient structure, now occupied by a farmer, are the arms of Wood impaling Montague. Robert Wood, Esq., married a daughter of Sir Edward Montague in 1539,

^e Tanner's Notitia Monastica.

^f From the information of the Reverend John Townley, rector.

^g Tanner.

Robert,

Robert, chamberlain to Conan, Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond, having professed himself a monk at Ely about the year 1160, gave a small island, called Elmeneye, in the parish of Waterbeach, to that convent, in consequence of which a small cell was established there; but the monks being much incommoded by floods, it was soon afterwards removed to a spot of ground, given them by Aubrey Picot, at Denny, in the same parish. This little monastery appears not to have been long inhabited by the monks of Ely; for we find, that, in the following century, it was occupied by Templars, who were possessed of the manor of Waterbeach^l. In the year 1293, the Lady Dionysia de Mountchensi founded an abbey at Waterbeach^k, for minoreses of the order of St. Clare: in the year 1336, Mary de St. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, gave them the manor of Denny^l: two years afterwards, the same lady, being possessed of the monastery of Denny, which had belonged, as before-mentioned, to the Templars, whose order was then abolished, converted it into an abbey of minoreses, and transferred thither the nuns of Waterbeach, having previously obtained the King's licence^m. At the time of its dissolution, there were twenty-five nuns in this abbey, which was endowed with lands of the clear yearly value of 172 l. 8 s. 3½ d., most of which were granted, with the site of the monastery, to Edward Elringtonⁿ. The manors of Waterbeach and Denny, with the site of the abbey, which had reverted to the crown, were leased to Thomas Hobson, the carrier, and afterwards granted in fee to Sir George Whitmore, whose descendants continued to be possessed of this estate until the year 1700, or thereabouts. They were succeeded by Thomas Sclater Bacon, Esq.; from whom it passed by bequest to the Standleys: it is now the property of Henry Pointer Standley, Esq., who assumed the latter name on inheriting, by devise, the estates of the late Mr. Standley. The abbey-house, and demesnes, have been many years rented as a farm, (being one of the most extensive in the county,) by the family of Herrington. The present house is built within the body of the conventual church, and several semicircular arches and pillars are remaining, which evidently are part of the original structure: the refectory of the convent is now used as a barn^o. The manor

^l Tanner. ^k The site of this abbey was in the Hall-clofe, south of the church. ^l Pat. 10 Edward III. p^o. 1. ^m Pat. 12 Edward III. p^o. 3. ⁿ Tanner. ^o A plan of the remains of Denny Abbey was made out many years ago by the late Mr. James Effex, the architect, a copy of which is here inserted: the following account of these remains, which accompanied the Plan, is extracted from Mr. Effex's MSS. in the possession of the Rev. T. Kerrich.

“ It appears that the church of the original priory, founded in A. D. 1160, though small, was built in the form of a cross, with a tower over the intersection of the transept with the nave, raised upon four handsome semicircular arches, supported by four large pillars: the entrance was at the west end, by a door about four feet wide, with a round arch ornamented with a fret; and over the door

manor of Botelers in Waterbeach, was successively in the families of Boteler, Bohun, and Walwyn^p: the name is not now known. The Bishop of Ely has the impropriation of this parish, which belonged to the monks of Barnwell; and is patron of the vicarage. Robert Jenkins, an eminent divine, master of St. John's College, in Cambridge,

^p Layer's MSS.

was a window. The whole length of the nave, from the west door to the arch of the transept, was about twenty-seven feet; the breadth eighteen feet: on each side were two arches opening into the side aisles; and above the arches there were two windows, with small pillars and round arches. The whole length of the transept, from north to south, was about sixty feet within the walls, and the breadth about eighteen. The original roof was very near an equilateral triangle in the pitch. There are no remains of this church beyond the great eastern arch of the tower; but from the length of the nave, which is now standing, we may suppose it never extended more than three arches beyond the tower eastward; with two plain walls beyond, and a semicircular *Tribuna* at the end; this being the mode of building at that time.

This church is represented in the plan at (a); the parts now standing are distinguished by black lines: those parts which may be traced, though not standing, are hatched; and the parts not traceable, are filled with dots. There is part of a building adjoining to the south-west corner, at (h), which was part of the monks' priory.

If the eastern part of the old church was standing in the twentieth year of King Edward III., when the convent was enlarged by the Countess of Pembroke, it was then taken down and enlarged; the breadth being extended to the length of the old transept, and the length to about ninety-five feet: the width may be determined by two semi-pillars remaining at the west end, adjoining to the old tower; and the foundations of the south and west walls, on which the garden walls now stand, shew the extreme length and width of the whole.

It appears from the style of the buildings now remaining, and from the regular disposition of them in the plan, that the Countess of Pembroke not only enlarged the church, but rebuilt the other parts of the abbey to correspond with it. Adjoining to the north end of the transept of the old church was added a building, (b) which had a door, opening into a cloister, [c]: this probably was the abbess's apartment, and was separated from the other cloister, [ddd] by a door, with a large arch at [e]. There are two buildings, one on the east, the other on the west side of this cloister, [f & g] as appears by part of the old walls now standing, the remains of which are traceable. The width between the walls was about fifteen feet and a half; the length of the building on the east was about seventy feet; that on the west about ninety feet.

On the north side of the cloisters was the Refectory, a large handsome room, ninety-three feet six inches long, and twenty-two feet six inches wide: the walls were wainscotted part of their height, and the rest was plastered and painted in imitation of tracery, a sort of ornament much used in the time of Edward III: on the east side of the abbey was a spacious garden or pleasure-ground, inclosed with high walls, containing about four acres; in the angles of which there seem to have been summer-houses. There were many other buildings and offices belonging to the abbey, which were destroyed,

Cambridge, who died in 1727, was vicar of Waterbeach⁹, as was the late Mr. Masters, who wrote the history of Bene't College, and drew up a concise account of this parish, which was printed, but not published.

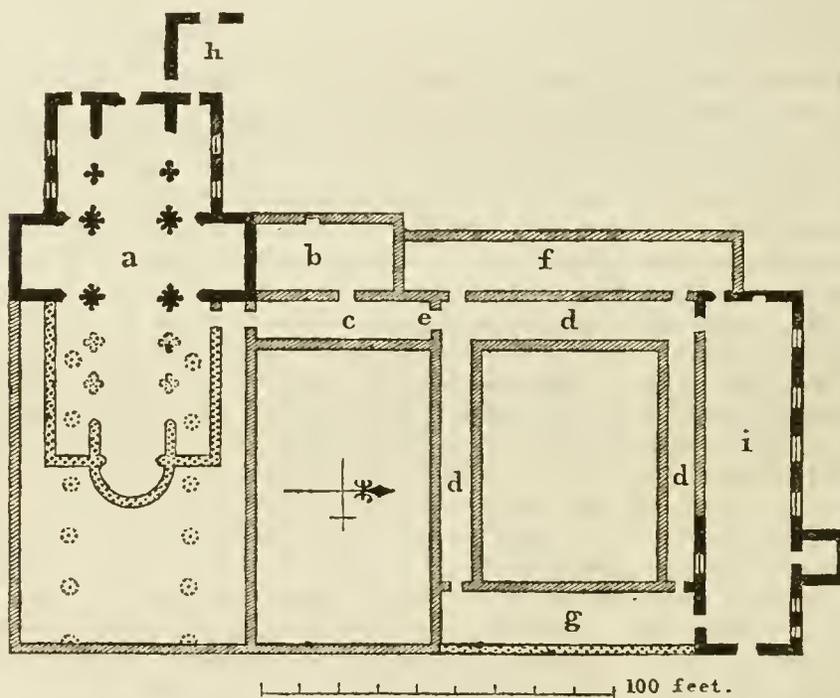
Mr. John Yaxley, alderman of Cambridge, by his will, proved, in 1628, gave directions for building an alms-house, at Waterbeach, for six poor widows, and endowed them with 12 l. *per annum*. The foundation of this alms-house has been usually ascribed to John Robson, who was Mr. Yaxley's executor: Mrs. Jane Brigham

⁹ Masters's History of Waterbeach.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

or converted to other uses after the dissolution; the new part of the church being then taken down, and the remains of the old part converted into a farm-house. The whole abbey was enclosed within a double entrenchment, which may be seen in several places."



Brigham, in 1705, gave, by will, a rent-charge of 15 l. *per annum*, to the widows in this alms-house.

Mrs. Grace Clark, gave, by will, in 1687, the interest of 100 l. for teaching six poor children, the remainder to be given to the poor: this money was laid out in the purchase of ten acres of land: Mrs. Dorothy Stone, who died in 1688, gave some land for the augmentation of the school^r. The master's salary is now worth more than 40 l. *per annum*, besides a good house and garden: the number of children is limited to eighteen.

WENDY, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about five miles nearly north of Royston, and about eleven south-west of Cambridge. In the reign of King Edward II., there were three manors in this parish, then held by the prior of St. John of Jerusalem^r; Walter Langton, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; and William Bradfield^t. The manor, which belonged to the priory, had been given to the Knights Templars by Sir Robert D'Engayne; and, on the suppression of that order, was granted, with most of their other estates, to the Hospitallers: the other manors became divided into three, called after the names of their proprietors, Gambons, Bramptons or Bromptons, and Fitz-Ralphs^u: it is probable that these have been united to the principal manor, which, from time immemorial, has passed with Shengay, and is now the property of the Marchioness of Downshire. Wendy great house is now occupied by a farmer.

The parish church is a modern structure. The rectory of Wendy was given to the monks of Ely, by Robert, chamberlain to the Duke of Brittany, and passed afterwards successively to the Templars and the Hospitallers: the Honourable Thomas Windfor is the present impropiator, and patron of the donative.

WENTWORTH, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about four miles west of Ely. It was one of the ancient manors belonging to Ely abbey; was assigned, among others, to the monks, by Bishop Hervey, and now belongs to the dean and chapter of Ely, who are patrons of the rectory: it was formerly annexed to the office of sacrist in the monastery.

^r Masters's History of Waterbeach. ^t There was a preceptory of this order at Wendy, inhabited by two of its sisters in 1180. Dugdale's Monasticon. ^u Nomina Villarum. ^v Richard Gambon was possessed of a manor in Wendy, temp. Rich. II.; and held another manor under the Fitz-Ralphs. Escheat Roll. The Bromptons was possessed of a manor from the reign of Edward I. to 36 Edward III. Laker.

WESTLEY, commonly called WESTLEY-WATERLESS, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about five miles south of Newmarket, about eight north of Linton, and about ten east of Cambridge. A manor in Westley belonged, from a very remote period, to the monks of Ely¹. It appears, by record, that a manor, in this parish, passed by conveyance, in the early part of the fourteenth century, from the family of Creke² to that of Vauncy, between which families there appears to have been an alliance³: Mary, daughter of Richard Gardiner, was seized of this manor in 1490⁴; in the reign of James I., it was in the Alingtons⁵; it is now the Earl of Aylesford's, by inheritance from Charles Duke of Somers⁶, who, it is probable, purchased of the representatives of the last Lord Alington: the manor-house is occupied by a farmer.

In the parish church, which has a circular tower, is a gravestone, with figures engraved on brass, of a knight, (supposed to have been Sir John Creke, who died in the reign of King Edward II.) and his Lady⁷.

The Reverend George Varenne is patron and incumbent of the rectory.

WESTON-COLVILLE, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about nine miles south of Newmarket, six north of Linton, and eleven east of Cambridge. The principal manor was for several generations in the family of Colville, to which it appears to have passed by marriage with an heiress of the Uffords, in the reign of King Edward I. In the year 1466, this manor being in the crown, in consequence of the attainder of Sir Thomas Fynderne, was granted, together with the manor of Weston-Moynes⁸, to Sir Thomas St. Leger⁹: they were afterwards restored to the Fyndernes¹⁰, from whom they passed successively to the families of Elliott¹¹, Puttenham, Dacre¹², and Carter¹³: they are now the property of John Carter Pollard, Esq., who is patron of the rectory: the manor-house is uninhabited.

The parish has been inclosed, pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1777, by which allotments of land were made to the rector, and some other persons claiming portions, in lieu of tithes.

WHADDON, in the hundred of Armingford, and deanery of Shengay, lies about four miles north of Royston. The manor belonged, in the time of William the Con-

¹ Domesday. ² John de Creke was lord of the manor in 1316. *Nomina Villarum*. ³ *Efch.* 49 Edward III. ⁴ *Efch.* Roll. ⁵ *Ibid.* ⁶ See p. 64, 65. ⁷ Dugdale's Baronage, vol. I. p. 626. ⁸ So called from the family of Le Moynes, who possessed it in the reign of Edward II. *Nomina Villarum*. ⁹ Pat. 6 Edward IV. p. 1. ¹⁰ Cole's *Efcheats*. ¹¹ *Ibid.* ¹² *Ibid.* ¹³ *Ibid.*
¹⁴ *Magna Britannia*, 1720.

queror, to Hardwinus de Scalariai, and continued in his descendants in the male line, until the death of Sir John D'Echalers, or De Scalers¹, in 1467^k, when it passed by co-heiresses to the families of Moyne, Moore, and Harcourt¹: the whole was inherited by the Tempests^m, of whose representatives it was purchased, in 1648, by Henry Pickering, Esq., created a Baronet in 1661: the title became extinct by the death of Sir Henry, the second Baronet, in 1705; his widow sold the manor of Whaddon, in 1716, to Edward Lord Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford; of whom it was purchased by Lord Chancellor Hardwicke; it is now the property of his grandson, Philip Earl of Hardwicke. In the above purchase were included the manors of Lady-Bury, and Whaddon *alias* Turpins. The manor of Lady-Bury, which was in the family of D'Echalers as early as the year 1355, was held of the honour of Richmondⁿ: the manor of Whaddon *alias* Turpins, was for about four centuries in the family of Turpin^o. In the year 1720, Edward Lord Harley conveyed to Edward Nightingale, Esq., a manor in Kneefworth, with a house and lands, which had then lately belonged to the Turpins, in exchange for a capital mansion and lands, called Lillies, in Whaddon, which have passed with the manor to Lord Hardwicke. The manor-house of Whaddon, which had been the feat of the Pickerings, was pulled down a few years ago.

In the parish church are some monuments of the Pickerings and Tempests: the brass-plates have been all taken away from the gravestones of the family of D'Echalers.

The rectory of Whaddon is vested in the dean and chapter of Windsor, who are patrons of the vicarage: it was appropriated to that collegiate church in 1351, having before that time belonged to the priory of Lewes^p.

WHITTLESEA, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies on the borders of Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire, about five miles east of Peterborough. It contains two parishes, St. Mary and St. Andrew, but their respective boundaries cannot be ascertained^q, and they are so far consolidated, that, although

¹ It appears by Dugdale, that the Lords Scales, who were of Middleton, in Norfolk, and possessed Haslingfield in this county by purchase, were of the family of De Scalariai, or De Scalers.

^k Esch. 7 Edward IV. ¹ Alice, one of the three co-heiresses of Sir John D'Echalers, married John Moore; Anne married John Harcourt; and Margaret, Henry Moyne. Escheat Roll, Edward IV.

^m Thomas Tempest, Esq., of Whaddon, died in 1644, as appears by his epitaph in the church.

ⁿ Escheat Roll, Edward III. ^o They were in possession at least as early as the reign of Edward I. Hundred Roll. ^p Escheat Roll, Edward III. ^q It is worthy of remark

that the vicar of St. Andrew, being entitled to the small tithes of that parish, can only obtain them by uniting with the lords of the manor, who have all the tithes of the other parish in a joint claim; the vicar is then allowed a third part of the small tithes of the whole, as it has always been supposed that St. Andrew's parish is not more than half so extensive as the other; both together contain about 2700 acres.

in distinct patronage, they are generally held by the same person; and only one register of births, &c. is kept for both.

Whittlesea had formerly a market, which had not been wholly disused, until within the last twenty years; the market day was Friday; we have not been able to find any grant of it on record: there is a fair for horses on the 13th of June.

The manor of Whittlesea-St. Mary, with the advowson of that church, belonged to the abbot and convent of Thorney; this estate has been for a considerable time in the Waldegrave family, and is now vested in the Countess Dowager of Waldegrave, and the representatives of her sisters, the late Countess of Euston, and Lady Hugh Seymour ⁹.

The manor of Whittlesea-St. Andrew, which had belonged to the prior and convent of Ely; and the impropriation ^r of the parish of St. Mary, together with the patronage of that benefice, have long been held with the manor of Whittlesea-St. Mary. The King presents to the vicarage of Whittlesea-St. Andrew.

In the church of Whittlesea-St. Mary, are memorials of the families of Hake, Whitstone, and Underwood; in that of St. Andrew, memorials of the families of Stona, Moore, Read ^s, and Underwood. The latter family had resided at Whittlesea many years before the civil war, at which time Hugh Underwood, Esq. was Deputy-Lieutenant of the isle of Ely, and Governor of Whittlesea ^t.

The church of Whittlesea-St. Andrew was given to the monks of Ely by Nigellus, Bishop of that see, for the purpose of augmenting their library, or, as it is elsewhere expressed, making books for the library ^u.

There is a charity-school at Whittlesea for the instruction of twenty-seven children; the master's salary is 25 l. *per annum*, of which 15 l. *per annum* was given, about the year 1730, by Mr. Kelfall. There are some alms-houses, supported by the parish.

Whittlesea, exclusively of the town, is divided into five districts, called *Etry*, *Cotes*, *Eldernal*, *Willow-hall*, and *Glassinoor*. At Eldernal was a chapel, consecrated in 1525, and long since dilapidated ^x; at Glassinoor were found, about the year 1742, several Roman lamps, made of the red ware ^y. Whittlesea-Mere is in the county of Huntingdon.

^r Under the will of their father James, Earl of Waldegrave.

of Whittlesea-St. Mary are attached to the manor.

was sheriff of the county in 1672.

Anglia Sacra, vol. I. p. 619 and 634.

^s The great and small tithes

^t Richard Read, Esq. of Whittlesea,

^u Noble's Memoirs of the Cromwells.

^v Wharton's

^x Cole's MSS.

^y Ibid.

WHITTLESFORD, in the hundred of that name, and in the deanery of Camps, lies about five miles west of Linton, about seven south-east of Cambridge, and about eight north-east of Royston. This place had in ancient times a market on Mondays, granted, in 1266, to Baldwin de Akeney, together with a fair for three days at the festival of St. Bartholomew²: the market has been discontinued beyond the memory of man, but a tradition still prevails in the village, that it was once a market town.

The manor of Whittlesford was successively in the families of Alkin or Akeney^a; Hanward^b, Scales^c, Bouchier^d, and Tylney^e: the Huddlestons, who purchased of the last-mentioned family, were possessed of it in 1632^f, and perhaps much later. About the year 1745, being then the property of Henry Earl of Carlisle, it was sold to John Stevenson, Esq., of whose son it was purchased by the father of Ebenezer Hollick, Esq. the present proprietor, who has a seat at Whittlesford, built not long ago, at no great distance from the moated site, within which stood an old mansion, that had been the seat of the Tylneys and Huddlestons.

The rectory of Whittlesford was given by Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, to the collegiate church of Warwick, to which it became appropriated: the present impropriator is Mr. Thomas Thurnall. The master and fellows of Jesus College, in Cambridge, are patrons of the vicarage, the advowson of which was procured for them by Bishop Thirlby.

Mr. William Westley, who died about the year 1723, gave two small farms at Hempsted, in Essex, now let at 50 l. *per annum*, for the purpose of founding schools at Whittlesford, for the instruction of thirty boys and fifteen girls; the master's salary is 25 l., the mistress's 10 l.; the remainder of the income is laid out in the purchase of clothes, books, &c. The Westleys inhabited an old mansion at Whittlesford, which bore the appearance of having been in former times the residence of a family of some consequence, having a great hall, with a raised floor at the upper end, for the master's table; it was become much dilapidated, and has been lately fitted up as a farm-house by its present proprietor, Mr. Hollick.

Selden, in his titles of honour, speaks of an alderman's court^g having been held at Whittlesford about the year 990.

The remains of the ancient hospital, at Whittlesford-bridge, are in the parish of Duxford-St. John.

^a Cart. 51 Henry III.
Roll, Edward II.

^b Temp. Henry III. and Edward I.
^c Ibid. Henry VI.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^f Escheat Rolls.
^g Layer's MSS.

^h An alderman's court, in Saxon times, was somewhat similar to our assizes.

WICKEN, or, as it was anciently called, Wykes, in the hundred of Staplehoe, and deanery of Fordham, in the diocese of Norwich, lies about six miles nearly south of Ely, and about thirteen nearly north of Cambridge; it had in ancient times a market on Mondays, granted in 1331 to Humphrey de Bassingbourn; together with a fair for three days at the festival of St. Laurence^h. The manor was anciently in the Thorntonsⁱ; from whom it passed by female heirs to the families of Bassingbourn^k, Colville^l, Gernon^m, and Peyton: Sir John Peyton, who died in 1393, married one of the daughters and co-heiresses of Sir John Gernonⁿ. Wicken was for many generations a seat of the Peytons of Isleham, of whom there are memorials in the parish church. Sir Henry Peyton, who lived in the time of the civil war, was an active parliamentarian; he published a pamphlet on the imprisonment of the five members, and another after the King's death, called "the Divine Catastrophe of the house of Stuart." The manor of Wicken was sold, about the year 1800, by the Earl of Beftborough, in whose family it had been many years, to Mr. John Rayner, who farms the estate, and resides in the manor-house. Spinney Priory, in this parish, was founded, in the reign of King Henry III., for three Austin canons, by Sir Hugh de Malebisse, who had married Beatrice, lady of the manor of Wykes: Lady Bassingbourn, about the year 1302, augmented it with four more canons. About the middle of the following century, this priory having fallen to decay, both in its buildings and revenues, was united to the priory of Ely, by Walter, Bishop of Norwich, as ordinary of the place^o. After the reformation, the site of the priory, and a manor in Wicken, which had belonged to the canons as early as the reign of Henry VI.^p, were granted in trust for Sir Edward North^q. Sir George Somerfet died seised of the priory estate in the year 1559^r: about the middle of the following century, it became the property of Henry Cromwell, some time Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, who, after the restoration of King Charles II., led a retired life at Spinney, until the time of his decease, which happened in 1673. He lies buried in Wicken church, where there are memorials for him, and some others of the Cromwell family^s. King Charles II. is said to have visited Henry Cromwell in his retirement, when the sports of the field led him on some occasion into the neighbourhood of Spinney abbey, and various traditionary

^h Cart. 5 Edward III.

ⁱ See Bishop Tanner's account of Spinney Abbey.

^k Ibid.

^l Dugdale.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Kimber.

^o See Tanner's Not. Mon.

^p Dugdale's

Monasticon, vol. II. p. 321, 322.

^q Tanner.

^r Cole's Escheats.

^s Elizabeth

Cromwell, buried at Wicken in 1674, has been erroneously taken for the Protector's widow, who died in 1665, and was buried at Norborough, in Northamptonshire, as appears by the register of that parish. See Noble's Memoirs of the Cromwells.

anecdotes are current, as to the circumstances of the visit². Henry Cromwell's son mortgaged the Spinney Abbey estate, in the year 1687, to Philip Welbore; it was afterwards purchased by Edward Russell, Earl of Orford, and is now by inheritance from Charles Duke of Somerset, the property of the Earl of Aylesford, who is impropiator of the great tithes³ of Wicken, and patron of the curacy.

In the year 1321, Mary, Lady Bassingbourn, founded a hospital at Wicken for seven poor old men; it was attached to the priory of Spinney, the monks of which were bound to provide for each of the pensioners, a farthing loaf, a herring, and a pennyworth of ale daily; besides fuel, and clothing^b. There are no remains of this hospital.

WEST-WICKHAM, in the hundred of Chilford, and deanery of Camps, lies about three miles nearly North of Linton, and about ten south-east of Cambridge. There were anciently two manors in this parish, called De la Hayes and Burnhams^c, from families to which they belonged in the thirteenth and the early part of the fourteenth centuries: both these manors, in or before the reign of Henry VIII., were united in the Alington family^d, and passed with Horseheath, until the sale of that estate by Lord Montfort: they were purchased about the year 1783 by the late Earl of Hardwicke, and descended with the title to his nephew, the present earl, who has the impropriation, and is patron of the curacy.

The manor of Wickham-Wolves, of which we find no other notice, was held under the Alingtons, by Edward Earl of Worcester, in the reign of Edward IV^e. The manor of Enhale, or Enhall, now called Eynell, in this parish, was held under the Bardolfs, by the family of Manners, in the reign of Edward I., and afterwards passed successively to the families of Duttertone and Harleston: it continued in the latter more than a century, until the attainder of Richard Harleston, in 1476^f, after this it was successively in the Alingtons and Bromleys, and is now the property of the Earl of Hardwicke. In the year 1326, Dionysia de la Riviere, heiress of the Peverells, who from an early period had possessed the manor of Stretly in this parish^g, conveyed it to Robert Pelican^h. Sir Guy de Bryen, in 1370, gave a manor in Stretly to the hospital of St. Bartholomew in Smithfieldⁱ. There was another manor in Stretly, called Stretly Hall, held un-

² See Noble's Memoirs of the Cromwells.

³ The rectory had been given to the priory of Spinney by Sir Hugh Malebisse, and appropriated to the canons of that house.

^b Tanner.

^c Escheat Rolls.

^d Ibid. Edward IV. and Henry VIII.

^e Escheat Roll, Ed-

ward IV:

^f Ibid. Edward I. Edward II. Edward III. and Edward IV.

^g Es-

cheat Roll.

^h Cl. 19 Edward II.

ⁱ Pat. 44 Edward III.

der the Bishop of Ely, of which Jane, wife of Sir John Clinton, died seised in 1386^b. The manor-farm of Stretly-hall, and another manor-farm called Yelling, having been successively in the Alingtons and Bromleys, were purchased with the manor of West-Wickham, as before mentioned, and are now the property of the Earl of Hardwicke.

WILBERTON, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, so called, it is probable, from Wilbertus, a Saxon, who was killed by the Danes in 870ⁱ, lies about six miles East of Cambridge, about eight north of Linton, and about the same distance west of Newmarket. St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, bought this manor of Bramdune, son of Athelforth, and gave it to the abbot and convent of Ely^k; it was afterwards attached to the see of Ely, from which it was alienated by Bishop Heton, in 1600. Having been granted to Sir John Jolles, alderman of London, he built a large brick mansion for his country-seat on the ancient site of the manor, called the Berrysted: it is now a farm-house. The manor passed in succession to the families of Thompson^l, Towers, and Barlee^m: it is now the property of Miss Catherine Buckle, devisee of the late Mr. Barlee.

The rectory of Wilberton has been from ancient times appropriated to the archdeacons of Ely, who have been patrons of the curacy; and the parsonage-house was formerly their country-seat. King Henry VII., and his son, Prince Henry, were entertained here by Archdeacon Alcock for several days, when that monarch came to offer his devotions at the shrine of St. Etheldreda, at Elyⁿ. In 1632, the parsonage was the seat of Sir Miles Sandys, as lessee under the archdeacon^o, and afterwards of the Malabar family: it is occupied as a farm-house by Mr. Crow, the present lessee.

In the parish church, a handsome light gothic structure, lie buried Archdeacon Wetheringfete^p, who died in 1440, and Archdeacon Bole, who died in 1477.

GREAT-WILBRAHAM, in the hundred of Stane, and deanery of Camps, lies about six miles nearly east of Cambridge; about eight north of Linton, and about the same distance nearly west of Newmarket. The manors of Great and Little Wilbraham, otherwise Temple, belonged formerly to the Knights Templars,

^b Esch. Ric. II. ⁱ See Ingulphus. ^k Hist. Ang. Scrip. III. 466. ^l Layer's MSS.

^m Cole's MSS. Haynes Barlee, Esq. was sheriff of the county in 1669.

ⁿ Layer's MSS. ^o Ibid. ^p Archdeacon Wetheringfete is mentioned among the eminent divines of this county by Fuller, who says that he flourished in the reign of Edward III.

who also possessed the church of Wilbraham. The estate of the Templars consisted chiefly of lands given them by William Loveday, which were held of the king, by the service of finding every year a fore sparrow-hawk, to be brought to the king's court by the proprietor, who had a right to his maintenance for twelve days, with two horses, two grooms, and two hounds^a. In the year 1545, King Henry VIII. gave the manor of Great-Wilbraham, with the rectory and advowson^c, which, after the suppression of the Templars, had been granted to the Hospitallers, to the college of Fotheringay^d: this college having been suppressed in the reign of King Edward VI., Queen Mary gave the manor and rectory of Great-Wilbraham to Sir John Huddleston^e, as a recompence for his seasonable assistance, when Lady Jane Gray was proclaimed Queen, immediately after her brother's death. Dr. Watson, afterwards Bishop of St. David's, purchased this estate of the Huddlestons in 1683; it passed next to Mr. Ward^f, who married the Bishop's niece, and was purchased of his family, in 1788, by the Reverend James Hicks^g, the present proprietor. The manor-house, the seat of Mr. Hicks, is called the Temple, and was probably the site of a preceptory of the Templars, which is known to have been established at Wilbraham at an early period^h. Mr. Hicks has also the manor of Lustres and Lovetofts; which belonged, in 1316ⁱ, to Edward Lovetot^j or Lovetoft, became afterwards vested in the Hospitallers, and has since passed with the other manor. The Templars had a grant of freewarren, which has been recognized and confirmed by more modern grants.

The manor of Great-Wilbraham, otherwise Liffes, belonged, in the reign of King Edward III., to the Baronial family of Lisse of Ridgmont^k; this family, though not summoned to Parliament at a later period, continued for several generations in the male line, and resided at Wilbraham. "The male heir of the family of Edmund de Lisse, says Camden, writing in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is still living, lord of the place, remarkable for his age, and blessed with a numerous family." William Lisse, probably grandson of Edmund, afterwards one of the

^a Blount's Tenures.

^c They had been previously granted (in the year 1540) to Sir Edward North, and by him surrendered to the crown.

^d Record in the Augmentation Office.

^e Sir John Huddleston appears to have inherited another manor in Wilbraham from Edward Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester, who was possessed of it in 1470. Escheat Roll, Edward IV. It was the same, probably, which, in 1316, belonged to Robert Fitz-Walter. Nomina Villarum. After the reformation, it appears to have passed with the Temple manor.

^f Thomas Watson Ward,

Esq. was sheriff of the county in 1743.

^g From the information of Mr. Hicks. ^h Tanner.

ⁱ Nomina Villarum.

^j The Lovetots were a family of Baronial rank; the site of their barony

and most of its lands were in Huntingdonshire. Testa de Nevill.

^k Esch. 16 and 30 Edward III.

Esquires of the Body to King Charles I., quitted his fellowship of King's College on succeeding to this estate; he was a learned antiquary, particularly conversant in the Saxon language, on which subject he published some treatises^c. We have not been able to gain any farther information concerning the family of Lisle, nor to discover whether it is extinct, or when this manor passed from them, or their representatives, into other hands: it is now the property of the Earl of Aylesford, by descent from Charles Duke of Somerset. The manor of Hinton-Uphall, in Cherry-Hinton, belonging to the representatives of the late Mr. Serocold, extends into this parish.

The impropriate rectory, and advowson of the vicarage^f, were purchased by Mr. Hicks, of the Ward family, in 1797. The parish has been inclosed, under an act of parliament passed in 1797, by which allotments of land were given to the impropriator and vicar in lieu of tithes.

LITTLE-WILBRAHAM, in the hundred of Stane, and deanery of Camps, lies about seven miles east of Cambridge, about the same distance west of Newmarket, and about nine miles north of Linton. The manor of Little-Wilbraham was in the Veres, Earls of Oxford, in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II.; in the succeeding reign it was held under the Veres by the family of Chamberleyne^g; it afterwards belonged to Sir William Phelip, and passed by a female heir with the title of Bardolf to William Lord Beaumont^h, who was attainted in 1461. King Edward IV. granted it, in 1468, to Richard Quatremaynesⁱ, who, having founded a chantry in the parish church of Rycot, in Oxfordshire, endowed it with this manor^k. After the reformation, the manor of Rycots, in Little-Wilbraham, was granted to Sir John Williams; and, having passed by sale to the family of Hinde; was purchased, with the advowson of the rectory, in 1570, by the master and fellows of Bene't College in Cambridge^l.

The manor of Anglesea, in this parish, probably so called from having belonged to the priory of that name, was given by Mr. Thomas Wale, citizen of London, in the year 1625, to the corporation of the city of Coventry, in trust for charitable uses^m.

This parish has been inclosed under an act of Parliament passed in 1797, by which an allotment of land was given to the rector in lieu of tithes.

^c Ant. Wood's Athen. Oxon. ^f The endowment of the vicarage is recorded in a register of the Templars in the British Museum. Cotton MSS. Nero, C. IX. ^g Escheat Rolls.

^h Dugdale's Baronage, vol. II. p. 54.

ⁱ Rot. Parl. vol. VI. p. 307.

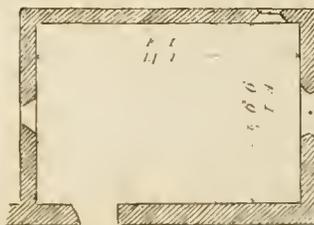
^k Ibid.

^l Masters's History of that College, p. 108, 109.

^m Principally for the purpose of founding a school at Monk's-Kirby, in Warwickshire.



Chapel adjoining the Chancel of Willingham Church.



Plan of the Chapel.

WILLINGHAM, in the hundred of Papworth, and deanery of Chesterton, lies about ten miles north-west of Cambridge, and about nine south-west of Ely. Before the present turnpike-road was made, the only carriage road from Cambridge to Ely passed through this village. The manor of Willingham was given to the abbot and convent of Ely, by Uva, a Saxonⁿ: it was one of those manors which were afterwards attached to the see, and alienated by Bishop Heton in 1600; soon afterwards this manor was granted to Thomas Parkes, whose only daughter and heir brought it in marriage to Sir Miles Sandys^o: at a later period it was successively in the families of Holman, Brownell, and Askham, and is now in the Hatton family; the late Sir Thomas Hatton having married the heiress of Dingley Askham, Esq. This manor is very extensive; the manor-house, now in a ruinous state, is inhabited by a cottager.

The manor of Brunes was at an early period in the successive possession of the families of Brune and Druell^p: in 1632 it was the property of Mr. Marsh^q, whose descendants were succeeded, about the year 1706, by William Parker, ancestor of William Parker Hamond, Esq. the present proprietor.

In the church there is a chapel on the north side of the chancel, with a stone roof of a singular construction, represented in the annexed plate.

This parish was the birth place of Thomas Hall, who, having attained almost to the height and proportions of manhood, died at the age of five years and ten months, on the 3d of September 1747^r. An account of this extraordinary boy was published in a pamphlet, called *Prodigium Willinghamense*, by Mr. Dawkes, a surgeon. Some particulars concerning him had been communicated, in 1744, to the Royal Society by Mr. Almond, of Willingham, and were published in the Philosophical Transactions; his age was then two years and ten months, he had attained the height of three feet eight inches and a half, and was large in proportion. Mr. Almond states that he was so strong, as to be able to throw from his hand a blacksmith's hammer of seventeen pounds weight: his voice was a deep bass; he had the marks of puberty, and whiskers on his upper lip; at this time he was carried about as a show: it appears from Mr. Dawkes's pamphlet, that this boy grew at the rate of an inch a month, until the end of March 1745; in the next thirteen months he grew only five inches: in November 1746, his height was four feet five inches and five-tenths; the length of his foot was eight inches, and the calf of his leg ten inches six-tenths in circumference; he then weighed eighty-five pounds, or six stone and one pound. He was buried at the church-yard in Willingham, where it was intended that a tombstone should have been erected to his memory, but it does not ap-

ⁿ Hist. Ang. Scrip. vol. III. p. 496.

^o Layer's MSS.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid.

^r He was born Oct. 31, 1741.

pear that it was ever put in execution: an epitaph designed for it, written in Latin and English by Mr. Dawkes, is printed at the end of his pamphlet.

A charity-school having been founded by subscription at Willingham in the year 1593, an estate was purchased with the money then collected, which now lets for 20 l. *per annum*. Dr. Saywell, master of Jesus College, in Cambridge, gave, by will, in the year 1700, a rent-charge of 10 l. *per annum*, as an augmentation of this school; the number of children is limited to thirty-six¹.

Dr. William Smith, provost of King's College, founded an alms-house at this place for four poor widows, in the year 1616; and endowed it with 12 l. *per annum*. A house, given to this parish by Henry Greves in the year 1505, is now let for 11 l. *per annum* for the benefit of the poor.

Much of the cheese, which takes its name from the neighbouring village of Cottenham, is made in this parish, in which about 1200 milch-cows are usually kept.

WIMPOLE, in the hundred of Wetherley, and deanery of Barton, lies about eight miles north-west of Royston, and about nine south-west of Cambridge. There were formerly several distinct manors in this parish, all of which eventually centered in the Chicheleys, who settled at Wimpole in the reign of King Henry VI. The manor of Avenells took its name from a family which held an estate under the Beches; to this was united another manor, which had been in the families of Kingston and Bancis¹. The manor of Bassingbourn was successively in the Bassingbourns and Porters; that of Francis *alias* Cobbs, passed successively through the families of Francis, Norwich, Cobb, and Standen, to Sir William Porter, who appears to have conveyed this manor and Bassingbourn to the Chicheleys². The manor of St. George's, after having been for many generations in the family of St. George, was conveyed to the Chicheleys³, as were also a manor which had passed by co-heiresses from the Kymbells to the Botelers and Leventhorps⁴; and the manor of Rampton, in Wimpole, formerly belonging to the Lifes; the manor of Wimpole *alias* Claydons, was purchased of the Wingfield family, with the advowson of the church⁵, by Sir Thomas Chicheley, in 1615. The first of the family who settled at Wimpole was John Chicheley, Esq. of Higham-Ferrers, great nephew of the Archbishop; from him the Wimpole estate descended to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the Ordinance in the reign of King Charles II., who, in the

¹ From the information of the present rector, Dr. Law.

² Layer's MSS.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Layer's MSS.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ The advowson had formerly been attached to the manor of Rampton. Robert de Lisle claimed it in the reign of Edward I., by virtue of a grant from Conan, Earl of Brittany, to his grandfather, Ralph Dapifer.

year 1686, fold it to Sir John Cutler. Sir John, by a deed bearing date 1691, gave it, in case of failure of issue from his daughter, the Countess of Radnor, to Edmund Boulter; who, having disposed of his interest to the Countess, conveyed it to her in fee: her husband, the Earl of Radnor, having survived her, and being possessed of the Wimpole estate, sold it, in 1710, to John Duke of Newcastle; in 1739, it was purchased by Philip Earl of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, of Edward Earl of Oxford, and his Countess, who was only daughter and heir of the Duke^a: it is now the property of his grandson, Philip Earl of Hardwicke. Wimpole-house, the seat of the Earl of Hardwicke, is a spacious brick mansion; the central part was built by Sir Thomas Chicheley about the year 1632^b; the wings were added by Lord Oxford; the house was newly fronted, and the principal apartments fitted up by Lord Chancellor Hardwicke. In the gallery and drawing-room are a valuable collection of pictures by the old masters, and a few portraits, among which are those of Matthew Prior, who was a frequent visitor at Wimpole in Lord Oxford's time, Richard Earl of Warwick by Vandyk, Bishop Burnet by Sir Godfrey Kneller, and a fine one of Ben Jonson by Cornelius Jansen: the library contains a large and valuable collection of books; the state-papers of Lord Chancellor Hardwicke are deposited in an adjoining room secured from fire: the chapel was painted by Sir James Thornhill.

The deer-park contains two hundred and fifty acres; in front of the house is a spacious avenue, extending two miles and three quarters in length.

The parish church was rebuilt in 1749, after a design of Flitcroft: in a window removed from the old church, are several ancient coats of arms in stained glass: the Chicheley chapel, in which is a monument of Sir Thomas Chicheley, who died in 1616, remains on the north side of the church: it was repaired by the Earl of Oxford in 1732. The monuments of Lord Chancellor Hardwicke, who died in 1764, and that of his son, the Honourable Charles Yorke, who died in 1770, shortly after receiving the great seal, were designed by J. Stuart, and executed by Scheemakers; the former has medallions of the Lord Chancellor and his Countess, on a sarcophagus of Sienna marble: there are also monuments for the second Earl of Hardwicke, who died in 1790, and for his brother, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Yorke, who was created Baron Dover in 1788, and died in 1792. In

^a The accounts of this manor, and of Lord Hardwicke's other Cambridgeshire estates, are given from materials obligingly communicated by his Lordship.

^b Layer's MSS.

some of the windows are several arms of the family of Yorke, and its alliances, by Pecket.

There is a charity-school at Wimpole supported by Lady Hardwicke, in which upwards of thirty children are educated.

WISBECH, which gives name to a hundred and deanery, is a large market-town in the extreme northern part of the county, about thirty miles from Ely, forty-two from Cambridge, and ninety from London. The market, which is on Saturday, is held by prescription, the charter not appearing on record: it is abundantly supplied with all sorts of provisions, and is a great mart for corn, of which about one hundred thousand quarters are annually exported from this town, by the Ouse and canals^b, which have opened a communication to Cambridge, Lynne, and other towns: other principal exports from this place, are rape-feed and long-wool, great quantities of which articles are sent into Yorkshire. Timber, from Northamptonshire, is brought to Wisbech, and forwarded thence for the use of the navy: the principal imports are wine, deals, and coals. King Edward III., in the first year of his reign, (1327) granted the Bishop of Ely a fair, to begin on Trinity eve, and to last twenty-two days^c; this fair has been discontinued; there are four other fairs at Wisbech; the Monday before Lady-day, the day after Palm-Sunday, Whit-Tuesday, and Lammas day.

The gild of the Holy Trinity at Wisbech, consisting of an alderman, clerk, bailiffs, dean, and two chamberlains, which had been founded in 1379, having been suppressed, with all other establishments of a similar nature; the estates belonging to it, which had been given for pious and charitable uses, were, through the interest of Bishop Goodrich, granted to the principal inhabitants, who were incorporated by King Edward VI., in 1549, and invested with the management of the funds arising therefrom, which now amount to 1300*l.* *per annum*, for the benefit of the town^d: the charter was renewed in 1611, and again in 1669. The corporation is known by the name of the burgeses of Wisbech, being persons possessed of freehold estates of 40*s.* *per annum*; ten of these are annually elected capital burgeses, and one of them, who is called the town-bailiff, has for the year the management of the town-estates. The capital burgeses hold the market on lease, under the Bishop of Ely;

^b Bishop Moreton, in the fifteenth century, made a navigable canal at his own expence, for the convenience of water-carriage to his town of Wisbech, but it was not attended with the expected advantage, and was found to be injurious to the navigation of the Nene. ^c Cart. 1 Edward III. ^d From the information of the Rev. A. Jopson, vicar.

they have no civil jurisdiction in the town. The summer assizes, and the Epiphany and Midsummer quarter-sessions for the isle of Ely, are held at Wisbech. The Magistrates meet for the dispatch of business twice every week.

A handsome custom-house, with a room for the meeting of the Magistrates, and transacting other public business, was completed, in 1804, by the corporation, at the expence of 2500 l. The stone-bridge was erected about the year 1757, under the management of the corporation, at the expence nearly of 2300 l.

The inhabitants of Wisbech having been numbered by the direction of Bishop Gunning in 1676, were found to amount to one thousand seven hundred and five^c; according to the returns made to Parliament in 1801, they amounted to five thousand and four.

Before the draining of the fens, Wisbech was subject to very destructive inundations; the first mentioned in history was in the year 1236, when many lives were lost; the whole country, for many miles round, having been laid under water, and the town almost destroyed^f: similar calamities, not quite so fatal in their consequences, have occurred at various times^g: the last inundation of the sea, by which the town and neighbourhood of Wisbech suffered material injury, was on the 13th of November 1613, when almost the whole hundred was laid under water; some lives were lost by the sudden breaking down of the banks, and the damage sustained by the loss of corn and cattle was incalculable. The next year, in the month of March, considerable damage was done by a fresh-water flood, occasioned by a sudden thaw after a deep snow. These two destructive accidents were recorded by the vicar on a tablet in the church; it has been since removed, but the inscription is preserved.

During the time that the Isle of Ely was held against William the Conqueror, by the English Barons, that monarch built a castle at Wisbech, to keep them in check, and prevent their making incursions into the neighbouring counties^h. King John was at Wisbech a few days before his death, on the 7th of October 1216ⁱ. King Edward IV. visited this town on his return from Lynn to Crowland in 1469^k. Wisbech was garrisoned for the Parliament, during the civil war, under the command of Sir John Palgrave. In 1643, the burgesses lent the sum of 150 l. to Captain Dodson, who was besieging Crowland, then one of the royal garrisons^l.

^a Ibid. ^l See Leland's Collectanea, vol. I. p. 282, and Matthew of Westminster, p. 296.

^b In Dugdale, on draining, is an account of another great inundation in 1253. ^h Mat. Paris.

^c Pat. 18 John. ^k Blomefield's Collectanea, p. 246. ^l Communicated by Mr.

Jopson from the records of the town.

The manor of Wisbech was given to the abbot and convent of Ely by the parents of Ailwin, Bishop of Elmham^m, when he was professed a monk in that monasteryⁿ: a part of this large estate, after the creation of a Bishop's see at Ely, was assigned to the monks, and formed the manor of Wisbech-Murrow, now belonging to the dean and chapter; the remainder being called the manor of Wisbech-Barton, was annexed to the see: this is of very large extent, and is the paramount manor of the hundred.

Wisbech castle, which is said to have occupied the site of that built by William the Conqueror^o, was, from an early period, a palace of the Bishops of Ely; it was rebuilt by Bishop Morton about the year 1480^p; his successor, Bishop Alcock, died there in 1500^q: in the reign of Queen Elizabeth this castle was made a prison for the papists; abbot Frekenham died there during his confinement^r: it was repaired by Bishop Andrews, who was promoted to the see in 1609. When the church lands were exposed to sale in Cromwell's time, Wisbech castle was purchased by Secretary Thurloe, who built a house on its site, after a design of Inigo Jones; and made it his residence: in the year 1658, he was elected to sit in Parliament for the town and borough of Wisbech^s, which, probably through his interest, was then designed to be a Parliamentary borough, but it does not appear that the design took effect; for Thurloe having been likewise returned for Huntingdon, made his election to serve for that town; and there is no record of any other person having been elected in his room at Wisbech. Since the restoration, the castle estate has been leased out by the Bishops: the lease was for many years in the family of the Southwells, who resided at the castle. The present Bishop sold the site, under an act of Parliament, to Joseph Medlicott, Esq., who has built several houses on the ground adjoining the castle.

Ancient records speak of a manor called Todenham-hall, in Wisbech, held by the family of Todenham, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries^t.

Whitehall, near Wisbech, was a seat of the ancient family of Everard, who were settled there as early as the year 1300^u. The heirs of this family married the an-

^m He was the son of Ofwy by his wife Leofleda, daughter of Duke Brithnoth. ⁿ Bentham's Ely, p. 87. ^o It is the more probable from the existence of the office of constable in the Bishop's castle, which was retained until the beginning of the seventeenth century: The castle, which was erected by the Conqueror, is said to have been destroyed by the flood of 1236. It is probable that it was soon repaired or rebuilt, as the names of some of the constables, during the following century, have been handed down. ^p Bentham's Ely. ^q Ibid. ^r Cole's MSS. ^s Communicated by Mr. Jopson, from the records of the town. ^t From 10 Edward I. to 16 Richard II. See Blomefield's Collectanea, and Esch. 16 Richard II. ^u Cambridgeshire Pedigrees, in the British Museum.

cestor of the present Sir Everard Buckworth, Bart.; Theophilus Buckworth, Bishop of Dromore, was of this family, and died at Whitehall in 1652. Whitehall is now the property of the Reverend J. T. Hand of Cheveley.

In the parish church, which is a large irregular structure, with a handsome tower, is the gravestone, with his effigies, in armour, on a brass-plate, of Thomas de Braunston, constable of Wisbech castle, who died in 1401^x, and there are monuments, and other memorials, for the families of Sandford, Southwell, Worrall, Haslewood^y, &c.

The dean and chapter of Ely have the great tithes of about eleven thousand acres of land in this parish, which had been appropriated to the prior and convent by Bishop Balsam: the vicar, by endowment and prescription, is entitled to the remainder. The rights of the vicar were chiefly settled by two instruments, bearing date 1252 and 1275, the particulars of which are printed in Blomefield's *Collectanea* for Cambridgeshire. By the deed 1252, it appears that the vicar had, among other sources of revenue, the manor of the vicarage and the lands annexed to Kilhushing chapel, which had belonged to the priory of Spinney. The Bishop is patron of the vicarage.

Wisbech-St. Mary is a chapel of ease to Wisbech-St. Peter; it stands in the fields, about two miles from the town, and is said to have been originally the mother church. In this chapelry are two hamlets, Wisbech-Murrow, of which, as before-mentioned, the dean and chapter have the manor; and Guyhern, or Guyhirn, which lies about four miles south of Wisbech, and has a chapel of ease; there was formerly a chapel at Murrow, another at Piggedrove, built in 1347, and a third at a place called Kilhus, or Kilhushing. It appears also that there was in ancient times another church in the town, dedicated to St. George, which stood in the timber-market^z.

There are meeting-houses at Wisbech for the two descriptions of Baptists, the Methodists, the Independents, and the Quakers. At Guyhern is a meeting-house for a sect called the Culymites, from their founder, David Culy, who lived at that place in the early part of the last century. Their tenets are nearly the same as those of the disciples of Mr. Whitfield.

There was an ancient hospital at Wisbech, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, in the patronage of the Bishops of Ely^a; but no traces of it remain, nor is its site known.

^x See p. 67.

^y Amy, reliet of Dr. John Haslewood, Judge-Advocate, in the reign of King Charles II., is said in her epitaph to have been related to Queen Mary and Queen Anne.

^z Blomefield's *Collectanea*.

^a Tanner.

Dr. Hawkins gave the sum of 300 l. to build six alm-houses for the poor, and Mrs. Jacomin Sturmin 100 l. to build alm-houses for poor widows; these were pulled down about the year 1756, in order to enlarge the church-yard, and other houses built in lieu of them, by the parish. The poor people in these houses are appointed by the capital-burgessees, who give them allowances out of money in their hands, to be appropriated to charitable uses.

There is an ancient grammar-school in the town, in the patronage, and under the superintendance of the capital-burgessees, by whom the master is elected: he holds his situation for life, unless displaced for mis-conduct by the Bishop of Ely, who is visitor: the salary and perquisites are estimated at about 160 l. *per annum*. There are also two charity-schools at Wisbech, one for fifty boys, the other for thirty girls, supported by the interest of various benefactions and voluntary contributions. Mr. John Crane, an eminent apothecary at Cambridge, who died in 1652, enlarged the school-house, and gave another house for the increase of the master's salary. Mr. Crane also left a sum of money to be lent to poor tradesmen^b; and Mr. William Holmes gave the sum of 300 l. for the same purpose, to be lent in sums of 10 l., for three years.

Mr. Nicholas Sandford, who died in 1603, was a great benefactor to this town, by procuring, at his own expence, the restoration of an ancient exemption from toll, granted to the tenants of Wisbech-Barton manor by King Richard I., and confirmed by King John, King Henry IV., and King Henry VI.^c

WITCHAM, in the hundred of Witchford, and deanery of Ely, lies about three miles nearly west of Ely. St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, purchased the manor of Bramdune the son of Athelforth, and gave it to the abbot and convent of Ely: it was one of the manors assigned by Bishop Hervey to the monks, and is now vested in the dean and chapter. The church of Witcham was appropriated to the prior and convent of Ely: since the reformation, the great tithes have been in lay hands, and are now vested in a minor, the heirs of William Papworth, Esq., who died in 1791. The dean and chapter are patrons of the vicarage.

^b Among other benefactions of this kind, Mr. Crane left the sum of 100 l. to be lent *gratis* to a honest man, the better to enable him to buy good fish and fowl for the university of Cambridge, having himself observed much sickness occasioned by unwholesome food of that sort. ^c This is recorded, though rather obscurely, in the following rude verses on his gravestone:

“ A Patterne for townesmen whom we may enroll,

“ For at his own charge the towne he freed from toll.”

WITCHFORD,

WITCHFORD, in the hundred of that name, and in the deanery of Ely, lies about three miles south-west of Ely. The manor was given to the abbey of Ely by Abbot Brithnoth; and having been one of those assigned by Bishop Hervey to the monks, was appropriated to the office of porter of the convent: it now belongs to the dean and chapter of Ely, together with the great tithes, and advowson of the vicarage.

WEST-WRATTING, in the hundred of Radfield, and deanery of Camps, lies about five miles north of Linton, about nine nearly west of Cambridge, and about the same distance south of Newmarket. A manor in this parish was given to the abbot and convent of Ely, by Elfhelm, a Saxon knight, about the year 990^d; this manor now belongs to the dean and chapter. A lay manor, which belonged, when the Survey of Domesday was taken, to Hardwinus de Scalariis, passed afterwards to the Frevilles, who possessed it for several generations^e; it was called after their name, and, at a later period, was successively in the families of Dalton and Jacob: was purchased of the heirs of Sir John Jacob, Bart., who died in 1740, by Sir Robert Smyth^f, who sold it to Tenison Shaftoe, Esq. About the year 1790, it was purchased of the heirs of Robert Shaftoe, Esq., by Richard Taylor, Esq., who sold this manor, and Wrattling-park, to their present proprietor, General Hall.

Another manor, in West-Wrattling, belonged to the family of Brigham, who, in the reign of King Edward III., conveyed it to Thomas De Lisle, Bishop of Ely; the Bishop gave it to the master and fellows of Peter-house. The lease of an estate, which is called the Manor of Charls, being held under that college, was purchased of the Shaftoes by Mr. Taylor, who sold it to the late Duke of Bedford; on a part of this estate, where Mr. Shaftoe had stables for his horses, and a house for his training groom, the Duke built a more extensive range of stables, and improved the house, so as to be fit for his own occasional residence, during the Newmarket meetings. This house and estate he sold, some time before his death, to Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., the present proprietor^g; the house is occupied at present by his brother, the Rev. Mr. Williamson.

The manor of Parys, in West-Wrattling, took its name from the family of Parys, or Paris, who possessed it in the reign of Henry VI.^h; it was afterwards for many years in the Daltons, of whom it was purchased, about the beginning of the last

^d Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, vol. I. p. 633. ^e Esch. 6 Edward II.—20 Edward IV. ^f Cole's MSS. ^g From the information of the Rev. William Bywater. ^h Escheat Roll.

century, by the corporation of the sons of the clergy. The manor of Scarletts, in this parish, now the property of the Rev. Andrew Perne, belonged to his ancestor of the same name in 1558¹. The manor of Oxcroft, in Balsham, the property of Lord F. G. Osborne, extends into West-Wratting.

The Daltons, who resided many years at West-Wratting, possessed the principal landed property of the parish; the whole, or the greater part of which, it is probable, was purchased by Michael Dalton, author of a book, formerly very popular, called the Complete Justice, and other works, who settled at this place in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He died in the year 1644, and lies buried in the parish church, where there is a memorial for Frances, his first wife, who died in 1601; Mary, his second wife, daughter of Sir Giles Alington, of Horfeheath, survived him, and was buried at West-Wratting in 1647. The incestuous marriage between his daughter Dorothy, and her uncle Sir Giles Alington, which, with the punishments inflicted on the parties, has been already spoken of^k, was solemnized at West-Wratting, December 2, 1630.

In the parish church are some memorials of the Shaftoes: Sir John Jacob, who died in 1740, expended the sum of 767l. 6s. in repairing and improving the church and vicarage-house.

The church of West-Wratting was appropriated by Bishop Longchamp to the monks of Ely, for the support of their infirmary^l: the great tithes are now vested in the dean and chapter, who are patrons of the vicarage.

¹ Escheat Roll, Eliz.

^k See p. 217.

^l Wharton's Anglia Sacra.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

C. A. M B R I D G E S H I R E.

P. 29. Mr. Pemberton's family should have been mentioned in this page as having been settled at Trumpington in 1675.

P. 30. To the Gentlemen's Seats, add Papworth-Everard ——— Charles Madryll Esq.

P. 57. The spire of Whittlesea church is octagonal, each side being seven feet nine inches in width at the base.

P. 81. The rectory of Silverley belonged to the Priory of Hatfield-Regis².

P. 94. An Act of Parliament passed in 1809, for inclosing lands in the parish of Bourne: they were not exonerated from tythes.

P. 101. The election of the Chancellors at Cambridge is triennial; but they are generally continued for life. Bishop Fisher was chosen for life in 1514.

——l. 25. The scrutators only take the votes.

P. 102. We are assured that undergraduates are not *allowed* to have books from the publick library, although they frequently obtain them by loan from privileged persons.

P. 105, 106. 111. 113, and 119. To the eminent persons educated at Clare-Hall, add the late Edward King Esq., F.R.S. & F.A.S.; to those at Pembroke-Hall, add Dr. William Turner the Naturalist, and Sir Benjamin Keene; to those at Caius college, add John Dennis the Critic; to those at King's college, add William Cole, the Antiquary; to those at Jesus college, add Bishop Hallifax, who was originally of that society, and Lawrence Sterne; and to those at Trinity college, add James Bentham, the Antiquary, and Historian of Ely. We are assured that Anstey *was* upon the foundation at King's college.

P. 111, *note* (?). Dr. Caius was also an eminent naturalist, and the friend and correspondent of the celebrated Gesner; he acquired his celebrity as a physician by his successful treatment of the sweating sickness, of which he published a history. The best engraved portrait of him is that in Holland's *Heroologia*, from a picture

² Morant's *Essex*, Vol. ii. p. 506.

in the combination room at this college; there is another in the college, which has been engraved by Faber. The manors given by Dr. Caius to the college were Croxley in Hertfordshire, and Burnham and Runcton in Norfolk. Dr. Caius was himself master of the college; in the early part of the year 1573 he resigned that situation, and appointed Dr. Thomas Legge, (whom Blomefield describes as a great antiquary,) his successor. During the short time that he survived his resignation, he resided as a fellow-commoner of his own college, in his chambers, over the gate "of Wisdom and Virtue."^b

P. 112. In the library at Caius college is the portrait of a foreigner, with a pair of compasses in his hand, and a polyhedron by his side. This has been supposed to have been intended for John of Padua, but is said by Mr. Walpole, in his *Anecdotes of Painting*, to be Theodore Haveus of Cleves, who was employed also by Dr. Caius, and resided several years in the college: having survived his patron, he was employed in 1575, in the carving of his monument, and the next year he constructed a curious column with sun-dials, which was placed in the court, built by Dr. Caius: it has been many years destroyed.

P. 120. In the hall at Jesus college, is a very good portrait of Tobias Rustat.

P. 124. The travelling-fellowship, spoken of in l. 5., is endowed with certain inappropriate tithes, now producing upwards of 100 *l. per ann.*

P. 129. *Two* of the livings belonging to Emanuel college, Fressenfield-cum-Witherdale, and Wallington, are in the gift of the master, who must necessarily present a fellow.

P. 137. Queen Catherine visited Cambridge in 1520, and King Henry VIII. in 1522^c.

P. 146. The churches destroyed are not accurately stated in this page; they were St. John Baptist's, or St. John Zachary, and St. Nicholas, on the site of King's college; All-Saints, *ad Castellum*^d, and St. Edmund's chapel. St. Peter's, without Trumpington gate, having been rebuilt on the same site, and dedicated to St. Mary, is now called, Little St Mary's.

P. 149. We are assured that John Warren, although in his epitaph he is called the builder of St. Mary's tower, was not the architect of any part, nor was he of that profession; but was church-warden of the parish when the tower was completed.

P. 157. Westoe-Lodge has been purchased by Mr. Keene, of the heirs of the late Mrs. Crop.

^b Blomefield's *History of Norfolk*, Vol. ii.

^c Catalogue of Chancellors, &c. Cotton MSS. Faustina, C. III. f. 81. (printed in Parker's *History of Cambridge*, p. 197.)

^d It is All-Saints, in the *Jewry*, which is still standing.

P. 162. An Act of Parliament passed in 1809, for inclosing the parish of Chatteris; by which allotments of land were made to the impropiator and vicar, in lieu of corn tythes, and rents in lieu of old inclosures, &c.

P. 164. Childerley was purchased by Sir John Cutts in 1507 of Thomas Fulthorp and Edith his wife, (heirefs of John Hore,) for the sum of 260*l*. It was conveyed to John Hore, Joan his wife, and their heirs and assigns, 16 Ric. II. ^e

P. 169. l. 8. The lease of Comberton was purchased by Mr. Milner's great grandfather on the mother's side, Henry Dry Esq.

— l. 21. Sir Thomas Hatton, the present baronet, married the daughter of Dingley Askham Esq.

— note (^h). We find that the Cottons of Huntingdonshire were not descended from the Cottons of Cotton-Hall in Sandbach, but from those of Cotton-Edmunds in the parish of Christleton in Cheshire: the Cottons of Huntingdonshire became possessed of Cotton-Hall in Sandbach, by purchase, in the seventeenth century.

P. 179. The Rev. Dr. Smith, Prebendary of Westminster, died March 23, 1808, and has been succeeded in his estate by his son, Samuel Smith, D. D. An Act of Parliament was passed in 1809, for inclosing the parish of Dry-Drayton, by which allotments of land were made in lieu of tythes: it appears by the Act, that the bishop of Ely has a manor in this parish, called the manor of Coventry, of which Dr. Smith is lessee for lives. Dr. Smith's freehold manor is called Crowlands.

P. 185. Joseph Leeds Esq. of Croxton, died September 10, 1808, and has been succeeded in his estates by G. W. Leeds Esq.

P. 188. We are informed that the supposed fact of Bishop Mawson, having expended considerable sums in the improvement of the palace of Ely, as we had seen it stated in some modern publications, is erroneous; that the palace was not at all improved by that prelate, but that his successor, Bishop Keene, laid out several thousand pounds upon its improvement.

P. 195. An Act of Parliament was passed in the year 1809, for inclosing the parish of Fordham, by which allotments of land were given in lieu of tythes. The manor is now the property of William Dunn Gardner Esq.

P. 197. The prior and convent of Hatfield-Regis in Essex, had a manor in Fulbourn^f.

* From information obligingly communicated by Nicolson Calvert Esq. M. P.

^f Morant's Essex, Vol. ii. p. 506.

P. 199—201. In a brief account of the parish of Gamlingay, published in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1803^g, it is said that the market at that place was discontinued in consequence of a dreadful fire, which nearly consumed the whole town, in the year 1600. The same account mentions a small manor, or reputed manor in Gamlingay, which had belonged to the family of Wells, and was then the property of Miss Livett of Potton.

P. 202. The parish of Girton has been inclosed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, passed in 1808; the lands were not exonerated from tythes.

P. 203. It should have been observed that the *chancel* of Granchester church is of a more ancient style of architecture than Bishop Fordham's time. See P. 54, 55.

The parish of Granchester has been inclosed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, passed in 1800, when allotments of land were given in lieu of tythes; the master and fellows of Bene't college are patrons of the vicarage.

P. 206. The parish of Harlton has been inclosed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in 1808; allotments of land have been assigned in lieu of tythes.

P. 210. Sir Thomas St. George, Garter principal King of Arms in 1691, and Henry his younger brother, who was afterwards Garter, were sons of Sir Henry St. George, Garter King of Arms, who died at Oxford in 1644; a third brother was Ulster King of Arms^h.

P. 211. See also p. 66. We have no accounts of any of the Busteler family at Hildertham, so far back as the reign of Edward II.; the figure of a crusader belongs, therefore, it is probable, to some other family.

P. 212. The parish of Cherry-Hinton has been inclosed, pursuant to an Act passed in 1805, when allotments of land were assigned to the impropiator, and to the vicar.

P. 233. There is some good painted glass in the windows at Madingley; the gardens were improved by Brown.

P. 242. The parish of Newton has not been inclosed: some notes taken from the Act for the inclosure of Harleston and Hawkston, and part of Little-Shelford moor, in the parishes of Little-Shelford and Newton led to the mistake. The same act ascertains the boundaries of Little-Shelford and Newton, concerning which there had been disputes.

P. 247. Before the reformation, the town of Royston stood in five parishesⁱ; the nearest of the parish churches to which any part of it belonged, was two

^g Vol. ii. p. 709.

^h Ant. Wood's Athen. Oxon.

ⁱ Stat. 32 Hen. 8. c. 44.
miles

miles distant; the inhabitants, for the most part, attended Divine Service at the Priory church in the town. After the dissolution of the priory, upon the petition of the inhabitants to Parliament, the Priory-church was made parochial; it being enacted that the inhabitants of Royston should be parishioners to that church only, that they should be discharged of any further resort or repair to any of the five parish churches to which they had before belonged, and that the parsons and curates of the said churches should be discharged of the cure of the said inhabitants.

In consequence of the destruction of the game in the neighbourhood of Royston, King James the First issued commissions to certain persons in each of the five counties, in which the district of fourteen miles round that town was comprised, to enforce the several statutes for the preservation of the game, and to take further effectual measures for the said purpose. The preamble to the commission states, "Inasmuch as at our late coming unto Royston, and the parts thereabout for our recreation, we have found our game of partridge and pheasant so decayed that the country thereabouts could yield us no sport in that kinde: Wee taking the premises into our consideration, and knowing right well that our well affected subjects are and will be so farre from the spoile and destruction of our game, as they will with all dutiful readynes further the increase thereof, with forbearance of their owne delight for our disport, as a speciall means of the preservation of our health, and therefore deeming that the said spoile and destruction have been occasioned out of the insolence of audacious and irregular persons, that so little esteeme our lawes and commandments, are resolved for the time to come, to withstand and punish such boldness and contempt, and especially and particularly in the parts near unto Royston, wherby wee hope hereafter to receive more recreation and delight at our usuall residence there^k."

P. 250. Shelford tower was much injured by the great storm in 1703, and fell down through decay in 1798.

P. 251. The manor of Shengay, now usually written Shingay; the manor of Crawden, called St. John's lands; the manors of Arrington, Duxford, and Guilden-Morden, and the rectory of Sawston, all in Cambridgeshire, belonged to the Knights hospitallers of the preceptory of Shengay. The whole of the parish, with the ancient commandery and manor of Shingay, belongs to the Marchioness of Downshire. Copyholds in many parishes in Cambridgeshire are held of this manor, and quit-rents are payable to it out of

^k Bundle of signed bills. Temp. Jac. 1. in the Tower.

^l Ministers accounts in the Augmentation-Office. In the course of our parochial collection we found no account of manors in Crawden or Guilden-Morden having belonged to the Knights hospitallers.

nearly fifty parishes in Cambridgeshire, and as many in Bedfordshire. The Marchioness of Downshire inherited this estate from her *uncle*, Edwin Lord Sandys. We are assured * that the impropriation and patronage of Shingay are vested in the Marchioness, and not in Mr. Windsor, as we had been before informed: it is not known or believed to be consolidated with Wendy. The Marchioness of Downshire has a manor in Cambridge, which belonged to the hospitallers, called Shingay-Cambridge.

P. 253. An Act of Parliament passed in the year 1808, to enable the Bishop of Ely to convey the advowson of Snailwell to John Tharp Esq. in exchange for the rectory of Burgate in Suffolk.

P. 270. Dr. Anstey, the father of Christopher Anstey Esq., acquired the Trumpington estate as heir at law of J. Thompson Esq., by the verdict of a court. We have been informed that the manor house was built by Mr. Thompson.

P. 271. The parish of Trumpington has been inclosed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in 1801, when allotments of land were assigned to the impropiators and to the vicar, in lieu of tythes. The vicarage is in the patronage of Trinity college.

P. 275. The whole of Wendy is within the Marchioness of Downshire's manor of Shingay-cum-Wendy. The Wendy estate, with the impropriation, belongs to the Hon. Thomas Windsor, under the will of Miss Sandys.

P. 284. l. 22. We are informed that Rycot, although called in the Parliament Roll, the church of St. Michael at Much-Rycot, is only a domestic chapel.

P. 294. An Act of Parliament, passed in the last session of Parliament (1809) for inclosing the parish of West-Wratting; allotments of land were assigned to the dean and chapter of Ely as appropriators, and to the vicar. By the preamble to this act, it appears that our account of the landed property of this parish in p. 293, is incorrect. The manor belonging to the dean and chapter of Ely, is described in the act as the manor of West-Wratting; no claim appears to have been made by General Hall for the manor of Freville's; the corporation of the sons of the clergy claimed to be lords of the manors of Hammonds and Paris's; the master and fellows of Peter-House claimed to be lords of the manor or reputed manor of Escaliers, commonly called Charles; and the master and fellows of Jesus College claimed to be lords of a manor or reputed manor, (of which we had received no information,) called Le Great Nuns. No mention is made of any estate belonging to the Rev. Andrew Perne, who, as we were informed in 1807, then possessed the manor, or reputed manor, of Scarletts, which,

* By Thomas Hauley Esq. agent to the Marchioness.

as appears by a record of that date, belonged to his ancestor of that name, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Sir Hedworth Williamson Bart. claimed to be lord of the manor of Oxcroft in West-Wrattling, which claim has been allowed; but there have been no courts held within the memory of man, for any other manors than the dean and chapter of Ely's paramount manor, and that belonging to Peter-house. The latter, we are now informed, was given to the college with two hundred and eighty-three acres of land, and extensive rights of common, by Dr. Andrew Perne in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. In consequence of being assured that the college know nothing of a manor in West-Wrattling, and another manor in Swaffham-Prior, both formerly belonging to the family of Brigham, which we have described as belonging to Peter-house¹; and that there is no record in the college of such estates ever having belonged to the society, we have examined more minutely into such of the records, from the calendars of which we derived our information, as are accessible^m, and we find that both these manors, which had belonged to the family of Brigham, were appropriated to Peter-house in the reign of Edward III.; but that the king's licence not having been obtained he seized them into his own hands. Swaffham-Prior he granted for life in 1358, to Richard Acton, servant of his cousin, and afterwards, in 1361 in fee to Robert Corby, whose son of the same name alienated it in 1376, to William de Evelham: it appears therefore, that the manor belonging to the Brighams, and that belonging to the Corby family, were the same. The manor in West-Wrattling, which was taken from Peter-house, was granted for life to John Godrik, groom of the kitchen, and afterwards in fee to Robert Corby, for the service which Jane his wife had performed for Queen Isabella. We find nothing to throw any light on the subsequent history of these estates; it is not improbable that the West-Wrattling estate is that now belonging to Mr. Perne, and that it acquired its present name from families who possessed it in succession after that of Corby. We had been informed that the manor of Oxcroft, or Oxcroft-Hall, described in ancient records as being situated in the parishes of Balsham and West-Wrattling, (the descent of which, to the Shaftoes, is accurately given in p. 84.) belonged to Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne; but we have been since assured, on better authority, that his lordship's estate consists only of a farm, (parcel of the Oxcroft estate), which had been purchased of the Shaftoes, by the late Earl Grosvenor, and sold by the present Earl in 1805, to Lord F. G. Osborne. No part of the Oxcroft estate is now esteemed to be within the parish of Balsham, although the rector of that parish has a claim to the tythes of a part of it. The

¹ See p. 262, and 293.

^m The escheat bundles in the Tower, and the escheat rolls in the Exchequer; the latter are not in such a state of arrangement as to be at present accessible.

manor of Oxcroft was sold by the representatives of the Heneage family, (see p. 84.) in 1760, to *Jenison* Shaftoe Esq. Richard Taylor Esq. purchased of the representatives of Robert Shaftoe Esq., and sold the manor (with three hundred and fifty-six acres of land) to the Duke of Bedford, by whom it was conveyed to Sir Hedworth Williamfon Bart. The house built, or rather enlarged by the Duke of Bedford, as mentioned in p. 293, is not on the estate held under Peter-house, but at a place called the Valley, on that which is held under Jesus college. The "governors of the corporation for the relief of poor widows and children of clergymen," have above eight hundred acres of land, with extensive rights of common in this parish, purchased with the manors of Parys and Hammonds, about, or before the year 1700. The manor, or reputed manor, belonging to the Perne family, now the property of John Chester Perne Esq., is called Moultons, otherwise Scarletts; to this manor is attached an estate of about three hundred and twenty acres of land*, with extensive rights of common. The manor of Le Great Nuns with an estate, including the Valley, Valley-house, extensive sheep-walks, and rights of common, &c. was given to the nuns of St. Radegund, by Stephen de Scalariis, and confirmed by Nigellus, bishop of Ely. West-Wratting is *twelve* miles from Cambridge, and nine from Newmarket.

P. 26. and 28. Sir George Downing, who died in 1749, was not the last baronet; the title became extinct by the death of his cousin, Sir Jacob Garrard Downing in 1764.

P. 250. If the conjecture that Great-Shelford church was built by Fordham, bishop of Ely, (which we found in Cole's MSS. Collections) arose merely from his arms being on the font, &c. it is certainly erroneous; as the arms on the font and the arch between the nave and chancel are those of Thomas Patesle, sometime archdeacon of Ely, and rector of this church from 1396, to the time of his death in 1411, and appear on his grave-stone in the chancel; on which is a fragment of his effigies engraved on a brass plate°. There is little room to doubt that he built the chancel, if not the whole edifice.

———— It was only the spire of Great-Shelford church, forty-five feet in height, which was blown down in 1703; on the 23d of November 1798, one half of the tower fell with five bells; a particular account of this accident, with a figure of the ruins is given in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1799. p. 185.

* We were favoured with the above particulars, by the Rev. W. Bywater, who in consequence of the inquiries which have taken place, subsequently to the inclosure Act, has had the means of ascertaining these particulars. with the greatest accuracy.

° This fragment is figured in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1799, p. 561.

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HAVING found our account of Cheshire, unavoidably extend to a much greater length than we expected, we have been obliged, contrary to our original intention, to close our second volume without proceeding further than that county. When its importance is considered, we flatter ourselves it will not be thought that a greater portion of space has been allotted to this subject, than it is entitled to; and we trust that the great mass of unpublished materials relating to Cheshire, which we have had occasion to examine, will sufficiently account for the delay of the publication of this part of our work.

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C H E S H I R E.

Ancient Inhabitants, and Government.

THIS county takes its name, (which is an abbreviation of Chester-shire, formerly written *Ccaestre-Scyre*,) from the ancient city of Chester. In the earlier periods of our history, Cheshire formed part of the territories of a British tribe, called the *Cornavii*. When the Romans, after their invasion of Britain, divided it into two great districts, this county was included in *Britannia Superior*, the kingdom being afterwards subdivided into smaller provinces, it became part of *Flavia Caesariensis*. After the departure of the Romans, Cheshire was repossessed by the Britons, and excepting a temporary occupation of it by Ethelfrid, King of Northumberland^a, appears to have escaped the Saxon yoke till the year 828^b, when it was conquered by Egbert, under whom the Saxon heptarchy was united. After this it is probable that it formed part of the dominions of the last Mercian kings, who were tributary to Egbert, and his successors: it is certain that upon the division of England into three great districts by Alfred, Cheshire was included in the one called *Mercen-lage*, or the Mercian Jurisdiction, and in the reign of that monarch, and his son, Edward the Elder, it was successively governed by Ethelred, Duke of Mercia, and his widow Ethelfleda, Alfred's daughter. Although the petition of the men of Cheshire to King Henry VI., in 1450^c, intimates as much, it does not appear, from any other records, that the succeeding Dukes or Earls of Mercia, or of Chester, who governed this county under the Saxon and Danish monarchs before the conquest, were invested with larger powers than other governors of provinces; and it seems sufficiently evident, that it was not till the reign of William the Conqueror, that Cheshire obtained the privileges of a county palatine; that monarch having granted to his nephew, Hugh de Aunanches, commonly called Hugh Lupus, the whole county of Chester to hold as freely by the sword, as he himself held the kingdom of England by the

^a See p. 303.

^b Ralph Higden in Hist. Ang. Scrip. III, 252.

^c See p. 298.

crown^d. In consequence of this extensive grant, the Earl had his barons, one of whom was hereditary constable, and another hereditary steward; assembled parliaments; established his courts of law, and exercised almost every act of regal authority: his descendants continued to enjoy this sovereignty till the death of John, Earl of Chester, in 1237; who leaving no male issue, King Henry III. seized on the county of Chester; gave other lands in lieu of it to the sisters of the deceased earl, and bestowed the earldom of Chester on his son, Prince Edward. King Richard II. having erected it into a principality, among his other royal titles, styled himself *Princeps Cestræ*: this act was abrogated by his successor, and Cheshire again became a county palatine^e, and it continued under the King's eldest sons, who from time to time were created Earls of Chester, to be governed, as in the time of its ancient Earls, by a jurisdiction separate from, and independent of the parliament of England. In the reign of King Henry VI. an attempt was made to infringe the privileges of the palatinate by the parliament at Leicester, which issued a commission for levying a subsidy in Cheshire, in common with the other counties. Upon this the abbots, priors, and clergy, the barons, knights, esquires, and commons of Cheshire, presented a petition to the King, in which they state that the Earls of Chester always had their high courts of parliament, to hold at their wills; that since the grant of the Earldom of Chester to Hugh Lupus, to be held by the sword, they had their court of common law, in which, as by the common law of England, the tenor of the indictments ran *contra coronam et dignitatem*, so in their court it was *contra dignitatem gladii Cestræ*; that they had also their courts of chancery, of exchequer, and of common pleas; and had never sent any knights, citizens, or burghesses, to any parliament holden out of the county^f. The prayer of their petition was granted; they were discharged of the levy of the subsidy, and their separate jurisdiction and privileges being recognized and confirmed, remained in full force till the reign of King Henry VIII., when they were much abridged; but some of their privileges were continued, and were again confirmed in the year 1568, by Queen Elizabeth, who, by her patent of that date, recognizes the powers of the justice of Chester, and of the chamberlain; an officer, whose jurisdiction is described as being similar to that of a chancellor: it is declared by the same patent, that all pleas of lands and tenements, and all contracts, causes, and matters, rising and growing within the said county, (except in cases of error, foreign plea, or foreign vouch,) could legally be tried within the county of Chester only; and that the president and council of the principality of Wales had

^d Camden.

^e Ibid.

^f The petition is printed in King's Vale Royal, p. 9—11.

no jurisdiction within the county or city of Chester: for the enjoyment of their liberties, on the accession of every new Earl, the county was to pay a fine of 3000 marks, called a mize^s.

The authority of the judges and officers of the great session of the county palatine extends over the counties of Chester and Flint, and one seal is used for both counties; the king's writ does not run in the county palatine, but all writs issuing from the superior courts are directed to the chamberlain, (and not to the sheriff, as in other counties,) who issues his mandate to the sheriff. The present chamberlain is Earl Cholmondeley, the vice-chamberlain Hugh Leycester, Esq. who generally presides in the exchequer-court twice in the year: this court is considered as analogous to the court of chancery, but it has jurisdiction in many legal, as well as in all equitable cases; the officers of the court are the chamberlain, vice-chamberlain, baron, (the same as a curitor in chancery,) seal-keeper, filizer, examiner, six clerks or attorneys of the court, and some inferior officers. The assizes for the county are held at Chester; the Epiphany and Easter quarter-sessions at Chester; and the Midsummer and Michaelmas sessions at Knutsford. The two latter sessions were formerly held at Nantwich and Northwich; they were removed from Nantwich about the year 1760, and from Northwich about 1784.

In ancient times capital offences in this county were punished by beheading: an ancient MS. relating to the Earls of Chester informs us, that the serjeants or bailiffs of the Earls had power to behead any malefactor or thief who was apprehended in the fact, or against whom guilt was proved by sufficient witnesses, or confession, before four inhabitants of the place; or rather, before four inhabitants of the four neighbouring towns. Then follows an account of the presenting of several heads of felons at the castle of Chester, by the Earl's serjeants; and it appears that the beheading of malefactors was the usual mode of execution in this county; for in a roll of the third year of King Edward II. it is called the custom of Cheshire^h.

Among the extensive powers exercised by the ancient Earls of Chester, one of the most singular was that of granting the protection of Sanctuary to criminals. This power, which has been generally supposed to have belonged, exclusively, to the church, was the source of much emolument to the Earls; who received fines from all such persons, when they came to reside under their protection, a heriot at their death, and in case of their dying without issue, claimed their goods and chattels. It appears that these profits were farmed under the Earl in the reign of King Edward IIⁱ. Hoole-heath near Chester, Over-marsh near Farndon,

^s Vale Royal, 12—15.

^h See Watson's History of Halifax, p. 227.

ⁱ Harl. MSS.

N^o 2009. f. 34. b.

and Rud-heath near Middlewich, were the principal receptacles for such fugitive strangers as sought protection in the Earl's territories; but that the privilege of sanctuary was not confined to those wastes, is apparent from Ranulph de Blundeville's charter to his barons, in which he allows strangers to settle on their estates as retainers; but reserves to himself the fines payable by criminals, who should resort to them for protection. It seems, however, that in some instances the Earls delegated the power of protecting criminals: King Edward I. in his charter to the abbot of Vale Royal, the Earldom of Chester being then vested in the crown, grants to him the privilege of sanctuary^k, or protection of felons, on all his lands; and this right was successfully maintained many years afterwards in a *quo warranto*^l. The power over minstrels and *meretrices*, granted by the Earl of Chester to John Lacy, and by him delegated to Hugh Dutton and his heirs, was a branch of this system of protection^m.

It may be observed, that this protection of criminals was of a more unlimited nature than that afforded by the church, which was confined to parish churches, cathedrals, and other consecrated buildings, and a certain space around them; in most instances not extending farther than the cemetery, and in point of time was restricted to forty days, and that only as preparatory to banishment from the realm; whereas, under the protection of the Earls of Chester, felons and other criminals escaping from any part of the kingdom, so long as they demeaned themselves peaceably, were entitled to protection during life. The continued exercise of this privilege, by means of which Cheshire became the common receptacle of persons whose crimes had driven them from their own country, seems to have had, as might have been expected, a most pernicious effect upon the morals of its inhabitants. In the reign of King Henry IV., in consequence of "grievous clamour and complaint made to the King, of many murders, man-slaughters, robberies, batteries, and other riots and offences done by people of the county of Chester to divers of the King's liege people in divers counties of England," an act of parliament was passed by which they were made liable to outlawry and forfeiture of goods.

Under the jurisdiction of the Earls of Chester, debtors also had peculiar privileges: it was an ancient custom, that if a debtor should come into the court of

^k Expressed by the word *Advocarias*. *Advocaria* in ancient charters sometimes signifies *protection*, and sometimes a *fine* paid for it. See Dufresne's Glossary *in verbo*. In some ancient instruments written in English, these fines are called *Advowries*.

^l Extracts from the Leger Book of Vale Royal Abbey among Sir Peter Leycester's Collections at Tabley.

^m In a record of 23 Edw. I. it is expressed by the term *advocariam*.—See an account of this jurisdiction in the description of Dutton, in the parish of Great Budworth.

Exchequer at Chester, and there swear that he would pay his debts as soon as he was able, the officers of that court granted a writ in the nature of a protection, by virtue of which he was at liberty to go where he pleased, unmolested by his creditors. A similar custom, with respect to debtors, existed also in the city of Chester from very ancient times: any freeman having been imprisoned for a debt, and being unable to pay it, on going before the mayor and sheriffs, and swearing that he would pay the debt as soon as he was able, reserving to himself only "mean sustentation," had a right to be discharged from his imprisonment. This is stated in a record of the claims of the city to various privileges in the reign of King Henry VII.ⁿ; but about fifty years afterwards the practice appears to have been somewhat different, for by the Records of the Corporation^o it appears, that then any freeman, imprisoned for debt, upon petitioning the mayor and aldermen, and declaring that he was unable to pay the debt, was allowed to reside in what was called "the free-house;" to walk at large within the liberties of the said house^p; to attend divine service at St. John's church without the north gate; but not to go into any dwelling-house. The above-mentioned privilege of the county debtors was taken away by an act of parliament in the 34th year of King Henry VIII. It does not appear that the privilege of the city debtors has ever been abolished, but it has long grown into disuse.

In the 32d year of King Henry VIII. an act of parliament was passed for abolishing the privilege of sanctuary in all places throughout the realm, except in churches, hospitals, and church-yards; and excluding from its benefits, even in consecrated places, all such persons as should be guilty of murder, rape, highway robbery, burglary, house-burning, or sacrilege. By this act Manchester, Derby, York, Northampton, Norwich, Westminster, Wells, and Launceston were made sanctuaries for term of life for all persons guilty of minor offences. The next year the inhabitants of Manchester, who then carried on, as their petition sets forth, a great trade in the bleaching of linen yarn, making of linen and woollen clothes, and dressing of cottons, having experienced much inconvenience to their trade, which had been exposed to many depredations since the influx of dissolute persons who had resorted thither under the sanction of the act then lately passed; and having, as they stated, no mayor, sheriff, nor bailiff in their

^a Orders and Acts of Assembly of the Corporation in the Town Clerk's Office. Lib. A. f. 76. ^o Ibid. Lib. B. 71. ^p The boundaries of the liberties are described

to extend along the walls on the west side to the New Tower, and on the east side to Newton Tower, and towards the Corn Market, as far as the new houses of St. Anne's, which had then been lately built in the Bell-yard.

town, which was not walled, neither had it any gaol or prison for the confinement of offenders; petitioned parliament for relief, praying that the sanctuary might be removed from Manchester to some other town. Their petition was granted, and the sanctuary was, by an act of the 33d of Henry VIII., removed to Chester, which, as the act sets forth, had no such trade of merchandise, and had a strong gaol for the punishment of malefactors, and a mayor, bailiffs, and other head officers. The act reserved a power to the King, if it should appear, by information or otherwise, that Chester was not a meet place for a sanctuary, he might by his proclamation discharge the said city thereof, and appoint some other town or place in its stead. Not long after the passing of this act, Hugh Aldersey, then mayor, accompanied by Mr. Foulk Dutton, went up with a petition to the King, representing to his Majesty that Chester, being a port-town, and situated on the borders of Wales, was a very unfit place for a sanctuary for malefactors, and that it would be attended with many inconveniencies to the merchants and inhabitants; the King acceded to their petition, and by proclamation removed the sanctuary from Chester to Stafford. The privilege of sanctuary was finally abolished by a statute of 21 Jac. I.

By an act of parliament passed in the 27th of King Henry VIII. the preamble to which states that common justice had not been before that time indifferently ministered in the county palatine of Chester (or in the several counties of Wales) like, and in such form, as in other places of the realm; it was enacted, that for the future justices of the peace should be appointed in Cheshire and Wales, as in other parts of the kingdom.

The county palatine of Cheshire having in former times had a parliament of its own, sent no representatives to the parliament of the realm: having been abridged of their ancient privileges, they petitioned that they might send knights and burgeses to parliament, in common with their fellow-subjects; in consequence of which, an act passed in the year 1542, by which it was enacted, that in future two knights should be returned to parliament for the county palatine, and two burgeses for the city of Chester.

Historical Events.

That this county was frequently the scene of contest between the Britons and Romans, there is little doubt; and we know that the twentieth legion, belonging to the latter, had their station at Chester, but as to the particulars of any military transactions, which may be presumed to have taken place within the limits of Cheshire, history is silent.

The first remarkable event relating to the county, recorded by our historians, is the defeat of the Britons, and the capture and destruction of Chester, by Ethelfrid, King of Northumberland, in 607, when he came to avenge the quarrel of St. Augustine, the first archbishop of Canterbury, to whose metropolitan jurisdiction the British monks and bishops refused to submit^p. Of the monks of Bangor, who had flocked to the field of battle, to put up prayers for their countrymen, nearly 1200 were slaughtered, a number which seems almost incredible; but we are assured by Bede, that the monks of that monastery were so numerous, that they were divided into seven communities, each of which consisted of about 300, who were under the government of so many provosts, or rulers, and that they all maintained themselves by the labour of their hands^q. Ethelfrid's triumph seems to have been of short duration, for we are told that several British princes, having raised an army, marched towards Chester, and defeated him with great slaughter; that he fled beyond the Humber, and that one of these princes, Cadwan, was elected King of Wales, at Chester^r. From this time Cheshire continued, as before, under the dominion of the Britons, till the year 828, when king Egbert took Chester^s, and made it part of the kingdom of Mercia, then tributary to him.

At the latter end of the year 894, according to the Saxon Chronicle, though some writers place it in 892, an army of Danes, coming from Northumberland by forced marches, took possession of Chester. King Alfred's forces arrived too late to prevent their seizing the fortress; but by destroying all the cattle and corn in the neighbourhood, and intercepting their provisions, they drove them to such extremities, that they were obliged to feed upon horse-flesh, and were glad to quit the city, and make their escape into North Wales^t. In 905, or as some writers say 908, Ethelred, Duke of Mercia, and Ethelfleda, his wife, rebuilt the city of Chester, which had been ruined by the Danes. In the years 915 and 916, or according to the Saxon Chronicle 914 and 915, this Ethelfleda, a noble-spirited woman, and, as was before observed, the daughter of King Alfred, being entrusted after her husband's death with the government of Mercia, built a town or fortress at Edisbury, in the forest of Delamere, and another at Runcorn. In 920^u, or according to the Saxon Chronicle 923, King Edward the Elder built the city of

^p See Sax. Chron. R. Higden inter Rerum Ang. Scrip. III. 228. Galf. Monumeth. Rerum Brit. Scrip. Vetust. p. 85, and Bedæ Eccl. Hist. Ibid. p. 177. ^q Bedæ Hist. Eccl. ut supra.

^r Galf. Monumeth. ut supra, p. 86. ^s Ralph Higden inter Hist. Angl. Scrip. III. 252. the date is not mentioned, but may be collected from a passage in the Saxon Chronicle.

^t Sax. Chron. See also Ralph Higden inter Hist. Angl. Scrip. III. 258, 259.

^u R. Higden inter Hist. Ang. Scrip. III. 261.

Thelwall, on the Mersey, and placed a garrison there. King Edgar being at Chester in the year 971, received the homage of eight petty sovereigns, or, as some have supposed, governors of provinces^x; and Ralph Higden, the monk of Chester, relates a story of his having been rowed by them from his palace to the church of St. John's^y. In 981 Cheshire was laid waste by pirates^z.

The first two centuries after the conquest are chiefly distinguished, in the Cheshire annals, by the inroads of their neighbours the Welsh, and the preparations made by our monarchs to resist them: during this time, Chester was the usual place of rendezvous for the English army; and all that part of the county which bordered on Wales suffered most deplorably, not only from the ravages of the enemy, but by the destruction which was made from time to time by the King's command, to prevent them from being benefitted by the plunder. It may here be remarked, that the barony of Halton was held under the Earldom of Chester, by the service of leading the vanguard of the Earl's army, whenever he should march into Wales. The first mention of an inroad of the Welshmen, which was attended with any remarkable consequence, was in 1093, when, under the command of Griffith ap Conan, they committed great slaughter in Cheshire^a. Collins, in his Peerage, speaks of a battle fought at Nantwich in the time of Hugh Lupus^b: in 1121, the Welshmen made an incursion, and burnt two castles^c, probably Shocklach, and Old Castle, in Malpas: of the latter, we know nothing but its name. The sites of these castles are not very far asunder on the borders of Wales, and it is probable they were built as a security to the frontiers.

About the year 1150, the Welsh laid waste this county, but were cut off on their return at Nantwich^d. King Henry II. in the year 1156, previously to his unsuccessful expedition into Wales, came to Chester, and encamped, for some time, with his army on Saltney Marsh^e; in 1164 he came by sea to Chester, with a large army, meditating another invasion of North Wales, but after making some stay, disbanded his army, and abandoned his intended expedition^f. In 1212, the Welshmen, having again invaded the borders, took some castles, put the garrisons to the sword, burnt several towns, and returned laden with plunder; King John assembled an army, and marched as far as Chester, threatening destruction on the invaders, but having there received the

^x Higden calls them *subreguli*.

^y Ralph Higden, ut supra, vol. III. p. 267.

^z R. Higden. p. 270.

^a Caradoc's History of Wales, by Powell, p. 118. Edit. 1774.

^b Edit. 1768. vol. VII. p. 504.

^c Sim. Dunelm. inter Decem Scrip. 245.

^d Harl.

MSS. N^o 1989. p. 378.

^e Caradoc's History of Wales, by Powell, p. 173. Edit. 1774.

^f Ibid. p. 191.

unwelcome news that his barons were absolved from their allegiance, and being warned, that if he proceeded, he would either be assassinated by those about his own person, or delivered up to the enemy, he disbanded his army, and returned to London^g. In 1245, we are told, that King Henry III. returning from an expedition into Wales, caused the brine pits to be destroyed, and all the neighbouring parts of Cheshire to be spoiled and impoverished, to prevent the Welsh from procuring provisions thence either by rapine, purchase, or favour, the consequence of which was a most dreadful famine^h. In 1256, the Welsh, irritated by the oppressions and tyranny of Sir Geoffrey de Langley, lieutenant of the principality under Prince Edward, broke out into rebellion; and invading Cheshire ravaged the country up to the very gates of the cityⁱ. The following year they renewed their plunder, wasted the country with fire and sword, and repulsed Prince Edward, who had marched with an army to subdue them^k.

At length the King having determined on undertaking himself an expedition against the Welsh, summoned all who held of him by knight's service to attend him at Chester, on St. Mary Magdalen's day, (1257.) Thither accordingly he marched, with a great army, and the harvest being then just ready for the sickle, destroyed all the standing corn, lest it might afford a supply of provisions to the Welshmen, which caused a most dreadful scarcity; and in the event occasioned that distress to his own army, which he had intended should be felt only by his enemies; and was one of the chief causes which obliged him, without having been able to accomplish the purpose of his expedition, to make an inglorious retreat^l. After the King's return, James, Lord Audley, who had large possessions, and some castles on the borders of Wales, being returned from Germany, in revenge for the injuries which the Welshmen had committed in his absence by burning his castles^m, and plundering his estates; in his turn invaded their country, and put many of the inhabitants to the sword. The Welshmen again retaliated, and the contest was continued for some time, and on both sides houses and castles were burnt, and much blood spiltⁿ; and we are told that from the effect of their frequent contentions, the confines of each country, exhibited the appearance of an uninhabited wilderness^o.

The following year, the King having determined on another expedition against the Welshmen, summoned all who held of him by knight's service to appear, with horse and arms at Chester, the Monday before St. John Baptist's day, and accompany him into Wales^p. But the Welsh, in the mean time, having sued for peace,

^g M. Paris, p. 231, 232.

^h Ibid. 684.

ⁱ Ibid. 937.

^k Ibid. 943.

^l Ibid. 954.

^m One of these must have been Newhall Castle, in the parish of Audlem, a few miles from Nantwich, of which we have no notice except in a record nearly as old as these transactions.

ⁿ M. Paris, p. 957.

^o Ibid. p. 958.

^p Ibid. and Dugdale's Baronage, v. i. p. 141.

the expedition was laid aside. In the year 1274, King Edward I. went to Chester in the month of November, and summoned Llewellyn, Prince of Wales, to a conference; but he not thinking it prudent to put himself in the King's power, unless some pledge had been given for his personal safety, refused to attend this summons^b.

The King having sent a powerful army, two years afterwards, as a check upon Llewellyn, who still continued to make inroads, and plunder the borders, marched himself with an army towards Wales, in 1277: having arrived at Chester, about the festival of St. John the Baptist, he caused spacious avenues to be cut through an extensive and thickly wooded forest, which was between that city and Llewellyn's territories, by which means he obtained a passage for his army, free from all danger of ambuscade, and entered Wales in triumph^c. Llewellyn now hastened to make his submission, but commenced his depredations again in 1281: his death, which happened in the same year, in a skirmish with Lord Mortimer^d, was a prelude to the complete subjection of the Welsh, and put a stop for ever to those depredations which had harassed the inhabitants of Cheshire for more than two centuries.

We hear little of this county in the baronial wars, during the reigns of King John and his successor, indeed, the only event which seems to be recorded is the capture of Chester in 1264, by the Earl of Derby, and a large force, after having defeated William Lord Zouch, David brother to Llewellyn, Prince of Wales, and James, Lord Audley, who opposed him on the King's part^e. In 1294, King Edward I. was with his army at Chester, on his route to the isle of Anglesey, which then fell into his hands^f. In 1353, Edward, the Black Prince, went to Chester, accompanied by the Earls of Stafford and Warwick, with a military force, to protect the justices itinerant, Sir Richard Willoughby, and Sir Richard Snarethull, in case of an insurrection, which was apprehended^g.

Soon after Henry of Lancaster first appeared in arms against King Richard II., Sir Robert Legh and Sir John Legh, with many others, came to him at Shrewsbury, on behalf of the city and county of Chester, with an assurance that they were ready to submit themselves unto him in all things. Upon this he came to Chester, and staid there several days, mustering his army in sight of the city: during this time he caused Sir Peers Legh, commonly called Perkin a Legh, (ancestor of the Leghs of Adlington,) a faithful adherent of King Richard, to be executed, and ordered his head to be put up on one of the highest towers of the city^h. King

^b Th. Wikes, Hist. Ang. Scrip. (Fell.) II. 101.

^c Ibid. II. 105.

^d Ibid. II.

^e Holinshed.

^f Th. Wikes, Hist. Ang. Scrip. II. 126.

^g Dugdale's Baronage, I. 161.

^h Holinshed. His body was buried in the church of the White-friers at Chester. Harl. MSS: N^o 1989.

Richard was at this time in Conway Castle, from whence he soon afterwards removed to Flint. The conference between the King and the Duke of Lancaster at this castle, and its consequence are well known: the Duke returned to Chester, bringing the unfortunate monarch in his suite, virtually a prisoner; they remained one night at Chester, and then proceeded by easy stages towards London.

In 1403, when Henry had not been many years seated on his throne, the Earl of Northumberland, and his son, the Lord Percy, commonly known by the name of Hotspur, raised a rebellion against him; and caused it to be twice proclaimed in Chester, and in every market town in the county, that King Richard was still alive, and that he might be seen at the castle at Chester, by all such as should repair thither^p. During this rebellion the Cheshire men, who had been so forward to express their attachment to Henry of Lancaster, at Shrewsbury a few years before, took part with the Percys, and bore a memorable share in the battle, which was fought near that town. The event of the battle, which was fatal to the Percy cause, was particularly disastrous to the men of Cheshire; the most part of the knights and esquires of the whole county, to the amount of 200, with a great number of their retainers, were slain, and the Baron of Kinderton and Sir Richard Vernon were taken and beheaded. A few of the Cheshire knights appear to have adhered to the King, of whom Sir John Calveley and Sir John Maffey of Podington, fell in the battle^q. In the following year the King pardoned the citizens of Chester for the part they had taken in the rebellion of Harry Percy, on their paying a fine of 300 marks^r.

It does not appear that the county of Cheshire was the scene of any military transactions (excepting that it was for a short time the quarters of the Duke of Lancaster's army, as before mentioned,) from the reign of Henry III. to that of Charles I.; but the fame of the Cheshire men has been highly celebrated in our annals, on account of their warlike prowess. The heroic exploits of Lord Audley and his four Cheshire esquires^s at the battle of Poitiers, are well known. The battle of Blore Heath, in 1459, in which James, Lord Audley, was defeated by the Earl of Salisbury, was singularly disastrous to the men of Cheshire; and what rendered it the more calamitous was, that they ranged nearly in equal numbers on the side of each of the contending parties. Those who fought with the house of Lancaster wore the cognizance of a white swan, given them by Queen

^p Harl. MSS. N^o 1989.
Records of the Corporation.
Foulshurst, and Sir John Hawkstone.

^q Holinshed.

^r Charter amongst the
Sir John Delves; Sir Thomas Dutton; Sir Robert

Margaret¹, who is said to have visited Chester in 1455¹. Sir Thomas Dutton, Sir John Done, Sir Hugh Venables, Sir Richard Molineux, Sir William Troutbeck, Sir John Legh of Booths, and Sir John Egerton, were left dead on the field¹.

The men of Cheshire bore a distinguished part in the battle of Flodden-field, in 1513; it was particularly fatal to the burgesses of Macclesfield, several of whom, with their mayor, Sir Edmund Savage, were left dead on the field². When the Earl of Hertford, after a victory obtained over the Scots, in 1544, knighted at Leith about 60 officers, who had accompanied him in that expedition; nearly one-third of them were gentlemen of the most distinguished Cheshire families³: among these was Sir Edmund Savage, whose father fell at Flodden-field.

Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke mentions the taking of Chester by the parliamentary forces, soon after the commencement of the civil war between King Charles I. and his parliament: but it is evidently an oversight, and intended for Chichester⁴. Chester was not attacked by the parliamentary forces till the month of July 1643. Nantwich had been garrisoned by the parliament early in the autumn of 1642, and soon after fell into the hands of Lord Grandison, who took it by a coup-de-main on the 21st of September, but evacuated it again before the battle of Edghill⁵.

Soon after this an attempt was made by the principal persons of this county, who were pretty equally divided between the King and the parliament, to preserve its internal peace; and a treaty of pacification was actually entered into at Bunbury, on the 23d of December, by Robert Lord Kilmorey and others, under the sanction of the commissioners of array⁶; but the articles then agreed upon were rendered null and void by an ordinance of parliament, which

¹ Holinshed.

² MS. notes relating to Chester, collected by Archdeacon Rogers in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

³ Holinshed. Drayton in his Polyolbion (song xxii.) strongly depicts the division of the Cheshire gentry in this memorable battle, by supposing that these brave knights, who are recorded to have been left dead on the field, fell each by the hands of a relative.

“ There Dutton Dutton kills; a Done doth kill a Done;
A Booth a Booth; and Leigh by Leigh is overthrown:
A Venables, against a Venables doth stand,
And Troutbeck fighteth with a Troutbeck hand to hand:
There Molineux doth make a Molineux to die;
And Egerton the strength of Egerton doth try.
Oh Cheshire! wert thou mad of thine own native gore,
So much until this day thou never shedd’st before!
Above two thousand men upon the earth were thrown,
Of whom the greatest part were naturally thine own.”

⁴ Records of the corporation of Macclesfield.

⁵ Holinshed.

⁶ See Clarendon, Heath, &c.

⁷ History of Nantwich.

⁸ Harl. MSS. N^o 2135. f. 83.

required their adherence to maintain and assist the common cause, pursuant to their former resolutions: and for their better encouragement Sir William Brereton a gentleman of the county, and one of its representatives in parliament, was sent down with a troop of horse, and a regiment of dragoons for their protection: the King on the other hand, sent Sir Nicholas Byron, with a commission, by which he was appointed colonel-general of Cheshire and Shropshire, and governor of Chester ^b.

Sir Nicholas Byron, on his arrival in Cheshire, soon raised a considerable force, and had frequent skirmishes with the parliamentary troops ^c, of which we have no particulars. Chester was the head-quarters of the King's party. Sir William Brereton, on the other hand, having taken possession of Nantwich again for the parliament, fortified it, and fixed his head-quarters in that town ^d. Vicars, in his Parliamentary Chronicle, says, that soon after Sir William Brereton came down into Cheshire, being then with his troops at Congleton, and hearing that Sir Thomas Aston and Sir Vincent Corbet, two active commissioners of array, were about to take possession of Nantwich with their forces, sent a party on or about the 28th of January, 1643, to secure that town; that Sir Thomas Aston marched to Nantwich, and attacked the town five several times, but was as often repulsed: and that he and Sir Vincent Corbet were entirely defeated by Sir William Brereton, who soon afterwards came up with his troops. At this time Nantwich lay open on all sides without any trench or banks ^e. Sir William Brereton, after he had obtained possession of it, surrounded it with mud walls and ditches. On the 20th of February the parliamentary forces were defeated on Tilston-heath ^f: Sir Robert Cholmondeley's patent of peerage speaks of his good services in this action. On the 21st of February Beeston-castle was taken by the parliament, and the next day there was a skirmish in Tiverton field, in which some officers of the King's and one of Colonel Mainwaring's on the side of the parliament were killed, and were buried at Tarporley ^g.

Lord Capel being sent down into these parts by the King, with a commission of lieutenant-general of Shropshire, Cheshire, and North Wales, raised a body of horse and foot, which gave Sir William Brereton so much trouble at Nantwich, that the garrison at Chester, as Lord Clarendon tells us, had breath to enlarge its quarters and provide for its own security, though the parliamentary army omitted no opportunity of infesting it ^h. Vicars, in his Parliamentary Chronicle, gives an account of

^b Clarendon. ^c Ibid. ^d Ibid. ^e Vicars. ^f Randle Holme's Narrative of the Siege of Chester, Harl. MSS., No 2155.
^g Burghall's Diary, 8vo. History of Cheshire, vol. ii. p. 907. ^h History of Nantwich.

a battle fought at Middlewich on the 13th of March, 1643, in which he tells us that Sir Thomas Aston and his forces were put to flight by Sir William Brereton, who had advanced with his army from Northwich, where he was then quartered. He adds that there were taken prisoners Sir Edward Mosely, three Cheshire captains, Massey of Codrington, Hurleston, and Starkey, eight others, and about 500 soldiers. On the 11th of April there was a skirmish near Burleydam-chapel¹; on the 18th a battle was fought between the Nantwich forces and the King's garrison, who had sallied from Cholmondeley-hall and were repulsed^m. Lord Capel on the 17th of May made an unsuccessful attack on Nantwichⁿ: on the 12th of June a party from Nantwich attacked Mr. Leche's house at Carden, which made some ineffectual resistance: Mr. Leche was taken prisoner to Nantwich^o. About the latter end of June, a troop of horse from the King's garrison at Cholmondeley-hall, burnt Bunbury church^p. On the 18th of July Sir William Brereton marched with his forces before Chester, and made a vigorous attack on the works of that garrison, but was beaten off, and obliged to retreat^q. On the 3d of August, Lord Capel with his forces made an unsuccessful attack on Nantwich; he marched again towards that town, on the 16th of October, for the purpose of making another assault on its garrison, and occupied Acton church and Dorfold-hall; but evacuated both the next day. On the 12th of November there was a skirmish at Stamford-bridge, between the parliamentary garrison from Tarvin and some of the Chester forces, in which the former were defeated.

About the end of November, this year, a considerable body of troops arrived out of Ireland, for the King's service, and were for the present ordered to remain at Chester, under the command of Lord Byron, the governor's nephew, who employed them in various services in this county, and with their assistance took Beeston castle, Dodington castle, Crewe-hall, Dorfold-hall^r, and Barthomley^s and Acton churches^t; all of which had been made garrisons by the parliamentary

¹ Burghall's Diary.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid.

^p Burghall's Diary.

^q Lord Clarendon, II. 146. History of the siege of Chester, p. 17.—This account of the siege of Chester was compiled by Mr. John Broster of Chester, from an anonymous MS. Journal which Dr. Gower mentions, in his Sketch of the Materials of a History of Cheshire, as communicated by the Rev. Mr. Harwood; from the Corporation Records; and from printed authorities. In the second edit. (1804), are copies of some original letters now in the possession of Mrs. Cowper of Over-Leigh.

^r Burghall's Diary. It was taken January 2, 1644.

^s Burghall says there

were only a few of the inhabitants in Barthomley church, who had gone in for safety, and it is observed that the cruelties committed on this occasion at Barthomley and in the neighbourhood, formed one of the articles against King Charles I.

^t Acton church appears to have

stood a considerable siege. See Burghall's Diary.

army^a. Beeston castle having been surrendered without resistance on the 12th of December^z, the governor was executed not long afterwards for cowardice^y. Dodington castle surrendered also on the first summons^z: Crewe-hall made a vigorous defence, but was obliged to capitulate the 28th of December^a, for want of victuals and ammunition^b.

About the same time, in the month of December 1643, Lord Byron, with his Irish regiments, defeated the whole of the parliamentary forces under Sir William Brereton at Middlewich^c: those who escaped fled to Nantwich^d. In consequence of this action Northwich fell into Lord Byron's hands^e. Nantwich being the only garrison in Cheshire in possession of the parliament, was besieged during the greater part of the month of January, 1644^f. After some vigorous but unsuccessful assaults, the town was relieved by Sir Thomas Fairfax, and Sir William Brereton; who having joined their forces, defeated Lord Byron's army, the remains of which, with their commander, retreated to Chester, on the 25th of January; most of the officers retired into Acton church, and Dorfold-hall, but were soon obliged to surrender^g; among them was the celebrated General Monk, then a colonel in the King's army, who was sent a prisoner to the Tower, where he continued till nearly the end of the war^h. During the siege of Nantwich, Colonel Milton routed a party of the King's horse, conveying arms and ammunition to the besiegers, and took Sir Nicholas Byron, governor of Chester, prisonerⁱ. About the end of January there was a skirmish near Tarvin in which the parliamentarians were successful^k. Crewe-hall fell into the hands of the Parliament again on the 4th, and Dodington-castle on the 7th; both surrendered without resistance^l.

On the 13th of February a detachment from the garrison at Chester made an attack on a body of the parliamentary forces, who had posted themselves at Christleton, and after an obstinate conflict, in which much blood was spilt, compelled them to retire^m. Adlington-hall, a garrison of the King's was taken February 14thⁿ; and on the 25th, after a long siege, Withenshaw, another royal

^a Clarendon's History, Svo. II. 456, and History of Nantwich. ^x Dugdale's View of the Troubles.—Whitelocke seems to date the surrender of Beeston castle in the month of January 1643-4. Memoirs, p. 75. ^y History of the siege of Chester, p. 33. ^z History of Nantwich.
^d Dugdale's View of the Troubles. ^b History of Nantwich. ^c Burghall says that this action was fought on St. Stephen's day in Booth-lane. ^e Lord Clarendon, Svo. II. 456.
^f History of the siege of Chester, p. 41. ^g The royalists had for some time before been drawing their forces round it, but the town was not closely besieged before the 2d of January. See Burghall's Diary. ^h Burghall's Dairy. ⁱ Heath's Chronicle, 53.
^j Whitelocke, p. 76. ^k Burghall's Diary. ^l Ibid. ^m History of the siege of Chester, p. 42. ⁿ Burghall's Diary.

garrison,

garrison, the feat of the Tatton family¹; Stockport was taken by Prince Rupert without any resistance, on the 25th of May². In the month of June, 1644, the Parliament made Sir William Brereton major-general of Cheshire³. Cholmondeley hall, a garrison of the King's, was taken after a brave resistance, by the Earl of Denbigh, on the 7th of July⁴. On the 18th of August, Colonel Marrow, lieutenant governor of Chester, was slain in an attack upon the parliamentary garrison in Croughton-hall, near that city⁵: on the 21st of August, Sir William Brereton being then at Northwich, sent out a party, who, having advanced as far as Tarvin, were there defeated by a detachment of the King's forces, and fled over Delamere forest⁶.

On the 25th of August a severe action was fought at Old-Castle-heath near Malpas, in which the royalists were defeated with the loss of Colonel Vane, Colonel Conyers, and other officers⁷. On the 5th of September the parliamentary forces marched to Tarvin, fortified it with strong works, and placed a garrison there, and another at Huxley-hall⁸. In the month of September Colonel Jones defeated Prince Rupert's horse, near Malpas, and caused them to retreat with considerable loss to Chester⁹. On the 22d of that month Birket-house, in Wirrall, which had been garrisoned to secure the passage to Liverpool, was taken by the parliament¹⁰. In the month of October, 1644, Chester was blockaded by Sir William Brereton¹¹. In November Beeston-castle was besieged by the parliamentary forces from Nantwich¹². During the following month Chester was more closely blockaded, garrisons having been placed by Sir William Brereton at Aldford, Eccleston, Huntington, Rowton, Tarvin, Trafford and Upton-hall¹³. About the beginning of the ensuing year the parliamentary forces established their headquarters at Christleton, which they fortified, and they afterwards placed garrisons at Dodleston, Nether-Leigh, and Lache¹⁴. On the 18th of January, 1645, an action took place between the parliamentary forces from Christleton, and the royalists from Chester, in which the latter were repulsed¹⁵; on the 26th of the same month the parliamentary forces made an unsuccessful attempt to storm Chester; Prince Maurice came to that garrison on the 20th of February¹⁶: the siege was in consequence again raised for a while, and the citizens burnt Boughton and the parliamentary garrison at Christleton¹⁷. Beeston castle, which had been long besieged

¹ Burghall's Diary. ² Ibid. ³ Whitelocke, p. 85. ⁴ Burghall's Diary. ⁵ History of the siege of Chester, p. 47. ⁶ History of the siege of Chester; but Burghall in his Diary says that the royalists were defeated with considerable loss. ⁷ Burghall's Diary. ⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Whitelocke, p. 97. ¹⁰ Carte's Ormond Letters. vol. I. p. 65. ¹¹ Whitelocke, p. 101. ¹² Burghall's Diary. ¹³ Ibid. and Randle Holme's Narrative of the siege of Chester. ¹⁴ Harl MSS No. 2155. ¹⁵ Randle Holmes' Narrative. ¹⁶ Burghall's Diary. ¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ Randle Holme.

by the parliament, was relieved by Prince Rupert and Prince Maurice on the 17th of March; their soldiers plundered Bunbury, and set Beeston-hall on fireⁿ. After Prince Maurice's departure the parliamentary army returned to the siege of Chester, and fixed their quarters at Nether-Leigh^o. Beeston castle also was again besieged, and fortifications raised near it, for the purpose of attacking it with more effect^p.

About the middle of May, the King advancing towards Chester with a large force, (although he afterwards altered his route) the parliament abandoned all their garisons except Tarvin and Nantwich^q. On the 20th of this month Sir William Bwereton drew off his troops from Chester, and retreated to Nantwich: on the 22d the siege was raised, and the royalists relieved the town^r. On the 4th of June a detachment from Beeston-castle made an unsuccessful attack upon Ridley-hall, then occupied by a small parliamentary garrison^s. On the 20th of September Colonel Jones, with a large detachment from the siege of Beeston castle, marched by night to Chester, and before day-break stormed the outworks; got possession of St. John's church, and fixed a battery on the tower; the assault continued during the 20th and 21st^t. On the 27th of the same month happened the battle of Rowton and Hoole-heath, (near Chester) in which the King's army, commanded by Sir Marmaduke Langdale, being overpowered by the joint forces of General Poyntz, and of Colonel Jones, who had hastened from the siege of the garrison to his assistance, was defeated and put to flight. The Earl of Lichfield and Lord Gerard, with some horse and foot from the garrison, made an unsuccessful attempt to recover the fortune of the day, in which the Earl of Lichfield, a brave and amiable nobleman, met with his death's wound^u. Some writers have asserted, that the King was himself in this action^x and that he escaped, with a small party of horse, to Chester, where he lay one night^x; but it appears, by Lord Clarendon's account, by Randle Holme's narrative of the siege of Chester, and the printed history of the siege, that the King arrived in Chester the evening before the engagement; that he was lodged for two nights, at the house of Sir Francis Gamul; and that accompanied by Sir Francis, the mayor,

ⁿ Randle Holme. ^o Ibid. ^p Ibid. ^q Ibid. ^r History of the
siege of Chester, p. 41, 42. Burghall's Diary. Randle Holme's Narrative.

^s Lord Clarendon, II. 713. ^t Burghall says the report was that the King was
sometimes in the city and sometimes at Hoole-heath; which he observes was likely, as a passage was
open from Northgate-street to Hoole without any great danger.

^u See Whitlocke and Heath. Grainger, in his Biographical History of England, goes so far
as to say that the King was rescued from imminent danger in the action by the Earl of Lichfield.

and alderman Cowper, was a sad spectator of the defeat of his troops, first from the Phoenix tower, and afterwards from the tower of the cathedral church, where an officer was shot dead by his side^b: on the morning of the 28th the King quitted Chester with 500 horse; Sir Francis Gamul, captain Thropp, and alderman Cowper, attending him as far as Denbigh.

On or about the 20th of November, Beeston castle, after enduring a year's siege, the provision of the garrison being quite exhausted, was surrendered to Sir William Brereton, by capitulation^c. During the months of October and November, the besiegers had made some attempts to storm the city of Chester, and the garrison occasionally made sallies, with various success^k. About the beginning of December, Sir William Brereton being joined by Colonel Booth, and the Lancashire forces, established his head-quarters at Dodleston^l, and was enabled to blockade the city so closely, as to cut off all possibility of a supply of provisions; the besieged nevertheless, though reduced to the greatest extremities, held out till the third of February 1646, when having been fully assured that there were no hopes of relief, the garrison was surrendered by its governor, Lord Byron^m, on honorable termsⁿ.

No farther effort was made on the King's part, in this county, during the war. When the royalists in the north made an attempt to restore the King in the month of May, 1648, the gentlemen of Cheshire, in the interest of the parliament, fortified the castle and city of Chester, for which they received the thanks of the house: they engaged also to raise three regiments of foot, and one of horse, if they should be wanted for the defence of the country^o. After the defeat of the Duke of Hamilton at Preston, that unfortunate nobleman, retreating with about 3000 horse, being the remains of the Scottish army, through Nantwich towards Uttoxeter, in the month of August, 1648^p; the gentlemen of the country are said to have taken about 500 of them.

In the month of August, 1651, the Scottish army, under King Charles II. were quartered for a short time at Nantwich, previously to the battle of Worcester^q: after the unfortunate event of that action (in the month of September) a party of the King's horse, on their retreat northward, passing through Sandbach (it being on the day of their fair) were attacked by the country people, and 100 of them

^b Randle's Holme's Narrative.

ⁱ Whitelocke, p. 187. Burghall says on the 16th of

November. ^k History of the siege, and Randle Holme's Narrative.

^l Randle Holme's

Narrative. ^m He was appointed governor after his uncle, Sir Nicholas, was taken prisoner.

ⁿ See Whitelocke, and History of the siege.

^o Whitelocke, p. 303, and 305.

^p Ibid. p. 327, and Heath, 178.

^q Whitelocke, p. 477.

taken prisoners^c. During the months of June and July 1655, many of the principal gentry of this county, among whom were Sir Peter Leycester of Tabley, Peter Venables, baron of Kinderton, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Mr. Shakerley, Mr. Warren of Poynton, and Mr. Massey of Podington, were sent prisoners to the castle at Chester, under suspicion of being disaffected to Cromwell's government^d.

In the month of August 1659, Sir George Booth (who, as it was afterwards known, had a commission from King Charles II. appointing him commander in chief of all his forces in Cheshire, Lancashire, and North Wales) appeared in arms in Cheshire at the head of an army of upwards of three thousand men; he was accompanied by the Earl of Derby, Lord Cholmondeley, Lord Kilmorey, and several of the principal gentlemen of the county: they mustered upon Rowton-heath, the spot which had proved so unfortunate to King Charles I. and there read and published a declaration, setting forth that they took up arms for a free parliament, and to deliver the nation from the slavery they then laboured under^e. General Lambert being sent by the parliament, with an army against Sir George Booth, they met at Winnington bridge near Northwich^f, on the 16th of August, when an action ensued, in which Booth's forces were soon defeated: he himself escaped from the field in disguise, but was taken at Newport-Pagnell, and sent to the tower^g. After the engagement, Lambert marched with his army to Chester, then held by Colonel Croxton, which was immediately surrendered^h. As a punishment for this rebellion against their power, the parliament passed a vote on the 17th of September to dissolve the corporation of the city of Chester, and that it should be no longer a county of itselfⁱ. On the eve of the revolution, Sir George Booth's son, Henry, Lord Delamere, who a few years before had been accused of an intention of raising a force in Cheshire to join the Duke of Monmouth, and had been tried for treason before lord chancellor Jefferies, but acquitted; as soon as he heard of the Prince's landing, raised a great force in Cheshire and Lancashire, declared in his favour, and immediately set forwards on his march to join him^j: meanwhile Lord Molineux and Lord Aston seized Chester for the King^k. The abdication of the bigotted monarch, which shortly afterwards ensued, happily for the country, rendered these warlike preparations useless.

^c Whitelocke, p. 484.

^d Leycester MSS. at Tabley.

^e Heath.

^f Burghall's

Diary. ^g Heath, and Whitelocke.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Collins's Peerage,

Edit. 1768. vol. VII. p. 85.

^k Howell's Medulla Hist. Ang.

Ancient and modern Division of Cheshire.

When the survey of Domesday was taken, this county was divided into twelve hundreds, exclusively of the lands between the Ribble and the Mersey, containing six hundreds, now part of Lancashire, but then deemed part of Cheshire. The two ancient hundreds of Atiscros and Exestan have also been taken from Cheshire, and made part of the counties of Flint and Denbigh, in the principality of Wales; excepting a few townships, as Claverton, Dodleston, Marlston, and Lache, which still continue part of Cheshire, being within the modern hundred of Broxton. Sir Peter Leycester supposes the present division of the hundreds, to have taken place about the reign of Edward III.: he gives the following table as the proportion of the old hundreds to the new.

New Hundreds.	Old Hundreds.
Wirrall - -	Wilaveston ^a
Broxton - -	Dudestan and Cestre
Edisbury -	Rifeton and Roelau
Northwich -	Mildestvic
Nantwich -	Warmondestrou
Macclesfield -	Hamestan
Bucklow -	Bochelau and Tunendune.

The lords or bailiffs of these several hundreds, who hold by lease under the crown, are John Egerton, Esq. of the hundred of Broxton, Wilbraham Egerton, Esq. of Bucklow hundred, Earl Cholmondeley of Edisbury and Nantwich; the Earl of Derby, of Macclesfield hundred; the Duke of Leeds, of Northwich, and Birkenhead Glegg, Esq. of Wirrall. The general arrangement of the Cheshire hundreds has been as expressed in the above table; but it may be observed that several of the townships, which were in Dudestan hundred are now in Edisbury, and some other variations have taken place, as may be seen in the following table, in which are given the ancient and modern names of the townships, with the hundreds in which they were, and are now situated.

^a It seems probable that it lost this name soon after the conquest, and acquired that of Caldey hundred: for it appears, by various documents, that the ancestors of Mr. Glegg, who is now Lord of the hundred of Wirrall, was Lord, or Bailiff, of Caldey hundred from the reign of Edward I. to that of Henry VII. inclusive; and that they inherited the bailiwick from the family of Merton.—Leycester MSS. at Tabley and Harl. MSS. N^o 2078.

Acatone and Actune	Acton	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Aculvestune	Oceleston	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Alburgham	Alpraham	-	-	Dudestan	-	Edisbury
Aldelime	Audlem	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Aldredelie	Over and Nether-Alderley	-	-	Bochelau and Hamestan	-	Both now in Macclesfield
Aldretune	Ollerton	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Aletune	-	-	-	Hamestan	-	Macclesfield
Altetone	Oulton	-	-	Dudestan	-	Edisbury
Alelie	Ashley	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Bagelei	Baguley	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Badelei	Baddiley	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Berchesford	Barksford	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Berdeltune	Bertherton	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Berneftone	Baraston	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Bero	Barrow	-	-	Rifeton	-	Edisbury
Bertemeleu	Barthomley	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Bertintone	Bartington	-	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Bertintune	Barnton	-	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Bevelei	Byley	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Bichelei	Bickley	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Bicretone	Bickerton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Blackeholl	Blacon-hall	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Blachenhale	Blaken-hall	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Bocitone	Boughton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Bodvrde	Little-Budworth	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Edisbury
Bogedone	Bowdon	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Boliberie	Bunbury	-	-	Rifetone	-	Edisbury
Bofelega	Bofley	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Boteftoch	Bollock	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Bramale	Bramhall	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Bretburie	Bredbury	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Bretone	Brereton	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Brochetone	-	-	-	Atiferos	-	-
Broflee	Broxton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Bruge	Handbridge	-	-	Ceftre	-	-
Brunhala	Bromhall	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Budevurde	Great-Budworth	-	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Buiftane	Beefton	-	-	Rifeton	-	Edisbury
Burtone	Burton	-	-	Rifeton	-	Edisbury
Burtune	Barton	-	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Burwardeslei	Burwardfley	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Burwardetone	-	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-
Butelege	Butley	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Caldecote	Caldecot	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Calders	Caldey	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Calmundelei	Cholmondeley	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton

Calvintone

Calvintone	-	Shavington	- -	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Cedde	- -	-	- -	Hameftan		
Celeford	- -	Chelford	- -	Hameftan	- -	Macclesfield
Celelea	- -	Chowley	- -	Dudeftan	- -	Broxton
Cepmundwiche	-	(In Over-Peover)		Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Cerdingham	-	Caringham or Kirmicham		Mildefstvic	- -	Northwich
Cerlere	- -	-	- -	Warmondestrou		
Cerletune	- -	Chorlton	- -	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Chelmondestone	-	Cholmefton	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Chenoterie	-	Knoctorum	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Chingeflie	-	Kingsley	- -	Roelau	- -	Edifbury
Chriftetone	-	Chriftleton	- -	Dudeftan	- -	Broxton
Cimbretune	-	Kinderton	-	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Clavertone	-	Claverton	-	Atiferos		
Cliftune	-	Clifton	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Clive	- -	Clive	- -	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Clotone	-	Clotton	-	Rifeton	-	Edifbury
Clutune	-	Clutton	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Cocheffhalle	-	Cogfhall	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Cocle	- -	-	- -	Rifeton		
Cogeltone	-	Congleton	-	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Colburne	-	{ Golbourn-Bellew and Golbourn-David }		Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Copeltale	-	Coppenhall	-	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Copeftor	-	Capethorne	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Cotintone	-	Codington	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Creu	- -	Crewe	- -	Warmondestrou	-	Nantwich
Creuhall	-	Crewe by Farndon	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Croeneche	-	-	- -	Hameftan		
Croftone	- -	Croughton	- -	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Croftune	-	Croxton	-	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Cunetesford	-	Knutsford	-	Bochelau	- -	Bucklow
Cuntitone	-	Cuddington	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Denepport	-	Davenport	-	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Depenbech	-	Malpas	- -	Dudeftan	- -	Broxton
Devencham	-	Davenham	-	Mildefstvic	-	Northwich
Dochintone	-	Duckington	-	Dudeftan	- -	Broxton
Dodeftune	-	Doddefton	-	Atiferos	-	Broxton
Done						
Doneham	-	{ Dunham-Maffey Dunham on the hill }		Bochelau	- -	Bucklow
Duntune	-	Dutton	- -	Roelau	-	Edifbury
Eccleftone	-	Ecclefton	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Edelauc	-	-	- -	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Edifberie	-	Edifbury	-	Wilavefton		
Edulvintune	-	Adlington	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield

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Eghe	-	-	Edge	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Eleacier	-	-	-	-	-	Mildefstvic	-	-	
Eltone	-	-	Elton	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Edisbury
Elveldelie	-	-	Alvanley	-	-	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Enelelei	-	-	Enley in Norton	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Bucklow
Entrebus	-	-	Antrobus	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Bucklow
Epletune	-	-	Appleton	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Bucklow
Eftiam	-	-	Eastham	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Eftone,	-	-	Alton, Afton- Grange, Afton- Mondrem, &c.	-	-	Rifeton,	-	} Bucklow and Nantwich	
Eftune, and	-	-			-	-	Tunendune, and		-
Eftune	-	-			-	-	Warmondeftrou		-
Eftuelle	-	-	Hefwall	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Etefhalle	-	-	-	-	-	Mildefstvic	-	-	
Etingehalle	-	-	Idenfhaw	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edisbury
Etone	-	-	Eaton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Ferentone	-	-	Farndon	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Frotefhham	-	-	Frodsham	-	-	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Gaitone	-	-	Gayton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Goftriel	-	-	Goofrey	-	-	Mildefstvic	-	-	Northwich
Govefurde	-	-	Gawfworth	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Graveberie	-	-	Graifby	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Gropenhale	-	-	Gropenhall	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Bucklow
Hale	-	-	Hale	-	-	Bochelau	-	-	Bucklow
Hamiteberie	-	-	Henbury	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Hanlei	-	-	Handley	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Hautone	-	-	Hampton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Haregrave	-	-	Hargrave	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Edisbury
Haretone	-	-	Hatherton	-	-	Warmondeftrou	-	-	Nantwich
Hefinghel	-	-	-	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	
Helefbie	-	-	Helfby	-	-	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Heletune	-	-	Halton	-	-	Tunendune	-	-	Bucklow
Hierford	-	-	Hartford	-	-	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Hofinchel	-	-	-	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	
Hoiloch	-	-	Wheelock	-	-	Mildefstvic	-	-	Northwich
Holifurde	-	-	Hollingworth	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Hotone	-	-	Hooton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Hunditone	-	-	Huntington	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Hungrewenitune	-	-	-	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	
Inife	-	-	Ince	-	-	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Kenardeffie	-	-	-	-	-	Roelau	-	-	
Lai	-	-	Lea	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Laitone	-	-	-	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	
Landecken	-	-	Landican	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Lautune	-	-	Lawton	-	-	Mildefstvic	-	-	Northwich
Lavorchedone	-	-	{ Larkdon, or Larton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
	-	-			-				

Lece	-	-	Lees	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Leche	-	-	Lache	-	-	Atiscros	-	Broxton
Lege	-	-	High-Legh	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Legh	-	-	Little Leigh	-	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Lefstone	-	-	Leighton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Levetefham	-	-	Ledfham	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Lime	-	-	Lymm	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Maclesfield	-	-	Macclesfield	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Manefhale and Manefhelie	-	}	Church-Minshull, and Minshull-Vernon	-	}	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Melas	-	-	Meoles	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Menlic	-	-	Manley	-	-	Rociau	-	Edifbury
Mera	-	-	Mere	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Merburie	-	-	Marbury	-	-	Warmondeftrou	-	Nantwich
Meretone and Merutune	-	}	Marton	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Merlestone	-	-	Marlefton	-	-	Atiscros	-	Broxton
Mideftune	-	}	Mid-Afton, or Middleton-Grange	-	}	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Moletune	-	-	Moulton	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Molintone	-	-	Molington	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Motburlege	-	-	Mobberley	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Motre	-	-	Mottram	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Mulintune	-	-	Millington	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Neffe	-	-	Neffe	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Nefstone	-	-	Nefton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Newbold	-	-	Newbold Aftbury	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Newentone	-	-	Newton	-	-	Ceftre	-	Broxton
Newtone	-	-	Newton	-	-	Mildestvic	-	Northwich
Nordberie	-	-	Norbury	-	-	Hameftan	-	Macclesfield
Nortune	-	-	Norton	-	-	Tunendune	-	Bucklow
Norwordine	-	-	Norden, or Northenden	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Oltetone	-	-	Oulton	-	-	Rifeton	-	Edifbury
Ohretune	-	-	Ollerton	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Optone	-	-	Upton	-	-	{ Dudeftan and Wilavefton }	-	Broxton and Wirrall
Ovre	-	-	Over	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Edifbury
Ovretone	-	-	Overton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	Broxton
Pevre	-	-	Peover	-	-	Bochelau	-	Bucklow
Pevretone	-	-	Pecforton	-	-	Rifeton	-	Edifbury
Piftetone	-	-	Pifton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Broxton
Pol	-	-	Poole	-	-	{ Warmondeftrou and Wilavefton }	-	Nantwich and Wirrall.
Pontone	-	-	-	-	-	Warmondeftrou	-	-
Pontone	-	-	Poolton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall
Potitune	-	-	Podington	-	-	Wilavefton	-	Wirrall

Prestune	-	-	Prenton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Pulford	-	-	Pulford	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Rabie	-	-	Raby	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Redeclive	-	-	Radcliffe	-	-	Ceftre	-	-	
Rode	-	-	Odd-Rode	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Rodeftorne	-	-	Rofthorne	-	-	Bochelau	-	-	Bucklow
Rodo	-	-	North-Rode	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Rumelie	-	-	Romily	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Rufitone	-	-	Rufhton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Edifbury
Salhale, or Salhare	-	-	Saughall	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Saltone	-	-	Saughton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Sanbec	-	-	Sandbach	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Santune	-	-	-	-	-	Warmondeftron	-	-	
Sceneftune	-	-	Snelfon	-	-	Bochelau	-	-	Macclesfield
Sibroc	-	-	Shipbrook	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Socheliche	-	-	Shocklach	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Sotowiche	-	-	Shotwick	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Sproftune	-	-	Sprofton	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Spureftone	-	-	Spurflow	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edifbury
Stabelei, or Stablei	-	-	Tabley-Over and Nether	-	-	Bochelau	-	-	Bucklow
Stanei	-	-	Stanney	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Stanlei ^b	-	-	-	-	-	Warmondeftrou	-	-	
Stapleford	-	-	Stapleford	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton and Edifbury
Storetone	-	-	Stourton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Sudendune	-	-	Sidington	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Sudtone, or Sutone	-	-	Sutton	-	-	Mildeftvic and Wilavefton	-	-	Northwich and Wirrall
Sumreford	-	-	Somerford	-	-	Mildeftvic and Wilavefton	-	-	Northwich and Wirrall
Sundreland	-	-	Sunderland in Dunham		-	Bochelau	-	-	Bucklow
			Maffey						
Surveleg	-	-	Shurlach	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Tadetune	-	-	Tetton	-	-	Mildeftvic	-	-	Northwich
Tatenale	-	-	Tattenhall	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Tatune	-	-	Tatton	-	-	Bochelau	-	-	Bucklow
Tengeflivife	-	-	Tingtwithle	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	Macclesfield
Tereth	-	-	-	-	-	Warmondeftrou	-	-	
Terve	-	-	Tarvin	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edifbury
Tevretone	-	-	Teverton	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edifbury
Tidulfane	-	-	Tiltton-Fernall	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edifbury
Telleftone	-	-	Tiltton	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Broxton
Titefle	-	-	-	-	-	Hameftan	-	-	
Torintone	-	-	Thornton	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Wirrall
Torintune	-	-	Thornton in the Moors	-	-	Dudeftan	-	-	Edifbury
Torpelei	-	-	Tarporley	-	-	Rifeton	-	-	Edifbury
Traford	-	-	Trafford	-	-	Wilavefton	-	-	Broxton

^b It appears by theurvey that this had been formerly esteemed part of the manor of Wefton in Wybanbury.

Trafford, Troford, or Trosford	{ Bridge-Trafford, and Wimbold's-Trafford }	Roelau	-	-	Edisbury
Tuigwelle	- - Thingwell	- - Wilavefton	- -	- -	Wirrall
Turaftaneton	- - Thurftafton	- - Wilavefton	- -	- -	Wirrall
Tufigeham	- - Tufingham	- - Dufeftan	- -	- -	Broxton
Ulvre	- -	- - Rifeton	- -	- -	
Walcretune	- - Walgherton	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Walea	- - Wallafey	- - Wilavefton	- -	- -	Wirrall
Wareburgetune	- - Warburton	- - Bochelau	- -	- -	Bucklow
Wareford	- - Warford	- - Bochelau	- -	- -	Macclesfield
Wareneberie	- - Wrenbury	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Warhelle	- - Wardle	- - Rifeton	- -	- -	Edisbury
Warnet	- - Werneth	- - Hameftan	- -	- -	Macclesfield
Watenhale	- - Wettenhall	- - Rifeton	- -	- -	Edisbury
Warretone	- - Waverton, or Warton	- - Dufeftan	- -	- -	Broxton
Wenitone	- - Winnington	- - Roelau	- -	- -	Edisbury
Werbleftune	- - Worlefton	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Weftanefstune, or Wifetefstune	} Wifafton	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Wefstone	- - Wefton	{ Tunendune and mondeftrou	War-}		Bucklow and Nantwich
Wevre	- - Weaver	- - Mildefstvic	- -	- -	Edisbury
Wibaldelai	- - Wimbaldefley	- - Mildefstvic	- -	- -	Northwich
Wilaveftune	- - Willafton	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Wimeberie	- - Wybunbury	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Wimundefham	- - Wincham	- - Bochelau	- -	- -	Bucklow
Winftone	- -	- - Rifeton	- -	- -	
Wirefwelle	- - Wirfwall	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	Nantwich
Wifdelea	- -	- - Wilavefton	- -	- -	
Witelei	- - Whitley	- - Tunendune	- -	- -	Bucklow
Witune	- - Witton	- - Mildefstvic	- -	- -	Northwich
Wivefde	- -	- - Warmondeftrou	- -	- -	
Wivevrene	- - Wervin	- - Wilavefton	- -	- -	Broxton
Wivreham	- - Weverham	- - Roelau	- -	- -	Edisbury

The parishes of Aldford, Astbury, Backford, Bebbington, Bidfton, Brereton, Bromborough, Burton, Cheadle, Eaftham, Harthill, Weft-Kirkby, Plemftall, Preftbury, Runcorn, Stoak, Stockport, Swettenham, Tattenhall, Taxall, Wilmflow, and Woodchurch, are not noticed by name in the Survey, although it contains many of their component townships: many townships, both of thefe and other parishes, are omitted.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Division.

THIS County was, in ancient times, subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishops of Mercia, who sometimes had their seat at Chester. Peter, who was bishop of this diocese in the reign of William the Conqueror, removed the episcopal see to Chester, placing it, as it is said, in St. John's church: his successors were, for more than three centuries, occasionally called by historians, Bishops of Chester; although his immediate successor, Robert de Lindsey, had removed the see from Chester to Coventry, where he had built a magnificent palace. Mathew Paris says, that in his days, the bishopric had three seats, Chester, Lichfield, and Coventry. In the year 1541, King Henry VIII. made Chester a distinct bishopric, assigning it for a diocese, the archdeaconries of Chester and Richmond, severed from the sees of Lichfield and Coventry, and York: and comprising the whole of Cheshire and Lancashire; part of Yorkshire, Cumberland, and Westmoreland; one chapelry in Denbighshire, and four parishes in Flintshire^c. By the King's charter, the new bishopric was placed in the province of Canterbury; but by an act of parliament passed 33 Henry VIII., the diocese of Chester was transferred from the province of Canterbury to that of York. The original revenues of the bishopric consisted of the manor of Weston, in Derbyshire, the manor-house of which was intended as a country seat for the bishop, and, being locally situated within the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, was, by the act of 33 Henry VIII., ordained to be within that of Chester; the manor of Abbots-Cotton in Cheshire; various other lands and impropriate rectories, which had belonged to the dissolved monastery of St. Werburgh, and the revenues of the archdeaconries of Chester^d and Richmond. Dr. William Knight, being archdeacon of both, had previously surrendered his archdeaconries to the King, and it was ordained that the archdeacons should in future receive, in lieu of their former revenues, 50*l. per ann.* each, payable by the bishop. Among the revenues of the archdeaconry of Chester, were certain mortuaries, due, by ancient custom, on the death of every rector and vicar within his jurisdiction; namely, the best horse, or mare, with the bridle and

^c A map of this extensive diocese was published in the time of Bishop Peploe. ^d Among the temporalities belonging to the archdeacon, was a messuage near St. John's church, called the archdeacon's house, formerly the residence of the archdeacons. This messuage was leased to the Brereton family, in the reign of Henry VIII.: it was re-built not many years ago, and is now the residence of Edward Vernon, Esq. the present lessee. Bishop Peploe built another house in the adjoining orchard, now the property (as lessee) and residence of William Wynne, Esq.

saddle, boots, and spurs; the best hat; the best book; the best upper garment, cloak, gown, or coat; cassock, doublet, and breeches; girdle, shoes, and stockings; best tippet, garters, shirt, band, and cuffs; gloves, seal, ring, purse, and all the money in it at the time of his death. In the 21st year of King Henry VIII. an act of parliament passed for the relief of the poor people, and other persons of the realm, from the payment of excessive mortuaries, which, for the future, were to be regulated, according to the value of the personal property of the deceased; but the ancient right of the archdeacons of Chester, to the above-mentioned mortuaries from their clergy, though more oppressive, perhaps, than any others, were, by that act, recognized and confirmed; and it was not till the year 1755, that the Cheshire clergy were relieved from this burden, when an act of parliament passed, by which these mortuaries were abolished, and the rectory of Waverton annexed to the see of Chester in lieu thereof, to take place on the first vacancy, or avoidance of that rectory.

In the year 1547, Bishop Bird surrendered to the King the manor of Weston, and all other temporalities belonging to the see, and received in exchange several impropriate rectories and rents in various counties, which, with the revenues of the above-mentioned archdeacons, still belong to the see, except the rectory of Workington, in exchange for which, Queen Mary, in the year 1557, gave a fee-farm rent of 143*l.* 16*s.* 2½*d.* in St. Bees, the rectories of Cartmel and Childwall, in Lancashire, and the patronage of all the prebends in the cathedral of Chester. The archdeaconry of Chester comprises the whole of Cheshire; that part of Lancashire which lies south of the Ribble; four parishes in Flintshire, and one chapelry in Denbighshire. That part of the archdeaconry which lies within this county, is divided into seven deaneries, Chester, Frodsham, Macclesfield, Wich-Malbank *alias* Namptwich, Malpas, Middlewich, and Wirrall.

Camden states the number of parishes in this county to be about 68; he must mean exclusively of those in the city of Chester; but even that is considerably below the present number. There are now 86 in the whole, nine of which are in the city of Chester: of these parishes 46 are rectories, 22 vicarages, and 18 donatives, or curacies. The tythes of about 20 parishes were appropriated to religious houses; some of these are annexed to the see of Chester; but most of them are in lay hands. Knutsford was made a parish, by act of parliament, in 1740. Many of the Cheshire parishes are of great extent, and comprise numerous townships, and more than one chapelry: Prestbury has 32 townships, and 14 chapels, of which only one is domestic. Some of the chapelries having the privilege of baptism and sepulture, are called parochial, being, as Sir Peter Ley-

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cester observes, “ as lesser parishes created within the greater, for the benefit of the neighbourhood.” Some of these have erroneously obtained the appellation of parishes.

Sir Peter Leycester calls those chapels which have been built for the accommodation of one or more townships, not having the liberty of baptism, or burial, “ chapels of ease ;” and those which have been built in or near the houses of great persons, and at their expence, “ domestic-chapels.” In Sir Peter Leycester’s list, Witton and some others in the hundred of Northwich are, by an error of the press, as it should seem, classed with the domestic-chapels. Little Budworth and Nantwich have long been considered as parishes ; Knutsford has been made so by act of parliament, and some have been made parochial, since Sir Peter Leycester’s time. In Bacon’s edition of Ecton’s *Liber Regis*, there are several mistakes as to the parochial chapels : in the following list ^c, the parochial and domestic chapels are distinguished by the letters P. and D. ; those marked with an asterisk have been augmented with Queen Anne’s bounty : the date of consecration is added to those which have been built within the last century.

Chapels.		Parishes.
Adlington, D.	- - - -	Preftbury
Alfager, P.	(consecrated in 1789)	Barthomley
Altrincham, P.	(consecrated in 1799)	Bowden
*Alvanley	(disused)	Frodsham
*Afton, P.	- - - -	Runcorn
*Birkenhead	- - - -	Extraparochial
*Bosley	- - - -	Preftbury
Bruera, or Church-on-Heath, P.	- - - -	St. Oswald, Chester
*Burley-dam ^f	- - - -	Afton
*Burwardfley	(consecrated in 1735)	Bunbury
*Capefthorne	- - - -	Preftbury
*Carrington	(consecrated in 1759)	Bowden
Chad ^g	- - - -	Malpas
*Chad-kirk	- - - -	Stockport
*Chelford ^h	- - - -	Preftbury
Cholmondeley, D.	- - - -	Malpas
Christ’s Church, or Chapel, } in Macclesfield ⁱ	(consecrated in 1779)	Preftbury

^c Corrected by William Nicholls, Esq. deputy registrar to the Bishop of Chester.

^f This chapel is an extreme angle of

the chapelry of Wrenbury, in the parish of Afton, within the township of Dodcot-cum-Wilksley.

^g There have been

some burials lately at Chad ; but children are not baptized there.

^h The old chapel was pulled down, and a new one

built on another site, and consecrated in 1770.

ⁱ Christenings are permitted in this chapel, and burials in the chapel-

yard, which are registered at the old chapel.

* Congleton, P.

*Congleton, P.	-	-	-	-	Aftbury
*Daresbury, P.	-	-	-	-	Runcorn
*Disley, P.	-	-	-	-	Stockport
Dukenfield, D.	-	(disused)	-	-	Stockport
*Forest-chapel	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Goostrey, P.	-	-	-	-	Sandbach
*Halton, P.	-	-	-	-	Runcorn
*Haslington	-	-	-	-	Barthomley
Hargrave, P.	-	-	-	-	Tarvin
Holmes-chapel, or Church Holme, P.	-	-	-	-	Sandbach
*St. John's without the North Gate	-	-	-	-	Chester
*Latchford	-	(consecrated in 1781)	-	-	Grappenhall
*High-Legh, D.	-	-	-	-	Roffhorne
*Little-Leigh, P.	-	-	-	-	Great-Budworth
Macclesfield, P.	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
Marbury, P.	-	-	-	-	Whitchurch (Salop)
*Marple, P.	-	-	-	-	Stockport
*Marton, P.	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Norbury ^k	-	-	-	-	Stockport
Over-Peover, P.	-	-	-	-	Roffhorne
Nether-Peover, D.	-	-	-	-	Great-Budworth
*Pott-Shrigley, P.	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Poynton, P ^l .	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Rainow	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Ringey	-	-	-	-	Bowden
*Saltersford, or Jenkin Chapel (consecrated in 1794) ^m	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Siddington, P.	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Stockport—St. Peter, (consecrated in 1768)	-	-	-	-	
Nether-Tabley, D.	-	-	-	-	Great-Budworth
*Thelwall	-	-	-	-	Runcorn
Warburton, P.	-	-	-	-	{ Annexed to a mediety of the rectory of Lymm
*Wettenhall	-	-	-	-	Over
Nether-Whitley, D.	-	-	-	-	Great-Budworth
*Wincle	-	-	-	-	Prestbury
*Witton, P.	-	-	-	-	Great-Budworth
*Woodhead	-	-	-	-	Mottram
Woodhey, D.	-	-	-	-	Afton
*Wrenbury, P ⁿ .	-	-	-	-	Afton

^k Children are baptized at Norbury; but there are no burials.

^l The old chapel was pulled down, and a new one built on another site, and consecrated in 1789.

^m It was erected in 1739; and divine service was from that time performed in it; but, although augmented by Queen Anne's bounty, it was not consecrated till 1794.

ⁿ Wrenbury is generally called a parish; and it appears that it was so when Webb made his Itinerary of Cheshire, in the reign of King James I. (See Vale-Royal, p. 65.) It differs, nevertheless, in no respect from other parochial chapels.

In the foregoing list, domestic-chapels, in private houses, are not included, only such as are detached buildings.

There were formerly chapels which have been either entirely demolished, or are now in ruins at Great-Boughton, at Congleton near the bridge, Moreton in Wirrall, Newton, Poofcy, Poulton, Stretton, Over-Tabley, and Wervin.

Monasteries, Colleges, and Hospitals.

THE Benedictine monks had a great abbey at Chester, dedicated to St. Werburgh, a priory at Birkenhead, and a cell in the Isle of Hilbree; the Benedictine nuns had a priory at Chester; the Cistercian monks an abbey at Vale-Royal; another at Combermere; another at Stanlaw, afterwards removed to Whalley, in Lancashire; and a fourth at Poulton, afterwards removed to Deulacres, in Staffordshire; the Austin canons had a priory at Runcorn, afterwards removed to Norton; and a small priory at Mobberley; the Præmonstratensian canons had a monastery at Warburton; the Knights Hospitallers had a preceptory at Barrow, and the black, grey, and white friars, had houses at Chester. Mention is made in ancient writings of the monasteries of St. Michael's and St. Anne's in Chester; we read of ancient monasteries existing in the Saxon times at Bromborough and Runcorn; of these no particulars are known. At Chester was the ancient collegiate church of St. John the Baptist, for a dean and prebendaries, or canons. There was a college at Bunbury for secular chaplains, founded by Sir Hugh Calveley; another at Macclesfield was intended by archbishop Savage. At Chester were the ancient hospitals of St. John, and St. Giles, and St. Urfula; there were hospitals also at Bebington, Boughton; Denwall, in Neston; Nantwich, Tarvin, and Wybunbury.

Market Towns.

THE present number of market towns in this county, exclusive of Chester, is twelve, Altrincham, Congleton, Frodsham, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Malpas, Middlewich, Nantwich, Neston, Northwich, Sandbach, Stockport, and Tarporley. There is a weekly market for provisions at Winsford-bridge, on the Weaver, in the parishes of Over and Middlewich, of late become populous in consequence of the extension of the salt trade in that neighbourhood. The principal market towns for corn are Chester, Nantwich, and Sandbach; there are corn markets also at Congleton, Macclesfield, Middlewich, and Stockport; but the most consider-

able trade between the corn-growers and the millers is carried on at a place called the Four-lane-ends near Tarporley. None of the Cheshire markets are noted at present for the sale of any other particular commodity; but at Nantwich, besides the usual weekly market, there is a great cattle market called the new-market, from the first Saturday in February till the latter end of May.

Neston and Tarporley, though the latter was certainly an ancient market-town, are not mentioned in the list in King's Vale Royal, which appears to have been made out in Queen Elizabeth's reign; it is probable that the markets had been discontinued and have since been revived. Tarvin, which had been then lately made a market-town by the influence of Sir John Savage, has lost its market beyond the memory of man. The following places had, in ancient time, charters for markets, all of which have been long discontinued; Aldford, Alderley, Audlem, Brereton, Bromborough, Burton, Coddington, and Upton. In the reign of Henry VIII., Sir Piers Dutton intended, if death had not prevented him, to have procured a charter for a market at Halton; where a market long since decayed, was formerly held on Saturday by prescription. The most noted fairs in the county are those of Chester°, Macclesfield, and Northwich; the most considerable, fair at Macclesfield is on the 22d of June for cattle, wool, cloth, cotton, and hardware: the Northwich fairs are almost entirely for the sale of Yorkshire goods, of which there is a considerable mart.

Population.

CHESHIRE not having been included in the subsidy roll of King Edward III., we have no opportunity of comparing its ancient, with the present population. It appears by the returns made to parliament pursuant to the population act in 1801, that there were then 34,482 inhabited, and 1139 uninhabited houses in this county; the total number of inhabitants is stated to have been 191,751, of whom 92,759 were males, and 98,992 females. Of the total number 38,823 were employed in agriculture, and 67,447 in trade, manufactures, and handicrafts. The following account of the number of houses, families, and persons in each township is taken from the above-mentioned return: the townships are arranged alphabetically under each parish, and the total of the population of each parish including its chapelries, if it has any, is given.

° See the account of Chester.

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Acton	} Townships of the parish of Acton	}	- - - 52	1	55	262
Acton-Mondrem			- - - 18	-	20	111
Aufterton			- - - 6	-	6	59
Beddington			- - - 13	-	17	121
Brindley			- - - 28	-	29	148
Burland			- - - 80	-	80	371
Cool-Pilate			- - - 5	-	5	39
Cholmondeston			- - - 24	2	34	163
Edlafton			- - - 16	-	16	88
Faddiley			- - - 37	1	45	224
Henhull			- - - 9	-	9	45
Hurlston			- - - 27	-	29	162
Poole			- - - 23	3	30	163
Stoke	- - - 20	1	28	127		
Worleston	- - - 46	2	51	269		
Total in the above townships			404	10	454	2362
Sound, a township partly in Acton and partly in Wrenbury			33	-	37	192
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	} Townships in the Chapelry of Wrenbury	}	- - - 60	2	79	404
Bromhall			- - - 18	-	22	140
Wirwall			- - - 14	-	16	103
Woodcot			- - - 4	-	5	29
Total			96	2	122	676
Total in the parish of Acton, including the chapelry of Wrenbury			533	12	613	3230
Alderley-Superior	} Townships of Alderley	}	- - - 79	2	79	408
Alderley-Inferior			- - - 76	1	82	483
Great-Warford			- - - 56	-	59	287
Total			211	3	220	1178
Aldford	} Townships of Aldford	}	- - - 68	-	73	331
Buerton			- - - 6	-	6	39
Churton, part of			- - - 33	-	40	140
Edgerley			- - - 1	-	1	6
Total			108	-	120	516

	Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Ashton on Mersey	134	8	142	778
Sale	134	2	136	819

A part of both of these townships being in the parish of Bowden, and the proportions not having been given in separately; the population of the parish of Ashton on Mersey cannot be ascertained.

Astbury-cum-Newbold	} Townships of Astbury }	- - -	91	-	114	575
Alcumlow-cum-Moreton		- - -	20	-	20	116
Congleton		- - -	828	27	862	3861
Davenport		- - -	14	-	15	89
Eaton		- - -	33	6	36	184
Hulme-Walfield		- - -	15	-	16	122
Bug-Lawton		- - -	80	3	90	507
Odd-Rode		- - -	128	1	160	917
Radnor		- - -	2	-	2	14
Smallwood		- - -	82	1	90	492
Somerford-Booths		- - -	40	-	45	250
Somerford-Radnor		- - -	19	-	23	142
Total	- - -	1352	38	1473	7269	

Audlem	} Townships of Audlem }	- - -	190	4	214	695
Buerton		- - -	54	2	81	405
Hankelow		- - -	25	2	42	207
Tittenley		- - -	5	-	5	43
Total of the above townships	- - -	274	8	342	1350	

Dodcot-cum-Wilksley	- - -	92	3	112	755
Newhall	- - -	120	1	171	819

N. B: These townships are partly in Audlem, and partly in Wrenbury: there appears to have been no return of the township of Cool-lane.

Backford	} Townships of Backford }	- - -	26	-	28	138
Chorlton		- - -	12	-	12	68
Coughall		- - -	2	-	2	17
Lea		- - -	11	-	11	70
Great-Mollington		- - -	17	1	18	111
Total	- - -	68	1	71	404	

Baddiley	- - -	42	-	47	276
Barrow	- - -	88	1	88	501

Barthomley

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Barthomley	} Townships of Barthomley	{	- - - 88	1	88	184
Alfager			- - - 49	1	49	275
Crewe			- - - 46	-	48	289
Haffington			- - - 147	-	147	677
Total	- - -	- - -	330	2	332	1425

The township of Balterley in this parish, (situated in Staffordshire,) contained 39 inhabited, 2 uninhabited houses, 42 families, and 237 persons.

Bebington, Higher,	} Townships of Bebington	{	- - - 31	-	31	143
- - Lower			- - - 53	-	55	263
Poolton-cum-Spittle			- - - 18	-	18	87
Storeton			- - - 34	-	34	180
Tranmore			- - - 70	5	77	353
Total	- - -	- - -	206	5	215	1026

Bidfton-cum-Ford	} Townships of Bidfton	{	- - - 30	-	30	199
Cloughton			- - - 11	-	12	67
Moreton			- - - 39	3	39	210
Saughall-Maffie			- - - 20	-	22	98
Total	- - -	- - -	100	3	103	574

Birkenhead, an extra-parochial Chapelry - - - 16 - 17 110

Bowden	} Townships of Bowden	{	- - - 60	-	64	340
Agden			- - - 11	-	12	85
Altrincham			- - - 340	3	346	1692
Ashley			- - - 51	2	55	288
Baguley			- - - 76	1	78	423
Bollington			- - - 34	-	45	202
Carrington			- - - 70	-	78	435
Dunham-Maffey			- - - 154	1	154	872
Hale			- - - 121	1	156	783
Partington			- - - 65	-	65	358
Timperley			- - - 84	-	115	588
Total of the above townships	- - -	- - -	1066	8	1163	6066

Part of the townships of Ashton on Mersey, and Sale, are in this parish. See Ashton.

Brereton-cum-Smethwick - - - 81 2 81 556

				Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Bromborough	} Townships of	Bromborough	-	52	-	52	277
Brimstage			-	25	1	25	127
Total	-	-	-	77	1	77	404
Great-Budworth	} Townships of Great-Budworth	}	-	100	2	108	463
Anderton			-	35	-	35	191
Antrobus			-	68	1	68	351
Appleton and Hull			-	145	2	245	1206
Aston			-	61	3	62	396
Barnton			-	79	-	89	402
Bartington			-	16	-	16	77
Cogshall			-	11	-	11	57
Comberbach			-	33	1	33	142
Crowley			-	23	-	24	147
Dutton			-	34	-	52	301
Little-Legh			-	70	2	71	380
Marbury			-	4	1	5	20
Marlton			-	53	1	56	284
Pickmere			-	27	1	30	148
Seven-oaks			-	24	-	24	130
Stretton			-	37	1	41	220
Lower-Tabley	-	19	-	21	127		
Higher-Whitley	-	15	1	48	283		
Lower-Whitley	-	21	2	30	137		
Wincham	-	45	-	71	367		
Total	-	-	-	920	18	1140	5829
Witton-cum-Twambroke	} Townships in the chapelry of Witton	}	-	279	3	295	1531
Birches			-	1	-	1	13
Hartford			-	104	-	109	472
Hulfe			-	5	-	5	37
Lache-Dennis			-	5	-	6	43
Loftock-Gralam			-	70	1	70	361
Northwich			-	340	5	340	1338
Castle-Northwich			-	-	-	-	385
Winnington	-	31	2	33	196		
Total	-	-	-	835	11	859	4376

The houses and families in the chapelry of Witton are exclusive of those in Castle-Northwich, which were not returned.

		Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Nether-Peover	} Townships of the chapelry of Nether-Peover	38	-	43	256
Little-Peover		20	-	22	131
Alloftock		76	-	79	419
Plumley		55	3	63	303
Total		189	3	207	1109
Great-Budworth	} and its townships	920	18	1140	5829
Witton chapelry		835	11	859	4376
Nether-Peover		189	3	207	1109
Total in the parish of Great-Budworth		1944	32	2206	11,314
Little-Budworth		74	3	90	434
Bunbury	} Townships of Bunbury	92	-	92	519
Alpraham		54	-	66	335
Beefton		61	-	61	377
Burwardfley		40	2	44	204
Calveley		27	1	27	144
Haughton,		24	-	24	151
Peckforton		44	-	53	260
Ridley *		-	-	-	122
Spurftow		50	-	65	339
Tilfton-Fernall		19	-	19	130
Tiverton		74	-	74	377
Wardle	17	1	20	115	
Total		502	4	545	3073
Burton	} Townships of Burton	56	-	56	288
Puddington		20	1	21	139
Total		76	1	77	427
Cheadle-Bulkeley	} Townships of Cheadle	283	17	294	1577
Cheadle-Mofeley		191	8	195	971
Handforth-cum-Bofdon		187	9	192	1034
Total		661	34	681	3582

* The number of houfes and families in the township of Ridley was not returned; the total number of houfes in the parish, therefore, muft have been (judging from the number of inhabitants in that township) about 520, inftead of 502.

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.	
Chester							
St. Bridget's parish	-	-	148	5	154	636	
St. John-Baptist	-	-	823	24	906	3831	
St. Martin's	-	-	124	5	144	574	
St. Mary's	-	-	461	2	494	2129	
Gloverstone	} Townships of St. Mary's Parish	{	-	29	1	39	122
Marlton-cum-Lache			-	13	-	19	87
Mollington-Parva			-	4	-	4	23
Moston			-	2	-	2	14
Upton			-	26	1	26	173

N. B. There was no separate return for the township of Claverton.

St. Michael	-	-	120	3	152	725	
St. Olave	-	-	98	4	120	438	
St. Ofwald	-	-	706	18	737	3377	
Bach	} Townships of St. Ofwald	{	-	2	1	2	8
Great-Boughton			-	123	3	126	544
Croughton			-	3	-	3	33
Huntington			-	13	-	15	111
Idinshaw or Iddinshall			-	2	-	2	18
Newton			-	28	2	30	141
Wervin	-	11	-	11	56		
Church-on-heath	} Townships of Bruera, a chapelry of St. Ofwald	{	-	1	-	1	8
Lea-cum-Newbold			-	5	-	5	42
Saighton			-	32	-	44	242
St. Peter	-	-	168	3	181	810	
Holy Trinity	-	-	435	17	507	2264	
Blacon-cum-Crabhall. — A township of Trinity parish	-	-	4	-	4	36	
Spittle an extra-parochial township	-	-	15	1	16	75	
Chester-castle, extra-parochial	-	-	11	3	16	193	
Total of Chester and the townships of its several parishes	-	-	3407	93	3760	16,710	

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			Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Chriftleton (Church)	} Townfhips of Chriftleton	{	- - - 110	1	111	651
Chriftleton-Row, - or Rowton			- - - 15	-	15	88
Cotton-Abbots			- - - 2	-	2	21
Cotton-Edmunds			- - - 11	-	12	73
Littleton			- - - 5	-	5	24
Total	- - -	- - -	143	1	145	857
Coddington	} Townfhips of Coddington	{	- - - 15	-	15	110
Alderfey			- - - 22	1	27	154
Chowley			- - - 10	-	10	56
Total	- - -	- - -	47	1	52	320
Coppenhall-Church ----- Monks	} Townfhips of Coppenhall	{	- - - 54	5	56	241
			- - - 19	-	24	121
Total	- - -	- - -	73	5	80	362
Davenham	} Townfhips of Davenham	{	- - - 71	-	71	327
Boftock			- - - 28	-	33	173
Eaton			- - - 1	-	1	15
Leftwich			- - - 189	-	196	899
Moulton			- - - 18	-	18	103
Newhall			- - - 2	-	2	13
Rudheath			- - - 50	1	54	264
Shipbrooke			- - - 13	-	13	90
Shurlach			- - - 9	-	9	49
Stanthorn			- - - 13	-	19	120
Wharton			- - - 99	-	138	753
Wharcroft	- - - 10	1	10	85		
Total	- - -	- - -	503	2	564	2891
Doddefton	} Townfhips of Doddefton	{	- - - 28	-	34	185
Lower-Kinnerton			- - - 16	-	16	97
Total	- - -	- - -	44	-	50	282

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Eastham	} Townships of Eastham	{	67	2	70	343
Hooton			19	1	19	91
Over-Poole			16	-	16	89
Nether-Poole			1	-	1	13
Sutton Great			24	-	24	153
—Little			24	-	26	166
Thornton (Childer)			18	1	18	112
Total	-	-	169	4	174	972
Irbie, a township partly in Eastham and partly in Woodchurch			21	1	21	105
Whitby, a township partly in Eastham and partly in Stoak			29	1	29	170
Eccleston	} Townships of Eccleston	{	35	1	35	199
Eaton			13	-	13	81
Total	-	-	48	1	48	280
Farndon	} Townships of Farndon	{	67	7	75	357
Barton			26	-	31	143
Churton			22	-	25	117
Clutton			16	-	16	72
Crewe			5	1	5	29
Total	-	-	136	8	152	718
Frodsham Lordship, including Bradley, Overton, Netherton and Woodhouses.	} Townships of Frodsham	{	272	-	389	1351
Alvanley			57	-	57	314
Helsby			49	1	49	268
Kingsley			102	3	124	661
Manley			48	3	51	264
Newton			12	-	14	108
Norley			71	7	71	376
Total	-	-	611	14	755	3342

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			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.	
Gawsworth	-	-	114	-	114	697	
Guilden-Sutton	-	-	22	-	26	158	
Grappenhall	} Townships of	{	36	-	41	338	
Latchford			Grappenhall	142	2	164	754
Total	-	-	178	2	205	1092	
Handley	} Townships of	{	31	-	31	203	
Golbourne David			Handley	10	-	10	62
Total	-	-	41	-	41	265	
Harthill	-	-	24	1	28	107	
Hefwall cum-Oldfield	} Townships of	{	38	-	38	168	
Gayton			Hefwall	15	2	17	100
Total	-	-	53	2	55	268	
Ince	-	-	81	-	81	443	
Kings-Marshes, an extra-parochial town- ship in the hundred of Broxton	-	-	6	-	6	40	
Knutsford Nether	} Townships	{	448	11	491	2752	
Over			of	30	2	52	320
Bexton			Knutsford	8	-	9	49
Ollerton				44	2	44	244
Toft	-	-	38	-	38	205	
Total	-	-	568	15	634	2870	
Lawton	-	-	77	2	84	445	
Iymm	-	-	238	1	300	1622	
Waburton, united to Iymm	-	-	83	-	94	496	
Total	-	-	321	1	394	2088	

CHESHIRE.

			Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Malpas	} Townships of Malpas	}	191	3	205	906
Agden			13	-	15	90
Bckerton			52	1	57	270
Bickley			81	-	91	435
Bradley			13	-	13	77
Broxtou			52	-	53	275
Bulkeley			28	-	33	184
Chidlow			2	-	2	17
Cholmondeley			41	-	55	292
Charlton			14	-	14	94
Cuddington			81	1	88	424
Duckington			12	-	13	61
Edge			37	1	52	266
Egerton			12	-	16	103
Hampton			27	-	34	159
Larton			11	-	11	50
Macefen			9	-	9	46
Newton			2	-	2	23
Oldcastle			34	2	36	205
Overton			12	-	16	97
Stockton	6	-	6	23		
Tushingham-cum-Grindley	-	-	30	1	36	194
Wighough	-	-	3	-	3	19
Wigland	-	-	30	-	32	160
Total	-	-	793	9	892	4470
Marbury-cum-Quoisley	} Townships of Marbury Chapelry	}	60	-	66	372
Norbury			67	-	72	330
Total	-	-	127	-	138	702
Middlewich	} Townships of Middlewich	}	261	7	267	1190
Byley-cum-Yatehoufes			21	1	21	130
Clive			19	2	19	102
Croxton			5	-	5	45
Kinderton-cum-Hulme			83	1	84	404
Minshull-Vernon			67	1	70	357
Moseborow-cum-Parme	-	-	4	-	4	27

				Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Newton	} Middlewich <i>continued</i>	}	-	210	7	222	943
Occleston			-	15	-	15	85
Ravencroft			-	2	-	2	13
Sprofton			-	19	-	22	150
Stublach			-	8	-	14	68
Sutton			-	3	-	4	30
Weaver			-	28	-	31	129
Wimboldefley			-	17	1	17	106
Total	-	-	-	762	20	797	3779

Minfhull	-	-	-	60	1	79	417
Mobberley	-	-	-	201	4	201	993

Mottram	} Townfhips of Mottram	}	-	183	37	195	948
Godley			-	50	3	50	270
Hattersfley			-	81	4	82	455
Hollingworth			-	167	15	171	910
Matley			-	48	3	48	285
Newton			-	173	9	175	1005
Staley			-	194	9	197	1055
Tintwille			-	171	12	177	1021
Total	-	-	-	1067	92	1095	5949

Nantwich	} Townfhips of Nantwich	}	-	758	66	783	3463
Alvatton			-	2	1	2	11
Leighton			-	38	1	43	200
Woolftan-Wood			-	7	-	7	40
Total	-	-	-	805	68	835	3714

Nefton	} Townfhips of Nefton	}	-	317	5	330	1486
Ledfhm			-	12	-	12	56
Leighton			-	53	11	57	266
Nefs			-	70	-	70	347
Little-Nefton			-	53	3	53	254
Raby			-	22	-	22	131
Thornton-Hough			-	36	-	36	165
Willafton			-	32	-	40	196
Total	-	-	-	595	19	620	2901

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			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Northenden	-	-	113	5	115	538
Exclusively of a considerable part of the township of Etchels.—See Stockport.						
Over	} Townships	-	108	2	175	881
Oulton-Lowe		of	6	-	6	52
Wettenhall		Over	39	7	47	228
Total	-	-	153	4	228	1161

Over-Church (included in the township of Upton) - - 25 1 25 141

Hoole	} Townships	-	36	2	39	177	
Paton		of	12	-	15	96	
Bridge-Trafford		} Plemstall	-	9	1	10	61
Mickle-Trafford			-	43	4	52	247
Total	-	-	100	7	116	581	

Prestbury	} Townships	-	82	2	82	466	
Adlington		-	168	5	178	847	
Birtles		-	7	-	7	35	
Boilington		-	250	16	234	1231	
Bosley		-	75	3	77	417	
Butley-cum-Newton		-	94	6	101	516	
Capefthorne		-	11	1	10	88	
Chelford		-	26	1	29	163	
Falibroom		-	6	-	6	31	
Henbury		of	-	54	-	62	333
Lyme-Handley		} Prestbury	-	35	-	44	222
Marton			-	55	2	64	310
Mottram St. Andrew			-	66	2	71	319
Poynton			-	75	3	75	432
North Rode			-	41	1	44	256
Siddington			-	72	-	88	423
Titherington			-	36	2	49	226
Upton			-	10	1	10	56
Wildboar-clough			-	67	18	67	338
Lower-Withington			-	84	1	99	540
Old-Withington	-	21	1	24	137		
Worth	-	36	-	38	188		
Total	-	-	1371	65	1459	7574	

Macclesfield

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			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Macclesfield	} Townships within the Chapelry of Macclesfield	{ - - -	1426	101	1509	8743
Foreft		{ - - -	47	1	47	215
Hurdsfield		{ - - -	108	8	110	582
Kettlehulme		{ - - -	72	9	75	291
Pott-Shrigley		{ - - -	53	2	71	369
Rainow		{ - - -	242	17	242	1390
Sutton		{ - - -	347	19	351	1739
Wincle	{ - - -	65	17	65	351	
Total in the chapelry of Macclesfield			2360	174	2470	13,680
			1350	64	1435	7437
Total in the parish of Prestbury			3710	238	3905	21,117
Pulford	} Townships of Pulford	{ - - -	37		37	170
Poolton		{ - - -	19		19	105
Total			46		46	275
Roftherne	} Townships of Roftherne	{ - - -	65	1	68	235
High-Leigh		{ - - -	128	2	156	787
Merc		{ - - -	72	-	96	498
Millington		{ - - -	36	1	43	196
Over-Tabley		{ - - -	68	-	82	392
Tatton	{ - - -	13	-	21	120	
Total			382	4	466	2228
Over-Peover	} Townships of the Chapelry of Over-Peover	{ - - -	78	1	85	431
Marthall-cum-Warford		{ - - -	47	-	47	260
Snelfon		{ - - -	23	-	23	126
Total			148	1	155	817
			382	4	466	2228
Total in the parish of Roftherne, exclu- sively of such parts of the townships of Agden, Bollington, as are in this parish			530	5	621	3045

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Runcorn	} Townships of Runcorn	- - -	220	8	266	1379
Acton-Grange		- - -	18	-	22	139
Aston		- - -	8	-	8	47
Aston, and Middleton- Grange		- - -	24	-	31	186
Clifton		- - -	2	-	2	28
Daresbury		- - -	25	-	26	134
Halton		- - -	130	7	134	628
Hatton		- - -	52	2	54	241
Keckwick		- - -	13	-	13	69
Moore		- - -	28	-	32	156
Newton		- - -	16	-	16	96
Norton		- - -	30	1	30	220
Preston		- - -	61	-	67	333
Stockham		- - -	7	-	7	46
Sutton		- - -	35	-	40	223
Thelwall		- - -	55	-	59	309
Higher-Walton		- - -	32	-	32	271
Lower-Walton	- - -	37	-	37	193	
Weston	- - -	31	-	32	162	
Total	- - -		824	18	908	4960
Sandbach	} Townships of Sandbach	- - -	379	5	390	1844
Arclid		- - -	13	-	13	92
Betchton		- - -	98	-	100	578
Bradwell		- - -	41	-	45	252
Haffall		- - -	27	-	33	181
Wheelock	- - -	30	1	32	189	
Total	- - -		588	6	613	3136
Barnshaw-cum- Goofrey	} Townships in the chapelry of Goofrey	- - -	44	-	45	231
Blachden		- - -	24	1	27	136
Cranage		- - -	76	5	77	385
Lees		- - -	15	-	18	86
Twemlow	- - -	18	1	20	131	
Total	- - -		177	7	187	969

Church-

		Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Church-Hulme Cotton	} Chapelry of Church-Hulme	- - - 64	3	65	314
		- - - 10	-	16	77
Total		74	3	81	391
Total of the parish of Sandbach		839	16	881	4496
Shocklach-Church Oviat Caldecot	} Townships of Shocklach	- - - 23	-	27	146
		- - - 23	-	24	145
		- - - 13	1	13	59
Total		59	1	64	250
Shotwick Rough-Shotwick Capenhurst Little-Saughall Great-Saughall	} Townships of Shotwick	- - - 18	1	18	95
		- - - 9	1	9	48
		- - - 27	1	27	147
		- - - 44	-	47	147
		- - - 8	-	8	48
Total		106	3	109	485
Shotwick-Park Stanlow Great-Stannev	} Extra-parochial	- - - 2	-	2	25
		- - - 1	-	1	10
		- - - 2	-	2	12
Stoak Little-Stannev	} Townships of Stoak.	- - - 20	1	20	120
		- - - 33	1	40	203
Total, exclusively of part of the town- ship of Whitby.—See Eastham		53	2	60	323
Stockport Bramhall Bredbury Brinnington Disley Duckenfield Hyde	} Townships of Stockport	- - - 2572	126	2965	14,830
		- - - 184	4	190	1033
		- - - 245	6	264	1358
		- - - 133	2	164	890
		- - - 191	12	198	995
		- - - 308	7	308	1737
		- - - 187	4	187	1063

Marple

			Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.			
Marple	} Stockport continued	{	-	-	-	340	7	347	2031
Norbury			-	-	-	104	1	107	592
Romily			-	-	-	150	2	160	825
Torkington			-	-	-	32	1	35	218
Werneth			-	-	-	207	6	211	1152
Total	-	-	-	-	-	4653	178	5136	26,724
Township of Etchels, partly in Northenden, and partly in Stockport			-	-	-	219	-	225	1269
Township of Offerton, partly in Prestbury, and partly in Stockport			-	-	-	60	1	61	351
Swettenham	} Townships of Swettenham	{	-	-	-	40	-	46	237
Kirmincham			-	-	-	22	2	27	179
Total	-	-	-	-	-	62	2	73	416
Tarporley	} Townships of Tarporley	{	-	-	-	138	-	138	674
Eaton			-	-	-	-	-	-	460
Rushton			-	-	-	-	2	-	274
Utkinton			-	-	-	80	2	86	458
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1866

N. B. There was no return of the number of houses and families in the townships of Eaton and Rushton.

Tarvin	} Townships of Tarvin	{	-	-	-	165	9	165	768
Ashton			-	-	-	57	1	66	342
Burton			-	-	-	12	-	12	71
Clotton-Hoofield			-	-	-	55	-	55	278
Duddon			-	-	-	27	-	35	163
Hockenhull			-	-	-	5	-	5	41
Horton-cum-Poole			-	-	-	4	-	4	36
Kelfall			-	-	-	109	-	109	469
Great-Mouldsworth			-	-	-	22	1	23	142
Bruen-Stapleford			-	-	-	34	2	36	161
Foulk-Stapleford			-	-	-	42	1	44	212
Total	-	-	-	-	-	532	14	554	2683

C H E S H I R E.

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		Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Persons.	
Tattenhall Golbourn-Bellow Newton	} Townships of Tattenhall	- - -	136	1	137	606
		- - -	10	-	13	81
		- - -	12	1	12	59
Total		- - -	<u>158</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>746</u>
Taxall Whaley-cum- Yardfley	} Townships of Taxall	- - -	34	-	35	160
		- - -	44	2	47	225
		- - -	<u>78</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>385</u>
Total		- - -	<u>78</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>385</u>
Thornton Dunham-on-the-Hill Elton Hapsford Trafford-Wimbold's	} Townships of Thornton	- - -	18	-	24	156
		- - -	43	-	64	260
		- - -	21	2	27	167
		- - -	11	-	13	78
		- - -	17	2	18	111
Total		- - -	<u>110</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>772</u>
Thurstaston	- - -	11	1	11	112	
Tilfton Carden Grafton Horton Stretton	} Townships of Tilfton	- - -	48	6	60	257
		- - -	21	1	26	124
		- - -	2	-	2	23
		- - -	19	1	21	111
		- - -	14	-	14	84
Total		- - -	<u>104</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>599</u>
Wallazey Lifkard Poolton-cum-Seacomb	} Townships of Wallazey	- - -	49	1	49	274
		- - -	43	1	47	211
		- - -	34	1	34	178
Total		- - -	<u>126</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>663</u>
Warmingham Elton Mofton Tetton	} Townships of Warmingham	- - -	56	3	60	346
		- - -	64	1	72	330
		- - -	19	1	26	120
		- - -	22	1	22	120
Total		- - -	<u>161</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>916</u>

				Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Waverton	} Townships of	}	-	51	2	51	246
Hatton			-	25	-	25	152
Huxley			-	35	-	35	196
Total	-	-	-	111	2	111	594
Weverham	} Townships of	}	-	162	2	200	1040
Acton			-	39	1	47	210
Crowton			-	63	4	70	297
Cuddington			-	41	2	41	212
Onfton			-	8	-	8	53
Wallerfote	-	1	-	1	7		
Total	-	-	-	314	9	367	1819
West-Kirkby	} Townships of	}	-	25	3	28	148
Caldey			-	17	1	17	92
Frankby			-	13	1	13	70
Grange			-	18	2	18	101
Greasby			-	27	-	28	123
Hoofe			-	13	-	14	60
Great-Meols			-	24	-	29	140
Little-Meols			-	25	-	25	123
Newton-cum-Larton			-	6	2	7	49
Total	-	-	-	168	9	179	906
Darnhall	} Townships of	}	-	28	3	33	197
Marion			-	78	1	96	431
Total, exclusively of part of Over	-	-	-	106	4	129	628
Willington an extra-parochial township in the hundred of Edisbury			-	14	1	13	84
Bollin-Fee	} Districts of	}	-	287	10	318	1506
Chorley			-	74	3	79	591
Fulshaw			-	33	-	43	214
Pownall-Fee			-	177	8	188	1122
Total	-	-	-	571	21	628	3433
Wistaston			-	47	2	47	258

Woodchurch

			Inhabited Houfes.	Uninhabited Houfes.	Families.	Perfons.
Woodchurch	} Townships of Woodchurch	- - -	9	1	9	52
Arrow		- - -	14	-	15	96
Barnfton		- - -	22	1	22	129
Knoftorum		- - -	2	-	2	17
Landican		- - -	6	1	6	45
Oxton		- - -	26	-	26	137
Penfby		- - -	3	-	4	22
Prenton		- - -	20	-	21	81
Thingwell		- - -	10	1	11	52
Total	- - -	- - -	112	4	116	631

Exclusively of part of the townfhips of Claughton, Irby, and Upton.—See Bidfton, Eafhham, and Over-church.

Wybunbury	} Townfhips of Wybunbury	- - -	61	5	65	273
Bartherton		- - -	2	-	2	25
Basford		- - -	9	-	9	55
Blackenhall		- - -	32	-	33	199
Bridgmere		- - -	49	2	49	230
Checkley-cum- Wrinehill		- - -	27	2	27	240
Chorlton		- - -	17	-	18	106
Dodington		- - -	6	-	7	51
Hatherton		- - -	50	1	50	191
Hough		- - -	31	1	34	206
Hunfterfon		- - -	42	-	45	235
Lea		- - -	10	-	10	73
Rope		- - -	14	-	16	79
Shavington cum- Grelty		- - -	29	2	33	189
Stapeley		- - -	45	2	45	249
Walgherton		- - -	43	2	43	211
Wefton	- - -	68	1	68	348	
Willafton	- - -	32	2	36	209	
Total	- - -	- - -	567	20	590	3174

Principal Land-owners.

AT the time of the Domesday furvey, moft of the landed property of this county was divided between the Bifhop of Lichfield and Coventry; the Canons of St. Werburgh; Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chefter, and his Barons; Hugh de

Mara; Bigot; Ranulphus, supposed to be ancestor of the Mainwarings^a; and Osborne Fitz-Tezzon, ancestor of the Boydells. Large portions of the barons' lands were granted by them, at an early period, to their knights and retainers; what remained in their own possession, passed after a few generations, by co-heiresses to other families, except the lands of the barony of Halton, which became vested in the crown, and that of the barony of Kinderton, which continued in the Venables family till 1676, and are now vested in Lord Vernon as its representative.—At an early period the families of Aldersley, Arderne, Aston, Baskervyle, Booth, Bostock, Brereton, Brooke, Bunbury, Calvey, Cholmondeley, Davenport, Delves, Dod, Done, Dukenfield, Dutton, Egerton, Glegg, Grosvenor, Holford, Lawton, Legh, Leche, Leycester, Marbury, Massey, Minshull, Needham, Oldfield, Savage, Stanley, Starkey, Troutbeck, Venables, Warburton, and Wilbraham, many of whom are still among the principal landholders, had acquired large possessions in this county. The estates of the Booth family are now vested in their representative, the Earl of Stamford and Warrington; those of the Delves family in their representative, Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.; those of the Dones in their representatives, the Ardens; those of the Duttons are variously dispersed; those belonging to the Savages have passed to the Cholmondeley family; the Marbury estates to the family of Barry; those of the Troutbecks by inheritance to the Earl of Shrewsbury. The large estates of the Breretons are variously dispersed: those of the Breretons of Brereton have passed by inheritance and devise, as will be described elsewhere; those of the Malpas family, partly by descent and purchase to the Cholmondeleys, and partly by purchase to the Drakes of Amertham, in Buckinghamshire. Some of the Massey estates have passed to the Stanleys, others are vested in the Rev. Richard Massie of Codrington. The estates of the Wilbrahams of Woodhey, have passed by inheritance to the Earl of Dysart; other large estates remain in the Wilbraham family. Lord Crewe's estates were for the most part purchased by his ancestor Sir Randle, in the reign of James I.; the Crewe family had possessed from an early period various estates, principally in the hundred of Nantwich, which, by failure of male issue in different branches, had, at an early period, descended to female heirs; most of the estates purchased by Sir Randle Crewe, had been in the Trussells and Foulshurfts. Mr. Holland, author of the late Agricultural Survey of Cheshire, published in 1808, observes, that there are few counties of equal extent in which the number of wealthy land-

^a The late Sir Henry Mainwaring, who died in 1797, among other large estates, was possessed of the manor of Pevre or Peover, which from time immemorial had been the seat of his ancestors, and is one of the estates described in the survey, as belonging to Ranulphus. The Mainwaring estates passed by bequest of the late Baronet, who was the last heir male of his family, to his half-brother Thomas Wetenhall Esq., as will be more particularly spoken of elsewhere.

owners seems so considerable : he adds, that it appears that there are not fewer than fifty noblemen and gentlemen, resident in Cheshire, in possession of property within it, from 3 to 10,000 *l.* a year ; and that there are at least as many others, with properties of from 1 to 3000 *l.* a year.

Nobility of the County, and Places which have given Title to any Branch of the Peerage.

LEOFRIC, his son Algar, and his grandson Edwin, Earls of Mercia, before the Norman conquest, were sometimes styled Earls of Chester. King William, soon after the conquest, made Gherbod, a nobleman of Flanders, Earl of Chester, and the county thereof; and after his death gave the earldom to Hugh de Avranches, commonly called Hugh Lupus, to be held as freely by the sword^b, as the King held by the crown ; the Earls of Chester, in consequence of this grant, were hereditary sword-bearers of England, and attended the coronation of its kings, carrying the sword of St. Edward, called *curtain*^c, and attended by the constable of Cheshire ; other high privileges, which were attached to this grant, have been already noticed^d. After the death of Richard, the second Earl of Chester, and only son of Hugh Lupus, the earldom descended to Randle the son of Hugh Lupus's sister Maud; after the death of Randle, or Ranulph de Blundeville, great grandson of the first Randle, the earldom again passed in the female line to John Scot, son of his elder sister, and co-heir: who dying without issue, King Henry III. made Simon de Montfort Earl of Chester ; but after his death, which happened in 1265, the same monarch annexed the earldom to the crown, and ever since the reign of his successor King Edward I. the King's eldest son has been Prince of Wales, and Earl of Chester. Hugh Lupus, after he had been invested with the earldom of Chester, to which, as has been before observed, was annexed a kind of regal state and dignity, made some of his great men barons, and these barons with the abbots of the Cheshire monasteries, composed his parliament. They took their titles from the chief seats of their baronies; and their dignity, although local, was hereditary. The number of Hugh Lupus's barons is generally supposed to have been eight, whose names and arms were formerly to be seen in the Exchequer-court of the castle at Chester^e; but it

^b A sword of Hugh Lupus, supposed by some to have been the sword of dignity, by which he held the Earldom of Chester, is preserved in the British Museum. An account of it, with an engraving, will be found under the head of Miscellaneous Antiquities.

^c The *Curtana* or *Curtein* preserved among the *Regalia* at the Tower, called "the sword of mercy," and borne at coronations between the two swords of Justice, the spiritual and the temporal. ^d See p. 298. ^e Said to have been the room in which the Earls held their parliament.

is certain that there was a ninth, Robert de Rothlent, who held large estates, and was general of the Earl's forces; but he died many years before Hugh Lupus, being slain in a battle by the Welsh; we find no traces of his posterity, and neither he, nor the Baron of Montalt, now Hawarden in Flintshire, can properly be reckoned among the barons of Cheshire, according to its present limits. The Cheshire baronies, as they have been generally enumerated, are those of Halton, Wich-Malbank, Malpas, Shipbrooke, Dunham-Massey, Kinderton, and Stockport. Sir Peter Leycester doubts whether there ever was any Baron of Stockport, although the Baron of Stockport is one of the eight, whose names and arms were formerly to be seen in the Exchequer-court at Chester. These paintings, Sir Peter Leycester observes, were of no great antiquity, and he rather doubts the circumstance of there having been any Barons of Stockport, because Stockport itself is not mentioned in the Domesday survey. It is possible, nevertheless, that not long after the conquest, there might have been a Baron of Stockport; it is certain that the Warrens, at an early period, styled themselves Barons of Stockport, as descended from the family of de Stockport; but that family is not traceable to a more remote period than the reign of Henry III., when the dignity of these Barons was become merely titular. The posterity of Nigel the first Baron of Halton, bore the name of Lacy, and were hereditary constables of Cheshire^c; the heiress of this family married Thomas Earl of Lancaster, and dying without issue, the barony became vested by settlement in the said Earl, and eventually in the crown. William Maldebeng, or Malbank, was the first Baron of Wich-Malbank, or Nantwich. This barony became extinct in the male line, on the death of his grandson, whose daughters married into the families of Vernon and Bassett, and the barony became eventually divided into numerous severalties^f. Robert Fitz-Hugh, Baron of Malpas, in the time of Hugh Lupus, left no male issue; it is supposed that the barony passed in moieties, by co-heiresses, to Robert Patrick^g, and David Belward, or le Clerk^h; after a few generations, the co-heiresses of Patrick married Sir Philip Burnell, who left no issue, and Hugh de Sutton, ancestor of the Suttons and Wards, successively Lords Dudley. The elder son of David Belward left no legitimate issue; the elder branch of the posterity of Philip de Malpas, his second son, became extinct in 1361, by the death of David de Malpas, whose sister and heiress married Sir William Brereton, ancestor of the Breretons of Brereton

^c John, Baron of Halton, had summons to the English parliament in 1269. of the parish of Nantwich.

^f See the account For this opinion and the subsequent account, we are indebted to Francis Townsend Esq. Windsor Herald, who has attentively investigated the pedigrees in the Herald's college for this purpose.

^h Collins in his peerage, on the authority of documents belonging to the Cholmondeley family, makes William le Clerk, father of David, marry Lettice, whom he represents as only daughter of Robert Fitz-Hugh.

and Malpas¹: the Cholmondeleys and Egertons are descended from younger branches of the family of Malpas. The elder branch of the male line of Richard Vernon, the first Baron of Shipbrooke, became extinct after a few generations, when, after a suit at law, the barony was divided between the female heirs and Sir Ralph Vernon, the next heir male, to whom Shipbrooke the seat of the barony was allotted; and he and his male heirs are in some pedigrees called Barons of Shipbrooke, which estate, on the failure of male issue in the reign of Henry VI., passed to another family. Francis Vernon, Lord Orwell, of the kingdom of Ireland, being descended from a younger branch of this ancient family, when he was created an earl of the same kingdom in 1777^k, took the title of Shipbrooke. The barony of Dunham-Massey, after the fifth descent from Hamo de Massey, one of Hugh Lupus's barons, passed by female heirs to the Fittons, and afterwards successively through the families of Venables and Booth, to the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington. The Barony of Kinderton continued in the male line till the year 1676, when it became extinct on the death of Peter Venables: this local barony appears to be vested in Lord Vernon as representative of the elder branch of the Venables family^l; and a late writer observes^m, that "however light the Cheshire honours may appear at present, yet while Lord Vernon enjoys his more modern honours, in common with many of his peers, with regard to his ancient barony of Kinderton, he is most honourably and singularly peerless." It may be observed, however, that the late Lord Vernon, by his patent of peerage, bearing date 1762, was created Lord Vernon, and Baron of Kinderton in Cheshire.

Sir Robert Cholmondeley Baronet, who in 1628 had been created Viscount Cholmondeley of Kelles in Ireland, was in 1645 made an English Peer, by the title of Baron Cholmondeley of Wich-Malbank, and in 1646 was created Earl of Leinster in Ireland; these titles became extinct by his death in 1659. Robert Cholmondeley, son of Hugh, younger brother of the above Sir Robert, was in 1661 created an Irish Peer, by the title of Viscount Kelles; and his son Hugh (who died without issue) was in 1689 created Baron Cholmondeley of Wich-Malbank, and in 1706, Viscount Malpas and Earl of Cholmondeley, with remainder to his brother George, who in 1715 was created Baron New-

¹ The descent of the lands of this barony will be treated of in the account of Malpas parish.

^k Extinct in 1783. ^l Lord Vernon's father was son of Henry Vernon Esq., by his wife Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Pigot Esq. by his wife Mary, sister of Peter Venables, the last Baron of Kinderton, on whose issue the Kinderton estates were entailed by the will of the said Peter, in the event of his daughters dying, as they did, without issue.

^m Dr. Gower, in his Sketch of the materials for a history of Cheshire.

berough in Ireland, and in 1716 Baron Newborough in England: this George was great-grandfather of the present Earl of Cholmondeley. Charles Gerard was created Earl of Macclesfield in this county in 1679; this title became extinct in 1702, and in 1721 was revived, in the person of Sir Thomas Parker, afterwards Lord Chancellor of England, who in 1716 had been created Baron Parker of Macclesfield; the present earl is his grandson. James Duke of Hamilton having married Elizabeth, only daughter and heir of Digby, the last Lord Gerard, descended from Gilbert Lord Gerard, who married Eleanor, daughter and sole heir of Thomas Dutton of Dutton, was in 1711 created Baron Dutton of Dutton in Cheshire; which title has descended to the present Duke, whose son, the Marquis of Douglas, was in 1806 called up by summons to the house of peers in right of his father's barony of Dutton. Sir Richard Grosvenor Bart. was created Lord Grosvenor of Eaton in 1761: and Viscount Belgrave of Belgrave, a hamlet of Ecclestone, and Earl Grosvenor in 1784; these titles are now enjoyed by his son. Sir Thomas Savage was created Baron and Viscount Savage of Clifton, *alias* Rockfavage, in 1626; these titles became extinct in 1728. Sir George Booth Bart. was, in 1661, created Baron Delamere of Dunham-Massey, taking his title from Delamere forest in this county: this barony became extinct in 1770, and was revived in 1796, being then granted, with the earldom of Warrington, to the Earl of Stamford. Sir Richard Minshull of Boreton-house in Buckinghamshire, descended from a younger branch of the Cheshire family, was created Baron Minshull of Minshull in Cheshire^m in 1642, and afterwards Viscount Minshull of Leominster in Herefordshire. The patents for these titles were never enrolled, nor does it appear that they were ever borne by any of his descendants, but he himself is styled Viscount Minshull in his son's marriage settlementⁿ. George Rowland Minshull Esq., barrister at law, now of Aston-Clinton in Buckinghamshire, is the immediate representative of Richard Viscount Minshull above-mentioned.

The Earl of Courtown in Ireland, was in 1796 made an English Peer, by the title of Lord Saltersford of Saltersford, in the Chapelry of Macclesfield. Sir Richard Pepper Arden, late master of the Rolls, since deceased, was in 1801 created Lord Alvanley of Alvanley, in the parish of Frodsham, which title is now enjoyed by his son. John Crewe Esq. was created Baron Crewe in 1806; Sir William Brereton of Brereton was created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland in 1624; this title became extinct in 1722.

^m It is erroneously stated in Beatson's Political Index, that it was John Minshull of Minshull, who was created Lord Minshull in 1642. ⁿ Pedigree of Minshull in the Herald's College.

Noblemen's Seats.

THE only noblemen's seats in this county are Dunham-Massey, the ancient seat of the Barons Delamere, now of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington; Cholmondeley-castle, the seat of the Earl of Cholmondeley; and Eaton, the seat of Earl Grosvenor; the former newly built, and the latter newly fronted and much enlarged; Poynton, a seat of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, in right of his lady, the heiress of the Warrens; and Crewe-Hall, the seat of Lord Crewe, a venerable mansion, built by Sir Randle Crewe, in the reign of King James the First. Newton-Hall, belonging to Lord Viscount Kilmorey, is rented by George Parker Esq.

Rock-Savage, heretofore a seat of the Earls Rivers, has been taken down; Frodsham-castle, another seat of that noble family, was burnt to the ground in 1654. The mansion at Woodhey, the Earl of Dyfart's estate, as representative of the Wilbrahams of that place, has been taken down: the present earl occasionally resides at Calveley-Hall, which he rents of Mr. Bromley. Beate-Hall in Cheshire, described in the Peerages and other books, as a seat of the Earl of Courtown, is a dilapidated old mansion, in the town of Macclesfield, now occupied as a public-house. Peel-Hall in Tarvin, a venerable mansion, now inhabited by a farmer, was sometime a seat of the Earls of Plymouth.

Baronets extinct and existing.

THE extinct baronets of Cheshire are Booth of Dunham-Massey^o, Savage of Rock-Savage, afterwards Earl Rivers^p, and Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley^q, all created in 1611; Fitton of Gawsworth^r, 1617; Wilbraham of Woodhey^s, 1620; Delves of Doddington^t, 1621; Brereton of Handford^u, 1627; Powell of Birkenhead, 1629; Leicester of Tabley^v, 1660; Smith of Hatherton, 1660; Mainwaring of Over-Peover^w, 1660; Pindar of Idenshaw^x, 1662; Bellot of Moreton^y, 1663; Werden of Chester^z, 1671; and Bridgman of Ridley^a, 1673.

^b The present Cheshire baronets, who have seats in the county, exclusively of Earl Grosvenor, whose baronet's title, created in 1622, is merged in the peerage, are Sir John Thomas Stanley of Alderley, whose ancestor was created a baronet

^o Extinct in 1797. ^p Ext. in 1728. ^q Ext. in 1659. ^r Ext. in 1643.

^s Extinct in 1692. ^t Ext. in 1727. ^u Ext. in 1678. ^v Ext. in 1743.

^w Extinct in 1797, and revived in 1804. ^x Ext. before the year 1708. Le Neve's MSS. in the collection of Ralph Bigland, Esq. Norroy king of arms. ^y Extinct in 1714.

^z Extinct about the year 1750. George Harley Drummond Esq., is the representative of this family. ^a Ext. in 1747.

in 1660; Sir Peter Warburton of Arley (1660); Sir Thomas Stanley Maffey Stanley of Hooton (1661); Sir Richard Brooke of Norton, 1662; Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton of Combermere, 1677; the Rev. Sir Henry Poole of Poole-Hall^γ in Wirral, 1677; and Sir Henry Mainwaring Mainwaring, to whom the title of baronet which had been extinct by the death of Sir Henry Mainwaring in 1797^z, was granted in 1804. Sir John Chetwode of Oakley in Staffordshire, who possesses the manor of Agden in Bowden, by inheritance from the family of Venables, occasionally resides at the Hall, which he keeps in his own hands.

The ancestor of Sir Thomas Egerton, now Earl of Wilton, and resident in Lancashire, had a feat at Egerton when created a baronet in 1617. Aston, the feat of the Astons, whose ancestor was advanced to the dignity of a baronet in 1628, has passed to a female heir; the present baronet, Sir Willoughby Aston, does not reside in Cheshire. Dukenfield-Hall^a, the feat of the Dukenfields, whose ancestor was created a baronet in 1665, has passed to another family; the present baronet, Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield, resides in Berkshire. Sir Thomas Charles Bunbury, whose ancestor was advanced to that dignity in 1681, being then described of Stanney in Wirral, though he still possesses the Stanney estate, has now no feat in the county^β, but resides in Suffolk. The ancestor of the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., now of Doddington-Hall in Cheshire, was of Broughton in Staffordshire, when created a baronet in 1661: his grandfather removed into Cheshire, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of Sir Thomas Delves Bart.

Seats of Baronets.

AGDEN-HALL, the occasional residence of Sir John Chetwode—Alderley-Park and Winnington-Hall, Sir J. T. Stanley—Arley-Hall, Sir Peter Warburton—Combermere-Abbey, Sir R. S. Cotton—Doddington-Hall, Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton—Hooton-Hall and Puddington-Hall, Sir T. S. M. Stanley—Norton-Priory, Sir Richard Brooke—and Over-Peover, Sir Henry Mainwaring Mainwaring. To these may be added Tabley-House, the feat of Sir John Fleming Leicester, representative of the Leycesters of Tabley, who inherits the title of baronet from his paternal ancestors, the Byrnes of Tynoge in Queen's county.

^γ Poole-Hall is only occasionally inhabited by the present baronet.

^z See p. 368.

^a Dukenfield-Hall is occupied as a farm-house.

^β Stanney-Hall is dilapidated.

Ancient Families extinct and existing.

SMITH, the *Cheshire antiquary*, calls this county the “mother and the nurse of the gentility of England:” another writer calls it, “the seed-plot of gentry.” Camden declares that no county can boast a greater number of knightly families; and Fuller says, “that its gentry are remarkable on a fourfold-account, their numerousness not to be paralleled in England in the like extent of ground; their antiquity, many of their ancestors being fixed here before the Norman conquest, their loyalty, and their hospitality.”

Although many ancient families have become extinct since Fuller’s time, and a few have removed into other counties, the resident gentry of the county are still sufficiently numerous to convince us that Fuller’s observation was well founded, and that more families have continued attached to the soil in *Cheshire*, than in most other counties. The following is a list of families still resident in the county, whose descent has been continued in an uninterrupted male line^c for more than three centuries, and some of them for a much greater length of time.

Arden of Harden, now resident at Stockport — Alderfey of Alderfey — Antrobus of Antrobus — Barnston of Churton — Baskervyle (now Glegg) — Brayne late of Aston in Mondrem — Bressley (now spelt *Brassey*) of Bulkeley — Bulkeley, now ennobled, descended from Bulkeley of Bulkeley, and the representative of the Warrens of Poynton — Brooke of Norton (baronet) — Brooke of Mere — Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley (ennobled) and Cholmondeley of Vale Royal — Clutton of Charlton in Malpas — Davenport of Woodford and Bramhall — Dod of Edge — Downes of Shrigley — Egerton of Oulton and Egerton —

^a Our information on this head has been derived from the visitations in the *Heralds’ college*; numerous collections of pedigrees in the *British Museum*; Sir Peter *Leycester’s History of the hundred of Bucklow*, and a large volume of pedigrees in his hand-writing, among the *Tabley MSS.*; a volume of pedigrees communicated by *Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold-Hall*; the collections of *William Smith, of Old-Haugh in Cheshire, rouge-dragon purfuivant*, and a volume of pedigrees, which appear to have been copied from the collections of *John Booth of Twenlow*, and *John Woodnoth of Shavington*, two industrious *Cheshire antiquaries*: this last mentioned volume, and *Smith’s Collections*, we purchased among other *MSS.* which had formerly belonged to *Francis Baffano*, deputy herald of arms for *Chester*; who was sheriff of that city in 1734, and have since deposited them in the *Heralds’ college*. For the more modern information, especially such as relates to the time when ancient families have become extinct, and by what families they are represented, we are much indebted to the exertions and inquiries of *William Nicholls Esq. of Chester, F. A. S.*

^b *Harleian MSS. N^o 1989. f. 399.*

^c In some cases the elder

branch has become extinct, but the male line has been continued by younger branches.

Grosvenor of Eaton (ennobled)—Glegg of Irbye—Hockenhull^d—Kelfall, formerly of Bradshaw, now of Chester—Kinsey of Blackden, now of Knutsford—Lawton of Lawton—Leche of Carden—Legh of East-Hall in High-Legh—Leverfage^e, formerly of Wheelock—Leycester of Toft—Mainwaring now of Bromborough—Maffie of Coddington—Stanley of Alderley (baronet)—Stanley of Hooton (baronet)—Tatton of Withenshaw—Thornycroft of Thornycroft—Vawdrey of Riddings (now of Stanthorn)—Venables (now Legh)—Walthall of Wistaston—Warburton of Warburton, afterwards of Arley, (baronet)—Wetenhall now (by change of name) Mainwaring—Wilbraham of Delamere-Lodge, and Wilbraham of Rode—Wright, formerly of Nantwich, now of Mottram-St. Andrew, and Wyche, or De la Wyche^f, anciently of Davenham, afterwards of Alderley.

To the above list, may be added the following of such families, as represent and have taken the name of other ancient families.

Booth of Twemlow (late Griffith)—Crewe of Crewe-Hall (now ennobled) descended from the ancient family of Osley of Madeley-Manor in Staffordshire—Jodrell now of Henbury (late Bower)—Leigh of West-Hall (anciently Lymme)—Legh of Booths (anciently Venables)—Leicester of Tabley (baronet) late Byrne—Shakerley of Somerford (late Buckworth)—Swetenham of Somerford-Booths (late Comberbach)—Swettenham of Swettenham (late Eaton).

Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., of Doddington, is the representative in the female line of the ancient family of Delves of that place, which name his father bore, in compliance with the will of his grandfather, Sir Thomas Delves, by whose death the male line of the family became extinct in 1727; but the late baronet, Sir Bryan Broughton Delves, being attached to his own family name of Broughton, which is of great antiquity in the adjoining county of Stafford, bequeathed his estates to his brother, now Sir Thomas Broughton, on condition of his obtaining an act of parliament, which should enable him and his posterity, to bear the name of Broughton only.

Most of the families mentioned in the above lists are to be traced by their pedigrees to the thirteenth century, about which time surnames were not so permanent as they have since been; and it was very usual for younger branches

^d See p. 384. ^e The lineal descendant of Richard Leverfage, who in or about the reign of Henry VI. married the heiress of Worth, who married the heiress of Wheelock, lords of Wheelock from the reign of King John, resides at Nantwich, having lately retired from business. Wheelock was sold by William Leverfage during the civil war. ^f The De la Wyches, who were of Davenham at a very early period, removed afterwards to Alderley. Dugdale in his Visitation of Cheshire, describes William Wyche Esq., living in 1663, as of Davenham and Alderley: their seat in the latter parish, which was called Sofs-Mofs-Hall, has been long alienated; and the immediate descendant of this ancient family, now rents a farm in the neighbourhood.

of a family to take their name from the place where they fixed their residence ; and we thus sometimes find in three descents, as many different surnames in the same family ; this circumstance has occasioned much obscurity in the early history of families, and is the most probable reason why so few of them are to be traced to a still more remote period. The only families that we know of, that can be traced in the male line, nearly, or quite to the commencement of the twelfth century, are the Davenports ; the Mainwarings ; the Grosvenors ; the Leghs of East-Hall ; the Warburtons and the Massies.

The Davenports of Davenport in Astbury, which was the original seat of the family, descended from Ormus de Davenport, who lived in the reign of William the Conqueror, became extinct in the direct male line^a, in the year 1677 ; when Davenport passed in marriage with Elizabeth, elder daughter and co-heiress of John Davenport Esq., to Robert Davies Esq. of Manley, whose heiress brought Davenport to Sir Matthew Deane Bart. of the kingdom of Ireland, but left no surviving issue ; Anne, the other co-heiress of John Davenport, married John Davenport Esq. of Woodford, and left no issue. The Davenports of Calveley, who became extinct in the male line in the year 1771, were descended from Arthur, a younger son of Sir Ralph Davenport of Davenport, who in the reign of Edward III. married the heiress of Calveley of Calveley.

The Davenports of Wheltrough derived their descent from Thomas, a younger son of Sir Thomas Davenport of Davenport, who lived in the reign of Edward III. To this Thomas, his father gave an estate in Lower-Withington, called Tunsted, afterwards Wheltrough ; his two younger sons, John and Jenkin, were ancestors of the Davenports of Bromhall, Henbury, and Woodford. The Wheltrough family continued at that place for many generations, and we have not been able to ascertain whether they are yet extinct ; but if not, they are removed into another county : Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, who died in 1684, had sons and grandsons living when he made his will in 1677. William Davenport Esq., now of Bromhall, derives his descent from John, second son of Thomas Davenport, who settled at Wheltrough, which John married the heiress of Bromhall of Bromhall^b : Sir Jenkin, or as he is sometimes called, Sir John Davenport, third son of Thomas, was justice of Lancashire, and first possessor of the manor of Woodford ; his eldest son Thomas was ancestor of the Davenports of Henbury, extinct in the seventeenth century ; when the heiress married Sir Foulke Lucy. Nicholas, his third son, who possessed Woodford, by the gift of his father^c, was the immediate ancestor

^a John Davenport, who lived in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, had eleven younger sons ; some of whom, it is probable, were ancestors of families of this name in various parts of the kingdom.

^b Formerly so spelt, now usually Bramhall. ^c From documents in the possession of the Davenport family, obligingly communicated by Walter Davenport Esq.

of Davies Davenport Esq. of Capesthorpe^a, one of the knights of the shire, who through the marriage of his father with Phœbe, elder daughter and co-heiress of Richard Davenport Esq. of Calveley, is representative also of the Calveley branch. A younger branch of the Woodford family, descended from Christopher, second brother of John Davenport, who was of Woodford, in the reign of Henry VII. settled at Blackhurst in Baddiley, and as we are informed has been long ago extinct in the male line^b. Another younger branch of the Davenports of Woodford, descended from Nicholas, a younger brother of William Davenport, were of Boughton near Chester, in the reign of Henry VIII. This branch became extinct in the male line in the 17th century: William Currie of Chester, M. D. the present possessor of the Boughton estate, married a representative of this family, being the daughter of Robert Foulkes, descended in the female line from Thomas Hand, who married Jane Davenport, aunt of the last heir male of the above-mentioned branch. The Davenports of Chorley, extinct in 1757, were descended from Thomas, a younger son of Sir Ralph Davenport of Davenport, who about the year 1400 married the heiress of Handford of Chorley.

The Grosvenors are descended from a nephew of Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, whose descendants were seated at Hulme, in the parish of Great-Budworth; the elder branch became extinct in the reign of Henry VI., by the death of Robert Le Grosvenor, son of Sir Thomas, and grandson of Sir Robert Le Grosvenor who had the celebrated suit with Sir Richard Le Scrope, about a coat of arms, (Azure, a bend Or,) claimed by both families^c. Ralph, a younger son of Sir Thomas, who continued the male line, settled at Eaton, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of Eaton of that place, and was immediate ancestor of the present Earl Grosvenor.

The Leghs of East-Hall have continued in an uninterrupted male descent from Edward de Lega, who by his name appears to have been of Saxon origin, to the present George John Legh Esq. The male line of the elder branch of this family failed in or about the reign of Edward IV., and in the beginning of Henry VIII's. reign, Thomas Legh of Northwood, descended from a younger son of John Legh, who lived in or about the reign of Edward II., after a long litigation

^a Mr. Davenport inherited Capesthorpe, from the ancient family of Ward, of whom he is the representative in the female line. ^b Richard Davenport, buried in 1653, is the last of the family, who occurs in the parish register.

^c Notwithstanding a prodigious bulk of evidence, which went to prove that this coat had been borne by Robert Le Grosvenor's ancestors, it was adjudged to Scrope; but Grosvenor was allowed to bear the same arms, within a border Argent; being dissatisfied with this decision, he appealed to the king, and the final determination was, that he should either bear the said arms within a border; or, in consideration of his affinity to Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, be allowed to bear for his arms, Azure, a garb Or; which bearing he preferred, and it has ever since been used by his descendants.

succeeded,

succeeded, as being the next heir male, to the East-Hall estate. Either this Thomas, or his son, of the same name, rebuilt the mansion at East-Hall, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was lineal ancestor of the present G. J. Legh Esq. The Leghs of Swinehed, or Swineyard in High-Legh, descended from another younger son of John Legh above-mentioned, according to the best information we can procure, are extinct: a younger branch of the Leghs of East-Hall was for some descents of Newton near Chester.

Egerton Leigh ^a, of West-Hall in High-Legh, and of Twemlow, Esq. is descended from Richard Lymme, who in the latter part of the 13th century married Agnes, daughter and sole heir of Richard de Legh, great grandson of Hamon de Legh, the first-mentioned in the pedigree. Agnes Legh above-mentioned had, by her second husband ^b, William Venables, a son, John, who took the name of Legh, and settled at Booths. This John Legh, being on his father's side a Venables, and descended from Gilbert Venables, the first baron of Kinderton, was common ancestor of the Leghs of Sandbach, extinct after two descents, when the heiress married Richard Radcliffe, of Ordsall in Lancashire, in the reign of Edward III.; the Leghs of Booths, of whom Willoughby Legh Esq. of that place is the present representative; the Leighs of Oughtrington; the Leghs of Adlington; the Leghs of Baguly; the Leghs of Lyme; and the Leghs of Ridge, all in Cheshire; the Leighs of Ifell in Cumberland, extinct about the year 1600; the Leighs of Middleton in Yorkshire; the Leighs of Eggington in Derbyshire; Rinsfall in Staffordshire; Stoneley in Warwickshire, and Addlestrop in Gloucestershire. The Leghs of Booths are descended from John, a younger son of Agnes Legh, by William de Venables; the Leighs of Oughtrington from John, a younger son of Richard Leigh Esq. of West-Hall, who settled at Oughtrington, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of Wilme, in the reign of Edward IV. Trafford Trafford Esq., now of Oughtrington, who assumed the name of Trafford, in compliance with the will of his maternal uncle, is the lineal male descendant of this branch. The Leghs of Adlington, extinct by the death of the late Charles Legh in 1781, were descended from Robert, a younger son of the first John Legh of Booths; Sir Piers Legh, a younger son of Robert, was ancestor of the Leghs of Lyme, extinct by the death of the late Thomas Peter Legh Esq. in 1797. John, or Jenkin, a younger son of Sir Peter Legh, who settled at Lyme, married the heiress of Alcock of Ridge ^m, and was ancestor of the Leghs

^a The West-Hall family spell their name Leigh, as did the Leighs of Oughtrington, the Leighs of Ifell in Cumberland, and the Leighs of Stoneley in Warwickshire; the Leighs, now of Addlestrop in Gloucestershire adopt the same spelling; all the other branches of the family in Cheshire, spell their names Legh.

^b She had also a third husband, William de Hawarden, by whom she had issue.

^c The Ridge estate was sold by Thomas Legh Esq., late alderman of Macclesfield, whose son now resides in or near London.

of Ridge. The Leghs of Baguly, extinct in 1688, were descended from Sir William Legh, a younger son of Sir John Legh (the second of that name) of Booths; the Leighs of Eggington, Rinshall, Stoneley, and Addlestrop, all derive their descent from a younger son of the first Legh of Ridge.

The Mainwarings are supposed, with probability almost amounting to certainty, to be descended from Ranulphus, who was Lord of Over-Peover at the time of the Domesday Survey; it is certain that they are descended from Sir Ranulphus de Mainwaring, or as the name was then spelt Mefnilwarin, who was justice of Ghester in the reign of Richard I. The elder branch of the Mainwarings, settled at Warmincham, became extinct in the male line in the reign of Richard II. The Over-Peover branch was descended from a younger son of Roger de Mainwaring, son of Sir Randal, justice of Chester, to whom that estate was given by his father: from him the male line was continued in an uninterrupted male succession till the death of the late Sir Henry Mainwaring Bart. in 1797. From William, a younger son of Randal Mainwaring of Over-Peover, who died in 1456, descended the Mainwarings of Ightfield in Shropshire, extinct in the male line; from Randal, third son of the same Randal, the Mainwarings of Carincham in Cheshire, and the Mainwarings of Shropshire. The Mainwarings of Carincham, or Carmingham, became extinct in the male line by the death of John Mainwaring Esq. in 1784; and are represented in the female line by John Mainwaring Uniacke Esq. the present possessor of Carmingham. From a younger son of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover, who died in 1515, descended the Mainwarings of Marton-Sands in Cheshire, now extinct, and the Mainwarings of Whitmore in Staffordshire: a branch of the latter settled at Bromborough in Wirrall about a hundred years ago, and were ancestors of James Mainwaring Esq. now of that place, who is the only known descendant in Cheshire, in the male line, of the Mainwarings. The Mainwarings of Croxton, an illegitimate branch, descended from the Mainwarings of Peover, became extinct in the 17th century.

The Maffies of Coddington are descended from a younger branch of the barons of Dunham-Maffey^m. Some pedigrees represent them as descended from a younger son of the family of Maffey of Podingtonⁿ or Pudington, extinct in 1715^o,

^m Lord Maffey, of the kingdom of Ireland, is supposed to be descended from a younger branch of the barons of Dunham-Maffey; one of his sons is named Hamo.

ⁿ The authorities on this side seem to preponderate: it appears that in Sir Peter Leycester's Collections, where the Maffies of Coddington are represented as descended from those of Tatton, the pedigree has been corrected by Sir Francis Leycester, Sir Peter's successor; it appears also by Dr. Cowper's Collections, that William Maffie, the first of the family who settled at Coddington, left his estate, in case of failure of issue from his two sons, to the Maffies of Podington.

^o A younger branch of the Maffies of Podington, or as some pedigrees represent, of the Maffies of Coddington, was, for several descents, of Broxton.

the founder of which house was Richard Massey, a younger son of Hamo de Massey, the fourth baron of Dunham-Massey: others represent the Coddington family, as descended from a younger son of Sir John Massey of Tatton. The Tatton family, descended from William, a younger son of one of the barons of Dunham-Massey, became extinct in its principal branch^p, in or about the reign of Edward IV. It is certain that William Massey, who was of Chester, about the middle of the fifteenth century, settled at Coddington, and was the immediate ancestor of the Rev. Richard Massey, now rector of Coddington and lord of that manor. The Massies of Edgerley, now extinct, were a younger branch of the Massies of Coddington: William Massey Esq. now resident at Chester, is descended from a younger branch of the Massies of Coddington.

The Warburtons are descended from Adam Dutton, a younger son of Hugh, grandson of Hudard, or Odard, who came over into England with William the Conqueror. Sir Peter Dutton, great grandson of Adam, settling at Warburton, took the name of Warburton: the present Sir Peter Warburton's family are now the only known descendants, in the male line, from the ancient stock of the Duttons: a younger branch, descended from a great grandson of Hudard, took the name of Chedle from the place of their residence, and became extinct after a few generations: another younger branch, having settled in the township so called, took the name of Ashley; the heirs of the Ashleys married into a branch of the Breretons, since extinct. The elder male branch of the Duttons became extinct by the death of Lawrence Dutton in 1526; Sir Piers Dutton, descended from Edmund, a younger son of Sir Thomas Dutton, who had settled at Hatton, succeeded to the inheritance as next heir male, and settled at Dutton; his posterity in the male line became extinct by the death of Thomas Dutton Esq. in 1614. Lord Stanley, in right of his mother, (who was daughter of James Duke of Hamilton,) is the immediate representative of this branch in the female line^q. From Richard Dutton, uncle of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton, who was adjudged the heir male of Dutton in 1526, were descended the Duttons of Sherbourn in Gloucestershire, of whom Lord Sherbourn is now the representative in the female line, and the Duttons of Cloughton, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, who are supposed to have been long extinct. Ralph Dutton, a younger son of Sir Piers Dutton above-mentioned, continued the male line of Dutton of Hatton, extinct by the death of Peter Dutton Esq. in 1686. Hancock, a younger son of Sir Hugh Dutton, who died in 1529

^p A younger branch of the Massies of Tatton, was for several descents, of Denfield in Rostherne: it appears to have become extinct about the end of the seventeenth century, beyond which there are no traces of the family to be found in the parish register. ^q See p. 352.

settled in Denbighshire: Edward Dutton, alderman of Chester in 1613, proved his descent from the said Hancock; Richard, his son, was also alderman of Chester, and had a son of his own name, but we have not been able to trace their posterity to the present time.

The Alderseys were of Alderfey, now the seat of their descendant Samuel Alderfey Esq., as early as the reign of Edward II. Antrobus, the seat of the ancient family of Antrobus, which was sold by Henry Antrobus, in the reign of Henry IV. to Thomas Venables, has lately been purchased by Edmund Antrobus Esq., who has proved his descent from Henry, a younger son of Henry Antrobus above-mentioned.

The elder branch of the Ardernes, whose chief seat was at Aldford, where they had a castle, became extinct in the principal line, by the death of Walkelin Arderne, in or about the reign of Richard II. The present John Arden Esq. (for so the family have of late years spelt the name) is descended from Sir John Arderne, a younger brother of Walkelin before-mentioned, whose posterity settled in the parish of Stockport, in the fifteenth century; and he is also the representative of the Barons of Montalt, and of the ancient family of Done of Utkinton and Flaxyards; a younger branch of the Ardernes settled at Alderley about the beginning of Edward the Third's reign, and ended after a few descents in a female heir, who married into the Weever family, whose heiress married the ancestor of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. The Ardernes of Leicestershire were descended from a younger son of Ralph Arderne of Harden in the fifteenth century.

The Baskervyles were of Old Withington, as early as the reign of Edward I.: their lineal descendant John Baskervyle Esq., on succeeding to the estates of William Glegg Esq. of Gayton, who died in 1758, took the name of that family¹. The Braynes were of Aston-house near Nantwich, (lately alienated by John Brayne Esq.) in the reign of Henry VI., and their ancestors for several generations before, at Paddiley. The Bresseys, or Bressies, were originally of Wistaston; Robert Bressley, son of Lawrence, was sheriff of Cheshire in 1303; three of the elder branches of this family terminated at an early period in female heirs; one of whom was ancestor of the Brindleys of Wistaston: one of the remaining branches settled at Teverton in Bunbury, and after continuing there for many generations, became extinct by the death of Ralph Bressie in 1754: another younger branch of this family settled at Bulkeley, by marriage with the heiress of Hadley, descended from a branch of the Bulkeleys; the descendants of this branch spelt their name Brassley, and were ancestors of Richard Brassley Esq. now of Cotton-Abbots. A younger branch of the Bressies of Teverton, continued for several generations in the male line; we

¹ See p. 365.

have not been able to trace this branch below William Bressley, who was of Chester in 1566, and had brothers.

The Brookes were of Leighton, in the reign of Edward the First; the elder branch became extinct in the male line, in or about the reign of Queen Elizabeth; a younger branch settled at Norton, of which Sir Richard Brooke Bart. is the immediate descendant. Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, is of a younger branch of the Brookes of Norton. The Barnstons of Churton, ancestors of Roger Barnston Esq. now of Chester, were of Churton, as early as the reign of Richard II.

The Bulkeleys were Lords of Bulkeley, in the reign of King John; Robert de Bulkeley, who was sheriff of Cheshire in 1309, had three sons; William, common ancestor of most of the Cheshire branches; Thomas, whose posterity soon failed in the male line; and Peter, ancestor of the Bulkeleys of Wore in Shropshire, and of the Bulkeleys of Broxton, who became extinct after three descents. William Bulkeley above-mentioned had several sons; William, who left an only daughter, married to Thomas Holford, in consequence of which match, the Cholmondeleys of Vale Royal, by marriage with the heiress of Holford, are representatives of the elder branch of the Bulkeleys; Robert, the second son of William, settled at Eaton in Davenham, and had two sons, Robert, ancestor of the Bulkeleys of Eaton, which family became extinct after six generations, and Richard who married the heiress of Chedle, and was ancestor of the Bulkeleys of Cheadle and of Whatcroft in Davenham: the elder branch of these Bulkeleys removed to Beaumaris in the isle of Anglesea, and were ancestors of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, who has a seat in Cheshire, in right of his Lady as heiress of the Warrens; a younger branch of this house continued for some descents at Cheadle; Roger, third son of William Bulkeley above-mentioned, settling at Norbury, his posterity assumed the name of Norbury, and became extinct, in the elder branch, after four generations; the posterity of Richard, fourth son of William Bulkeley, settled at Prestland near Bunbury, took the name of Prestland, were for several descents of Wardle-Hall in the same parish, and continued in the male line till the middle of the seventeenth century (if not later); Thomas Bulkeley, the fifth son, who was of Alpraham, left an only

^r This Thomas Bulkeley had two sons, Roger and Richard; the grand-daughter of Roger, brought an estate at Bulkeley to the Hadleys, whose heiress, after three generations, married the ancestor of Richard Brasley Esq., now of Cotton-Abbots. The posterity of Richard ended in a female heir, who in the reign of Richard II. married William Tattenhall, and after three generations, the heiress of Tattenhall married Sir Hugh Calveley.

^s Sir John Norbury, Lord High Treasurer of England in the reign of King Henry IV. was of a younger branch of this family, which settled at Stoke in Surrey: the daughter and heir of a descendant of the same name married Richard Halleywell, whose daughter and heir, Jane, was the wife of Edmund Lord Bray: a younger branch returned into Cheshire, settled at Frodsham, and became extinct after a few descents.

daughter, married to Thomas Arderne, whose heiress married Thomas Stanley of Elford; David, the youngest son of William Bulkeley settled at Bickerton, and was immediate ancestor of Thomas Bulkeley Esq., by whose death this branch of the family became extinct in 1802.

The Cholmondeleys and Egertons are descended from the same stock; Robert, ancestor of the Cholmondeleys, being the younger brother, and Philip, ancestor of the Egertons, a younger son of David, Baron of Malpas, who, in or about the reign of Henry III., took their family names from the places of their respective residences. Robert de Cholmondeley was the lineal ancestor of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley Knight^s, who died in 1601: from the second son of this Sir Hugh the present Earl of Cholmondeley is descended, and from his fourth son, Thomas, is descended Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal, one of the present knights of the shire. A younger branch of the Cholmondeleys was of Chorley in the reign of Edward III.; the direct line of this branch became extinct in 1522, by the death of Sir Richard Cholmondeley, whose younger brother Roger, settled in Yorkshire, and was ancestor of the brave Sir Hugh Cholmondeley of Whitby, who defended Scarborough castle, and was created a baronet in 1641; the title became extinct in 1688: but the male line was continued by a cousin, who married the heiress of the last baronet; other younger branches, descended from Roger Cholmondeley above-mentioned, settled at Bransby and Roxby in Yorkshire. John, younger brother of Richard Cholmondeley, who was one of the justices of Cheshire, in the reign of Edward IV., was ancestor of the family of Cholmondeley of Coppenthal in Staffordshire, which spread into several branches. The Cholmondeleys of Holford, extinct in 1728, were descended from Thomas, a natural son of Sir Robert Cholmondeley Bart. Earl of Leinster^t, who died without legitimate issue in 1659.

Sir Thomas Egerton Bart., now Earl of Wilton, whose seat is at Heaton in Lancashire, is the immediate representative of the elder branch of the Egertons of Egerton and Oulton, descended from Philip de Egerton above-mentioned. Oulton, now the seat of John Egerton Esq. was acquired by the family, about the year 1500, by a match with the heiress of Hugh Done of Oulton, a younger son of the family of Done of Utkinton. The present possessor of Oulton is descended from Sir Philip Egerton Knight, third son of Sir Rowland, the first baronet, and is presumptive heir to the baronetcy. Urian, great-grandson of Philip de Egerton first-mentioned, married the heiress of Caldecote, and was ancestor of the Egertons of Caldecote, and afterwards of Wrinehill, which was acquired by a

^s He was one of the knights of the shire, as were his descendants for five generations. See a more particular account of the titles of this family, p. 351, 352, 354.

^t See p. 351.

match with the heiress of Hawkestone, about the year 1430; this branch of the Egertons became extinct in 1687^a. The Egertons of Ridley were descended from Sir Ralph Egerton, standard-bearer to King Henry VIII., a younger son of Sir Philip Egerton of Egerton. The Ridley estate was sold in the reign of Charles II. by a descendant, who removed to Shaw in Lancashire, and this branch of the family is supposed to be extinct. The Earl of Bridgewater is descended from a natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, son of Sir Ralph. The Egertons of Tatton, extinct by the death of Samuel Egerton Esq., one of the knights of the shire, in the year 1780, were descended from Thomas, a younger son of the Earl of Bridgewater who died in 1686. William Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw, son of the late Mr. Egerton's sister, on succeeding to the estate, took the name of Egerton, and was father of Wilbraham Egerton Esq., now of Tatton.

The ancestors of T. C. Clutton Esq. of Chorlton in Malpas were originally of Clutton, afterwards for several generations of Nantwich. The ancestors of T. C. Dod Esq. of Edge, are to be traced up to the reign of Henry III. The Dods of Dod's-yard, or Smithfield in Broxton, appear to have been a younger branch of the Dods of Edge, and to have become extinct by the death of Peter Dod Esq. about the year 1650. Another younger branch of the Dods of Edge became extinct in 1719, by the death of John Herbert Dod Esq., of the Lower-house in Broxton. The Dods of Broxton-Hall, or the Higher-house, whose connection with the Edge family does not appear, are to be traced to the fourteenth century: this family became extinct in the male line in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The family of Downes was of Downes, in the township of Sutton, as early as the reign of King John; William Downes was of Shrigley, now the seat of his immediate descendant, Edward Downes Esq., early in the fourteenth century. It is most probable, that either he or his father married the heiress of Shrigley^b: the coat of which family is now quartered by Downes. A younger branch of the Downes family settled at Taxall early in the fourteenth century: we have not been able to trace whether this branch of the family is extinct; Reginald Downes Esq., who sold the Taxall estate, and appears to have quitted the county in 1691, had male issue.

^a James Egerton, who died in 1687, was the last heir male of the Wrinehill branch, being son of William Egerton of Betley, second son of Ralph Egerton of Wrinehill, who died in 1522; but Wrinehill had some years before the death of James Egerton passed to the Egertons of Egerton and Oulton, pursuant to a settlement made by Edward Egerton of Wrinehill, (son of Sir Ralph Egerton, who died in 1597,) which Edward died without issue.

^b The match is not mentioned in any pedigrees of the family; but it appears by ancient family deeds, that Maud, daughter of Jordan de Shrigley, conveyed lands in Shrigley, A. D. 1313, to William de Downes; and it appears also that the wife of this William was named Maud; her surname does not appear.

The Gleggs became possessed of the hundred of Caldey, in the reign of Edward II., by a match with the heiress of Sutton; Gilbert Glegg, son of John, who first settled in Wirrall, by a match with the heiress of Merton, acquired Gayton, which was the seat of the elder branch of the family, till the death of William Glegg Esq. the last heir male in 1758; this branch is now represented by John Glegg Esq., whose father, John Baskervyle of Old Withington, married the only daughter of Robert Glegg Esq. (brother to William,) and on the death of the said William, assumed the name of Glegg. Birkenhead Glegg Esq. is descended, in the male line, from a younger branch of the family, settled for many generations at Irbye-Hall: another younger branch settled at Grange in the reign of Edward VI., which estate has passed from the family, but the male heirs are not extinct.

The elder branch of the Kelfalls, who were originally of Kelfall in Tarvin, became extinct at an early period: a younger branch was of Bradshaw and Heathside, both in Cheadle: the immediate descendant of this family is Oldfield Kelfall Esq., who is the present owner of Bradshaw-Hall, but resides in Chester. James Kelfall, a younger son of the Bradshaw family, settled at Audley in Staffordshire, and died in 1583, at the age of 107 years, leaving a numerous family; a branch of which settled at Barthomley, and became extinct in 1802: another branch of the Kelfalls, which was of Trafford, has become extinct also in the male line; the heiress of this branch married J. Glegg Esq. of Withington.

The ancestors of John Lawton Esq. of Lawton, were settled at that place, as early as the reign of Henry V. The Leches of Carden are descended from John Leech or Leche, who settled at Carden, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of that place; he was grandson of John Leech, one of the surgeons to King Edward III., who was of Chatsworth in Derbyshire.

The Leycesters of Toft are descended in the direct male line from Sir Nicholas Leycester, who acquired the manor of Nether-Tabley in marriage, and died in 1295; his grandson Ralph, being the younger son of his son Nicholas, married the heiress of Toft, and was the immediate ancestor of the present George Leycester Esq. of that place: a younger son of Ralph Leycester above-mentioned, was ancestor of the Leycesters of Worleston and of Poole near Nantwich: Richard Leycester of this branch, was mayor of Chester in 1650. The Tabley family continued in the male line till the death of Sir Francis Leicester Bart. (for so this branch of the family have of late years written their name) in 1742; his only daughter married Fleetwood Legh Esq. and for her second husband, Sir John Byrne Bart. of the kingdom of Ireland, whose grandson Sir John Fleming Leicester,

‡ He died without male issue; and of several brothers, one only (Randle) survived him.

of Tabley-House Bart., is the present representative of the Leicesters of that place, of which family was Sir Peter Leycester, the historian of Bucklow hundred. The Leycesters of Hale-Lowe in Bowden, supposed to be extinct, and the Leycesters of Leigh in Staffordshire, were younger branches of the Leycesters of Tabley: none of the male line of this family are known to be now remaining in Cheshire.

The Stanleys, who are a branch of the ancient baronial family of Audley, took the name of Stanley, from Stanleigh, or Stanley in Staffordshire, where they were some time settled. Sir William de Stanley, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of Banville, became possessed, about the year 1315, of the bailiwick of Wirrall forest, and the manor of Great-Storeton. His son, by a match with the heiress of Hooton, became possessed of that lordship, which has ever since been the seat of his descendants. In consequence of a younger son of this family succeeding by devise to the estate of the Masseys of Puddington in 1715, he assumed the name of Massey in addition to his own; but upon this branch coming into possession of Hooton, by the death of Sir William Stanley Bart. in 1792, they re-assumed their ancient family name also in addition; the present baronet is Sir Thomas Stanley Massey Stanley.

Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. of Alderley, is descended from Sir John, a younger son of Sir Thomas Stanley, the first Lord Stanley, comptroller of the household to King Henry VI. (descended from Sir John Stanley K. G. younger brother of the first Stanley of Hooton). Sir John Stanley, ancestor of the Stanleys of Alderley, possessed both Alderley and Weever; at which latter place also, his descendant had, for some time a seat, by his marriage with the heiress of Sir Thomas Weever. The Earl of Derby is descended from the elder son of Thomas Lord Stanley above-mentioned. The Stanleys of Elford and Pype in Staffordshire, long since extinct in the male line, were descended from a younger son of Sir John Stanley (the first Lord Stanley's grandfather,) who married the heiress of Latham. The Stanleys of Dalegarth, (now of Ponsonby,) in Cumberland, are a younger branch of the Stanleys of Storeton in Wirrall.

The Tattons were Lords of the township of that name at a very early period; the elder branch became extinct after a few descents; the heiress married Massey Robert, son of William, a younger brother of Sir Alan Tatton, Lord of Tatton in 1250, married the heiress of Kenworthy in the reign of Edward I.², his descendant of the same name, married the heiress of Withenshaw. It is singular that the father of the present Wilbraham Egerton Esq. of Tatton, should have quitted the ancient name of his family, on coming into possession of the estate, which was at an early period their inheritance. Thomas William, the younger brother of Mr.

‡ Papers in the possession of the Tatton family.

Egerton, who is now of Withenshaw, has resumed his paternal name of Tatton. The ancestors of Edward Thornycroft Esq. were of Thornycroft, in the township of Sidington, and the parish of Prestbury, as early as the latter part of the 13th century. The Vawdreys were settled in the parish of Bowden, at least as early as the reign of Edward IV. About the year 1497, they settled at Riddings, whence they removed to Millgate in Cranage. The daughter and heir of the last of the elder branch married the Rev. James Mainwaring of Edlafton, in the county of Derby, who died in 1808, and left issue. Daniel Vawdrey Esq. of Stanthorn is the representative of a younger branch.

The Walthalls appear to have settled at Wistaston, now the seat of their descendant Peter Walthall Esq. in the fourteenth century, on marrying the heiress of Alexander.

The Wetenhalls were of Wetenhall as early as the reign of Henry II.; the elder branch became extinct in the fourteenth century, when Wetenhall, the ancient seat of the family, passed into other hands. Sir John Wetenhall, in the early part of the fourteenth century, had two sons who died without issue: two daughters married to Grosvenor and Hartley, who left no issue; and four daughters married to Arderne, Bostock, Bromhall, and Manley, who left issue. The brothers of Sir John Wetenhall above-mentioned, continued the male line: younger branches were of Cholmondeston and Coppenhall. The Wetenhalls of Cholmondeston became extinct in the male line, about the year 1600: we have not ascertained whether the Wetenhalls of Coppenhall are extinct: in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Roger Wetenhall, the last mentioned in the pedigree, is described as of Coppenhall; Charles, a younger brother of Canterbury; John, another younger brother of London. A younger branch of the Wetenhalls which was of Nantwich, has continued to the present time: the late Thomas Wetenhall Esq. upon succeeding to the estates of the late Sir Henry Mainwaring, took the name of Mainwaring, which has been continued by his son, now Sir Henry Mainwaring Mainwaring Bart.. A younger branch of the Wetenhalls of Nantwich settled at Hankelow in the early part of the 17th century, and became extinct in 1778. Edward Tomkinson Esq., to whom the late Mr. Wetenhall of Hankelow left his estate, is the representative in the female line, and has taken the name of Wetenhall.

The Wilbrahams are descended from Sir Richard de Wilburham, or Wilbraham, who married two Cheshire heiresses of the families of Venables and Vernon, Barons of Kinderton and Shipbrooke: from the former match all the Wilbrahams of Cheshire are descended. The elder branch settled at Woodhey in the fifteenth century, in consequence of a match with the heiress of Golborne, and became extinct by the death of Sir Thomas Wilbraham Bart. in 1695. The Earl of Dyfart is the representative of this branch, and inherits the estates.

Ralph

Ralph Wilbraham, second son of Thomas, who married the heiress of Golborne, was ancestor of the Wilbrahams of the Towns-end in Nantwich, and the Wilbrahams of Dorfold. George Wilbraham Esq. of Delamere Lodge is the immediate representative of the elder branch of the Wilbrahams of the Towns-end: the grandfather of the present Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode was a younger son of Wilbraham of Towns-end. The present Mr. Randle Wilbraham's elder brother has taken the name of Bootle, and resides at Latham in Lancashire. The Wilbrahams of Dorfold, of whom the Rev. James Wilbraham, rector of Falmouth, is the immediate representative, were descended from Ralph, a younger son of Wilbraham of Towns-end, who settled at Dorfold in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The Wilbrahams of Brindley, and the Wilbrahams of Rees-heath, were descended from Richard, the fourth son of Thomas Wilbraham, who married the heiress of Golborne: this branch is supposed not to be extinct, but they have long quitted Cheshire.

Lawrence Wright Esq., now of Mottram-St. Andrew, is descended from the Wrights of Offerton, whose ancestor acquired that manor by marrying the heiress of Winnington. Lawrence Wright Esq., who became thus possessed of Offerton about the year 1600, was grandson of Thomas Wright of Nantwich, whose pedigree is traced a few descents higher, to Thomas Wright, *alias* Bulkeley. Sir Edmund Wright, lord mayor of London, of an elder branch of the Nantwich family, died without male issue in 1638: a younger branch, which continued at Nantwich for some descents later, became extinct by the death of Edward Wright Esq. in 1745. The Wrights, who were settled for seven descents at Bickley, came out of Yorkshire, were quite a distinct family, and bore different arms: the last mentioned in the pedigrees of this family, which is supposed to be extinct, is Roger Wright, serjeant at arms to Queen Elizabeth, about the year 1600.

We now come to treat of such of the Cheshire families, as having become extinct in the male line, are continued by descendants, who have taken the names of their maternal ancestors. The Leighs of West-Hall, and the Leicesters of Tabley, have been already spoken of. The family of Aston, whose pedigree is to be traced up to the reign of Henry II. still continues indeed in the male line, in the person of the present baronet, Sir Willoughby Aston, but the male line of the elder branch failed in 1744, by the death of Sir Thomas Aston, whose brother-in-law, the Hon. Henry Hervey, D. D., on succeeding to the Cheshire estates, took the name of Aston.

The Booths descended from those of Barton in Lancashire, settled in Cheshire some time in the fifteenth century, in consequence of a marriage with the co-heiress of Venables of Bolyn, representative of the Barons Maffey. Sir George

Booth of Dunham-Maffey was created a baronet in 1611, his grandson was in 1661 created Lord Delamere; and the son of the first Lord Delamere was in 1690 created Earl of Warrington. The principal male line of the Booths, now represented by the Earl of Stamford and Warrington², became extinct in 1758, by the death of George Earl of Warrington; the title of Baron Delamere then devolved to the descendant of Robert, fifth son of the first Lord Delamere, whose posterity became extinct in the male line, by the death of Nathaniel Lord Delamere, in 1770. The title of baronet, on the death of the last Earl of Warrington, of the Booth family, devolved to the descendants of Nathaniel, fourth son of William Booth Esq., eldest son of the first baronet. This branch of the Booth family, together with the title of baronet, became extinct by the death of the Rev. Sir George Booth Bart. in 1797. The Booths of Twemlow, who were descended from Edward, (a younger son of Sir William Booth of Dunham-Maffey, who died in 1519,) settled at that place in consequence of his marriage with a co-heiress of Roger Knotsford: this branch of the family became extinct in the male line by the death of Thomas Booth Esq. in 1775. Walter Griffith Esq. Captain in the Royal Navy, his great nephew in the female line, and heir under his will, of the Twemlow estate, took the name of Booth, by his Majesty's sign manual, in 1792.

The Crewes, or Crues, are to be traced to the early part of the twelfth century, as settled at Crewe in Barthomley; the elder branch became extinct about the year 1294; when Joan, the eldest daughter and co-heir of Thomas de Crewe, brought Crewe-Hall to the family of Praers, whose heiress married Foulshurst: two younger brothers of this Thomas de Crewe left male issue, but their posterity appear to have failed after a few generations; Patrick, the fourth son, had two sons—Patrick the elder, was ancestor to the Crewes of Pulcroft; the co-heiresses of which family, in the reign of Edward IV., married into the families of Boydell, Chetwode, Leycester, and Wetenhall: the immediate posterity of David, younger son of Patrick, settled at Soonde; his great-grandson Thomas, who married a daughter of Henry Norbury, under-treasurer of England in the reign of Henry VI., and to his second wife, Margaret, daughter of John Patrick of Nantwich, settled in that town: his descendant, John Crewe of Nantwich, who married Alice Mainwaring, was father of Sir Randle Crewe, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and of Sir Thomas Crewe, Serjeant at Law, ancestor of the Lords Crewe of Stean in Northamptonshire, now extinct. Sir Randle Crewe, having purchased Crewe-Hall, which had been the seat of his ancestors, built the present mansion at that place; his posterity failed in the male line in the year 1634, by the death of

² The only daughter of the last Earl of Warrington, married Henry Grey, Earl of Stamford, whose son, George Harry, the present Earl of Stamford, was created Earl of Warrington in 1796.

John Crewe Esq., whose daughter and eventually sole heir, Anne, married John Offley Esq., descended from the ancient family of Offley of Madeley-Manor in Staffordshire; their son, who in 1708 took the name of Crewe by act of parliament, and died in 1749, was grandfather of John Crewe Esq. of Crewe-Hall, created Lord Crewe in 1806. Ralph Crewe, a younger son of the Nantwich family, was of Alvaſton in the reign of Henry VII., and left an only daughter, married to an ancestor of the Walthalls. The Crewes of Cholmondeston are said to have been descended from one of the younger branches of the Crewes of Crewe-Hall, and one pedigree derives their descent from a younger son of Thomas Crewe, son of Thomas, who first settled at Nantwich: this branch is supposed to be extinct; none of the family have for many years resided at Cholmondeston. The Crewes, or as they have generally spelt their name, Crues, of Crewe near Farndon, and Holt in Denbighshire, are represented in some pedigrees of the family as descended from David, a younger son of Thomas Crewe, who died in the reign of Edward I.; the pedigree in Barthomley church, drawn up by Sir William Dugdale, makes no mention indeed of this David; or of the Crues of Holt, and Crewe near Farndon: but they are represented as descended from the Crewes of Crewe-Hall, in a very copious pedigree in the British Museum^a; which appears to have been drawn up by Randle Holme, from the communications of Sir John Crewe of Utkinton. These Crues of Crewe became extinct in the male line in the fifteenth century; the co-heiresses married Dod and Bird, and the heiress of Bird married Stringer. The Crues of Holt were of that place from the reign of Richard II., till the death of Samuel Crue Esq. in 1770; Thomas Crue Dod Esq. his sister's son, is the present representative of this family.

The Jodrells, whose family became extinct in the male line by the death of Francis Jodrell Esq. in 1757, came out of Derbyshire; and settled at Eardsley, or Yardſley in Taxall, in 1429. The co-heiresses of Francis Jodrell^b married John Bower Esq. of Manchester, and Egerton Leigh Esq. of West-hall; the former assumed the name of Jodrell, and purchased Henbury, where he settled: it is now the property and seat of his son, Francis Jodrell Esq., who possesses also the estates of the Jodrells in Taxall.

The ancient family of Shakerley became extinct in the male line, about the end of the fourteenth, or at the beginning of the fifteenth century, when Geoffrey Tildesly of a Lancashire family, married the heiress and took the name, which continued till the death of Peter Shakerley in 1781, when it became again extinct, and was resumed by Charles Watkin John Buckworth, (now Shakerley,) son of Charles Buckworth Esq. of Park-Place in Surrey, who married Elizabeth,

^a Harl. MSS. No. 2119.

^b Frances and Elizabeth, his two grand-daughters, the only children of his son Francis, who died in 1756, the year before his father.

his daughter and sole heiress. The Shakerleys were for many generations of Hulme, which was acquired by a marriage of one of their ancestors, with a co-heiress of Grosvenor: afterwards, in consequence of a match with the heiress of Oldfield, they settled at Somerford-Radnor in Aftbury.

The Swetenhams of Somerford-Booths, whose descent is to be traced as high as about the year 1200, became extinct in the male line by the death of Edmund Swetenham Esq. in 1768; his great-nephew in the female line, Roger Comberbach Esq., has taken the name of Swetenham, and resides at Somerford-Booths. The Swettenhams² of Swettenham, whose pedigree is to be traced to the reign of Edward I., became extinct by the death of Thomas Swettenham Esq. (who had assumed the name of Willis) in 1788. The name of Swettenham was assumed some years ago, by John Eaton Esq., (a distant relation of Millington Eaton Swettenham Esq. the present proprietor,) upon his coming into possession, by devise, of the Swettenham estate.

We now come to treat of such Cheshire families as retain their ancient patrimony, but have now no permanent residence in the county, as well as those who have no longer any connection with it: of the former class, we can enumerate only the families of Bunbury, Chetwode, Manley, Needham, Page, Poole, and Sneyd; to which may be added Brereton and Moreton, continued in the female line: of the latter, the families of Bostock, Daniel, Dukenfield, Fallows, Hankey, Hatton, Holford, Maisterfon, Torkington, and Vernon³.

The family of Bunbury may be traced to the reign of King Stephen, as resident at Bunbury: they are said to have been descended from the St. Pierres, and to have taken their name from the place of their residence: the elder branch failed in the male line, about the reign of King John, by the death of Humphry de Bunbury, one of whose daughters married Patrick; the other, who died unmarried, left her estate to Alexander de Bunbury, who continued the male line; his descendant David de Bunbury, having married the heiress of Stanney, in the reign of Edward II., removed the family residence to Stanney in Wirrall. Sir William Bunbury, father of the present baronet, removed into Suffolk. Stanney-Hall, the only mansion in Cheshire belonging to this family, is now a farm-house. The Beestons of Beeston, a younger branch of the Bunburys, who took that name from the place of their residence, about the reign of Edward I., became extinct in the male line^b, by the death of Sir Hugh Beeston in 1627, and are now represented by Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart.

^a So the Swettenhams of Swettenham spell their name. ^b Lord Vernon possesses estates in Cheshire, which he inherits from the Venables family; but, we believe, not any of the ancient estates of the Vernons.

^c William Beeston Esq., appointed governor of Jamaica in 1692, and Mr. Beeston a Welsh judge who died in 1744, are said (See Simpson's English Traveller, published in 1746,) to be descended from this family of Beeston; but there does not appear to be any younger sons in the Cheshire pedigrees we have seen, from whom they could have derived their descent.

The Chetwodes, a very ancient family, who were originally of Chetwode in Buckinghamshire, and afterwards of Okeley in Staffordshire, which is now the feat of Sir J. Chetwode Bart. had a feat in Cheshire for several generations, at Worleston in Acton. The present baronet has considerable property in the parish of Great-Budworth, by descent from the families of Touchet and Venables, and occasionally resides at Agden-Hall. The ancestors of Sir John Chetwode have married four Cheshire heiresses, or co-heiresses, Crewe of Pulcroft, Soonde of Soonde, Touchet of Whitley, and Venables of Agden.

The Manleys were of Manley in Frodsham, as early as the thirteenth century, the elder branch became extinct about the latter end of the sixteenth century : previously to which the family mansion was sold to the Birkenheads ; a younger branch, which was of Poulton, and continued there in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is supposed also to be extinct : another younger branch was of Lache and Doddleston. Acton Manley Esq., settled at Oakhanger-Hall, in the parish of Barthomley, in consequence of his father's marriage with the heiress of Acton ; this branch became extinct in the male line, by the death of John Acton Manley Esq., whose only daughter and heir, by her second husband John Ready Esq., left an only daughter, now the wife of the Rev. Dr. Whittington Landon, provost of Worcester College in Oxford. The present male representative of the Lache family, Isaac George Manley Esq., who resides at Braziers near Ipsden in Oxfordshire, has still an estate at Doddleston.

The Needhams were of Cranach, or Cranage in this county, as early as the reign of Henry III. : their descendant Lord Viscount Kilmorey has large estates in Cheshire ; but neither he nor his ancestors have for many years had any feat in it. The Pages were of Drakelow in the reign of Edward III., afterwards of Erdshaw. Webb, in his Itinerary of 1622, speaks of this family as extinct ; it probably was then extinct, in the elder branch : Thomas Leigh Page Esq., now of Pancras, in the county of Middlesex, is the representative of a younger branch, which settled at Hawthorne-Hall near Wilmslow. The Pooles, who are descended from the family of Pull, or Poole, of Barrets-Poole in Acton, were afterwards, about the reign of Richard II. of Poole-Hall in Wirrall, where they continued to reside, till the father of the present baronet removed into Suffex. Poole-Hall is now occupied by the tenant who rents the demesnes. The Sneyds, or as the name was anciently spelt, Sneads, were of Bradwall in Sandbach, as early as the reign of Henry VI. : they have long resided in Staffordshire. Walter Sneyd Esq. has still an estate in the parish of Wybunbury, which was purchased by his ancestor in the reign of Henry VIII.

The Breretons of Brereton, a very widely-spreading family, are to be traced at Brereton, where the parent stock was settled, to about the year 1200, or rather earlier ;

earlier; the elder branch became extinct in 1722, on the death of Francis Lord Brereton, whose ancestor had been created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland in 1624; the present representative in the female line is the lady of Abraham Bracebridge^c Esq. of Atherston in Warwickshire, who occasionally resides in the old mansion at Brereton. From Randle, a younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton, by the heiress of Malpas, descended the Breretons of Malpas, extinct in the male line, in the year 1611; and the Breretons of Ashley extinct in the male line in 1660: from the Breretons of Malpas, who were also of Ipstones in Staffordshire, descended the Breretons of Eccleston and Wetenhall; the Breretons of Tatton, extinct in or about the year 1600; the Breretons of Honford in Cheadle, extinct by the death of Sir Thomas Brereton Bart. in 1678; the Breretons of Wolfesacre in Malpas, the Breretons of Barrell, and the Breretons of Burros, or Burroughs in Denbighshire; the last-mentioned family, which was descended from a younger son of the first Randle Brereton of Malpas, became extinct on the death of the late Owen Salusbury Brereton Esq. F. R. A. S., who left his estates at Shotwick in this county to his cousin on the mother's side, Charles Trelawney Esq. (now Trelawney Brereton). The Breretons of Eccleston, Wetenhall^d, and Wolfesacre, are supposed to be extinct.

^e The Moretons, who were for many generations of Little-Moreton, derived their descent from Gralam de Lofstock, who married the heiress of a still more ancient family of that name: his son Geoffrey took the name of Moreton; which was continued by his posterity in the male line, till the death of Sir William Moreton, recorder of London in 1763: the Rev. William Moreton Moreton of Westerham in Kent, descended from a sister of Sir William, is the representative of this family in the female line.

The Bostocks of Bostock, who traced their descent up to the time of the Conquest, became extinct in the direct male line, towards the latter part of the 15th century, when the heiress of an elder son married Sir John Savage: a younger branch continued at Bostock for several generations afterwards^f, and branches of the family were settled in various parts of the county, at Barton, Belgrave, Churton, Mobberly, Moulton, and Tattenhall: others settled at Abingdon in Berkshire, and at Tanridge in Surrey; none of the name, whose descent can be satisfactorily traced as connected with this family, are known to be still resident in Cheshire. Dr. Charles Bostock, now Sir Charles Rich Bart., who married the heiress of Sir

^c Mary Elizabeth, only child of Sir Charles Holte of Aston, in the county of Warwick Bart. descended from Sir Robert Holte, who married Jane, sister and heiress of the last Lord Brereton.

^d A younger branch of the Breretons of Wetenhall, was of Chester in 1664—Dugdale's Visitation.

^e The last of the family, who occurs in the parish register at Davenham, is Thomas Bostock, buried in 1704.

Robert Rich, and took that name, is descended from the Cheshire Bostocks. The Daniels of Over-Tabley and Daresbury, were descended from William Daniers, or Daniel, who was living in 1291: his elder son was ancestor of the Daniels of Tabley, which family became extinct in the male line by the death of Sir Samuel Daniel in 1726. Sir William Dukenfield, who inherited the estates, and took the name of Daniel, died without issue: the Daniels of Daresbury were descended from a younger son of William Daniers above-mentioned. The descendant of John Daniel Esq. of Daresbury sold his estate at that place in 1756, and the family now resides in Staffordshire.

The Dukenfields are to be traced as resident at Dukenfield, nearly to the time of the Conquest; the estate passed from the family, on the death of Sir William Dukenfield, who bore the additional name of Daniel, as representative of the Daniels of Over-Tabley; the present male representative of this family, Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield Bart., who is descended from a younger branch, settled at Bristol, has no residence in Cheshire. The family of Fallows, or Falwitz, descended from a younger branch of the Aldfords of Aldford, resided for many generations at Fallows-Hall, and afterwards at Heywood-Hall in Alderley; they afterwards removed into Derbyshire. William Fallows Esq. their present representative, resides in London. The elder branch of the Hankeys, who were of Churton for several generations, became extinct in the male line in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by the death of John Hankey Esq., who left several daughters; a younger brother's family continued at Churton in the reign of Charles I., removed thence to Over; and afterwards settled in London, where they have been eminent bankers, and occasionally enjoyed the highest civic honours, for more than a century.

The descent of the Hattons of Hatton in Waverton, may be traced up to the time of Hugh Lupus: the elder branch became extinct in the fourteenth century; the heiress brought the manor of Hatton to the Vernons; the male line was continued by the posterity of a younger branch, who were for some time of Great-Aldersey; and settled in the reign of Henry IV. at Quoifty, or Koifty-Birches in the chapelry of Daresbury. Peter Hatton, who was of Quoifty-Birches in the reign of Edward IV., had several sons; the elder son removed into Shropshire, and left issue; the second son was of Quoifty-Birches, where his posterity continued in the seventeenth century; the third son was ancestor of the Hattons of Holdenby in Northamptonshire, from which family sprung the celebrated Sir Christopher Hatton, whose posterity were ennobled^f; and the Hattons, baronets, of Long-Stanton in Cambridgehire; the fourth son was ancestor of the Hattons

^f Christopher Hatton was created a baron in 1643, and his son in 1682 Viscount Hatton; these titles became extinct in 1762.

of Norley and Kingsley; the fifth son was ancestor of the Hattons of Scroggs; the sixth son was ancestor of the Hattons of Weverham, whose rank in life became so widely different from that of the posterity of the other branches in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, that some of them were then butchers in Chester^s; the seventh son was ancestor of the Hattons of North-wood, and the eighth of those of Stockton-yate, both in Cheshire: all of these seem to have had a numerous posterity; but we cannot find that there are any of the family, of the degree of gentry, now remaining in this county. The Hattons, who were for many generations of Wood-houses in Frodsham, branched off from the Hattons of Hatton, about the reign of Edward the First: some younger branches of these Hattons were of Groppenhall, Helsby, and Ince.

The Holfords of Holford were descended from the Tofts, one of whom settled at Holford, and assumed that name, about the reign of Edward II.; the direct male line of the Holfords of Holford, became extinct about the year 1600; when the heiress of that family brought Holford to the Cholmondeleys: there are none of the family now in Cheshire, but younger branches are settled in other counties: William Holford Esq. of Weston-Birt in Gloucestershire, is of the male line of this family. The Holfords of Davenham, who were descended from a natural son, as was supposed, of Sir John Holford, who lived in the reign of Henry VII., became extinct by the death of Allen Holford Esq. in 1788. The lineal descendant of the Maisterfons, who were settled at Nantwich, as early as the reign of Edward I., and continued there for about fifteen generations, resides in London. The Torkingtons of Torkington removed many years ago to Great-Stewkley in Huntingdonshire.

The Vernon family descended from Richard de Vernon, one of Hugh Lupus' barons, became extinct in the elder branch, by the death of Warin, the fifth Baron of Shipbrooke; a younger branch continued the male line for some time at Shipbrooke; the heiress of Vernon of Shipbrooke married Savage; a younger branch settled at Haslington, and became extinct by the death of Sir George Vernon, who was made one of the Barons of the Exchequer in 1627; a younger branch of this family, at an early period, settled at Erdfwick in Cheshire, took the name of Erdfwick, removed into Staffordshire, and were ancestors of Erdfwick the historian; there are none of the name now in Cheshire, who are supposed to have been descended from the Shipbrooke family. Lord Vernon, descended from the Vernons of Haddon in Derbyshire, whose ancestor, Sir William Vernon, justice of Cheshire, was descended from a younger son of the third Baron of Shipbrooke, is now considered as the head of that family.

^s Smith's Heraldic Collections.

Some of the ancient families, known to be extinct in the male line have been already spoken of; the following have also been ascertained to be extinct: the Actons of Oakhanger, extinct in 1702^b; the Aldfords of Aldford, extinct about the year 1200^c; the Allens of Brindley appear to have become extinct about the latter end of the 17th century, when the co-heiresses married Hewett, and Drew; the Alfagers became extinct in 1768; the Astburys descended from Randle de Astbury, nephew of Randle de Blundeville Earl of Chester, became extinct about the year 1300, when the heiress married Somerford; the Audleys who had a seat at New-Hall, became extinct in the reign of Richard II., when the heiress married Touchet.

The Bartons of Barton became extinct early in the fourteenth century; the Bebingtons of Bebington became extinct, in the elder branch, in the reign of Richard II.; a younger branch settled at Nantwich, and is supposed to be also extinct; seven males of this family, six brothers, and an uncle, were slain at Flodden field. The Bellots, who represented the Moretons of Great-Moreton, became extinct by the death of Sir John Bellot in 1714. The Berringtons who possessed Moresbarrow, by marriage with the heiress of Moresbarrow in the reign of Edward I., and were afterwards of Bradwall, became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when the heiress married Oldfield. The Birkenheads, whose pedigree is traced to the reign of Edward III. in the early part of the 16th century spread into three branches, all of which are supposed to be extinct; the eldest son, who married the heiress of Done of Crowton, settled at that place, but the male line did not continue beyond his son; the descendants of the second son were of Huxley in consequence of a match with the heiress of Huxley, and afterwards removed to Backford; this branch became extinct in the male line in 1724, and is represented by the Gleggs; the posterity of the third son, who settled at Chester, and a younger branch of the Huxley family, which continued at Huxley, are supposed to be also extinct. The family of Birchels, or Birtles of Birtles, became extinct about the year 1600; when the co-heiresses married Swetenham of Somerford and Kinscy of Blackden; the family of Blackamore, settled for many descents at Over, became extinct about the year 1788; the Boydells of Doddleston descended from Osborne Fitz-Tezzon, who lived in the reign of William the Conqueror, became extinct about the middle of the fourteenth century^k; the Bretts of Davenham became extinct about the year 1600, the co-heiresses married Bostock and Wyche; the Brindleys of Wistaston were extinct before the year 1622^l.

^b The heiress married into the family of Manley of Lache: Maria Augustina daughter of John Ready Esq. of Oakhanger, by the heiress of Masley, and wife of the Rev. Dr. Landon, provost of Worcester College in Oxford, is the representative both of the Actons and Maulkys. See p. 373.

^c A younger branch took the name of Fallows, from the place of its residence. See p. 375.

^k The husband of one of the daughters took the name of Boydell, which was again extinct in the reign of Henry V. ^l Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal.

The Bromleys of Baddington, descended from a second son of Richard Bromley of Bromley in Staffordshire, became extinct in the male line in 1485^m: Sir John Bromley, a younger son of the first Bromley of Baddington, was ancestor of the Bromleys of Mitley in Shropshire, and of Holt-Castle in Worcestershire. From Nicholas, a younger son of Roger Bromley, (grandson of Sir John above-mentioned,) who married the heiress of Mitley, descended the Bromleys of the Lower-House at Norbury in the hundred of Nantwich extinct before the year 1600, and the Bromleys of Hampton in the parish of Malpas, who continued the male line in this county nearly a century later, when the heiress married into the family of Dod. The Bromleys of Dorfold-Hall, who sold that place about the year 1600, are represented by Collins, as descended from a natural son of Thomas, who was of Baddington in the reign of Edward IV.; but other pedigrees represent them as descended from a younger son of a younger branch of the Baddington family; we have not been able to ascertain whether they are extinct, but they do not appear to have continued in the county after the sale of Dorfold. The Bruens, who had been for many generations before of Stapleford, divided in the reign of Richard II. into two branches; the Stapleford branch became extinct in 1715, and the other also is supposed to be extinct. The family of Burge, or Burges of Burge-Hall in Great-Budworth, became extinct in the reign of Henry III.

The Byrds, Birds, or Brydes, who were, at an early period, of Charlton in Malpas, divided into several branches, some of the descendants of which settled in Wiltshire, and some in London; the elder branch of the Byrds of Broxton became extinct in the reign of Edward III., when the heiress married Dod; the heiress of a younger branch, which was also of Broxton, married Bulkeley in the following century; a third branch remained in the same township, till the death of Charles Byrd Esq., about the beginning of the last century: a branch of the Byrds settled at Crewe near Farndon, in consequence of a match with the heiress of Crewe; this branch became extinct in the reign of Henry VIII., when the heiress married Stringer.

The elder branch of the Caldecotes of Caldecote became extinct in or about the reign of Edward II., when the heiress married Egerton; a younger branch was not extinct in the male line, till about the end of the seventeenth century. The elder branch of the Calveleys of Calveley became extinct in the reign of Edward III., when the heiress married into the Davenport family; a younger branch, which settled at Lea in the chapelry of Bruera, became extinct by the death of Sir Hugh Calveley in 1648ⁿ; and is represented by Sir R. S. Cotton Bart. The Capesthornes of Capesthorne became extinct about the year 1400; the heiress married Ward.

^m A co-heiress brought Baddington to the Needhams.

ⁿ His widow, Dame Mary

Calveley, survived till the year 1705.

The Cardens, extinct in the reign of Edward III., are represented by the Leches of Carden: the Carringtons, who were of Carrington for three centuries, became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when the heiress married Sir George Booth, but left no issue: the Chettletons who were of Baddington, early in the 13th century became extinct in the reign of Edward III., when the coheiresses married Brereton and Bromley. The Clives, who were originally of Clive, in the parish of Middlewich, settled at Huxley at an early period, by marriage of an heiress of that place and name: Sir George Clive, who, in consequence of his ancestor's marriage with the heiress of Styche, was of Styche in Shropshire and of Huxley, had two sons, one of whom was ancestor of Lord Clive; the heiress of the other, in whom the male line of the Huxley branch ended, married into the Wilbraham family; the heiress of a younger branch of the Clives, which remained at Clive-Hall, married into the family of Hulfe.

The Cockers, who were settled for several descents at Strethill in the township of Mere, became extinct in the year 1643; the Coddingtons, descended according to Camden, from the family of Malpas, were extinct before the reign of Edward I. The elder branch of the Cottinghams of Wrenbury became extinct in or about the reign of Henry VI., when a co-heiress married Sir Hugh Calveley of Lea; a younger branch continued for several descents later at Wrenbury: we have not been able to ascertain whether Thomas Cottingham Esq. of Little-Neston, whose ancestors have been of that place since the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and who is supposed to have been descended from Thomas Cottingham, mayor of Chester in 1455, is of this family; it has long been removed from Wrenbury. The Cottons of Cotton-Edmunds in Christleton, became extinct in the elder branch in the reign of Henry VII. when the heiress married William Venables, Baron of Kinderton; from a younger branch descended the Cottons of Connington in Huntingdonshire, and those of Connington in Cambridgeshire, both extinct; we have not been able to ascertain whether the Cottons of Cotton-wood, or Cotton-*juxta*-Holmes-Chapel, are extinct; there are none of the family now in Cheshire: the estate which had belonged to his ancestors from the reign of Henry II., was sold by Thomas Cotton Esq. about the year 1653, to Sir Thomas Cotton of Huntingdonshire: a younger branch of these Cottons, which settled at Whittington in Gloucestershire, became extinct in the early part of the seventeenth century, and, through several female heirs, is now represented by the Earl of Derby. The Cowpers of Over-Legh, who settled at Chester in 1498, being a younger branch of the Cowpers of Strode in Sussex, became extinct by the death of Thomas Cowper Esq., barrister at law, and recorder of Chester in 1788^a; Earl Cowper is descended

^a For an account of the Cottons of Cumbermere, who are of a different family, see p. 399.

^b His widow still resides at Over-Legh.

from a younger branch of the same family. The elder branch of the Croxtons, who were of Croxton in the reign of Henry III., became extinct in the fifteenth century, when the heiress married Mainwaring of an illegitimate branch of the Mainwarings of Peover; a younger branch of the Croxtons, which represented the elder branch of the Ravenscroft family, was of Ravenscroft, and became extinct by the death of Thomas Croxton in 1696.

The Darefburies of Darefbury became extinct in the reign of Edward I.; the heiress married Norris; whose heiress married Savage about the year 1344; the Domvilles were originally of Oxton and Brimstage in Wirrall; the elder branch became extinct about the reign of Edward III., when the heiress married Hulfe: a younger branch, seated at Lymm, continued the male line till the death of William Domville, Esq. in 1718^p. The Dones were of Utkinton, as early as the twelfth century; a younger son of Henry Done, who acquired the office of bow-bearer of the forest of Delamere, by marriage with the co-heiress of Kingsley, about the reign of King John, or the beginning of that of Henry III.^q, settled at Crowton, which branch became extinct in the male line in the year 1508; the heiress married Birkenhead. John Done of Utkinton, in or about the reign of Henry VI., had three sons; the second son settled at Flaxyards, the younger son at Oulton, the latter died without male issue in 1498, leaving an only daughter who brought Oulton in marriage to the Egertons: the elder branch of the Dones, which continued at Utkinton, became extinct in the male line in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; the heiress having married the representative of the Dones of Flaxyards, that branch of the family removed to Utkinton, where it continued in the male line till the reign of Charles I.^r; the co-heiresses married Arderne, Crewe, and Maisterfon; John Arden Esq. is the present immediate representative of the Dones and Kingsleys, and, as such, bow-bearer of Delamere: a younger branch of the Dones of Flaxyards settled at Duddon, and was not extinct in 1664^s.

The Eatons of Eaton, or Eaton-boat, became extinct in the male line about the reign of Henry V., when the heiress married the ancestor of Earl Grosvenor; the Eatons, who settled at Blackden about the reign of Henry III. in consequence of a match with the heiress of Goostrey, became extinct in the latter part of the

^p Domville Poole Esq. and Thomas Taylor Esq. are the representatives of this family in the female line; the latter still retains a moiety of the Lymm estate. ^q It was four generations before the year 1302, when there was a trial at law relating to the above-mentioned office: the father of Henry Done, who married the co-heiress of Kingsley, appears to have been of Utkinton.

^r Sir John Done died in 1629; and his only son John Done Esq., either before or soon after him.

^s Dugdale's Visitation.

seventeenth century; it does not appear that the Eatons, who have been settled for nearly three centuries in the parish of Great-Budworth, ancestors of George Eaton Esq., now of the Pole in the hamlet of Antrobus, were connected with either of these families; the Etons of Stockport became extinct in the reign of Edward III.; the heiress married Warren. The Elcocks of Poole became extinct in the male line by the death of William Elcock Esq. in 1789¹; the family of Elcock, *alias* Hardware of Chester, and afterwards of Peele-Hall in Tarvin, became extinct in 1669.

The Filkens, who were for several generations of Tattenhall, became extinct in the male line by the death of Peter Filken Esq. in 1750. The elder branch of the Fittons, who were of Bolyn, in the reign of Henry III., became extinct about the year 1370, when the heiress married Venables²; the Fittons of Pownall, a younger branch, became extinct about the year 1500³; those of Gawfworth, a younger branch of the Pownall family, became extinct in the direct line by the death of Sir Edward Fitton in 1643⁴; another younger branch of the Fittons of Pownall settled at Carden, and continued there in 1666; but is supposed to have been some time extinct. The Fullehursts, or Foulhursts, were of Edlafton in the reign of Edward I., the elder branch became extinct in the reign of Henry VI.; a younger branch by marriage with the heiress of Praers, who married the heiress of Crewe, was possessed of Crewe-Hall, in the reign of Edward III. and became extinct by the death of Robert Foulhurst, in or before the reign of Charles I.⁵; another younger branch of this family, was, for a short time, of Soonde. The ancient family of Frodsham of Frodsham⁶, afterwards of Elton, became extinct after a continuance of more than twenty generations, by the death of Peter Frodsham Esq. in 1766.

The Gamuls were of Buerton, as early as the reign of Edward IV.; the elder branch became extinct in the male line by the death of Sir Francis Gamul^b in 1654; a younger branch was of Crab-hall^c, near Chester, and became extinct in the male line, by the death of William Gamul Esq., in 1750.

¹ Mrs. Anne Elcocke, his sister, is living and resides at Poole.

² The co-heiresses

of Venables married Booth and Trafford.

³ The co-heiresses married Newton and

Minshull. ⁴ The descendant of a younger son of Sir Edward Fitton, vice-treasurer of Ireland, and grandfather of the first baronet, settled at Cork in Ireland; where their immediate representative is, or was lately, living.

⁵ Webb in his Itinerary of 1622 (Robert Foulhurst being then living) speaks of the family as almost worn out.

⁶ Represented by the Rev. Frodsham Hodson, B. D. rector of Stratford-Bow, in the county of Middlesex; whose grandmother was the eldest sister and co-heir of Peter Frodsham Esq.

^b His only son was killed in battle during the civil war, in 1644: of five daughters, who survived him, two died unmarried; the other three married into the families of Brerewood, Hoghton, and Weever.

^c Now the property of Samuel Gamul Farmer Esq. of Nonsuch-Park in Surrey, one of his representatives in the female line.

The Gerards of Bryn in Lancashire appear to have become connected with this county, by their match with the co-heiress of Kingsley, in the twelfth century; they first settled at Kingsley; in the reign of Richard II. they are described as of Crewd; this line became extinct in its elder branch^d about the beginning of the last century; a younger branch, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, settled at Frodsham, and afterwards at Wimbolds-Trafford; this branch became extinct in 1794 by the death of G. E. Gerard Esq., and is represented by George Perryu Esq.: a younger son of Peter Gerard, in or about the reign of Henry IV., married the heiress of Ince of Ince in Lancashire; the elder branch of this line continued at Ince for several generations, and is supposed to have been long extinct; from younger branches descended the Lords Gerard of Bromley, who were for some time possessed of Dutton, and the Gerards, Earls of Macclesfield, who possessed Gawsorth, in consequence of a marriage with the co-heiress of Fitton; both these have been extinct more than a century ago. The Gleaves, or Gleyves, who were of High-Legh for several generations, appear to have become extinct in 1673, and are represented by the Leighs (now Traffords) of Oughtrington^e.

The Golbornes, according to Camden, were originally of the Malpas family, a branch of which settled at Golborne-David; the principal male line failed in the reign of Richard II., when a co-heiress brought Golborne to the Venables family; the other co-heiress married Goodman, who took the name of Golborne, and their posterity remained at Golborne-David in 1600; a younger branch of the male line continued a short time at Golborne-David, and having afterwards removed to Overton, continued there in 1600: a branch of the Golbornes was of Woodhey, as early as the reign of Edward II.; the heiress married Wilbraham, in or about the reign of Henry IV.: a younger branch of the Overton family, by marrying the heiress of Henhull, was for three generations of Henhull; a co-heiress married Brayne, about the year 1500; we have not been able to trace whether the Golbornes of Overton, or the Golbornes, (formerly Goodmans,) of Golborne-David are extinct, but there are none remaining of the name in Cheshire of the degree of gentry.

The Goostreys of Goostrey became extinct in the reign of Henry III., when the co-heiresses married Eaton and Kinsey. The Greens, who were for several generations of Congleton, were extinct before 1622^f; a younger branch was of Stapeley, and was not extinct in 1670^g. The Griffins, who are said, in some pedigrees, to have been lords of Bartherton, in the reign of William Rufus, became extinct in the direct male line, by the death of John Griffin, about

^d Represented by the Leycesters of Toft.

^e There are still some of the name in the

township; but not of the degree of gentry, or known to be descended from this family.

^f Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal.

^g Stapeley was sold by the Greens in that year.

the middle or latter part of the fifteenth century; Edmund Griffin, son of this John, by a daughter of Done of Utkinton, (born before marriage,) must be considered as the founder of a new family, which appears to have become extinct by the death of Edmund Griffin Esq. of Burland in 1771. The Grimfditch family, which had been settled at Grimflitch in Over-Whitley, in the reign of Henry III., became extinct in its principal branch in 1726; the hall has been lately purchased by a person of the same name, who is said to be descended from a younger branch, settled at Chorley in Wilmslow.

The Hallums of Hallum, descended from Ranulph de Hallum, chamberlain to Hugh Kevelioc, Earl of Chester, became extinct after five generations; the co-heiresses married Hatton and Henington. The Harthills, who were of Harthill in the reign of King John, became extinct in the reign of Edward III., when the heiress married Tattenhall, whose heiress married Calveley (now represented by Sir R. S. Cotton). The heiress of the Haslingtons of Hermitage married into the Winnington family, early in the reign of Henry VI.

The Hassalls, who were originally of Hassall in Sandbach, and afterwards, (in the reign of Henry VI.) of Hankelow in Audlem, became extinct in the principal branch about the reign of Charles II., when the heiress married Wybunbury: a branch of the Hassalls, which was for several descents of Nantwich, is supposed to be also extinct.

The Haughtons were of Haughton in Bunbury, from the reign of Henry III., (if not before) till the year 1740, when the family became extinct in the male line, and the estate was sold by the co-heiresses; the Hawkstones of Wrinehill became extinct about the latter end of the fourteenth century, when the heiress married Egerton; the Heaths of Hall-o'-heath in Barthomley were extinct at an early period; the heiress married More. The Hellebys of Hellebby became extinct after five generations, in the fourteenth century, when the co-heiresses married Thornton, Beeton, Griffin, Trafford, and Hatton. The Henshaws, who were for several generations of Henshaw, became extinct in the male line* of its elder branch, in the early part of the seventeenth century, when the heiress married Thornycroft. The Hefelwalls, whose ancestor married the heiress of Thurstanton, about the middle of the thirteenth century, became extinct in the male line, about the reign of Edward III., when the co-heiresses married Calveley and Egerton. The Heywoods, or Heawoods, who were long settled at Heywood in Alderley, became extinct in the male line in the sixteenth century, when the heiress married Holinshed. The Hockenulls were of Hockenull, at a very early period; the elder branch became extinct in 1704: a younger branch continued at Shotwick till 1750, and then removed: we have not been able to ascertain whether this branch is extinct, nor

* Lea Henshaw, of a younger branch, had two grandsons living in 1661. Dugdale's Visitation.

could

could we learn any thing for certain of a younger branch settled for several generations at Duddon, and remaining there at the time of Glover's visitation in 1566: a third younger branch, which settled at Prenton in Wirrall, by marriage with the heiress of Gleave, became extinct in the male line by the death of John Hockenull Esq. in 1782. The Rev. William Hockenull, late of Lymm, who has taken the name of Molineux, and now resides at Chester, is of this family, probably of the Duddon branch.

The Holinsheds, or Hollinsheds, were originally of Holyns, or Hollins, in the township of Sutton in Macclesfield hundred: the heiress of Sir Hugh Holinshed, the last of the elder branch, at an early period, married into the family of Ravenscroft; his younger brother, who was of Sutton, married the heiress of Cophurst, and settled at Cophurst in the same township: the elder branch of this line became extinct in the male line, by the death of Ralph Holinshed the historian, whose sister and heiress married Corbet; from the younger son of one of his ancestors, in the reign of Henry VI. descended the Holinsheds of Bug-Lawton, the elder branch of which family became extinct in the sixteenth century: a younger son was of Macclesfield, and left posterity, some of whom settled in Nottinghamshire: from a younger son of the great-grandfather of the historian, descended the Holinsheds of Heywood in Alderley^s, extinct in 1703. Ralph Holinshed, who married the heiress of Heywood, had several younger brothers, one of whom was of Bosley in this county, and left posterity, supposed to be extinct; another of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and a third of Tame in Oxfordshire.

The Hollingworths, who were for several generations of Hollingworth in Mottram, have lately become extinct, at least in the principal branch. The Hootons, who were for a few descents of Hooton in Wirrall, became extinct about the reign of Richard II., when the heiress married Stanley. The Hortons, a younger branch of the family of that name, of Catton in Derbyshire^h, having settled at Coole-Pilate, in the reign of Henry IV., in consequence of a match with an heiress of the St. Pierres, became extinct in 1740. There was another family of Horton, of Horton in Tiltton; the heiress of the elder branch of this family married into the family of Catherall in the reign of Edward I.; the heiress of a younger branch married also into the Catherall family in the reign of Henry IV.

The Houghs, who were of Thornton-Hough, by marriage with the heiress of Thornton in the reign of Edward III., became extinct in the principal branch, about the year 1579; the heiress married Whitmore, and this branch is now represented by Sir Thomas Mostyn: a younger branch continued the male line at Thornton some time longer, but is supposed to be also extinct.

^s The heiress married Fallows.

^h Eusebius Horton Esq., the present possessor of Davenport in right of his wife, is representative of the Hortons of Catton.

The Hulmes, or Holmes, of Tranmore in Wirrall, whose ancestor married one of the co-heiresses of Tranmore, appear to have become extinct about the early part of the last century, by the death of Randle Holme, the last Cheshire antiquary of that name, or his son.

The family of Hulfe are traced up to Sir William Hulfe, who married the heiress of Norbury, and settled at the township of that name, in the chapelry of Marbury, about the year 1300; the elder branch continued for many descents at Norbury: we have not been able to ascertain whether they are extinct or removed. Sir Hugh Hulfe, made justice of the King's Bench in 1389, was of a younger branch of this family, his grand-daughter and heir married Troutbeck; this branch is represented by the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Hulfes, who settled at Clive, in the reign of Edward IV., in consequence of a match with the co-heiress of Clive; and afterwards, by a marriage with the heiress of Raven, removed to Elworth in Sandbach, were probably of a younger branch of this family: the Hulfes of Elworth became extinct in 1790, by the death of the Rev. John Hulfe, founder of the Hulfean prize, and the office of Christian advocate, in the university of Cambridge. Sir Edward Hulfe, the celebrated physician, who, by the entry of his admission at Emanuel college in Cambridge, appears to have been a Cheshire man, was in all probability descended from one of these families. The Hurlestons descended from the family of that name in Lancashire, were of Chester about the latter end of the 15th century; this branch became extinct about the middle of the 17th century: another branch of the Hurlestons from Lancashire settled at Picton in Plemstall in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; this branch became extinct in the male line about a century ago, when a co-heiress brought estates in Picton and elsewhere to the Leches of Carden. The elder branch of the Huxleys of Huxley became extinct in the reign of Edward III., when the co-heiresses married Clive, Hockenhull, and Venables: a younger branch continued in the male line at Huxley for several descents; the heir of this branch is described as of Sydenhall, or Sidwall, in Glover's Visitation (1580). Ralph Huxley, who was then living, had several sons; we have not been able to trace whether this branch of the family is extinct: another younger branch of this family settled at Brindley, and was not extinct in 1664. The Hydcs of Hyde in Stockport, now represented by George Hyde Clarke Esq. having been settled in that township as early as the reign of Henry III., became extinct in the male line, before the middle of the last century; they were of Hyde and Norbury, the manor of which last-mentioned place they acquired by a match with the heiress of Norbury, in the reign of Edward II.: the Hydcs of Urmston in Lancashire; the Hydcs of Shropshire and those of Wiltshire were of younger branches of this family: from the latter was descended the celebrated Edward Hyde Earl of Clarendon, whose daughter Anne married James Duke of York, afterwards King James II.

The Kingsleys, traced up to the reign of Henry I., became extinct about the reign of King John; the co-heiresses married Gerard, Done, Thornton, and Launcelyn. The Knotsford, who were of Twenlow for five generations, became extinct about the reign of Richard II., when the heiress married Booth.

The Launcelyns, who were settled at Poolton in Bebington, became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when the heiress married Green. The Leas, or Lees, of Lea in Wybunbury, were settled in that township, at least as early as the reign of Henry III. Henry Lee sold the Lea-Hall estate in the reign of Charles I., and removed to Darnhall. Thomas Lee Esq., who sold Darnhall to the late Mr. Corbet's father, was father of General Lee, some time since a celebrated officer in the American service: Robert Lee, a younger son, had a son of the same name, in whom the Cheshire line of Lee became extinct^a. The Lees, Earls of Litchfield, now extinct, were descended from a younger branch of this family, settled in Buckinghamshire in the fifteenth century: other younger branches of this family were of Aston in Staffordshire, and Winchcombe in Gloucestershire. The Lees of Cotton in Shropshire are descended from a younger branch of this family, branched off subsequently to its removal to Darnhall. The family of Leftwich descended from a younger branch of the Winningtons, settled at an early period at Leftwich in Davenham, became extinct in the male line in the year 1640; the heiress married Oldfield since extinct; a younger branch of the Leftwiches was of Northwich, and continued there in 1663. The elder branch of Lostock of Lostock-Gralam, became extinct at an early period, the heiress married Vernon; a younger son settled at Little-Moreton, took the name of Moreton, and continued for many generations as before-mentioned.

The Maddocks, who were of Crewe near Farndon, for several descents, became extinct in the elder branch in the year 1557; the Rev. Thomas Maddock M. A., one of the prebendaries of Chester, is supposed to be descended from a younger branch, which was settled at Edge in the 17th century. The Malpas family became extinct in its principal branch in the year 1361, when the heiress married Brereton as before-mentioned: the Cholmondeleys, and Egertons, still existing; and the Codingtons, Cotgreaves, Golbornes, and Overtons, (most of whom, are extinct,) sprang from younger branches of this family. The Marburys who were of Marbury near Budworth in the reign of Edward II. became extinct in 1684; there was another family of Marbury or Merbury, which became possessed of the manor of Walton in Runcorn, in the reign of Edward III., by marriage with the heiress of Walton, and continued settled in that township till the estate was sold, about the middle of the

^a Edward Townshend Esq. of Chester, married the daughter and eventually sole heir of Thomas Lee, brother of Robert above mentioned.

seventeenth century to the Brookes of Mere, beyond which period we have not been able to trace them.

The Mascies, who were of Sale before the year 1200, and afterwards of Hogh also in Audlem, became extinct in the early part of the last century: the heiress of Richard Mascie Esq., who died in 1720, married Malyn; the co-heiresses of William his brother, who died within a few years of the same time, married Halsted, and Taylor. The family of Meoles, or Meols, which were of Meols in Wirral^b in the reign of Edward II., became extinct about the end of the seventeenth century. The Meres, who were of Mere about the reign of King John, became extinct in 1785 by the death of the Rev. Peter Mayer^c, vicar of Prestbury, great-grandson of William Mere Esq. who sold the Mere estate; his daughter is wife of John Latham M. D., of Bedford-Row; a younger branch, settled at Rostherne, is supposed to be also extinct. The Millingtons, who were for many generations of Millington, became extinct in the principal branch^d in 1666. The Minshuls, who were of Church-Minshull, about the reign of Henry III., became extinct in the principal line in 1654, by the death of John Minshull Esq. whose heiress married the ancestor of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal; younger branches, which were of Erdfwick and Nantwich, are supposed to be extinct: another branch settled at Wood-Norton in Norfolk: a younger branch of the Minshulls of Nantwich, settled at Boreton near Buckingham, and is represented by G. R. Minshull Esq., now of Aston-Clinton in that county^e. The Mobberleys, who were of Mobberley in the twelfth century, became extinct about the year 1360. The Mores, who were for four descents of Hall-'o-Heath in Barthomley, became extinct about the beginning of the seventeenth century: the heiress married Walthall. The Moretons of Great-Moreton, descended from a younger branch of the Venables family, became extinct in the male line in the fifteenth century, the heiress married Bellot, since extinct. The heiress of the Moretons of Little-Moreton at an early period married into the Lostock family, who took the name of Moreton, as already mentioned: a family of the same name which we cannot connect with either of these, was of Congleton in the reign of Edward III., and continued in the male line in 1680; William Moreton, then living at the age of seventy, had three younger brothers, two of whom were settled in London; beyond this we have not been able to trace the family. The Mostons of Moston settled there before the reign of Edward I.,

^b Mr. John Ramsbottom of Liverpool is the representative of this family.

^c The name

was so spelt for some years before the family became extinct.

^d There were younger sons,

who might have continued the male line, but we have not been able to trace them.

^e See p. 352.

became extinct, before the year 1400; the heiress married Warmicham. The Mottrams of Mottram-St.-Andrew became extinct in the elder branch in the reign of Edward III., when the heiress married Calveley; a younger branch appears to have continued at Mottram so late as 1666.

The Newtons, who were of Newton in Mottram, which they acquired in marriage in 1302; became extinct in the male line, about the year 1690. The Newtons of Pownall, a branch of the same family, became extinct in the male line soon after the year 1600; the co-heiresses married Benison, Mainwaring and Ward: a younger branch of the Newtons of Pownall settled at Fulshaw, and is supposed to be extinct. There seem to have been anciently two families of Norbury in Cheshire, one of which took its name from Norbury in Stockport; the other from Norbury in the chapelry of Marbury; the heiress of the former married Hyde, about the reign of Edward II.; the heiress of the elder branch of the other family married Hulfe, about the year 1300; a younger branch, from which was descended Sir John Norbury, lord treasurer of England, in the reign of Henry IV. removed to Stoke in Surrey; a younger branch of the Norburys of Stoke returning into Cheshire, settled at Frodsham, and afterwards at Chester, and became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The Nuttals, who settled at Cattenhall, in the reign of Edward IV., became extinct in or about the reign of Charles I.

The Oldfields, said to be descended from Guy of Provence, who married a Hefelwall, and settled at Oldfield in Wirrall in the reign of Henry III. removed afterwards by a match with the heiress of Berington, to Bradwall; their elder branch became extinct about the latter end of the 17th century, and was represented by the late Dr. Jackson, prebendary of Chester: a younger branch of the Bradwall family, in consequence of a match with the heiress of Somerford settled at Somerford-Radnor, about the year 1600; the heiress of this branch married Shakerley: another branch of the Oldfields married the heiress of Leftwich, about the year 1640, and became extinct by the death of Bowyer Leftwich Oldfield in 1735: a fourth branch was of Croxton, by marriage with the heiress of Mainwaring of that place; Croxton was sold in the reign of King Charles I., and we have not been able to trace the descent of this branch lower down. The Oldetons, or Oultons, who were of Oulton-Lowe as early as the reign of Henry III., became extinct about the year 1400, the heiress married Starkey; there was another branch of the Oultons of Wetenhall, which we have not been able to trace. The Orrebies, a Lincolnshire family, were but of short continuance, as connected with this county; Philip Orreby was justice of Cheshire in the reign of King John; his son left a daughter and heir, married about the middle of the thirteenth century to Walkelin de Arderne; a brother of the justice, married the heiress of Gawsworth, at which place his posterity

continued for a short time; the heiress of his grandson married Fitton: Sir John Orreby was of Fulk Stapleford in the reign of Edward III., but left no male issue. The Overtons, said by Camden to have been a branch of the Malpas family, became extinct at an early period.

The Parkers, who were of Coppenhall about the year 1300, became extinct in or about the reign of Edward IV., when the heiress married Bromley: the family of Patrick, who had a moiety of the barony of Malpas, became extinct in the reign of Henry III. when the heiress is supposed to have married Sutton. The Partingtons, who were for several descents of Partington, became extinct by the death of Thomas Whalley Partington Esq. of Lower-Brook-street, about the year 1793. The Picmeres of Picmere became extinct at an early period, when the heiress married Bruen. The family of Praers, which was seated at Baddiley, almost as early as the time of the Conquest, became extinct in the principal branch about the reign of Richard II. the co-heiresses married Bromley, Honford, and Mainwaring; a younger branch, which settled at Barthomley, became extinct rather sooner; the heiress having married Sir Robert Foulshurst in the reign of Edward III. The heiress of the Prentons, who were for several descents of Prenton in Wirral, married Gleyve. The Prestlands, descended from a younger branch of the Bulkeley family, were for many generations of Wardle in Bunbury; they became extinct in the early part of the seventeenth century. The Pulfords of Pulford became extinct about the year 1362, when the heiress married into the Grosvenor family.

The Ravens, who were originally of Bromborough, where they continued for about four descents, removed to Elworth in Sandbach in the reign of Edward III., and became extinct about a century ago, when the heiress married Hulfe, since extinct. The Ravenscrofts, who were of Ravenscroft as early as the reign of Henry III., became extinct in the male line of its elder branch, about the middle of the fourteenth century: a younger branch settled at Middlewich in the reign of Edward I. and afterwards removed to Bretton in Flintshire. The family of Reddish, which settled at Caterich in Groppenhall, by marriage with a co-heiress of Boydell in the reign of Henry V., became extinct about the year 1556; the heiress married Marbury. The Rodes were for many generations of Odd-Rode, after the sale of which manor, in 1669, they removed to Betchton in Sandbach, and appear to have become extinct about the year 1740. The Ropes who settled at Stapeley in the reign of Edward III. having married the heiress of Stapeley, became extinct about the year 1600; the heiress married into the family of Green, soon afterwards extinct. The Rowes, who were settled for many generations at Macclesfield, became extinct in the early part of the last century: they were represented by the Harrimans, since extinct. The Rutters, who were of
Kingsley,

Kingfley, as early as the year 1300, are supposed to have become extinct in the principal branch soon after their estate was sold, in the latter part of the seventeenth century : the Rutters of Moore, supposed to be of a younger branch, became extinct in 1758, and are represented by Lieutenant General Heron, now of Moore.

The heiress of the family of Sandbach of Sandbach after six descents married one of the Leghs of Booths in the fourteenth century. The Savages, who came out of Derbyshire, settled at Clifton, afterwards called Rock-Savage, in consequence of a match with the heiress of Daniel, in the reign of Edward III.; this family, now represented by the Earl of Barrymore, became extinct by the death of John Savage, Earl Rivers, in 1728; they had a seat also at Macclesfield: Sir Humphrey, a younger son of Sir John Savage, who died in 1498, was of Steynby in Derbyshire, the original family seat; Sir Christopher, another son, was of Upton in Worcestershire; both of them left issue, as did Lawrence, a younger son of Sir John Savage the younger, who was killed at Boulogne, in the life-time of his father in 1492; this Lawrence settled at Walgrange in Staffordshire. The St. Pierres are supposed to have been originally of Bunbury, and to have been ancestors of the family of that name; the name of St. Pierre nevertheless continued^f, and the family became possessed of a portion of the barony of Malpas, they were extinct in the early part of the fifteenth century; the heiresses of two brothers appear to have married Cokefey and Horton. The heiress of the Shaws, who were for eight descents of Shaw-Hall in Coppenhall, married Foulshurst, since extinct. The Shrigleys of Shrigley were extinct in the elder branch at a very early period; we suppose them to be represented by Edward Downes Esq. of Shrigley, who quarters the arms, although the match does not appear in the pedigree^g: there was a family of Shrigley, for some descents at Beristal, or Beristow near Shrigley, which we have not traced lower than Glover's Visitation of 1580, when Thomas Shrigley, aged twenty-one, had several younger brothers: there are none now remaining in the neighbourhood of the rank of gentry.

The Smethwicks, who were of Smethwick in the reign of King John, became extinct in the principal branch in the reign of King Henry VIII., when the co-heiresses married Mainwaring^h, and Brereton of Derbyshire; the descendant of a younger son who settled at Tutbury, is described as of Smethwick in 1655; but the family is supposed to have been extinct before the end of that century; when Smethwick

^f William, the first-mentioned in the pedigree of St. Pierre, is described as a younger son, temp. Ric. I.

^g There was a conveyance from Shrigley to Downes, in the reign of Edward III., about which time the pedigree is deficient as to the family names of the wives.

^h A younger son of Mainwaring of Carincham, whose posterity settled at Calveley, and continued there for some descents.

was purchased by the Thornycrofts. The Smiths, who were of Chester before the year 1500, and afterwards, by purchase in 1517, of Hough in Wybunbury, became extinct by the death of the last baronet of that family about a century ago.

The Spurstows, who had been for many generations of Spurstow in Bunbury, became extinct by the death of Mr. John Spurstow of Chester in 1789; the family is now represented by Thomas Spurstow Moulson, a lieutenant in the navy, his sister's son. The Somerfords, who had been of Somerford-Radnor for fifteen generations, became extinct about the year 1600; the heiress married Oldfield. The Staleys, or Staveleys, who were settled in the township of that name, in the parish of Mottram, in the reign of Edward I., became extinct about the latter end of the fifteenth century, when the heiress married Ashton. The heiress of the Stapeleys, who were for a few descents of Stapeley in Wybunbury, married Rope, in the reign of Edward III.

The Starkies were originally of Stretton in Budworth, where they were settled almost as early as the time of the Conquest; the elder branch of the family, which resided at Nether, or Lower-Hall, in Stretton, became extinct in the male line by the death of Philip Starkey Esq. in 1714, and is represented by Dr. Renwick of Liverpool: a younger branch settled at Over-Hall in Stretton about the year 1287; we have not been able to trace this branch lower than 1672, the period of Sir Peter Leycester's history; it is probable that James Starkey Esq. of Heywood of Lancashire, who is of Cheshire origin, may be of this branch. In the reign of Richard the Second, two younger sons of the Starkey family, married two sisters, co-heiresses of the Oultons of Oulton and of Wrenbury¹; Peter Starkey, who married Joan Oulton the elder daughter, settled at Oulton; his younger son, Sir Humphry Starkey, who was chief baron of the Exchequer, died without male issue; the posterity of the elder son were for many generations of Oulton and of Darley in Over²; they appear to have removed from both, in or before the reign of Charles I., and seem to have resided at Congleton, in the chapel of which place is the monument of John Starkey Esq. (described of Darley) who died in 1728; we have not been able to trace when this branch became extinct: the Starkies of Wrenbury, descended from the other co-heiress of Oulton, became extinct in 1803, by the death of Thomas Starkey Esq., whose widow still resides at Wrenbury. The Stocktons, who were for several generations of Cuddington, or Kiddington, are supposed to have become

¹ By marriage with the heiress of Wrenbury, temp. E. III.
The Cheshire antiquary who was of this family, is described in the pedigree, as of London, temp. Jac. I.

² Ralph Starkey, the

extinct in the male line by the death of John Stockton Esq. in 1700. The Suttons, who were of Sutton in Prestbury, nearly from the time of the Conquest, became extinct in the male line in 1611; the co-heiresses married Davenport and Monkton. Sir Richard Sutton, the founder of Brazen-Nose College in Oxford, was of this family. The Swanwicks, who were of Swanwick in the township of Norbury, and of Wirfwall, became extinct in the early part of the seventeenth century.

The Tattenhalls, who were of Tattenhall, for several descents, became extinct about the middle of the sixteenth century, when the heiress married Sir Hugh Calveley. The Thorntons of Kingsley, whose ancestor married one of the co-heiresses of Kingsley, became extinct in the male line in the reign of Edward III., the eldest of several daughters and co-heirs married Sir Thomas Dutton. The Tidringtons, or Titheringtons, who were of Titherington in the reign of Henry III. became extinct in the fourteenth century, when the heiress married Worth. The Tofts, who were of Toft in the reign of Richard I., became extinct in the male line in the reign of Henry VI., when the heiress married the ancestor of George Leycester, Esq. (now of Toft). The Touchets were of Bug-Lawton almost as early as the time of the Conquest; the elder branch, which continued for many generations at Bug-Lawton; in consequence of a marriage with the heiress of Audley, Lord Audley, inherited that barony, and removed into Staffordshire; the male line of this branch of the family became extinct by the death of the late Earl of Castlehaven in 1777, and is represented by his sister's son, George Thicknesse Touchet, now Lord Audley: a younger branch of the Touchets settled at Nether-Whitley in Great-Budworth, in the fourteenth century, became extinct in the elder branch of its male line by the death of Thomas Touchet Esq., who died without lawful issue in 1597, leaving some illegitimate sons, and a younger brother, John. The Traffords, who were for several generations of Bridge-Trafford, became extinct in the male line in 1647 by the death of the infant son of Captain Trafford, who was killed in the battle of Naseby; this family is now represented by the Barnstons. The Troutbecks, who were of Dunham-on-the-Hill in the reign of Henry VI., became extinct in the reign of Henry VIII., when the heiress married Sir John Talbot, ancestor of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Trussels, who, in consequence of a marriage with the heiress of Mainwaring, settled at Warmincham in or about the reign of Edward III., became extinct in the year 1499: the heiress married Edward Vere, Earl of Oxford.

Younger branches of the family of Venables, Baron of Kinderton, settled in various parts of the county; all of which (except that which took the name of Lough) are believed to be extinct: the families of Venables of Rostherne, Newbold,

Newbold, and Eccleston, were extinct at an early period, that of Newbold continued from the reign of Henry III. to that of Edward III. Venables of Bradwall became extinct in the fourteenth century, when a co-heiress brought Bradwall to the Beringtons; the co-heiresses of Venables of Bollin, about the same period, married Booth and Trafford: a younger branch of Venables of Bollin settled at Antrobus, and afterwards at Wincham, and became extinct in the male line in 1687; this branch is now represented by Edward Venables Townshend Esq.¹: the family of Venables of Agden, an elder branch of which had been settled at Horton near Northwich^m, became extinct in the male line in the early part of the last century, and is represented by Sir J. Chetwode Bart.: the family of Venables of Chester became extinct about the year 1700.

A branch of the ancient family of Wardⁿ settled at Capesthorpe early in the fifteenth century, having married the heiress of Capesthorpe; the elder branch became extinct about the year 1650; a younger branch which had settled at Monk's-Heath in the reign of Edward IV. continued the male line, became extinct in 1748, and is represented by Davies Davenport Esq. M. P. now of Capesthorpe. The Warrens descended from a younger branch of the Warrens, Earls of Surrey^o, settled in Cheshire in the reign of Edward III., having married the heiress of Sir Nicholas Eton, Lord of Stockport and Poynton; this ancient family continued at Poynton till the elder branch became extinct in 1801 by the death of Sir George Warren, K. B., whose only daughter married Lord Viscount Bulkeley: Sir John Borlase Warren, K. B. is descended from a younger son of Lawrence Warren, who lived in the fifteenth century. The Waschets, who were for a few descents of Coppenthal, became extinct at an early period. The Weevers, who were of Weever in the twelfth century, became extinct in its principal branch in the reign of Henry VI., when the heiress married the ancestor of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.: a younger branch was of Aston near Nantwich, and afterwards of Poole: the Rev. Richard Weever, rector of Wistaston, who died in or about the year 1736, is supposed to have been the last of this branch.

The Wheelocks were of Wheelock from the reign of Henry II. till the year 1439, when they became extinct in the male line; the heiress married Worth, whose heiress married Leverage. The Whitmores, who settled at Thurstanton, or Thurstanton, in the reign of Edward III. became extinct in the elder branch in 1751; the

¹ See the account of Wincham.

^m This elder branch became extinct in the reign of

Queen Elizabeth.

ⁿ From another branch descended the Lords Dudley and Ward.

^o Mr. Watson, in his History of the House of Warren, derives the Warrens of Poynton from Reginald, a younger son of William, the second Earl of Warren and Surrey, who died in 1138, which Reginald married a daughter of William de Mowbray, and this accords with the pedigree of the family in Glover's Visitation.

heirefs of a younger branch which was fettled at Leighton, married Savage, whose heirefs married Mostyn. The Whitneys, who were of Coole-Pilate as early as the reign of Richard II., became extinct by the death of Mr. Hugh Whitney, about the middle of the last century. The Whittingham family, originally of Lancashire, fettled for some time at Middlewich and Morefbarrow, appears to have become extinct, in one of its branches, about a century ago, by the death of John Whittingham, whose heirefs married Vawdrey; we have not been able to trace the other branches: Dr. Whittingham, Dean of Durlham, an eminent divine in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was of this family, and born at Chester.

The Winingtons, or Winningtons, were descended from Robert, son of Lidulphus de Twemlow, who fettled at Winnington, and died in the year 1294; the heirefs of this elder branch married Sir John Warburton in the year 1510: a younger son of Robert de Winington, fettling at Leftwich, was founder of the family of that name, which has been long extinct, as before-mentioned: a younger branch of Winington of Winington fettled in the reign of Edward II. at Birches, in the Chapelry of Witton, and became extinct in the early part of the seventeenth century, one of the co-heirefles married Starkey. A branch of the Birches family fettled at Northwich; Hugh Winington of this branch, became possessed of a place called the Hermitage in Cranage, by marriage with the heirefs of Haslington in the reign of Henry VI.; the last male heir of the Hermitage branch was Thomas Winington, who died in 1590, and left Hermitage to the Winingtons of Northwich, who were afterwards of Hermitage, sold by Lawrence Winington in 1657, beyond which we have not been able to trace this branch. A younger branch of Winington of Winington fettled at Offerton in Stockport, and became extinct in the male line, in the early part of the seventeenth century, when the heirefs married the ancestor of Lawrence Wright Esq. of Mottram-Andrew.

The Wistastons, who were for several descents of Wistaston, became extinct before, or soon after the commencement of the thirteenth century: the co-heirefles of this family married Praers and Rope. The Woods of Hall-o-Wood in Balterley, who were fettled there in the reign of Edward I., are supposed to have become extinct about the beginning of the seventeenth century. The Woodnoths were of Swanley, at least as early as the reign of King John; before the end of the thirteenth century they were fettled at Shavington in Wybunbury, where they continued till the death of John Woodnoth Esq., the last heir male in 1637: this John Woodnoth drew up many Cheshire pedigrees, from deeds and other authentic documents, and made large collections from the same sources, relative to manerial and other landed property, from which we have derived much information. The
Wrights

Wrights of Bickley descended from a Lancashire family, who married the heiress of Walker of that place, where they continued for six descents, appear to have become extinct in the male line by the death of Roger Wright Esq., serjeant at arms to Queen Elizabeth; his sisters married Bavand of Liverpool, Stockton of Cuddington, and Auchinton.

In speaking of the above families, all of which are extinct in the principal branch, it has been observed, that in several instances we have not been able to trace whether the younger branches are extinct. We have not been able to ascertain whether the following families, for the most part, are extinct in any branch; some of them, probably, are removed into other counties.

The Bowdens, who were of Bowden in the reign of Henry III., were not extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, below which we have not been able to trace them; the Brindleys we trace only to the time of Glover's Visitation in 1566, when Thomas Brindley had two sons, William and John; the Bolds, or Boulds, who settled at Upton in the fourteenth century, having married the heiress of Warwick, by an heiress of the family of Arderne, appear to have had a numerous male progeny, at the time of Glover's Visitation in 1580; they sold their estate at Upton about the middle of the next century, beyond which we have not been able to trace them. The Catheralls, of Catherall in Lancashire, settled at Horton in Tilston, having married an heiress of Horton in the reign of Edward I.; their descendant, Dutton Catherall, sold Horton about the year 1700; the last of the male line, buried at Tilston, was Nathaniel Catherall in 1728; Randal Catherall, who made heraldic collections relating to this county, was either younger son or younger brother of John Catherall, described as of Horton, in Glover's Visitation of 1580. The Chauntrells were of Bache, near Chester, in the reign of Henry VI.; we have not been able to trace them beyond the reign of James I., when William Chauntrell, the last-mentioned in the pedigree, and probably the last of the family, joined with Dorothy his wife in the sale of the Bache estate. There was an ancient family of Comberbach, which took its name from the township of Comberbach, in Great-Budworth, as early as the reign of Richard I.: not having found any pedigree of this family in the Heralds' Visitations, we have not been able to ascertain whether it has become extinct in any of its branches, or whether Roger Swetenham Esq., whose name was Comberbach, is descended from it: the name appears to have continued for many centuries in the parish of Great-Budworth; a school was founded at Lower-Peover, by the Rev. Mr. Comberbach,

* Roger Comberbach, an ancestor of Mr. Swetenham's, who possessed a small estate in Cheshire, which had belonged to his ancestors, and was supposed to be descended from the family of Comberbach of Comberbach, was a merchant in London in the seventeenth century.

who died about the year 1721. The manor of Haughton in Bunbury belonged for some time in the last century to a family of the name of Comberbach. A younger son of the family of Cotgreve, or Cotgreave, said to be descended from a branch of the Maipas family, who settled at Cotgreve in Nottinghamshire, married an heiress of the Cottons of Cotton-Edmunds; and settling in that township, his posterity became extinct in the male line of the elder branch after four descents; the co-heiresses married Dod and Tattenhall: a younger branch settled at Hargrave, and continued for some descents; a younger son of the Hargrave branch settled at Chester, and left issue^p.

The Duncalfes, who were of Foxhurst in Butley for several descents, had male issue at the time of Glover's Visitation in 1566, beyond which we have not traced them; a younger son settled at Holdernefs in Yorkshire. The Erdswicks were descended from the Vernons, Barons of Shipbrook: a younger branch of which family took the name of Hulgrave, on settling at Hulgrave-Hall; a son of Matthew Hulgrave settled at Erdswick, a hamlet of Minshull-Vernon, and took the name of Erdswick; it appears, by some pedigrees, that the name of Hulgrave was continued by the posterity of another son till the reign of Henry VIII., if not later: the elder branch of the Erdswicks removed into Staffordshire, and were ancestors of Sampson Erdswick, the historian of that county; another branch continued at Erdswick till the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and there was a third branch at Nantwich; we have not traced whether either of these are extinct. The Folviles, or Fovills, of Middlewich, had at the same period a numerous progeny, as had the family of Heyes of Litley; we have not traced either of them farther. The descendants of Philip, a younger son of Sir Robert Latham, whose heiress married the Earl of Derby's ancestor, were settled at Astbury and Congleton in the reign of Henry VII. Dr. John Latham of London, who occasionally resides at Bradwall-Hall in Sandbach, which he purchased a few years ago, traces his descent from Alexander Latham Gent., who had lands in Astbury in the reign of James I. Ralph Latham, who was of Haslington in 1564, was ancestor of William Latham Esq., F. R. A. S., late of Queenby in Leicestershire, and of J. Latham, M. D., now of Rumsley, author of the "Synopsis of Birds:" the ancestors of Dr. Latham, last-mentioned, had estates in Bradwall and Wheelock, which were alienated early in the last century. The Litlers, or Littleovers, who appear to have been resident in the neighbourhood of Vale-Royal as early as the reign of Edward I., sold the manor of Wallerscote in 1636, but continued resident in that township in 1666.

^p Whilst these pages were going through the press, we were informed that Mr. Robert Cotgreave of Whitechurch, Shropshire, is the representative of the Hargrave branch, and that some of the family are still remaining in Chester.

The Macclesfields, who were settled for several generations at Mere, were descended from a younger son of Robert Legh of Adlington, who assumed the name of Macclesfield in the reign of Richard II.: we have not been able to trace this family below the year 1593, when William Macclesfield had one son, Peter, a minor, and several younger brothers. The Peckfortons of Peckforton sold the Hall of that name, which had been their ancient inheritance, about the middle of the seventeenth century. The Poveys, who were of Shocklach in the reign of Henry VII., descended from the Welch family of Povey, or Ap-Ilova, are to be traced to the year 1613, when there was a numerous male issue, and a younger branch at Tilston; there are none of the name now in the neighbourhood above the rank of respectable yeomen. The Shavingtons, or Shentons, who had been for many descents of Shavington, became extinct in the elder branch about 1500; but a younger branch continued the male line, and was not extinct in 1663; beyond which we have not been able to trace them. The Rowleys, who were originally of Rowley in Swettenham, were afterwards of Carincham and Lawton; the Rowleys of Carincham removed to Clinton in Huntingdonshire; the Lawton branch continued at Lawton in 1633; a younger branch of the Rowleys of Lawton settled in Ireland. The Smiths, who were of Old-Haugh in Warmincham in the reign of Edward IV., by marriage with the heiress of Old-Haugh, had a numerous male progeny, at the time that William Smith, rouge dragon pursuivant, who was of this family, made his heraldic collections, which we have had frequent occasion to quote. The Stapletons, who were for some descents of Upton, and afterwards removed to Macclesfield, are to be traced to the year 1663.

The Tilstons were for many generations of Tilston, and afterwards of Huxley; there was a numerous male progeny of this family at the time of Glover's Visitation in 1580; a younger branch was settled at Tattcuhall, and younger branches of that branch in London, and at Newport in Shropshire*: we have not been able to ascertain whether any of these are extinct. The Welds of Eaton, near Beeston, were descended from a son of William Weld, who was sheriff of London in 1352; they afterwards removed to Newbold-Astbury, where they continued in 1663: John Weld of London, Sir Humphrey Weld, alderman of London, and Richard Weld of Holt, all of whom had male issue, are described as younger brothers of this family in Glover's Visitation of 1580; we cannot learn that there are any of the family now remaining

* The editors of the Biographia Britannica inform us, that archbishop Tillotson was grandson of Thomas, a younger son of Ralph Tilston, who settled at Newport; which Thomas settled at Wookliff in Craven, in the West-Riding of Yorkshire, and altered the orthography of his name to Tillotson.

in Cheshire. John Weld Esq., afterwards knighted, was founder of Southgate chapel, in the parish of Edmonton in Middlesex, where he was buried in 1622, and ancestor of the Welds of Lulworth-Castle in Dorsetshire: we have not been able to trace the Worths, who settled at Tytherington, by marriage with an heiress of that name, before the reign of Richard II. lower than the year 1634, when Jasper Worth Esq., the last-mentioned in the pedigree, is stated to have a son and heir.

Hitherto we have only spoken of such families as have been settled in this county before the year 1500; we shall now make mention of those families who have settled in Cheshire between that period and Dugdale's Visitation of the county in 1663 and 1664.

THE Balls, who were of Bickley in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, afterwards of Wirfwall, appear to have become extinct in the male line about the latter end of the seventeenth century. The Bavands, supposed to be descended from Richard Bavand, who was mayor of Chester in 1581, were for some time in the early part of the seventeenth century Lords of the manor of Bromborough, and had a seat at Christleton; they became extinct in the male line by the death of Robert Bavand, M. D. in 1741. The Bennets, of whom John Bennet Esq. alderman of Chester, is the present representative, were of Willaston-Hall in Wirrall as early as the middle of the sixteenth century, and are supposed to have farmed that estate at an earlier period, under the abbot of St. Werburgh; the Bennets of Barnston, Greasby, Newton, and Saughall, all extinct in the male line, and the Bennets, now of Neston and Shotwick, are of younger branches of this family. The Bradshaws, who were of Wybersley in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, (of which family was the celebrated president Bradshaw,) became extinct many years ago in the male line, and are represented by the Isherwoods; there was another family of Bradshaw of Chester in the seventeenth century, which, by a marriage with the heiress of Ellerker, removed to Risby in Yorkshire.

The Brerewoods, whose family was of some antiquity in Chester, became extinct in 1748. The Brets of Chester, of whom only two descents are given in Dugdale's Visitation, became extinct in 1777, the family being then in a reduced state: the Bretlands, who were of Thorncliffe in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, became extinct by the death of Tobias Bretland Esq., one of whose co-heiresses married the late Sir J. P. Chetwode Bart. Mr. Peter Broster of Haughton is the representative of the Brosters of Chester, of whom two or three descents are given in Dugdale's Visitation. The Brownes, who were for several descents of Nether-Legh, have been extinct in the male line nearly a century ago.

The Cartwrights, who were of Sheppenhall before the year 1600, are supposed to have been some time extinct; the estate was sold by them more than a century ago. The family of Church, as represented in Dugdale's Visitation of 1663, had been settled at Nantwich in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; Mr. Saboth Church, then heir of the family, was of Brazen-Nose College in Oxford: there are still some of the name at Nantwich.

The Cottons of Cumbermere-Abbey descended from the ancient family of Cotton of Cotton in Shropshire, now represented by Sir R. S. Cotton Bart., settled in Cheshire in the reign of Henry VIII.; they are the representatives in the female line of the Calveleys, Tattenhalls, Harthills, and other ancient Cheshire families: the Coulthursts of Chester, a Yorkshire family, became extinct, after a short continuance, in 1667: the Cromptons of the same place, a Staffordshire family, removed to Kennerton in Flintshire, and became extinct about 1730. The Gerards of Riddings, a younger branch of the family of that name, of Harrow in Middlesex, became extinct about the end of the seventeenth century, when the heiress married Donville. The Glaseours, who were of Backford in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, removed afterwards to Chester, where they remained in 1760: they are not known to be extinct, but they have quitted Cheshire. The Greens, who were of Poulton-Lancelyn in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, became extinct in the male line in 1711; the name has been taken by their representative, now Joseph Green Esq.

The Hardwares of Bromborough became extinct by the death of Henry Hardware Esq. of Liverpool, about the year 1790: the family of Hardware, *alias* Elcock, of Peele in Tarvin, became extinct in 1665. The Harpurs of Houghton became extinct in the male line in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and the Harveys about the same time. The Hintons, who settled at Rushton, on their purchase of that manor from the Earl of Kent in 1508, became extinct in the male line about the middle of the last century: the Marchioness of Lansdowne, being descended from the Maddocks of Denbighshire, is a representative of this family. The Hultons, a younger branch of the family of that name, of Hulton in Lancashire, became extinct by the death of William Hulton Esq. in 1755. The elder branch of the Inces, (supposed to be descended from the family of that name of Ince in Lancashire,) who were for several generations of Chester, became extinct soon after the year 1720; Townsend Ince Esq. of Christleton is of a younger branch of this family. The Malbons, who were of Bradley in Barthomley, became extinct about the year 1780, having quitted Cheshire some years before. The Rev. Dr. Mallory, Dean of Chester, descended from a Yorkshire family, settled at Mobberley in the reign of James I., and was ancestor of the Rev. J. H. Mallory, now of that place.

The Moulsons were of Hargrave-Stubbs about the year 1500; Sir Thomas Moulson, of this family, Lord mayor of London in 1634, was founder of Hargrave-Chapel and school; we have not been able to ascertain whether Mr. Edward Moulson, now of Chester, is one of their descendants.

The Pickerings, who were of Walford in Mobberley in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, removed to Thelwall, and were ancestors of Henry Pickering Esq. The Pooles, who were of Marley-Hall in Marbury for several descents, became extinct by the death of Charles Poole Esq., whose heiress married Tatton in 1731; there were two families of this name in Chester, one of which, being of a younger branch of the Pooles of Poole in Wirrall, removed into Nottinghamshire, the others are represented by Dugdale as having been settled at Buerton and Wolstanwood. Another family of this name was settled for several descents at Weston in Wybunbury; James Poole Esq. of Finneygreen in Staffordshire, and Mr. Poole, now a bookseller in Chester, are of this family. Charles Potts Esq. of Chester is the representative of the Potts of Pott, in the hundred of Macclesfield, of whom some descents are given in Dugdale's Visitation. The Prentons, who were for some time of Prenton in Wirrall, became extinct in the sixteenth century, when the heiress married Gleyve. The Sherds, or Sherts, foresters of Macclesfield, who were of Shert-Hall in Disley, early in the sixteenth century, appear to have become extinct in the male line in the year 1684. The Smallwoods, who were for several descents of Chelford, became extinct by the death of Thomas Smallwood Esq. in 1777. The Sparkes, who settled at Chester by marrying the heiress of Cotes, became extinct in the male line in 1716. The Steeles, who were for some descents of Leighton, and afterwards of Coppenhall, became extinct by the death of Mr. George Steele in 1808. The Streets of Chester became extinct by the death of alderman William Street in 1697.

Some male descendants of the Taylors, who are stated in Dugdale's Visitation to have been of Chester about the year 1600, still remain in that city; Mascie Taylor Esq. of Chester is of a different family, of Lancashire extraction. The Thorpes, or Throppes, have been extinct nearly a century ago. The Townsends, who were of Christleton for several descents, became extinct in the male line by the death of Robert Townsend Esq., recorder of Chester, about the year 1790; Townsend Ince Esq. is their representative in the female line. The family of Traves, or Travis, who were for several descents of Horton in Tarvin, are supposed to be extinct; the estate was sold about the year 1719. The Wainwrights (descended from a Shropshire family), who were of Chester about the year 1600, have been some time removed: there is a monument in the cathedral for Thomas Wainwright L. L. D., chancellor of the diocese, who died in 1720, put up by his son, John Wainwright Esq., one of the barons of the

Exchequer in Ireland. The Walleys, who were of Middlewich and Stanthorn, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, afterwards of Cheller, became extinct in the male line about the year 1754.

The following families, of whom one or two descents are given in Dugdale's Visitation, we have not been able to trace; it is probable that many of them were of short continuance. Dod of Highfields in Audlem; Gardner of Alpraham, and Tilston-Fernall; Grestie of Warford; Leche of Chester, and Mollington, of a different family, and bearing different arms from the Leches of Carden; Lowndes^r of Marthall, traced from the reign of Queen Elizabeth to the year 1664, when there was male issue. Parker of Nantwich; Pownall of Witton; Rooe of Bickley, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, not extinct in 1663, (the arms differing from those of Rowe of Macclesfield;) Tarbock of Witton; Taylor of Brimstage; and Wybunbury of Hankelow. Some of the above families had not made proof of their arms, when their pedigrees were entered in the Visitation book.

THE following list of Gentlemen's seats is confined chiefly to halls, parks, and manerial-residences; but it is presumed, will be found to contain the seats of the principal gentry of the county; if any should be omitted, it is most probable that they will be found noticed in the parishes wherein they are situated; where several houses, which do not fall under the above description, will be spoken of.

Gentlemen's Seats.	Owners and Occupiers.
Abbey-Field near Sandbach, -	John Ford Esq.
Adlington, - - - - -	Richard Legh Esq.
Alderfey-Hall, - - - - -	Samuel Alderfey Esq.
Ashley-Hall, - - - - -	the property of William Henry Ashteton Smith Esq. (in the occupation of John Arden Esq.).
Ashton-Hayes, - - - - -	Booth Grey Esq.
Astle, - - - - -	Thomas Parker Esq.
Aston, - - - - -	the property of H. H. Aston, a minor (in the occupation of the Hon. Mrs. Aston).
Bach-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Samuel Broadhurst Esq. (in the occupation of Hugh Hughes Esq.).
Backford-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Birkenhead Glegg Esq. (in the occupation of Mrs. Egerton).
Belmont, - - - - -	Henry Clarke Esq.
Birkenhead-Priory, - - - - -	the property of F. R. Price Esq. (vacant).

^r There is a family of this name, which has had property in Sandbach for nearly two centuries; but we do not find them in any of the Heralds' Visitations, nor do they appear to be connected with the family of Lowndes of Marthall.

Gentlemen's Seats,	Owners and Occupiers.
Birtles-Hall, - - - - -	Robert Hibbert Esq.
Bolesworth-Castle, - - - - -	Thomas Tarlton Esq.
Bonis-Hall - - - - -	belonging to the Legh family (in the occupation of the Rev. J. Watfon).
Booths, - - - - -	Willoughby Legh Esq.
Bostock-Hall, - - - - -	Thomas France Esq.
Bradwall-Hall, - - - - -	John Latham M. D.
Bramhall, - - - - -	William Davenport Esq.
Brereton-Hall, - - - - -	the occasional residence of Abraham Bracebridge Esq.
Bromborough-Hall, - - - - -	James Mainwaring Esq.
Broxton-Hall, - - - - -	the property of John Egerton Esq. (in the occupation of Mrs. Hunter).
Burton-Hall, - - - - -	Richard Congreve Esq.
Calveley-Hall, - - - - -	the property of John Bromley Esq. (in the occupation of the Earl of Dyfart).
Capenhurst, - - - - -	Richard Richardson Esq.
Capesthorpe, - - - - -	Davies Davenport Esq. M. P.
Carden-Hall, - - - - -	William Leche Esq.
Chrifleton, - - - - -	Townsend Ince Esq.
Cranage-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Mrs. Harrison (in the occupation of George Proctor Esq.).
Daresbury-Hall, - - - - -	Rev. George Heron.
Davenport, - - - - -	Eusebius Horton Esq., in right of his wife; occupied by his son-in-law, Robert Wilmot Esq.
Delamere-Lodge, - - - - -	George Wilbraham Esq.
Dernhall, - - - - -	the heirs of the late Thomas Corbet Esq.
Dorfold-Hall, - - - - -	Henry Tomkinson Esq.
Dukenfield-Lodge, - - - - -	Francis Dukenfield Astley Esq.
Eaton-Hall, - - - - -	Philip Antrobus Esq.
Edge-Hall, - - - - -	Thomas Crewe Dod Esq.
Fulshaw-Hall, - - - - -	vested in the devisees of Peter Davenport Finney, and occupied by Thomas Tipping Esq.
Gayton-Hall, - - - - -	the property of John Glegg Esq. (in the occupation of John Stanislaus Townshend Esq.).
Grange, - - - - -	the property of Nicholas Ashton Esq. (vacant).
Hankelow-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Joseph Richards Esq. (occupied by Richard Clarke Esq.).
Hassall-Hall, - - - - -	Walter Daniel Esq.
Henbury, - - - - -	Francis Jodrell Esq.
Hermitage, - - - - -	Thomas Bailey Hall Esq.
High Leigh, (East-Hall) - - - - -	George John Legh Esq.
————— (West-Hall) - - - - -	the occasional residence of Egerton Leigh * Esq.
Hough, - - - - -	Rev. Richard Hill.
Hyde-Hall, - - - - -	* George Hyde Clarke Esq.

* It is the ancient seat of the family, but the present Mr. Leigh generally resides at Twemlow-Hall.

Gentlemen's Seats.	Owners and Occupiers.
Lache-Hall, - - - - -	vested in the devisees of Peter Snow (vacant).
Lawton, - - - - -	John Lawton Esq.
Lyme-Park, - - - - -	Thomas Legh, a minor.
Lymm-Hall, - - - - -	Thomas Taylor Esq.
Marbury-Hall, - - - - -	John Barry, a minor.
Marbury (near Nantwich), - - - - -	Domville Poole Esq.
Marple-Hall, - - - - -	John Isherwood Esq.
Mere-Hall, - - - - -	Thomas Langford Brooke Esq.
Mock-beggars-Hall (near Wallazey),	in the occupation of Mrs. Boodée.
Mollington-Hall, - - - - -	John Fielden Esq.
Moor-Hall, - - - - -	Major-general Peter Heron, M. P.
Great-Moreton-Hall, (or Roe-Park)	George Ackers Esq. (in the occupation of his uncle, James Ackers Esq.).
Little-Moreton-Hall, - - - - -	the occasional residence of the Rev. William Moreton Moreton.
Moston-Hall, - - - - -	the property of John Massey Esq. (vacant).
Mottram-Andrew, - - - - -	Lawrence Wright Esq.
Norley-Bank, - - - - -	John Nuttall Esq.
Norley-Hall, - - - - -	George Whitley Esq.
Oakhanger-Hall, - - - - -	John Ready Esq.
Oldfield-Hall, - - - - -	William Rigby Esq.
Over-Legh, - - - - -	Mrs. Cowper.
Oughttrington, - - - - -	Trafford Trafford Esq.
Oulton-Park, - - - - -	John Egerton Esq. M. P.
Pole (the) - - - - -	George Eaton Esq.
Poole-Hall, (near Nantwich) - - - - -	Mrs. Anne Elcock.
Poulton-Lancelyn, - - - - -	Joseph Green Esq.
Prestbury-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Richard Legh Esq. (in the occupation of Thomas Hope Esq.).
Ravencroft-Hall, - - - - -	the property of — Vawdrey Esq. (in the occupation of Peter Wetenhall Esq.).
Rode, - - - - -	Randal Wilbraham Esq.
Sale-Hall, - - - - -	the property of John Moore Esq. (in the occupation of John Mort Esq.)
Shrigley-Hall, - - - - -	Edward Downes Esq.
Somerford-Booths, - - - - -	Roger Swetenham Esq.
Somerford-Radnor, - - - - -	C. W. J. Shakerley Esq.
Statham, - - - - -	the property of James Sedgwick Esq. (in the occupation of Edward Lloyd Esq.):
Stretton-Hall, - - - - -	John Leche Esq.
Sutton-Manor-Hall, - - - - -	John Roylance Esq.
Swettenham, - - - - -	the property of Millington Eaton Swettenham Esq. (occupied by Edward Smyth Esq.).
Tatton, - - - - -	Wilbraham Egerton Esq.
Over-Tabley-Hall, - - - - -	the property of Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. (occu- pied by Mrs. Brooke).

Gentlemen's Seats.	Owners and Occupiers.
Thelwall, - - - - -	the property of Henry Pickering Esq. (occupied by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Black).
Thornycroft-Hall, - - - - -	Edward Thornycroft Esq.
Toft, - - - - -	George Leycester Esq.
Trafford-Hall, - - - - -	the property of the Rev. Richard Perryn (in the occupation of Edmund Yates Esq.).
Twemlow-Manor-House, - - - - -	William Booth Esq.
Twemlow-Hall, - - - - -	Egerton Leigh Esq.
Vale-Royal, - - - - -	Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. M. P.
Whatcroft-Hall, - - - - -	James Topping Esq.
Wincham, - - - - -	the property of Edward Townshend Esq. (in the occupation of his son, Edward Venables Townshend Esq.).
Wistaston-Hall, - - - - -	Peter Walthall Esq.
Old-Withington, - - - - -	John Glegg Esq.
Wrenbury-Hall, - - - - -	Mrs. Starkey.

MANY of the ancient Halls which belonged to the extinct gentry of this county have been wholly taken down; others remain, either entire, or in part, and are mostly occupied as farm-houses: among those of the latter description, which exhibit considerable remains of their former consequence, may be reckoned Aldford-Hall, a feat of the Fittons; Beeston-Hall, formerly the feat of the Beestons; Bexton-Hall, of the Daniels; Chorley-Hall, of a branch of the Davenportes; Cotton-Hall, of the Cottons; Croxton Hall, of a branch of the Mainwarings; Dutton-Hall, of the Duttons; Erdswick-Hall, of a branch of the Minshulls; Grafton-Hall, of a branch of the Warburtons; Holford-Hall, of the Holfords; Lea-Hall in Wybunbury, of the Leas, or Lees; Lea-Hall, in the Chapelry of Bruera, of the Calveleys; Leighton-Hall, of the Erdswicks; Marton-Sands, of a branch of the Mainwarings, and afterwards of the Fleetwoods; Prenton-Hall, of the Hockenhulls; Stoke-Hall, of another branch of the Minshulls; Tattenhall-Hall, of the Bostocks; and Utkinton-Hall, of the Dones. Hawthorn-Hall, formerly the feat of a branch of the Booths, afterward of the Pages; and Pownall-Hall, a feat of the Newtons, both in the parish of Wilmslow, are occupied as Schools.

Geographical and Geological Descriptions of the County.

CHESHIRE is bounded on the north by Lancashire, and a small part of Yorkshire; on the east by the counties of Derby and Stafford; on the south by Shropshire, and a detached portion of Flintshire; and on the west by Denbigh-

shire, Flintshire, and the estuary of the river Dee: the hundred of Wirral is situated between the estuaries of the Dee and the Mersey, and is bounded, at the north-western extremity, by the Irish sea. The greatest breadth of this county, from north to south, is about thirty miles; the greatest length, from the extremity of the hundred of Wirral, to that part of the hundred of Macclesfield, which adjoins Yorkshire, is fifty-eight miles: but across the middle part of the county, the length is not quite forty miles^x.

Cheshire, according to Mr. Holland's statement, in his late survey of the county, contains 676,600 acres of land, of which he says that 620,000 are in cultivation, including parks and pleasure-grounds; 28,600 waste lands, commons, and woods; 18,000 peat-bogs and mosses; and 10,000 sea-fands, within the estuaries of the Dee and Mersey^y. "Clay and sand," as Mr. Holland observes, "are the most predominant features in the prevailing soils of Cheshire, and of those a tolerably strong retentive clay exists in the largest portions:"—generally speaking, however, he adds, "these two earths are so blended together throughout the county, that it is only in particular districts that an observer would at once pronounce the soil to be clay, or sand; though soil, strictly speaking, should never be called either the one or the other. On this account, *clayey loam*, or *sandy loam*, according as clay or sand predominates, are the most accurately descriptive of the general nature of the Cheshire soils." The clay abounds most in the hundred of Wirral; the greater part of the hundreds of Broxton and Nantwich; the parish of Budworth in Bucklow hundred; the neighbourhood of Middlewich, and the northern part of the hundred of Macclesfield. The sand is most abundant in the north-west extremity of Wirral; the southern part of the hundred of Nantwich; the neighbourhood of Sandbach; the greater part of the hundred of Edisbury, and the southern part of that of Macclesfield. There is a considerable extent of black moor, or peat-moss land, principally in that part of the hundred of Macclesfield which borders on Derbyshire and Yorkshire; there are some mosses of smaller extent in the neighbourhood of Coppenhall and Warmincham. Coppenhall moss has been almost cleared of peat; in this moss were found numerous trees, principally oak, beech, and fir, which had been broken off, at various heights; and on some, particularly the fir, were marks of fire: an ancient gravel road passed through this moss. Delamere forest is a large tract of gravel, or white sand, with peat-moss in some parts.

The greater part of Cheshire exhibits an uniform flat surface; and has few woods of any extent; of course it has little claim to picturesque beauty; the

^x Holland's Survey. ^y Mr. Wedge's calculation in his general view of the Agriculture of Cheshire (1794) is somewhat lower.

principal hills are those on the borders of Derbyshire, which extend along the eastern side of the parishes of Astbury, Prestbury, and Mottram; a range of hills, in the hundred of Broxton; Bucklow-hills, Frodsham-hills, and Alderley-Edge, a singular insulated hill, in the hundred of Macclesfield. The view from this hill, and those from Halton and Beeston castles, from Mowcop, and Shutlingflow-hills, from Carden-cliff, and Overton-Scar, and from the Western-edge of Delamere forest, are among the most remarkable, for richness and extent of any in the county: that from Halton commands a great extent of the estuary of the Mersey, and the southern part of Lancashire. Beeston-castle is a very prominent feature in most of the Cheshire views, for an extent of many miles.

Although Cheshire has now but few woods, and those of small extent, it had, in former times, some very extensive forests, the timber in which, has been long ago destroyed^a: the forests of Delamere^b and Macclesfield^c, are now large dreary tracts

^a Amongst Sir Peter Leyceffer's MSS. at Tabley in some collections from the muniments of Vale-Royal abbey, is a claim of Peter Thornton, without date; but certainly as *late* as the reign of Edward I., to pannage of hogs in the forest of Delamere, timber for building, and fire-wood. In 1282, timber was cut down in Delamere forest for the buildings at Rhuddlan castle. Rot. Wallie, 10 Edward I. m. 5.

^b The forest of Delamere was anciently called the forest of Mara and Mondrem; a great part of this forest has been long in cultivation, as will appear by the subjoined list of townships within its limits; that division of it which was anciently called Mondrem, seems to have been the south-east part, which extended almost to Nantwich; Aston, in the parish of Acton, being one of the townships hereafter enumerated, is called Aston in Mondrem. Thomas Lord Stanley was, in 1461, made master-forester in fee, surveyor and ranger of the forest of Mara and Mondrem, to him and his heirs, to hold those offices, as fully as Thomas Lord Stanley his father had enjoyed them. John Arden Esq. is now-bearer of this forest, by inheritance from the Dones and Kingsleye, and has in his possession the ancient bugle-horn, by which his ancestors have held that office almost from the time of the Conquest. The following townships are described in an old MS. in the British Museum, (N^o 2115. Harl. MSS.) as being within the limits of the forest of Mara and Mondrem, Bridge-Trafford, Wimbalds-Trafford, Thornton, Ince, Elton, Harpsford, Stoney-Dunham, Alvanley, Manley, Helsby, Newton, Kingsley, Norley, Crowton, Codrington, Onston, Acton, Winnington, Castle-Northwich, Hartford and Horton, Weteahall, Oulton and Lowe, Budworth, Rushton, Eaton, Tarporeley, Church-Minshull, Aston, Worleston, White-Poole, Cholmondeston, Stoke, Rudheath, Wardle, Calveley, Alpraham, Tilston-Fernall, Teverton, Utkinton, Willington, Clotton, Duddon, Ashton, Great-Mouldsworth, Little-Mouldsworth, Horton-juxta-Ashton, Great-Barrow, and Little-Barrow: Tarvin, Hockenhull, and Kelfall, are described as not within the forest, being within the liberties of the bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; Weverham, Merton, and Over, are described also as not within the forest, having been within the liberties of the abbey of Vale-Royal; and Frodsham, Overton, Netherton, Bradley, and Woodhouses, as having been parcel of the demesnes of the Earls of Chester.

^c This is called by Lucian the monk, Lyme forest, and is described as forming the boundary between Cheshire

tracts of waste land; that of Delamere contained 10,000 acres, but about 2000 have been inclosed. The forest of Wirral^d was dis-forested in the year 1376, by King Edward III., in consequence of a request made some time before by the Black Prince, in behalf of the inhabitants of Cheshire, who had sustained many damages, grievances, and suits, by reason of the said forest^e; it is probable that the forest has been ever since in cultivation. The largest tract of waste land, exclusively of the peat-mosses already spoken of, is Rud-heath, in the parishes of Great-Budworth, Davenham, Middlewich, and Sandbach.

Mr. Holland observes in his Agricultural Survey, that although there are few woods or plantations in Cheshire, of any large extent; yet, the quantity of timber growing in the county in hedge-rows and coppices, greatly exceeds the general average of the kingdom; this timber is principally oak: he mentions the Earl of Stamford's, the Earl of Cholmondeley's, and Earl Grosvenor's estates, as particularly abounding in fine timber: there are some very fine old oaks at Dunham-Massey; and the late Earl of Warrington is said to have planted not less than an hundred thousand oaks, elms, and beech-trees; there are some remarkably fine beech-trees in Alderley-park^f. The most extensive plantations in this county are those of Francis Jodrell Esq., which occupy not less than 1000 acres of land, begun by the late Foster Bower Esq., and completed by Mr. Jodrell: the next in point of extent, are those of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal, and of Nicholas Ashton Esq. on Delamere forest, consisting of 133 acres of land, planted with 477,000 trees, chiefly Scotch-firs and larches: for which he received a premium from the society for the encouragement of arts, manufactures, and commerce. A part of Rudheath has of late been planted with Scotch firs.

Cheshire and Derbyshire. (See Camden.) In the year 1461, Thomas Lord Stanley was made master-forester of Macclesfield, the office being granted to him and his heirs. The office of chief-ferjeant of the forest was granted by Ranulph de Biundeville, Earl of Chester, to Vivian de Davenport and his heirs, (Harl. MSS. N^o 2115;) there were other foresters also, whose office was hereditary, one of these was borne by the family of Sherd, or Shert, of Disley. The following townships are within the purlieu of the forest of Macclesfield; North-Rode, Basley, Gawsworth, Sutton, Downes, Hurdsfield, Titherington, Upton, Bolinton, Preilbury, Butley, Rainow, Pott-Shrigley, Adlington, Poynton, Norbury, Offerton, Torkington, Marple, Disley, Taxall, Kettleholme, and Whaley. (Harl. MSS. N 2115.)

^d The bailiwick of the forest of Wirral was given, in the reign of King Stephen, by Ranulph Earl of Chester, to Alan Silvester, from whom it passed by a succession of female heirs, to the Bamvilles and Stanleys. Sir T. S. M. Stanley of Hooton Bart., who is the present bailiff, possesses the ancient horn, by which this office was granted to his ancestor.

^e Cart. 47 — 51 Ed. III.

^f See the account of Alderley.

Produce.

THE staple commodities of this county are cheese and salt; the former has been long celebrated, and one of its principal articles for exportation, as is supposed from a very early period^a.

Mr. Webb, in his *Itinerary of Cheshire*, printed in King's Vale-Royal, speaking of Nantwich, and the excellency of the cheese made in the neighbourhood of that town; says, "notwithstanding all the trials that our ladies and gentlemen make in their dairies in other parts of the county, and other counties of the kingdom; yet can they never fully match the perfect relish of the right Nantwich cheese; nor can, I think, that cheese be equalled by any other made in Europe, for pleasantness of taste and wholesomeness of digestion, even in the daintiest stomachs of them that love it." Fuller, in his *Worthies*^b, speaking of Cheshire, says, "this county doth afford the best cheese for quantity and quality, and yet their cows are not (as in other shires) housed in the winter; so that it may seem strange that the hardiest kine should make the tenderest cheese. Some essayed in vain to make the like in other places, though from thence they fetched both their kine and dairy-maids: it seems they should have fetched their ground too (wherein is surely some occult excellency in this kind), or else so good cheese will not be made. I hear not the like commendation of the butter in this county, and perchance these two commodities are like stars of a different horizon, so that the elevation of the one to eminency is the depression of the other."

Dr. Leigh, in his *Natural History of Cheshire*, and Dr. Campbell in his *Political Survey*, attribute the peculiar flavour of the Cheshire cheese to the abundance of saline particles in the soil of this county; and the latter observes, that in the neighbourhood of Nantwich, where the brine springs most abound, the cheese is esteemed to be of the most superior quality: the opinion that prime cheese is produced exclusively from pastures under which salt springs are found, is now exploded^k. In Mr. Wedge's general View of the Agricul-

^a We are told by Strabo that some of the Britons were ignorant of the art of cheese-making, but we may reasonably conclude, that the inhabitants of those counties, which have been so long celebrated for that manufacture, were not of the number.

^b See p. 68.

^c The cows in Cheshire are now housed in the winter, although they are not in many other counties, and in some districts much celebrated for the excellency of their cheese, as the Vale of Gloucester, North-Wiltshire, and Berkshire.

^k The richest and best cheese is said to be produced from land of an inferior nature; but the greatest quantity from the richest land. Among the places and districts most celebrated for making the prime cheese, may be reckoned the neighbourhood of Nantwich, for a circuit of five miles; the parish of Over; the greater part of the banks of the river Weaver; and several farms near Congleton and Middlewich, among which we have heard that of Croxton-Hall particularly mentioned.

Agriculture of Cheshire, published in 1794, may be found a copious account of the process of cheese-making, as practised in this county. Mr. Holland, in his late Survey, calculates that the number of cows kept for the dairy in Cheshire, is about 32,000; and that the quantity of cheese, annually made from them, is about 11,500 tons¹: the greater part of the Cheshire cheese, particularly that of the fourth part of the county, is sold to the London cheese-mongers, through the medium of factors, who reside in the neighbourhood; some is sent by the Mersey to Liverpool; some inland, by the Staffordshire canal; and a considerable quantity by other canals, to the markets of Stockport and Manchester.

It is certain from the record of Domesday, that salt was one of the principal articles of commerce in this county, from a very early period; and that it produced a considerable revenue to the crown, before the Norman Conquest; the King having two thirds; and the Earl of Chester one third of the tolls; in which manner it continued to the time of Hugh Lupus. It appears that the *Wiches*, as they are called in the Survey, were very productive in the reign of Edward the Confessor. When Hugh Lupus was first created Earl of Chester, the salt-works, belonging to the King and the Earl, at Middlewich and Nantwich, having before produced a rent of 16*l. per ann.*, were wholly disused and unproductive; and those at Nantwich, whence the King and Earl Edwin had derived an income of 20*l. per ann.*, were nearly as much neglected; there being then in use only one salt-work, out of eight which had been formerly worked.

At the time of the Survey the salt-works had somewhat recovered their value, those at Nantwich being let to farm by the crown at 10*l.*, those at Middlewich at 25*s.*, and those at Northwich at 35*s.* The Survey gives the particulars of the duties paid for each waggon-load, horse-load, &c. which varied for that which was sold in the hundred, or county, or carried out of either; the customs in the different *Wiches* varied also. The Earl had a salt-pit at Nantwich, for the use of his own household, toll-free; but if he sold any salt, he was to account with the King for two-thirds of the tolls. The proprietors of private salt-works were also permitted to have salt for the use of their families, toll-free; but paid toll for all which they sold. It is probable that the chief exportation of salt, at this early period, was to Wales: the people of which country are said to have called Nantwich, *Hellath Wen*, or the white salt-

¹ This calculation, probably is over-rated; we are informed that the quantity annually sent out of Cheshire, from the port of Chester, and by various canals, is about 4000 tons only; about four-fifths of which is the produce of the county.

pit, from the whiteness of the salt there made. As no mention is made by Pliny of the salt of Britain, it is probable that there were no salt-works in this county, so early as the time of the Romans. King Henry III., during his wars with the Welsh, caused all the salt-works in Cheshire to be destroyed, and the pits to be stopped up, to prevent the enemy from procuring any supply of that valuable article¹.

The art of making salt appears to have been but imperfectly understood in England for several centuries after the Conquest. King Henry VI. invited John de Sheidam, a gentleman of Zealand, to come over to this country, with sixty persons in his company, to instruct his subjects in the improved method of making salt. Mr. Lowndes, a Cheshire gentleman, received a reward from Parliament, about the beginning of the last century, for making public some supposed improvements in this art; soon afterwards, Dr. Brownrig published a treatise on the art of making common salt, in which he suggested some improvements, which have been since adopted. Partly in consequence of those improvements, and partly from other causes, the manufacture of white salt has greatly increased in Cheshire: about a century ago, the salt manufactured there was not more than adequate to its own consumption, and that of a few adjoining counties. From May 1805, to May 1806, the salt manufactured at the Cheshire brine-pits^m, exclusively of that made at Nantwichⁿ, and Frodsham which was disposed of for home consumption, amounted to 16,590 tons, seventy-seven bushels. The annual average of white salt sent down the Weaver from Winsford and Northwich, for the last ten years, has been 139,317 tons; this has been principally for the supply of the fisheries in Scotland, Ireland, the ports of the Baltic, the United States of America, Newfoundland, and the British Colonies. The quantity manufactured at Northwich is supposed to have been doubled within the last ten years. Messrs. Marshall and Naylor, proprietors of some brine-pits at Anderton, having turned their attention to the investigation of means, by which salt-works might be constructed at the least expence, and the consumption of fuel diminished, have erected works upon this principle, at which they make a large grained salt, peculiarly well adapted to the purpose of curing fish and provisions. The proprietors, in the year 1806, obtained

¹ M. Paris, p. 599.

^m At Lawton, Wheelock, Roughwood; in the townships of Anderton, Bechton, Leftwich, Middlewich, and in the neighbourhood of Northwich and Winsford.

ⁿ The manufacture of salt at Nantwich was much more extensive, in the early part of the seventeenth century than at the present time; for it appears, by some papers relating to the brine-pits, written in the reign of Charles I., that there were then two hundred and sixteen wick-houses, or salt-works, in Nantwich; there is now only one.

a patent for making this salt, for which there have been already very large demands; large quantities having been exported to Scotland, Ireland, Newfoundland, and Sweden. The discovery of the rock-salt in 1670, (which will be more particularly spoken of under the head of minerals,) forms an important æra in the history of the staple commodity of the county. There are now ten or twelve pits of rock-salt worked in the neighbourhood of Northwich, in the townships of Witton, Marston, and Wincham; from some of these pits they raise a hundred tons in a day. The rock-salt is sent down the Weaver from Northwich; about a third of it is refined at the salt-works at Frodsham, and on the Lancashire side of the Mersey; but the greater part is carried to Liverpool, whence it is exported to Ireland, and the ports of the Baltic. The average quantity sent down the Weaver from Northwich for the last ten years is 51,109 tons^p. In 1805, there were 2950 hands employed in the manufacture of salt.

Among the produce of Cheshire, potatoes should not be omitted, which are cultivated to a great extent for exportation, in the neighbourhood of Altrincham and Frodsham, and in the hundred of Wirral: in Frodsham alone, it is calculated that 100,000 bushels^q have been raised annually on an average for several years past; these are principally sent to the Lancashire markets, by the Mersey, and by the Duke of Bridgewater's canal. The town of Manchester is supplied with abundance of potatoes and other vegetables from the neighbourhood of Altrincham; and that of Liverpool, both from Frodsham and the hundred of Wirral: great quantities of early potatoes are raised in Wirral by a peculiar process^r, and brought to market early in May, when they have sometimes sold at 3s. a pound, frequently at 2s. 6d.; from which price they gradually sink down to one penny.

^p Holland's Agricultural Survey of Cheshire, where may be found a full account of the process of raising the brine and making the salt, with many other particulars relating to the salt manufactured from the brine-pits, as well as that procured from the salt mines. ^q The average produce of an acre is reckoned to be two hundred and fifty bushels.

^r Mr. Wedge, in his general View of the Agriculture of Cheshire, says, that 'this method was first practised by one Richard Evans of Wallazey in Wirral.' "The secret (he adds) consists in nothing more than in transplanting the sets, (which should be of the earliest kind) during winter; carefully guarded from the frost, in a warm place, where they may sprout at least three inches by the beginning of March. As soon after that time, as the weather happens to be favourable, they are, with the sprout on, to be carefully planted in a dry soil, in drills, with a small rib of earth between each drill, and the end of the sprout just under the surface of the ground. The plants should be kept covered with straw, or rushes, every night as long as the frost continues, and uncovered every favourable day."

Natural History.

Fossils.—Fossil-salt and coal are found in some parts of Cheshire in great abundance; the rock, or fossil-salt, was first discovered accidentally near Marbury in the parish of Budworth, in the year 1670, in searching for coal; it has since been found very abundantly in the townships of Witton, Wincham, and Marston near Northwich, where several pits are constantly worked: in 1779 fossil-salt was discovered near Lawton, about forty-two yards below the surface, and a pit was for some time worked, but afterwards discontinued; it has been found also between Middlewich and Winsford, a little below Winsford, and at Whitley, six or seven miles below Northwich, and two miles north of the Weever.

Wherever rock-salt is met with, *sulphat* of lime appears to be very generally found mixed with the earthy strata above it. At Witton, after digging through several strata, consisting chiefly of clay and marle variously compounded, the fossil-salt is found about forty-one or forty-two yards below the surface; the first bed of salt, the only one known till of late years, is about twenty-five yards in thickness. In 1781 it was discovered, by the proprietor of one of the mines at Northwich, that there was a lower bed, which was found about ten yards beneath the other, after passing through a stratum of indurated clay; this lower bed has been penetrated into, to the depth of thirty-five, or thirty-six yards, and all the pits are now sunk to about this depth; some of the mines are worked in a circular form, and are as much as three hundred yards in diameter. The fossil-salt is of two kinds, the one white and transparent, the other of a reddish-brown; the former has been found, by analysis, to be an almost pure muriate of soda; the latter to contain a certain portion of earth from which its colour is derived.

Coal of a good quality is found abundantly in the north-east part of the county, in the townships of Hurdsfield, Rainow, Bollington, Adlington, Pott-Shrigley, Worth, Poynton, and Norbury; a district from north to south of about ten miles: in some of these townships, particularly Worth and Poynton, are very extensive collieries, which supply the populous manufacturing town of Stockport. At Denwall in the township of Nettle, and in the hundred of Wirral, is a colliery belonging to Sir T. S. M. Stanley Bart., first opened about the year 1750; this colliery extends one mile and three-quarters from high-water-mark under

: Philof. Trans. Vol. 5. p. 2015.

: Holland's Survey, p. 38.

the river Dee; having two canals under the river, one of which is carried to the extremity of the work: the coal is principally exported to Ireland.

Copper and lead are found at Alderley-Edge and Peckforton-hills: several attempts have been made within the last century to work a mine at Alderley, but the quantity of ore obtained was not sufficient to answer the expence. In the year 1803 some gentlemen of Stockport were induced, from the discovery of a good vein at the extremity of the old works, to open a mine, and their undertaking promises better success; considerable quantities both of copper and lead-ore have been found, and buildings have been erected for crushing and smelting the lead-ore. A vein of copper was not long ago discovered on Peckforton-hills, upon the estate of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton, which appeared to contain a large quantity of valuable ore; but after a considerable expence had been incurred, the attempt to work a mine was given up. Iron is found at Alderley-Edge, and in the township of Dukensfield. Dr. Aikin, in his description of the country round Manchester, says that the late Mr. Astley erected works for an iron-foundry on his estate in this township, which he afterwards let to a company at Manchester; but they were soon abandoned, and the building converted into a cotton-mill.

Cobalt ore was discovered at Alderley-Edge, on the estate of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. in 1807; it is found near the surface in very thin veins or filaments, in rocks of sand-stone, often contiguous to veins of copper and lead-ore; it is of a very dark blue colour, and many specimens appear like nothing more than grains of sand adhering together; some of the veins are of a much richer quality than others; the cobalt in all of them appears intimately mixed with lead, iron, copper, and manganese: a considerable quantity of cobalt procured from the mines at Alderley-Edge has been conveyed to Ferry-bridge in Yorkshire, where it has been manufactured into smalt, little inferior in colour to that imported from Saxony^u.

There are several quarries of excellent free-stone in this county, of which those at Runcorn, Manley, and Great-Bebington are most remarkable; the quarries of Runcorn being situated near the Duke of Bridgewater's canal, considerable quantities are sent to Liverpool, Manchester, and Chester. The County-hall, the gaol of the castle at Chester, and the new buildings at Earl Grosvenor's magnificent mansion at Eaton, are of stone from the Manley quarry. The pillars of the portico of the County-hall, are twelve in number, and twenty-three feet in height, each of which is formed of a single stone. The stone from the

^u The above account of the cobalt at Alderley-Edge, was obligingly communicated by Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.

quarry at Great-Bebington, is much whiter than the others. Lime-stone is found no where in Cheshire, except at Newbold-Astbury. Mowcop-hill, partly in the township of Odd-Rode in this county, has long been famous for its mill-stones. Mr. Holland, in his Agricultural Survey, speaks of a species of sand-stone on the hills at Kerredge, near Macclesfield, peculiarly adapted to the making of flags, or whetting tools; this stone is described by Mr. Kirwan, as a siliceous grit, with an argillaceous cement. Near Pott-Shrigley is a compact sand-stone of an extreme hardness, admitting of a good polish^x.

“Marle is found in almost every part of the county, but in greatest abundance, where the prevailing soil is a clay or clayey loam;” and is very generally employed as a manure: there are several varieties, distinguished by the appellation of clay-marle, slate-marle, and stone-marle^y. Dr. Woodward mentions a talky fibrous substance, a kind of *asbestos*, as being found in great abundance in beds of marle about High-Legh^z.

We have not learnt that any extraneous fossils have been found in Cheshire; except the trunks of trees, and various vegetable remains, little changed from their original state, which abound in the different peat-mosses. Dr. Woodward, in his Catalogue of British Fossils^a, enumerates oak, fir, yew, birch, alder; the cones of fir, and hazle-nuts, as having been found in the mosses at Wilmslow, and on Delamere forest: great quantities of oak and fir have been raised from some of them, and used for fuel, and sometimes for inside-work in buildings; the fir, being slit into slender pieces, is also used by the poor in some places, as a substitute for candles.

Rare Plants.—The *Saxifraga hirculus*, which has been found in no other part of England, we saw growing in great abundance on Knutsford-moor, where it was found by Ray; the season was rather early, and we found it in flower on the 15th of July. For the following notices of other rare plants in the county, we are principally indebted to Mr. Okell of Chester; we add the *habitats* where they have been found, either by himself or the friends who have communicated them to him.

Veronica scutellata, near the road from Wrexham to Chester; *Utricularia vulgaris*, near Churton-heath; *Utricularia minor*, bogs in Delamere forest; *Menyanthes nymphoides*, bogs in Delamere forest; *Gentiana Pneumonanthe*, on the

^x Mr. Holland's Survey.

^y Ibid. p. 221. where will be found a particular account of this substance; and a paper on its nature and origin, by Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. in the appendix to the same work, p. 348.

^z Catal. Vol. i. p. 76.

^a Vol. i. p. 18—21.

commons,

commons, near Parkgate; *Gentiana campestris*, near Hyle-Lake and Parkgate; *Sison inundatum*, Backford-heath; *Statice reticulata*, Hilbree-island; *Drosera Anglica*, marsh, near Holmes-Chapel; *Acorus calamus*, near Holford-Hall; *Narthecium ossifragum*, Delamere forest; *Alisma ranunculoides*, near Tarvin; *Andromeda polifolia*, Delamere forest; *Saxifraga aizoides*, Beeston-castle; *Stratiodes aloides*, pools, four miles from Holmes-Chapel; *Thalictrum minus*, banks of the Dee, below Parkgate; *Lathræa squamaria*, by the Dane side, below Congleton; *Bartsia viscosa*, near Hyle-Lake; *Cochlearia Danica*, at Parkgate; *Scutellaria minor*, bogs, on Delamere forest; *Iberis nudicaulis*, Weston-hill; *Geranium sanguineum*, banks of the Dee, near Parkgate; *Fumaria claviculata*, Broxton and Sandy-way-head; *Lathyrus Nissolia*, Blacon-point; *Vicia sylvatica*, woods, near Vale-Royal; *Hypericum Androsæmum*, woods, near Rock-Savage; *Senecio Saracenicus*, banks of the Dee, near Eaton-Boat; *Inula Helenium*, Eccleston; *Viola lutea*, on the hills, near Derbyshire; *Orchis conopsea*, Knutsford-moor; *Serapias palustris*, Blacon-point; *Littorella lacustris*, Budworth-common, near Oulton; *Empetrum nigrum*, Congleton-Edge; and *Pillularia globifera*, on Congleton Mofs.

The following plants are given on the authority of Turner and Dillwyn's "Botanist's Guide"—*Lysimachia thyriflora*, woods, near Stockport; *Campanula latifolia*, near the rivers Mersey and Tame, at Stockport; *Cicuta virosa*, near Stockport and Northwich, and Brereton-Mere; *Ornithogalum umbellatum*, meadows, near Cheadle-bridge; *Arbutus Uva-Ursi*, hills on the borders of Yorkshire; *Trollius Europæus*, in great plenty, in a wood between Stayley-Hall, and Scout-mill; *Limnifella aquatica*, near Frodsham; *Gnaphalium dioicum*, hills above Stayley; *Ophrys cordata*, Stayley-moors; and *Hymenophyllum Tunbrigense*, on the hills between Macclesfield and Buxton, upon mossy rocks.

We observed the *Dianthus deltoides* growing very luxuriantly in Wirral, not far from West-Kirkby church.

Mineral Springs.

THE brine-springs, which are now in use, have been already mentioned: they are principally found in the valley, through which the rivers Weever and Wheelock have their course. These springs have been found at Aldersey, Anderton, Austerfon, Baddeley, Baddington^b, Barnton, Brinepit-farm, between

^b The brine-springs at Boddington and Hatherton were discovered not long before the year 1622, and were both then worked.—Webb, in his Itinerary of that date, says the method of boiling in iron-pans with coals for fuel, was first used at these pits. Vale-Royal, part II. p. 66, 67.

Audlem and Nantwich; at Cumbermere, Dirtwich^c, Dunham, Hartford, Hatherton, Leftwich, Middlewich^d, Moulton, Newton, Weverham, Wharton, and Winnington: the pit at Weverham was worked in the time of William the Conqueror. The brine is found at various depths, and is of various degrees of strength; containing as appears by analysis, muriate of soda and *earthy salt*, in different proportions: those in the neighbourhood of Northwich contain more iron than the others; but the quantity is inconsiderable. The strongest brine-springs are said to be those at Anderton^e.

At Bug-lawton is a spring containing sulphur, a small quantity of Epsom-salts, and calcareous earth, which has been found serviceable in scorbutic cases: at Shaw-heath, near Stockport, is a chalybeate spring, of considerable strength; Leigh, in his *Natural History of Lancashire and Cheshire*^f, speaks of it as the most powerful of several which he enumerates: the others are in Lancashire, and the neighbouring counties.

In the year 1600 a pamphlet was published, entitled, "News out of Cheshire, concerning the New-found-Well." This well, which was situated in Delamere forest, about a mile and a half from the Chamber, or Old-Pale, towards the south-west side of the forest, is said to have been accidentally discovered, by John Greenway of Utkinton, who had been advised by his physician to drink of, and bathe in, any pure spring-water; the rumour of the benefit which he had received from the use of this water, and of two of his sons having been cured of fits by the same means, brought great numbers of people to the well; near which two pools were made for the purpose of bathing: the reports of this wonderful water, which was said to cure almost every disease, and even to restore the blind to sight, brought an immense concourse of people, not only from Cheshire, but from several neighbouring counties; the author of the *Narrative* says, that the number of persons daily resorting to the well was not less than two thousand, and that Mr. Done, the chief-forester, appointed

^c Leland speaks of a decayed salt-pit at Dirtwich, and one newly made. (*Itin.* Vol. vii. p. 11.) in another place, he says there were *two* or *three* little-salt springs at which salt was sometimes made. (*Itin.* v. p. 91.) We are told that on the 28th of August 1643, Captain Croxton, Captain Venables, and others, with their companies, went to Dirtwich, and cut in pieces all the pans, pumps, salt-pits, and works, and carried some of their pans off, so that their salt-making was spoiled. Burghall's *Diary*, in the *History of Cheshire*. 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 918. ^d There were two salt-springs, or brine-pits, at Middlewich in Leland's time, and in 1622. *Itin.* Vol. v. p. 92. and *Vale-Royal*, part II. p. 82.

^e See Holland's *Survey*, p. 46. The brine-springs at Leftwich and Witton appear to be the weakest of those of which the Analysis is there given: the brine-springs at Barnton are so weak as to require the aid of rock salt, for the purpose of manufacture. ^f B. i. p. 34.

one of his keepers to preserve order amongst the populace, and allowed him to provide entertainment for such as could afford to pay for it. Very little can be gathered from the pamphlet as to the nature of the water; it appears to have been cathartic, and is described as having "some smack of an allum-like composition."

Rivers.

THE principal Cheshire rivers are the Dee, the Mersey, the Weever, the Dane, the Bollin, the Peover, the Wheelock, and the Tame.

The *Dee* which rises in Merionethshire, first becomes a boundary of Cheshire near Shocklach-green; it passes by Shocklach and Farndon, on its Cheshire side, and enters the county near Aldford; thence it passes by Eaton and Eccleston to Chester: from Bangor-bridge it is navigable for barges; at Chester-bridge, where it meets the tide-water, it is about a hundred yards wide; from thence it passes through an artificial channel^a, along the marshes, under Hawarden castle, for about nine miles; near Flint castle, about three miles further, it becomes an estuary of three miles wide, much incommoded at low-water by sand-banks; the main channel then crosses over to the Cheshire side below Parkgate; ten miles further, near the island of Hilbree, being there of the width of about five miles, it falls into the sea. The parishes of Shotwick, Burton, Neston, Hefwall, Thurstaston, and West-Kirkby, on the southern side of the hundred of Wirral, lie on the banks of the Dee.

The navigation of the Dee, by which, in ancient times, vessels were brought up to the walls of Chester, had been so much impeded by sands, from the frequent changing of the channel, that it occasioned the total ruin of the haven of Chester before the year 1449, as appears by a Commission of Inquiry of that date^b: to obviate this great inconvenience, a new quay or haven was made, about six miles from Chester, but not before the middle of the following century. In the Harleian Collection is a letter from the citizens of Chester to the lord treasurer, (the Marquis of Winchester,) praying his intercession with the King for a sum of money in aid of their new haven or quay in Wirral, then building all of stone, "in the face and belly of the sea, which would at least cost 5000 *l.* or 6000 *l.*"^c In 1560, a collection for the new haven at Chester was made in all churches throughout the kingdom; in 1567 there was an assessment for the same purpose on the city. The new haven was at length completed, and for

^a The first sod of this channel, called "the River Dee Navigation from Chester to the Sea," was cut on the 20th of April 1733.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2003—63.

^c Harl. MSS. N^o 2082. f. 14.

many years, all goods and merchandizes coming to, and going from the port of Chester, were there loaded and unloaded.

The improvement of the navigation of the Dee by cutting a new channel, appears to have been first projected by Andrew Yarranton, who published a work entitled, "England's Improvement by Sea and Land," (in the year 1677): he tells us that vessels of twenty tons burthen could not then come higher than Neston; and proposes that an act of Parliament should be procured, for improving the navigation of the Dee; and enabling ships to come up to Chester, by a new channel to be cut from the river, nearly opposite Neston, to pass by Flint to Chester.

In 1693 Evan Jones brought forward a proposal for making the river Dee navigable, and bringing up ships of a hundred tons burthen to the Roodee, at his own expence, on condition that he should have all such lands as should be recovered, upon payment of the usual rent of recovered lands to the crown, and one-fourth of the clear rents or profits to the companies of the city^k; and that he and his heirs should be entitled to certain duties on coals, lime, and lime-stone. This proposal was rejected, on account of the required duty on coals, lime, &c. In 1698, Francis Gell Esq. made a proposal nearly similar to that of Evan Jones, with some modification of the duties on coals, &c. and some additional security as to his performance of the contract; but without any allotment of a fourth-part to the city companies; this proposal also was, in the first instance, rejected; but upon being a second time brought forward, and a still further security being proposed by Mr. Gell, who offered to deposit the sum of 1000*l.* in the hands of trustees for that purpose, it was agreed to on the 21st of October 1698^l: a petition was in consequence presented to Parliament, and in 1700 an act passed, to enable the mayor and citizens of the city of Chester to recover and preserve the navigation upon the river Dee.

The undertakers of this work were incorporated by the name of the River-Dee Company; a subsequent act passed in 1732, which empowered them to inclose a large tract on the banks of the Dee, called the White-Sands, on condition that they made a navigable river from the sea to Chester: this new cut was begun the next year, and completed in 1754. In the year 1763, one thousand four hundred and eleven acres of land were recovered from the sea, six hundred and sixty-four acres in 1769, and three hundred and forty-

^k He proposed that the profits of this fourth part should accumulate for the purpose of building and freighting a ship for each company, to be employed in trade for the benefit of the said company, and afterwards the yearly profits to be paid to the aldermen and stewards of each company in equal portions.

^l Corporation Records

eight acres in 1795. A further embankment commencing from the last embankment to Conna's-Quay on the Flintshire side, and to Barton's-Point on the Cheshire side, intended to contain about 1500 acres of land is in contemplation. In consequence of the great expence of cutting and embanking the new channel of the river Dee, and inclosing the adjacent lands, the proprietors did not receive any profits from the undertaking till the year 1775, when they divided two *per cent.* on their principal stock; the annual proceeds have since gradually increased, and the proprietors now receive five *per cent.*, with the prospect of an improving revenue. The new channel was at first intended only for ships of two hundred tons burthen; but it is now navigable for ships of six hundred tons burden.

The *Mersey* (esteemed the second of the Cheshire rivers) is formed by the junction of the Etherow and Goyt. The *Etherow* rises near Woodhead, at the junction of the counties of York, Derby, and Chester. From its source it forms the boundary, for some distance, between Cheshire and Derbyshire, the parish of Mottram being on the Cheshire side; it then enters this county, between Compstall-bridge and Marple-bridge, at its conflux with the *Goyt*, which rises in Macclesfield forest, and during a course of about nine miles is a boundary between Cheshire and Derbyshire, passing on the Cheshire side Taxall, Whaley, Disley, and Marple. At the above-mentioned conflux, the united rivers take the name of the *Mersey*, which passes near Chadkirk, between Offerton and Bredbury to the town of Stockport; from thence to Liverpool, it forms the boundary between Cheshire and Lancashire; passing on the Cheshire side, the parishes and townships of Cheadle, Northenden, Ashton, Carrington, Partington, Warburton, Thelwall, Latchford, Lower-Walton, and Runcorn.

The *Mersey*, where it meets the tide-water, opposite Warrington in Lancashire, is only forty yards wide: at Runcorn-gap, where it communicates with the Trent and Mersey, or Grand-trunk, and the Duke of Bridgewater's canals, its width is three hundred yards; below the gap it immediately extends itself into a grand estuary of three miles in width, receiving in its course the navigable river Weaver from Northwich and Frodsham. In its course northward, from Runcorn it gradually diminishes for six miles, and opposite Liverpool its width is only three quarters of a mile, but it forms a fine channel, at least ten fathom deep at low water, very commodious for shipping; at the distance of about five miles, measuring by the Cheshire coast, it falls into the Irish sea, by two or three different channels, much incommoded by sands, but the passage is rendered

secure by means of various land-marks, buoys, and light-houses; and the excellent system of pilotage, established by the Liverpool merchants. The Cheshire parishes of Eastham, Frodsham, Ince, Bromborough, Bebington, and Wallazey, extend to the banks of the Mersey. The whole course of this river is forty-four miles.

The *Weever* is truly a Cheshire river, rising on Bulkeley-heath, and never quitting the county during its whole course, 'till its confluence with the Mersey at Weston; passing through Ridley; by Cholmondeley-Hall, to Wrenbury; by Audlem, Hankelow, Nantwich, Minshull, and Weever, to Winsford-bridge; thence by Vale-Royal, and Eaton, to Hartford-bridge, and Northwich, where it joins the Dane, and soon afterwards the Peover; after which junction it passes by Weverham, Acton, Dutton, Frodsham, and Rock-Savage to Weston, where it joins the Mersey. In the year 1720, a set of gentlemen^m, at the head of whom were the Hon. Langham Booth, and Sir George Warburton Bart., entered into a subscription for the purpose of procuring an act of Parliament, to make the Weever navigable from Frodsham-bridge to Winsford-bridge, a distance of about twenty miles: in its natural state it was navigable only at high-tides, and not more than six miles above Frodsham-bridge.

The subscribers agreed, and it was provided by the act, that after payment of the subscription and interest at five *per cent.*, and one *per cent.* yearly profit for their risk, the whole income arising from tonnage, &c. should be applicable to the like purposes, as the county rate of the county of Chester. All incumbrances were discharged in the year 1778, since which time the sum of 105,000*l.* and upwards hath been paid into the county treasury, in aid of the rate. The tonnage has increased greatly within the last ten years, and the gross revenue is now upwards of 17,000*l. per ann.*, a considerable part of which is expended in the execution of the trust, and in maintaining and improving the navigation of the river. In consequence of the great extension of the salt trade, the present accommodations on the Weever have been found insufficient, and an additional cut of about four miles in length, is now making from the Weir near Frodsham-bridge to Weston-point, in order to prevent the delays which have been experienced by the shallowness of the river at neap-tides: the charge of this additional channel, and other improvements intended to be immediately adopted, is estimated at 40,000*l.* The expence of the magnificent public buildings on

^m Philip Egerton Esq., John Egerton Esq., Henry Legh Esq., Randal Dod Esq., John Amson Esq., Henry Mainwaring Esq., Thomas Vernon Esq., John Williams Esq., Peter Warburton Esq., and James Mainwaring Esq.

the site of Chester-castle, has been wholly defrayed out of the revenues of the Weever navigation.

The river *Dane* rises in Macclesfield forest, near the Three-Shire Mere, and after forming, for some way, a boundary between Staffordshire and Cheshire, enters the latter county, within two miles of Congleton; from which town it passes by Radnor-bridge, Davenport, Hermitage, near Holmes Chapel to Cranage-bridge, and Byley-bridge; near Middlewich, Croxton, Shipbrook, and Daneham or Davenham, to Northwich, where it falls into the Weever. The course of the Weever is about thirty-three miles, that of the Dane about twenty-two; the Weever is narrow, deep, and slow; the Dane, broad, shallow, and swift.

The *Bollin* rises in Macclesfield forest from several heads, the two principal of which issue from the foot of Shutlingslow-Hill, near the hall of Ridge; it passes by Sutton, Macclesfield, Bollington, Prestbury, and Newton, Wimslow, Pownall, Ringey, Ashley, Dunham and Warburton, to Rixton, where it falls into the Mersey; its course is about twenty miles.

The *Peover* is formed of the junction of two streams, one of which rises near Macclesfield, the other near Gawsworth; they join at Chelford, whence the Peover passes to Over-Peover, Nether-Peover, Holford, and Wincham-bridge, falling into the Weever, near Northwich; the course of this river is about fifteen miles.

The *Wheelock* is composed of three streams, which rise near Moreton-Hall, Lawton, and Rode, and meet near Sandbach, whence the Wheelock passes to Wheelock, Elton, and Warmicham, and falls into the Dane at Croxton; its course having been about twelve miles.

The *Tame* rises in Yorkshire, and during almost the whole of its course, which is about ten miles, forms a boundary between Cheshire and Lancashire, passing on its Cheshire side, Staley, Dukenfield, Hyde-Hall, and Harden-Hall, between which and Stockport it falls into the Mersey.

Besides these principal rivers, there are several other smaller streams, which have been dignified with the name; as the *Gowzy*, which rises near Bunbury, and passes by Beelton-castle, Teverton, and Huxley, to Stapleford, Barrow, Plemstall, Bridge-Trafford, Picton, Stoak and Stanny, falling into the Mersey at Stanlow, and dividing the hundred of Edisbury from that of Broxton, during almost the whole of its course. There is a stream (erroneously described in King's Vale-Royal, as connected with this river) which rises in Harthill, takes its course by Tattenhall, Golborne-Bellew, and Lea-Hall; is joined near the latter by a brook that comes from Grafton, by Cuddington, Aldersey, and Bechin; and falls into the Dee at Aldford.

The *Betley* comes from Betley in Staffordshire, runs by Doddington, Wybunbury, and Bartherton, and falls into the Weever. *Affbrook* rises in Delamere forest, passes between Over and Little-Budworth, near Darnhall, where it forms Darnhall-pool, and falls into the Weever, not far from Weever-Hall. The *Biddle* comes out of Staffordshire, and falls into the Dane near Congleton. The *Croco* comes out of Bagmere; passing by Brereton-Hall and Kinderton Park, and through Middlewich, it falls into the Dane at Croxton, near that town. The *Birkin* rises near Chelford, passes by Mobberley, and falls into the Bollin. The *Mar* comes out of the pool of Mere, and falls into the Bollin. The *Grimfditch* rises at Grimfditch, passes by Preston, Daresbury, and Kekwich; and falls into the Mersey. The *Wakwarn* rises near Barthomley, passes by Crewe-Hall, and Coppenhall, and joining with the *Lea* which comes from Lea and Wistaston, falls into the Mersey. *Flookersbrook* rises near Chester, and running to Bach, there joins a stream^a, which in its course from Coughall, by Moston and Mollington, divides the hundred of Broxton from that of Wirral; and falls into the Dee, a little below Chester.

There are several small lakes, or, as they are called, Meres or Pools, in Cheshire. Ridley-pool, spoken of by Leland as one of the largest, has been drained and converted into tillage. Combermere is a fine piece of water, nearly three quarters of a mile in length, close to the site of Combermere-Abbey, to which it gave name, and is a great ornament to the grounds of Sir Robert Cotton. Bar-mere in the parish of Malpas is nearly of the same extent; the other principal ones are, the Mere, which gives name to a township in Rostherne, Comberbachmere, Oakhanger-mere, Pick-mere, Rostherne-mere, and the Chapel-mere, and Moss-mere, two beautiful pieces of water in front of Cholmondeley-castle. The meres, and most of the rivers, abound with the more common sort of fish: the Dee is noted for its fine flavoured salmon, of late years much diminished in quantity: the Mersey has salmon, plaice, flounders, smelts, &c. &c.

Canals.

FEW counties, as Mr. Holland observes in his Survey, derive so many advantages from the internal intercourse, which has been produced by the system of artificial navigation, as Cheshire; that of the river Weever has been already spoken of; the canals, which intersect various parts of the county, are the Duke of Bridgewater's; the Trent and Mersey, or Grand Trunk; the Ellesmere; the Chester and Nantwich, and the Peak-forest canal.

^a This stream is now in great part merged in the line of the Chester canal.

The Duke of Bridgewater's canal, the design and execution of which first gave celebrity to that eminent engineer, Mr. James Brindley, was begun in 1761; the communication between Manchester and Liverpool was opened in 1772; and the whole of the works at first projected were finished in 1776. This canal, which takes its origin from the Duke of Bridgewater's estate at Worsley in Lancashire, enters Cheshire, near Ashton on the Mersey; passes near Altrincham, Dunham-Massey, Bollington, Lymm, Groppenhall, Higher-Walton, Preston-on-the-Hill; Moor, through Sir Richard Brooke's grounds at Norton to Runcorn, where it joins the Mersey, passing through a chain of ten locks. At this place is a rise of ninety-five feet, being the only deviation from the level in the course of the canal, except at the Vale of Bollin, between Lymm and Altrincham, where an embankment has been made for the purpose of preserving it.

The first act for making the Trent and Mersey, or as it is called the Grand-Trunk canal, passed in 1766. This canal communicates with the Duke of Bridgewater's at Preston-brook, and passes by Dutton, Barnton, Little-Leigh, Northwich, Shipbrooke, and Middlewich, not far from Sandbach to Lawton, a little beyond which it enters Staffordshire. In the course of this canal through Cheshire, there are four tunnels: one at Preston-on-the-hill, one thousand two hundred and forty-one yards in length; another at Barnton in Great-Budworth, five hundred and seventy-two yards long; another at Saltersfield, in the same parish, three hundred and fifty yards; and another at Hermitage, of one hundred and thirty yards.

The Ellefmere canal communicates with the Mersey at Whitby, five miles from Eastham, at a place now called Ellefmere-port; it passes the east-end of the hundred of Wirral, and the south-east part of Broxton, passing through Whitby, Great-Stanney, Stoak, Croughton, Chorlton, Coughall, Moston, and Upton, to Chester, where it joins the Dee, as well as the Chester canal. That part of the line, described in the act as passing from the Dee at Chester by Lache, Rough-hill, and near Pulford, towards Denbighshire, is not intended to be made. A branch of this canal from Whitchurch enters Cheshire at Grindley-brook in Wirfwall, passes by Quoisley, Marbury, Norbury^o, Wrenbury, Baddeley, and Hurleston; in the last-mentioned township it forms a junction with the Chester and Nantwich canal. This branch, which was completed in 1806, extends through the county during a line of eleven miles.

The act for making the Chester and Nantwich canal passed in 1772, and it was completed in 1778; this canal passes from Chester through Great-Boughton, Christleton, Waverton, Hargrave, Huxley, Beeton, Teverton, Tilston-Fernall,

^o It was intended to enter the township of Stoke, but the line was varied.

Wardle, Bar-bridge, Stoke, Hurleston, and Acton, between which place and the town of Nantwich it terminates: this canal proved so unproductive a concern, that the shares were sold at one time, for one *per cent.* of their original value; since the junction of this canal with the Ellefmere canal at Chester, and the subsequent junction with the Whitchurch branch of the same canal at Hurleston^p, the shares, which were originally 100*l.* each, have sold at 30*l.* and are rising in value. The intended branch of the Chester canal, from Wardle-heath to Middlewich, has not been yet executed.

The Peak-forest canal, the first act for which passed in 1794, enters Cheshire from Lancashire, crossing the river Tame at Dukensfield, and passing through the townships of Hyde, Wernith, Bredbury, Romiley, Marple, and Disley, quits the county near Whaley-Bridge. This canal is carried over the river Mersey near Marple, by an aqueduct of three arches of sixty feet span, and seventy-eight feet height, the whole being 100 feet in height.

Roads.

ONE of the great roads from London to Holy-head enters Cheshire in the township of Bridgemere, one hundred and sixty-two miles from London, passes through Bridgemere, near Doddington-Hall, between Walgherton and Wybunbury; through Stapeley to Nantwich; thence through Acton, Hurleston, Stoke, Bar-bridge, Wardle, between Alphraham and Tilston-Fernall to Tarporley; thence through Cotton, Duddon, and Tarvin, by Stanford Bridge to Chester; three miles and a half beyond which it enters Flintshire, at Bretton, passing through this county for about thirty miles. All the roads from London to Manchester pass through a portion of this county: one of these enters Cheshire near Church-Lawton, about one hundred and fifty-six miles from London, passes through Odd-Rode, Smallwood, Brereton, Holmes-Chapel, Cranage, Allostock, near Over-Peover to Knutsford; thence through Mere, up Bucklow-hill, near Roftherne, between Dunham-Massey, and Bowden to Altrincham, thence to Cross-street in Ashton, a little beyond which it quits the county. The road from London to Manchester, by way of Leek, enters Cheshire not far from Bosley-mills, passes through Bosley, and a little to the left of Sutton to Macclesfield; thence between Prestbury and Bollington, near Butley and Adlington; through Poynton, Norbury and Bullock's-Smithy (in Torkington), to Stockport. The road from London to Manchester, through Buxton and Matlock, enters this county at Whaley-bridge in Taxall, and passes by Hoo-Lane, and Bullock's-Smithy, to Stockport.

^p See p. 423.

The road from London to Liverpool enters Cheshire at Lawton, passes through Moreton, and Astbury, to Congleton; thence through Marton and Siddington, to Monks-leath; through Chelford and Ollerton, to Knutsford; thence through Mere, High-Legh, near Groppenhall, and through Latchford, to Warrington: from Monks-heath another turnpike road branches off through Alderley, Chorley, Wilmslow, Handforth, and Cheadle, towards Manchester.

From Stockport there is a turnpike road through Hyde, Hattersley, Mottram, and Tintwistle, by Woodhead-Chapel, leading on the right towards Barnsley, and on the left towards Huddersfield, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. From Macclesfield there is a turnpike-road by Walkers-Barn, the new Inn, Stoney-gateway, and the Mose-house, to Buxton; and another road through Hurdesfield, Rainow, and Kettleholme, and near Taxall, leading towards Buxton and Chapel-in-Frith, from Macclesfield, toward Liverpool; this road passes through Birtles, and joins the London and Liverpool road at Monks-heath.

A road from London to Warrington¹ enters Cheshire near Lawton, passes through that village by Dean-hill to Sandbach; through Middlewich, Bostock, Davenham, Northwich, Great-Budworth, and Stretton, to Latchford, opposite Warrington.

The road from Chester to Manchester, by way of Warrington, passes through Flockersbrook, Hoole, and Mickle-Trafford, near Plemstall, through Bridge-Trafford, Dunham-on-the-Hill, Hapsford, near Helsby, through Netherton to Frodsham; thence through Sutton, Preston-on-the-Hill, Daresbury, and the two Waltons, to Warrington. The road from Chester to Manchester, by way of Northwich, passes through Tarvin and Kelfall, across Delamere forest, by Sandy-way-head, and Hartford, to Northwich; thence through Mere, up Bucklow-hill, having Rostherne and Bowden on the right, and Dunham-park, on the left, it passes to Altrincham, three miles beyond which, a little beyond Cross-street, it reaches the Mersey. A turnpike road to Knutsford branches off from this road in the township of Over-Tabley, five miles beyond Northwich, and within two miles of Knutsford.

There is a turnpike road² from Northwich through Leftwich, Davenham, Bostock, Stanthorne, and Newton, to Middlewich. The turnpike road from Chester to Middlewich, branches off at the nine-mile-stone on the forest of Delamere, which it crosses, to Over; and proceeds over Winsford-bridge, through

¹ Another road from London to Warrington, being comprised within the road from London to Liverpool, is described above.

² The ancient road from Northwich to Middlewich, which is not now a turnpike road, took the course of the Roman road, which is described in p. 433. 435.

Newton to Middlewich. From Tarporley is a turnpike road, which goes over Delamere forest, through Weverham, over Acton-bridge across the Weaver, through Bartington, Higher and Lower-Whitley, to Stretton, where it joins the road from Northwich to Warrington.

The turnpike road from Whitchurch to Nantwich passes through Newhall, Aston, and Scand; a turnpike road from Drayton to Nantwich passes through Audlem, Hankelow, and Stapeley. The road from Whitchurch to Chester enters Cheshire at Grindley-brook, passes through Tushingham, Hampton, Duckington, Broxton, and Chowley, by Barns-hill, through Handley, and near Waverton and Christleton: a turnpike road branching off from this road, near Barn-hill, passes through Clutton, Barton, and Farndon, towards Wrexham.

There is no turnpike road to the town of Malpas; the road from Whitchurch to Chester, passes through the parish about eight miles, from Grindley-brook to Chowley. The road from Chester to Wrexham passes through Belgrave and Pulford, and quits the county a little beyond the five-mile-stone.

The road from Chester to Liverpool, passes by Upton, through Backford, Great and Little-Sutton, Childer-Thornton, Eastham, Bromborough, Bebington, and Tranmore, to the Wood-side, or Birkenhead-ferry, opposite to Liverpool, with intermediate roads to the several ferries of Eastham or Carlett, Royal-Rock, Tranmore, and New-ferry. The road from Chester to Parkgate, whence packets sail for Ireland, passes through Little-Mollington, the township of Shotwick, and the town of Great-Neston; this road is continued across the hundred of Wirral, through Thornton-Mayo, to Great-Bebington, where it joins the road from Chester to Liverpool. By this route the Irish and Chester mails are conveyed, from Tranmore-ferry across the Mersey to Liverpool.

Manufactures.

THE Manufactures of those important articles of food, cheese, and salt, have been already treated of, under the head of Produce; in addition to what has been there said it may be mentioned, that salt is manufactured at Frodsham, where there are no brine-pits, from rock-salt, brought by the canal from Northwich, mixed with the water of the Mersey. The cotton manufacture is carried on to a considerable extent in several parts of the county, particularly at Stockport and in its vicinity, at Wilmslow, Macclesfield, and Congleton. Mr. Bott's cotton-works at Nantwich, are very extensive, and employ several hundred hands. A considerable quantity of muslin is made at Macclesfield, and in Stockport and its neighbourhood; and some calicoe at Macclesfield, where the fustian

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manufacture has been dropped : there are silk mills at Macclesfield, Congleton, and Stockport. The manufacture of twist-buttons, which was formerly very extensive, at Macclesfield and in its neighbourhood, has much declined, but is still continued in a small degree ; the weaving of ribbands is carried on pretty extensively at Congleton, and that of silk handkerchiefs at Macclesfield ; where silk-ferret also is made : at Knutsford is a considerable manufacture of thread, which has been established many years. The manufacture of hats, for exportation, at Stockport ; of shoes at Sandbach, and Nantwich, and of gloves at Chester, and Nantwich, is extensive. At Altrincham is a manufacture for turning bobbins, worked by steam. At Thelwall is a large manufacture of gun-powder : at Chester some considerable works for making shot, and the manufacture of white and red lead : at Eaton in the parish of Astbury, are mills for making brass-wire, and rolling copper-sheets and bolts : some woollen-cloths are made at the north-east extremity of the county, in the parish of Mottram. Tanning is carried to a great extent throughout the whole county of Chester, more particularly in the middle, and northern parts. The calamine and brass-works at Macclesfield, and the brass-battery-works at Bosley, have been discontinued many years. The manufacture of tobacco-pipes at Chester, formerly very extensive, is now inconsiderable.

ANTIQUITIES.

Roman Antiquities.—Few Roman Antiquities have been discovered in this county, except within the walls of the city of Chester, which was for more than 200 years the station of the twentieth legion. Ralph Higden, the monk of Chester, who wrote in the fourteenth century, speaks of subterraneous passages, “*lapides opere mirabiliter testudinatæ, triclinia concamerata,*” and of Roman coins as found here in his time.

No part of the original Roman wall of Chester now exists, though the present wall, no doubt, stands on the same foundation. The Roman pavement is often discovered, at the depth of four feet below the modern, in the principal streets, which, in all probability, ran in the same direction as those of the Roman city. The old East-gate, which was taken down in the year 1766, was evidently a Roman work ; it consisted of two circular arches, formed of very large stones, the pier between them, being in the middle of the street, which is in the line of the Watling-street. There still remains a circular arch in the lower part of the wall,

! Figured in Stukeley's Itin. Vol. ii plate 65. and in Pennant's Wales, Vol. i. p. 114.

at a small distance to the westward of the bridge; it is called the Ship-gate, or Hole-in-the-Wall, and seems to be of Roman workmanship.

On a piece of sandstone rock, in a cleft on the south side of the river, nearly opposite to the castle, and facing the remains of a Roman road, leading towards Bangor, is a figure of Minerva, with an altar by her side, very rudely sculptured in bas relief; it has of late years been daubed over with paint^s.

Considerable remains of Roman buildings have been, at different times, discovered within the walls of Chester; some of these, which were noticed a century ago, are still in existence, consisting of an hypocaust, fifteen feet long, and eight wide, with an adjoining chamber or *præfurnium*, of the same dimensions; they are situated at the back of a smith's shop, under the Feathers' Inn in Bridge-street. This hypocaust is supported by twenty-eight pillars of stone, two feet eight inches high^t, and one foot square at the top and bottom. Over these pillars are placed bricks, eighteen inches square, and three inches thick: which support others, two feet square; perforated with small holes, about six inches asunder; immediately over this uppermost layer of bricks is a terrace floor, composed of several layers of lime, pounded bricks, &c. in different proportions and degrees of fineness. Another hypocaust, and the remains of several adjoining rooms of a Roman house, were discovered in the year 1779, in digging the foundation of houses near the Water-gate; but no part of them was preserved. Part of a mosaic pavement, about five feet square, was discovered in the year 1803, about six feet below the surface of the earth, on digging a cellar in the Nuns' gardens, near the castle^u.

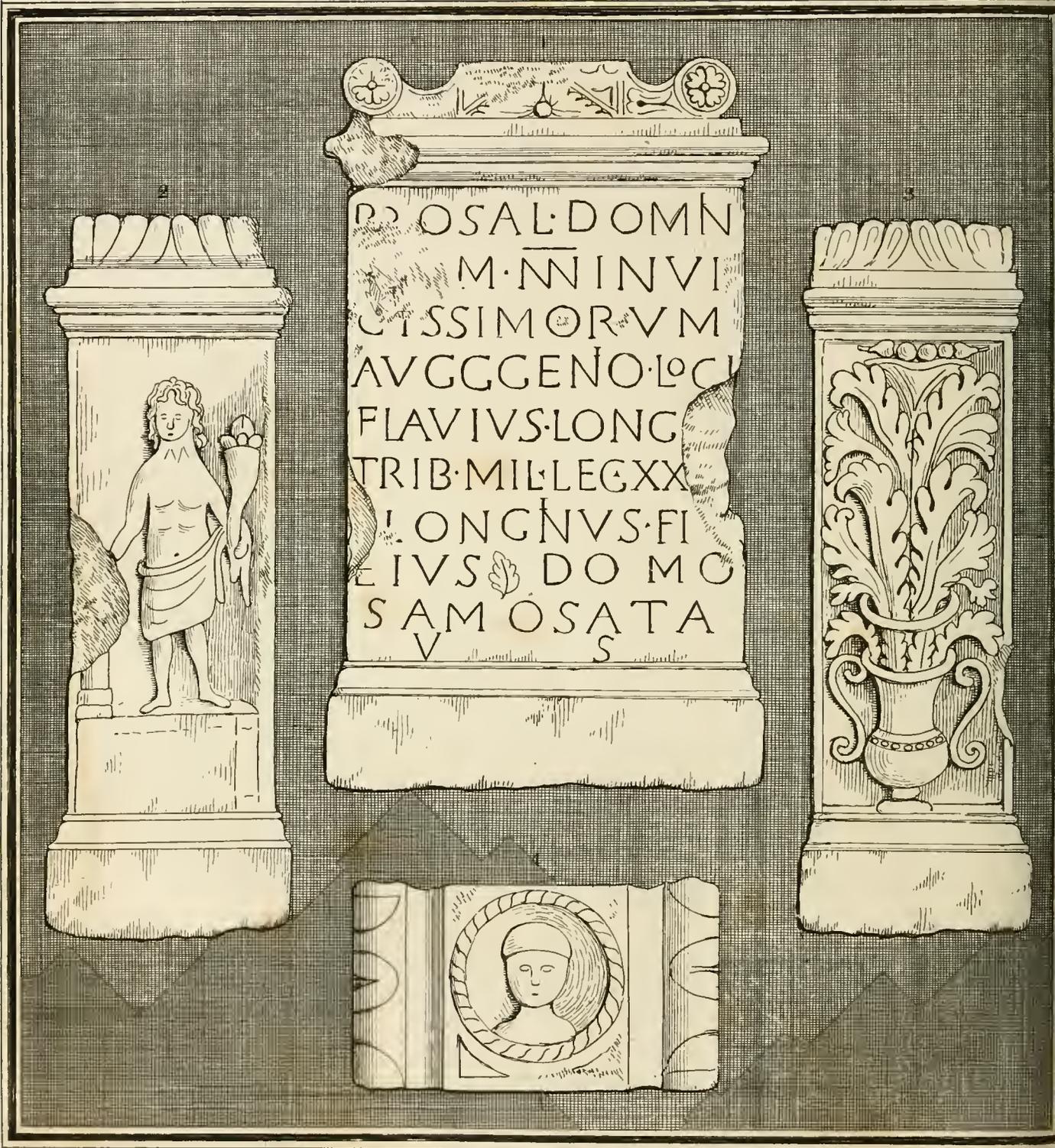
Several Roman inscribed altars have been found within the city of Chester: the first discovery of this kind we find recorded, is an altar, dedicated to Jupiter, with the British addition of *Tanarus*^x, or the Thunderer. This altar, which is formed of the crumbling sand-stone of the place, was found on digging a cellar in the Foregate-street, in the year 1653; and is now preserved among the Arndelian marbles at Oxford. The surface is so much decomposed, that very few letters of the inscription are now to be traced; indeed it appears to have been in an imperfect state in Horsley's time^y. On the authority of Dr.

^s It has been figured in Horsley's *Britannia Romana*, Pennant's *Wales*, and Gough's *Camden*, but in none of them correctly. See the plan and section, p. 431. ^t Horsley's *Brit. Rom.* p. 318.

^u From a drawing which we have seen of a small portion of this pavement, it appears to have been of a coarse kind, and the ornaments by no means elegant.

^x It is probable that this was a blunder of the stone-cutter, and that it should have been *Taranus*; *Taran*, in the British is Thunder, and *Taranus* thundering. See Owen's *Welsh Dictionary*, *in verbo*.

^y See his *British Rom.* p. 315.



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ROMAN ALTAR FOUND AT CHESTER. A.D. MDCXCH.

Prideaux, and of Randal Holme^z, who was a native of Chester, and took a copy soon after the altar was discovered; it appears to have run thus:

“ I. O. M. TANARO. T. ELVPIVS. GALER. PRAESENS. GVNTA^T. PRI.
LEG. XX. VV. COMMODO. ET. LATERANO. COS^b. V. S. L. M.”

On one side of this altar is the figure of a *præfericulum*, or pitcher, in bas-relief; and on the other a sort of *patera*; the back is plain, the upper part of the front is elegantly ornamented^c.

In the year 1693 another altar was discovered, in digging a cellar in the East-gate-street, at the depth of about two feet, with a stone about two feet square, and one thick, which appeared to have been its pedestal; near it were found the heads, horns, and bones of oxen, and other animals^d. This altar was, for many years, in the possession of Joseph Dyson Esq., alderman of Chester; it now belongs to the Rev. Charles Prescott, great nephew of Mr. Prescott, who possessed it in Horsley's time: the inscription, which is very legible, runs thus:

“ PRO. SAL. DOMINORVM. NN̄. INVICTISSIMORVM. AVGG. GENIO.
LOCI. FLAVIVS. LONG. TRIB. MIL. LEG. XX. LONGINVS.
FIL. EIVS. DOMO. SAMOSATA. V. S.”

This altar is ornamented with rude sculptures in bas-relief on the top, back, and sides: that on the back, represents a piece of drapery, with several sorts of fruits over it; on one of the sides is the figure of a *Genius*, as usually represented, with an altar and *Cornucopia*; and on the other a vase, filled with acanthus-leaves, supporting a plate of fruit: within the *thuribulum* on the top, is a man's head, with a close cap, in a circular compartment^e.

A third altar, dedicated to *Fortuna redux*, *Esculapius* & *Salus*, was discovered near the Water-gate, in the year 1779, at the same time with the remains of an hypocaust, &c. before noticed: this is now in the possession of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton^f. The lower part of the inscription was

^z See his Acad. of Armoury, book iii. p. 464.
place from whence the person dedicating the altar came, there having been a town of that name in Vindelicia. See Horsley's Brit. Rom. p. 315.

^a *Guntia* is supposed to denote the
^b A. D. 154.

^c The figure in the last edit. of the *Marmora Oxoniensia* is pretty correct, those in Gale's *Antoninus*, and in Horsley, are by no means satisfactory.
^d As described by Mr. Hen. Prescott. See Leigh's Nat. Hist. of Lancashire, and Cheshire, book iii. p. 21.

^e See the annexed plate.

^f See the plate, p. 430.

a good deal injured, at the time of its discovery; the following is so much of it as is still legible.

“ FORTVNAE. REDVCI. ESCVLAP. ET. SALVTI. EIVS. LIBERT. ET.
FAMILIA.....PONT. T. F. CAL. MAMIL....RVFI....TISTIANI^a.
FVNSVI. . N. VETTON...NI. LEG. AVG. D. D.”

The sides of this altar are ornamented with the symbols of Fortune, and Esculapius; and with instruments of sacrifice, sculptured in bas-relief; it stands on a plinth two feet square, similar to that discovered with the last-mentioned altar. Many bricks, tiles, &c. have been found in Chester, with these letters, LEG. XX. V. V. stamped on them; alluding to the twentieth legion, stationed there, which was entitled *Valens* and *Victrix*.

In Horsley's *Britannia Romana*^b, is the figure of a stone, found in the year 1729, in digging a cellar for Mr. Dyson, in Water-gate-street, with an inscription, of which the following fragment only remained,

“ NVMINI. AVG.....ALMAECEIT.....MVSACTOR.....EXVOTO. FACI.”

this he considers as too imperfect to afford any satisfactory conjecture. Camden mentions twenty pigs of lead, found upon the shore near Runcorn, whilst he was correcting Dr. Holland's Translation of his *Britannia*^c, with this Inscription:

“ IMP. DOMIT. AVG. GER. DE. CEANG.”

on the one side; and on the other,

“ IMP. VESP. VII. T. IMP. V. COSS.”

Horsley observes^k, that “ Camden gives us this account only from hearsay, and he therefore considers these inscriptions, as being of doubtful authority: which is rendered more so, by giving at the same time the title of *imperator* to Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian.” It is not known whence came the Inscription, DEAE. NVMPHAE. BRIG., which was first noticed by Selden, and afterwards given by Gale, in his Commentary on the Itinerary of Antoninus, among the Chester Inscriptions.

Horsley describes a small statue of stone, found near the river of Chester^l, (in the possession of Mr. Prescott): “ it had a Phrygian bonnet, and held a torch,

^a The names of *Pontius*, *Mamilianus*, *Antistianus* & *Vettonanus*, which appear to be the family names in this inscription, are all of them to be found in Gruter's “ *Corpus Inscriptionum*.”

^b P. 192. N. 67. fig. VI.

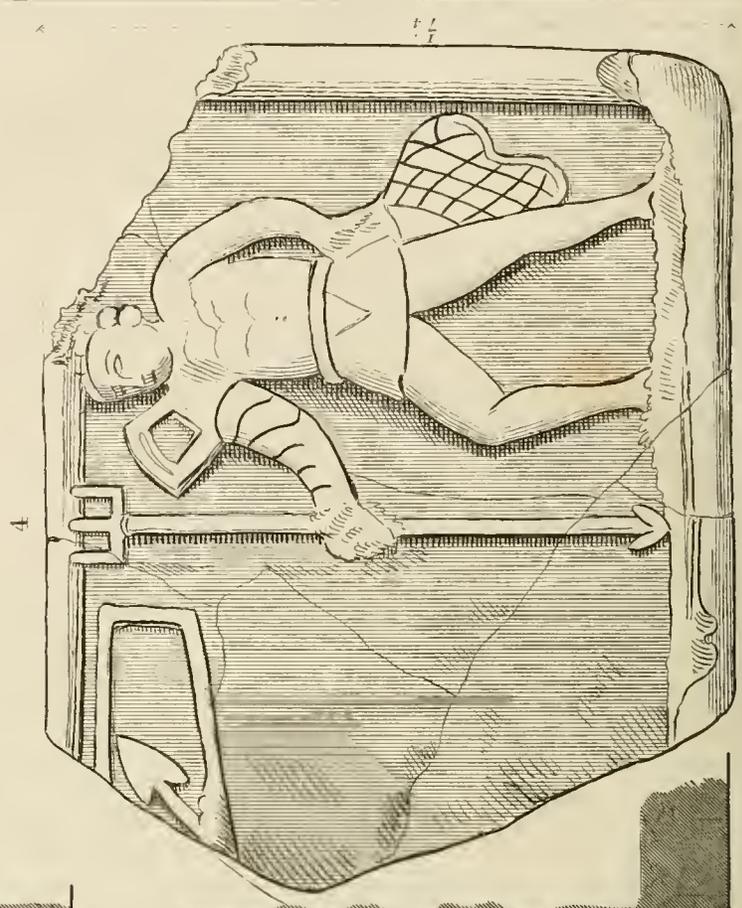
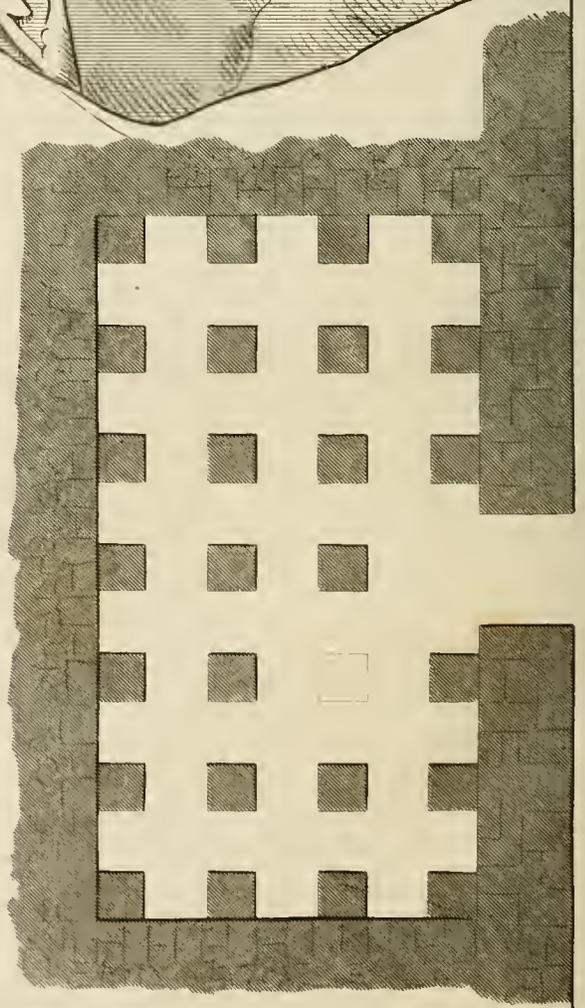
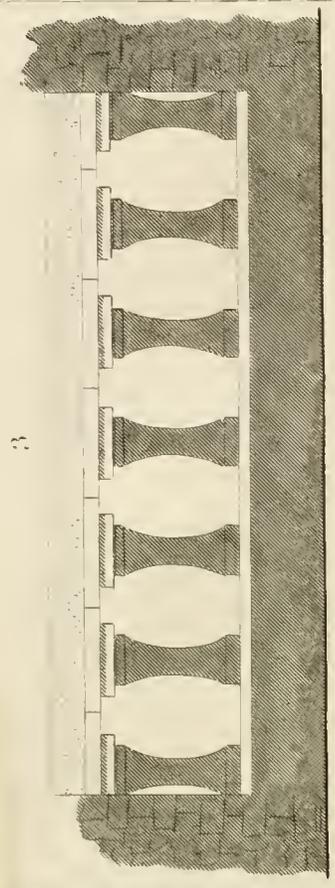
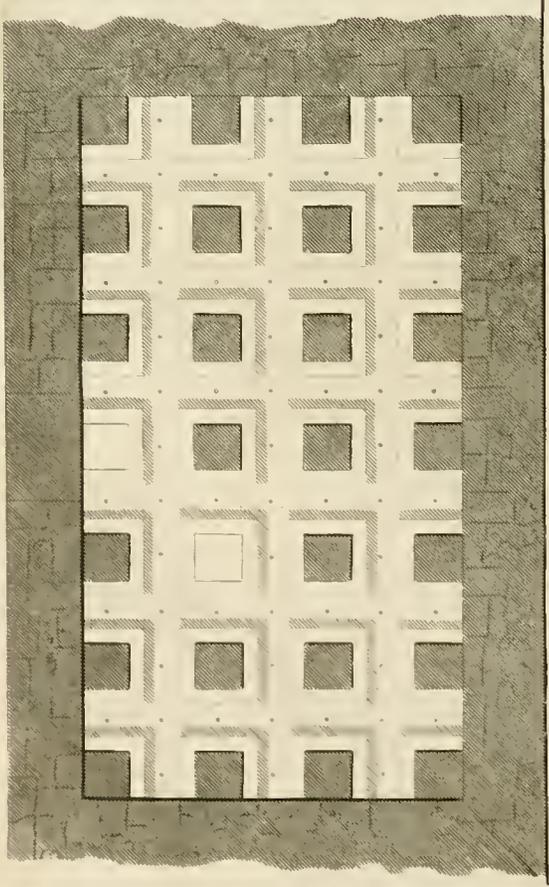
^c See Holland's *Camden's Britannia* (fol. 1637.)

p. 611.

^k *Brit. Rom.* p. 316.

^l *Ibid.*, it is figured at p. 192.

N. 67. fig. 5.



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as was supposed, at each end :” it was conjectured to have been designed for either Atys, or Mithras. On pulling down the old East-gate, a piece of rude sculpture, about two feet in height, representing a Roman soldier was discovered ; which was preserved for several years in the garden of Mr. Lawton ^m; but it is not there now, nor could we learn whether it be at present in existence. In the year 1738, in digging the foundation of a house in the market-place, the fragment of a stone tile was discovered, with the figure of a *Retiarius*, and part of the shield and spear of the *Secutor* ⁿ in bas-relief, it is now in the possession of Henry Potts Esq. Great abundance of the red Samian ware ^o, and other kinds of pottery, and many coins, and other Roman relicks, have been frequently found in digging foundations within the walls of Chester.

British and Roman Roads ; and Roman Stations ^p.—“ The Romans having placed one of their principal towns in Cheshire, and from its convenience, as a military post, fixed there the head-quarters of one of the three legions which formed the standing army of Britain, we must expect of course to find many roads within the limits of the county ; and this is remarkably the case, with respect to detached parts of roads ; the nature of the soil having operated strongly against their preservation in an intire state. There is also one road, which from its name, and the nature of its course, was, probably, more ancient than the Roman times, and has a claim to be considered as British.”

This British road, which was called the *Watling-street*, and is met with under that name in the northern counties, and even in Scotland, seems to have formed the great communication between the north-east parts of Britain and the Welsh coast opposite Dublin ; as the southern-street, of the same name, did between the south-east shore and the same point ; the use of both being probably the same, to convey slaves, hides, and possibly the precious metals, with which Ireland then abounded, to different parts of the island ; and especially to such ports as might be frequented by the continental merchants. Nor let us be startled at

^m Penant’s Wales, Vol. i. p. 115. ⁿ See the annexed figure ; an engraving of it was published by the Society of Antiquaries soon after it was discovered, being the 65th plate of the first Vol. of the *Monumenta Vetusta*, which is by no means accurate.

^o On different fragments found at the castle, in the year 1789, in the possession of the Rev. Thomas Crane, are stamped the following inscriptions.

“ ☐ IVNV.—SEV.... — BELINOIM — ALBNVS.—BITVRIXF.—ATILLVS.—
VARIVSF.—I+OFFIC.—CRESIM.—PVONIM.—Eꝛ CVꝛ IM.”

^p Communicated by the Lord Bishop of Cloyne.

this idea of British roads, and British commerce; the commerce of that people must have been of some consequence, which could have furnished a naval force to the assistance of their allies, the *Veneti*, when attacked by Cæsar: and be our idea of their barbarous state what it may, they could not be more uncivilized than the savages of New Zealand are at present; who, it appears from authority not to be disputed, (though like the British tribes engaged perpetually in the most ferocious wars with each other,) have cut a large road through the whole length of their country, from north to south, for the convenience of their scanty commerce¹. This road then, which I suppose to have been made by the earliest inhabitants of Britain, enters Cheshire from the north by the ford over the Mersey, at Stretford; as the part of it here described was in the line between the Roman towns of *Mancunium* and *Condate*; it was adopted in later times, by these people, as their own; and marks of the elevated crest, peculiar to their military ways, still appear in it; but a little south-west of Bucklow-hill, the roads seem to have divided, the Roman road, as traced by Mr. Whitaker, continued with its crest once evident, though now much defaced, towards Kinderton, under the appellation of Kind-street; while the British way pursued its old direction, through Northwich, over Delamere forest to Chester, and the coast of Caernarvonshire: indeed it is by no means improbable, that the Romans might have used this road over the forest also; but no traces of its ever having been raised, are visible in any part of it.

The Roman road from Manchester to Kinderton has been so carefully followed by the intelligent antiquary above-mentioned, that nothing can be added to his account of it². The road having crossed the ford of the Mersey, continues along the lane to the village of Cross-street, proceeds through it to Broad-heath, where (the present road bending to the left towards Altrincham) the Roman way keeps the middle of the heath, and enters the new inclosures beyond it; here it was discovered on cutting the canal which crosses its line; it then is seen in the inclosures about Oldfield-Hall, and in a lately inclosed field beyond, it is still raised several yards, and in crossing the adjoining moss, is known by the name of Upcast. It now ascends the hills, enters Dunham-park, having communicated the name of Street-head to the height, and crossing the Bollin, falls again into the modern road at New-bridge: this is demonstrated, by the whole road from New-bridge, through Bucklow-hill, to Mere-town, being still peculiarly called *the Street*: about two miles beyond Bucklow-hill it is called Holford (probably Old ford) street,

¹ See the Map of New Zealand in Collins's Account of the English Colony at New South Wales.

² History of Manchester, Vol. i. p. 96. (2d edition) do. p. 146.

and in half a mile more (the great road bearing for Northwich, the Roman road to the left); in that line, at a mile's distance, appears a broad lane, running strait for four or five miles, and known by the name of Kind-street; it leaves Rudheath on the left, and Newton on the right; passes through Ravenscroft, to the right of the bridge, and enters the field called the Harbour-field, in the parish of Kinderton, a parallelogram of ten acres situated between the Croco and Dane, with a strong fosse remaining on the other and less defensible sides. Here is supposed to have been the station of *Condat*.

It is certainly a strong confirmation of this hypothesis, that many ancient roads are still visible, pointing to or from Kinderton: one proceeding by Park-hall (which stands upon it), enters the adjoining closes, where the ridge is quite plain, and about five miles from Kinderton, falls into the road to Nantwich, and continues with it for near a mile, then enters the fields again, and crosses a small river three-quarters of a mile from Marshfield bridge; about two miles farther it passes over Stanford bridge, bearing strait across Bromhall-green, through Shropshire to the station of Wroxeter.

A second road leads from Kinderton towards Sandbach, which it leaves half a mile to the east, and passing by Betley, enters Staffordshire, where it can be traced to a considerable distance, being the great Roman way from Manchester and the north of England, to Worcester and the stations on the Severn. A third road by way of Street-forge and Red-street, connected Kinderton with the station of Chesterton, near Newcastle under Line; it corresponded, as I conceive, with the tenth iter of Antonine, and Chesterton is the *Mediolanum* of that iter; of which circumstance I shall treat more at large when I come to examine the Roman towns in Staffordshire.

A fourth Roman way is conjectured to have gone by Holme-street hall, over the forest from Kinderton to Chester, falling in probably, in the latter part of its course, with the old Watling-street in its way from Northwich, and proceeding with it by Stanford bridge to the east gate of the Roman station; it is also extremely probable (as Mr. Whitaker had conjectured) that a fifth road led from Kinderton to Warrington, and that the Kind-street, which we before mentioned, having thrown off the Manchester road a little to the east of Northwich, continued its strait line through the village of Stretton, and to the Ford over the Mersey at Warrington; thus opening a communication between Cheshire and the whole western coast of Lancashire. Warrington itself is supposed by the same antiquary to be the *Veratinum* of Ravennas, which that geographer seems to place somewhere in the neighbourhood of Chester.

This county is traversed by other roads of considerable importance, several of which bear, as may be expected, for Chester itself. One of these is the road from Colchester, discovered by Dr. Mason; the course of which through Cambridgeshire, in its way to Leicester, we have already traced with great certainty. From Leicester it proceeded through Staffordshire, to the station of Chesterton, near Newcastle; and at the second bottom to the north of Chesterton, bears for Nantwich, under the name of the Watling-street, for a reason we before explained; the turnpike road, since the time of Dr. Mason has nearly obliterated it, except about Bunbury, where the modern road declines to the right, while the Roman way keeps strait under the north-east side of Beeston-hill, on which, being so commanding a situation, there was probably a post for the protection of travellers, and from whence the line of the old road is plainly to be distinguished for about two miles and a half, when the turnpike road again joins it, and proceeds with it to Chester.

From the South gate of the station at Chester, a great road runs strait to Eccleston, visible in the field on the left of the present turnpike road; it goes through Eaton-Park, and crosses the Dee at Oldford, proceeds to Caldecot, near Stretton, by Shocklach church, which stands on it; Broughton-church, and Sarnbridge to Banchor, from whence one branch of it continued to the *Mediolanum* of Antonine's second iter, which was probably on the banks of the Verniew, and the other bears through Shropshire for Wroxeter, being evidently the road travelled in the first iter of Richard.

From the West-gate of the certain Roman station of *Melandra* castle in Derbyshire, issues a road evidently pointing for Stockport, as appears by the gravel still often dug up in its course; but no one has yet had the curiosity to trace it through any part of North Cheshire.

Mr. Whitaker has proved that other roads, from different parts of Lancashire, must have passed the Mersey, and entered Cheshire at this same point of Stockport. One of these was the Roman road from Manchester to Buxton, which must have continued in or near the line of the present turnpike road; and a second, preserving its bearing from Castleshaw in Yorkshire, through the south-east part of Lancashire, seems to pass through Stockport, in a line for Handford and Kinderton, an idea to which the village of Street lying exactly in this direction, and the name of the Pepper-street given to part of the road itself, seems to give some confirmation. I mention these, however, as deserving the attention of future travellers.

: See Archæol. Vol. iii.

The great road, mentioned by Camden, between Northwich and Middlewich, as "raised with gravel to such a height, as to be readily known for a Roman work," was undoubtedly the Kind-street, or Roman road from Manchester to Kinderton, which I have already mentioned; little of it now remains, except its ancient strait line and name; the gravel, and other materials, of which it was composed, became so great an object of plunder to the neighbouring farmers, that the ridge, high as it may have been in Camden's time, is now nearly defaced. At this work I have often found persons employed, in all the different counties of England, as the stones, the clay, or the gravel, of which the Roman road was composed, happened to be scarce in the particular district; and to this cause we must attribute the difficulty we now find in tracing roads, which in the times of our ancestors were raised (as Camden observes) to so great a height, as still appears on Bramham-moor, Lincoln-heath, and a few other places; and the uncertainty with which I have been often forced to speak of their course in this particular county, where so many pieces of them still exist, and names derived from them, seem remarkably to abound.

We have thus finished as much as is known of the roads in Cheshire. Of the Roman stations, one only is fixed, beyond a doubt; the site of the others is less certain. Chester is one of the towns, which, like London, York, Bath, and a few others, is universally allowed to be Roman; it was called by this people *Deva*, from the river which runs by its walls: and as early as the time of Agricola, or at least not long after; they fixed here the head-quarters of the twentieth legion, which, according to the military practice of the Romans, remained at Chester for upwards of two hundred years. It is not meant that the main body of the legion did not march into the field, whenever its services were required; but here they returned in winter, leaving detachments of their auxiliaries, to secure the proper posts in the conquered country; here their wives and children remained in security during the campaign; and here a numerous and warlike race of young men were continually growing up to fill their ranks, who, though natives of Britain, had no religion, interest, or manners but their's, and in fact no country but the camp of the legion itself. The different fortresses in Cheshire were garrisoned by the legionaries, the more distant dependencies, as I have said, by its auxiliary cohorts: the whole amounting to near 13,000 men, a force fully sufficient to keep all this part of the country in complete subjection: but the natives of Wales may reflect with some degree of pride, that the spirit of their gallant ancestors appeared so formidable to their conquerors, as to make them

† See the Inscription in Horsley's Cheshire, N° 3.

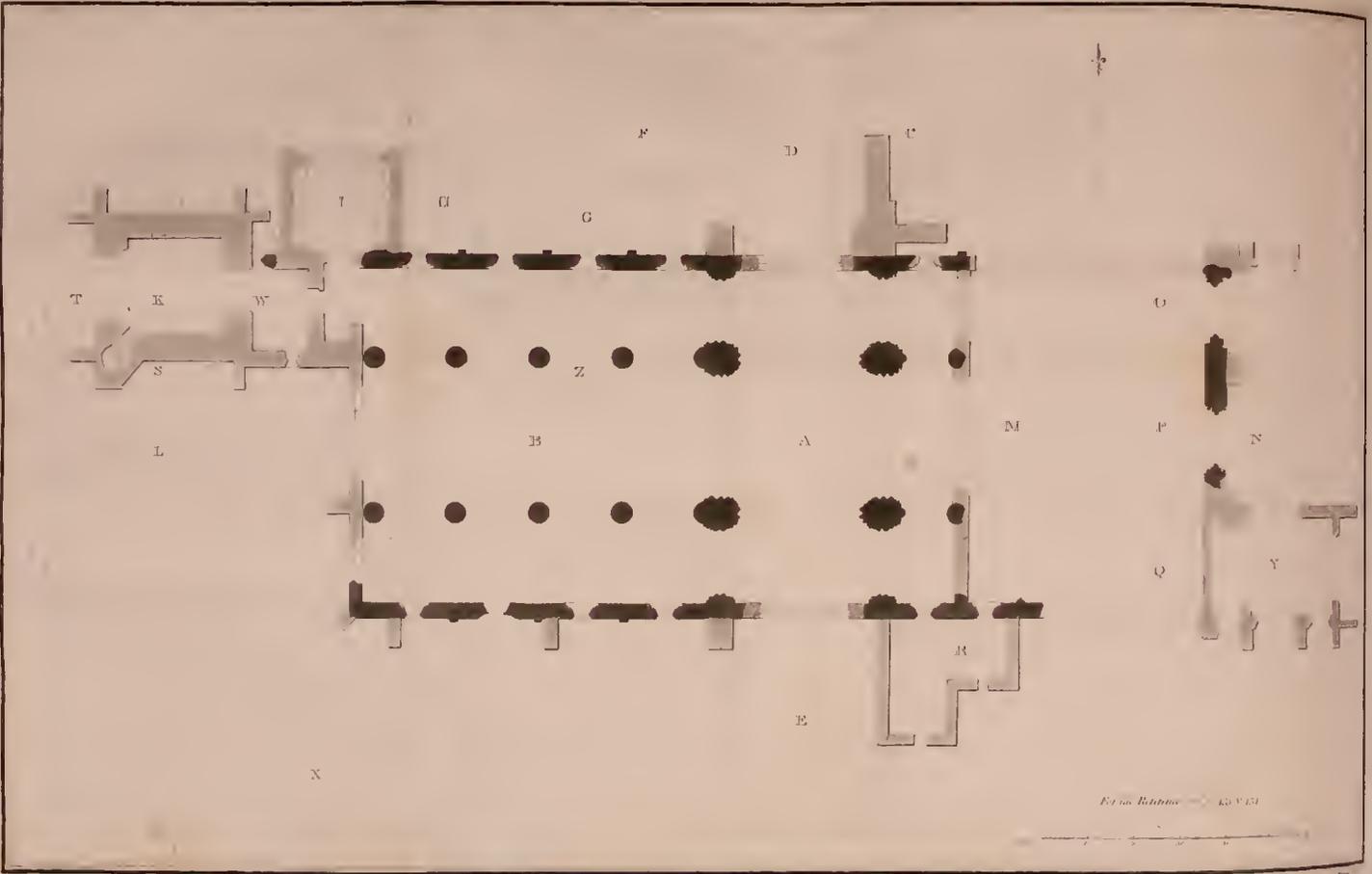
quarter one of the three legions which formed the British establishment, on their southern, and another on their northern borders, while the third was thought sufficient to repel all the efforts of the other Britons.

Chester, from this circumstance of having, for above two centuries, remained one of the most important military posts of the Romans in Britain, and, if we may rely on the testimony of Richard of Cirencester, been honoured with the title of a colony, may be supposed to have been filled with altars, tessellated pavements, and other remains of their magnificence; and such appears to have been the case by the antiquities above described, which have been found there. That Chester was the *Deva* of the Romans is therefore a matter beyond all controversy.

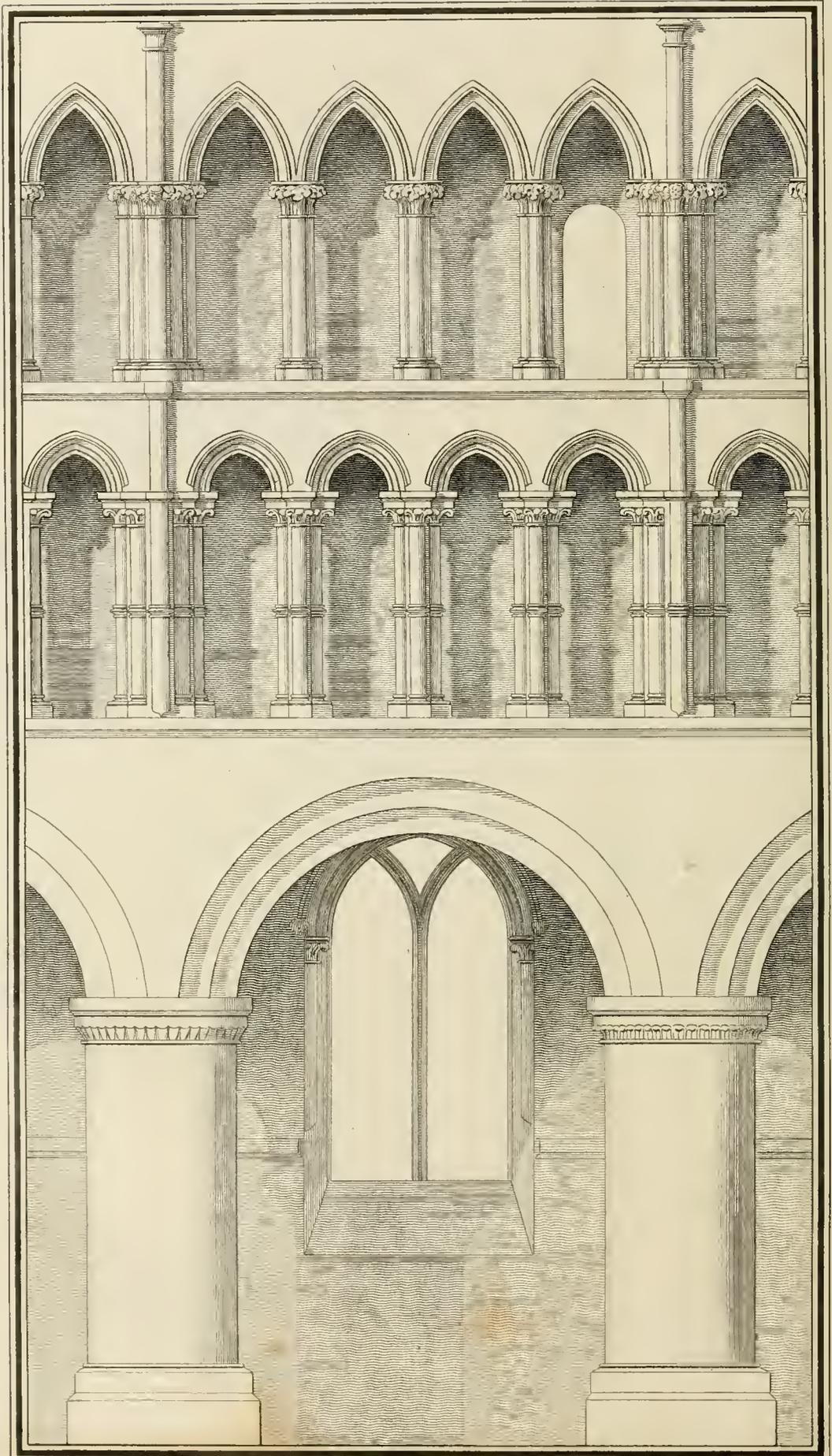
Of another Roman town, which appears from the Itineraries to have been within the limits of Cheshire, the situation has been the subject of considerable doubt. This is *Condote*, which Antonine makes eighteen miles from *Mancunium*, and Richard, in one place, twenty-three, and in another no less than thirty-six. Camden, led (as he was sometimes too much inclined) by the resemblance of the name, placed it, without any other reason, at Congleton; both Horsley and Stukeley supposed it to be at Northwich; and Mr. Whitaker, with more probability, at Kinderton near Middlewich: the three first named antiquaries have produced no reason for their conjectures; Stukeley confesses he "rests only on the distances," which as they do not agree with one another can prove but a feeble support; and Horsley allows "he knows nothing at Northwich, which has the appearance of being antique." A modern writer² prefers Middlewich itself, as the site of this station, but he has scarcely produced an argument in its favour, which will not equally suit the neighbouring position of Kinderton, except some reasoning from the appearance of the road in Cary's map, which seems to end at the former of these places, rather than the latter; but we should remember that the surveyor of a country, for the purpose of a modern map, not being directed to attend to Roman roads, and, perhaps, not understanding them, even if so directed, would, of necessity, carry on the line to the larger town, where the convenience of the present age has of course made a way, without regarding where the bank of gravel, the only mark of the Roman road, might deviate, or cease. The arguments of Mr. Whitaker, who traced the road from Manchester to Kinderton, where its name of Kind-street is lost, the very ingenious method by which he rectifies the contradictory numbers of the Itineraries³, and the fortification discovered by him, and Mr. Percival, in the Harbour or Harborough-

¹ See Reynolds's Comment on Antonine's Itin. p. 197.

² P. 101.



PLAN OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CHESTER.



PART OF THE NAIVE OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHESTER.

J. Nash del.

J. Ser. sculp.

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field, appear to me considerably stronger in favour of this hypothesis, than any thing that has been produced against it, at the same time the absence of all Roman remains^y makes me cautious in pronouncing decidedly in favour of Condate being at Kinderton, though I see no other place which can produce pretensions in any degree to be compared with it.

In these contests of our zealous antiquaries, though I make no scruple of declaring whose conjecture appears to me to carry with it the greatest degree of probability, I do not hold myself justified in pronouncing a decided opinion, except I find myself supported by what are to me the convincing proofs of Roman Towns, viz. Roman remains being found on the spot, Roman roads meeting at it, and the distances (if the distances are mentioned in the Itineraries) agreeing with some degree of plausibility.

Mr. Whitaker has conjectured also, that Roman posts were fixed at Stockport, Stretford, and Warrington; and then he ventures to give the names of the two last, viz. *Ad-Fines*, and *Veratinum*; it is certain that the position of them all on a river of such importance as the Mersey, the Roman roads bearing to all, and the probability that places of this kind, so near the head quarters of the legion, would be protected by some of its detached cohorts, make in favour of the hypothesis; but it is a matter on which, agreeable to the position I have just made, I cannot speak with any sort of certainty, till the coins, or other distinguishing marks of this people, have been discovered on the spot."

Ancient Church Architecture.—The most considerable remains of Saxon Architecture in this county, and apparently the most ancient, are in St. John's church, without the walls of Chester, formerly collegiate. It has been asserted on the authority of Roger Hoveden, that this building was erected about the year 906, by Ethelred Duke of Mercia, and his wife Ethelfleda; but the passage in that historian does no more than raise a probable conjecture, that it might have been built about that time, when the city of Chester was restored by the command of those illustrious persons. Whenever it might have been originally built, this edifice appears to have been repaired by Leofric Earl of Mercia, who died in the year 1057. A portion of the nave, which is now used as the parish church, is, for the most part, of Saxon architecture, and in the style of the eleventh century; which renders it probable that it might have been a part of what was built in the time of Earl Leofric. In the annexed ground-plan of this building, these more ancient parts are expressed by a darker, the Gothic additions by a fainter shading;

^y We were informed on the spot, that fragments of bricks and pottery have been lately found by the plough-men in the Harbour field.

and those parts which are now entirely demolished, are restored in dotted lines, from a plan taken when they were in existence, and now preserved in the British Museum".

The four massy piers, surrounded with half pillars, having Saxon capitals, and four plain semicircular arches (see the ground-plan, *a*)^{*}, originally supported a large square tower, which fell down and destroyed a considerable part of the choir, probably about the year 1470, when the roof was repaired and covered with lead[†]. On either side of the nave is a range of massy pillars, each five feet six inches in diameter, with capitals[‡] variously ornamented, and semicircular arches: four of these pillars remain on each side, where it appears, from the above-mentioned plan, that there were originally three others; over semicircular arches, are galleries, formed by two other tiers of arches, in the style of the early Gothic architecture. From some fragments, which appear on the outside of the east wall, which was built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it appears that there was an upper tier of short pillars, and plain semicircular arches, over the semicircular arches of the choir. Part of the east end of the choir remains in ruins, where is to be seen a large semicircular arch, with several plain mouldings, and some capitals of pillars and half pillars, enriched with various ornaments[§]. It appears from the ancient ground-plan above-mentioned, that this arch opened into a recess, being five sides of an octagon, intended, no doubt, for the high altar.

In the north wall of the nave of Chester cathedral, several circular arches appear on the outside, where the south cloister formerly stood; and a cellar of the bishop's palace, adjoining the west end of the north aisle of the nave, about nineteen feet by seventeen, has a semicircular arch on the south side, the piers of which are ornamented with Saxon mouldings: these are probably as ancient as the time of Earl Leofric, by whom the church was repaired in the eleventh century. Adjoining the bishop's palace, and the west cloister, is a building ninety feet long, and thirty wide, with a row of short circular pillars running down the middle, from which spring diagonal vaultings of round arches. This seems to be coeval with the other parts of the building above noticed; and was the great cellar under the abbot's-hall, which remained entire until the year 1649^b.

At a small distance, west of Prestbury church, stands an ancient Saxon chapel, now dilapidated^c. At the west end is a door-way, ornamented with chevron, and other

^{*} Harl. MSS. N° 2073. f. 31.

[†] Annexed to the account of monastic remains.

[‡] See King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 74.

[§] See the annexed plate.

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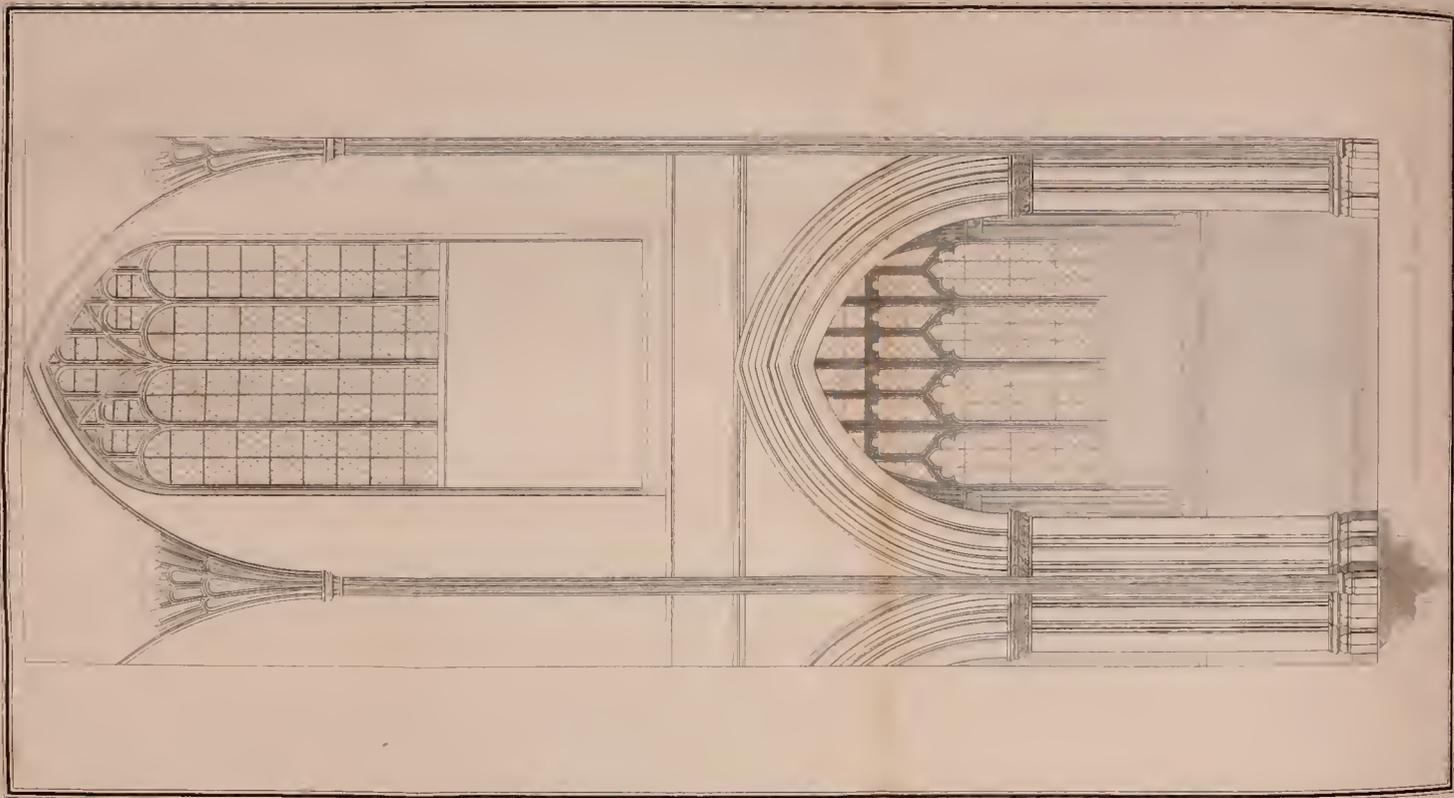
these are exhibited in the annexed plate, fig. 1, & 2.

^b Willis's Cathedrals, Vol. i. p. 321.

^c It was fitted up by Sir W. Meredith, as a burial-place for his family.



1. Capitals in the Ruins of the Choir of St. John's Church Chester. 2, 3, 4 From the Door way of the Church of Barthomley Church. 5 From the Door way of Sheeklach Church. 6 From a Door way of Norton Priory. 7, 8 Capital & Base of a Pillar in Casary Tower, Chester Castle.



Saxon mouldings, and within the arch is a rudely sculptured bas-relief of our Saviour, in an oval compartment, supported by angels; over the door-way is a range of seven figures very coarsely executed; the middle one represents our Saviour, with the cross in his right hand, and a book in his left. A door-way, with a semicircular arch, enriched with the chevron and other Saxon mouldings, is in a cellar of Norton-Priory; having, no doubt, belonged to the church of that monastery. The western part of the nave of Great-Bebington church; the west end of Birkenhead-chapel, and Bromborough-church, retain traces of the same kind of architecture: the door-ways of Bromborough, Shocklach, and Shotwick churches, have semicircular arches, enriched with Saxon mouldings; that of Over-church has a pointed arch enriched in a similar manner. There are also some remains of Saxon architecture in Church-on-heath or Bruera-chapel, and in Coddington and Ince churches.

XIIIth Century.—The cathedral church of Chester affords several elegant and striking examples of the early Gothic architecture, particularly the chapter-house, and the ancient refectory of the convent, part of which is now converted into a school room: the chapter-house has lancet-shaped windows, between which are slender detached shafts, with rich foliated capitals. The vestibule of this room is a singular building, the groined roof being supported by pillars, which unite with the groins without any capitals. The refectory must have been a very noble room, it was ninety-eight feet in length, and thirty-four in width: the east window consists of several lancet-shaped lights, between which are slender pillars with fasciæ on the shafts; in the south wall, at the east end, is a stone stair-case, with trefoil-headed arches open to the hall. We find no mention of the erection of these buildings in any ancient writer, or in the Chronicle of the abbey^d; but from the style of their architecture, there seems to be little reason to doubt, that it took place early in the thirteenth century; and it is probable, that the celebrated Randal de Blundeville, Earl of Chester, who flourished at that time, might have been a benefactor to the abbey on this occasion; especially as the chapter-house was the burial-place of the Earls of Chester. The style of the architecture does not by any means agree with the time of Randal the third Earl, who has been supposed by some, to have been the founder of this edifice. The north aisle of the choir seems, from the form of the windows, to be not much more modern than the last-mentioned building. The two upper tiers of arches in the nave of St. John's church at Chester, which have clustered pillars with foliated capitals, may also be referred to the early part of the thirteenth century.

^d Not known to be now in existence; but there are copious extracts from it in Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

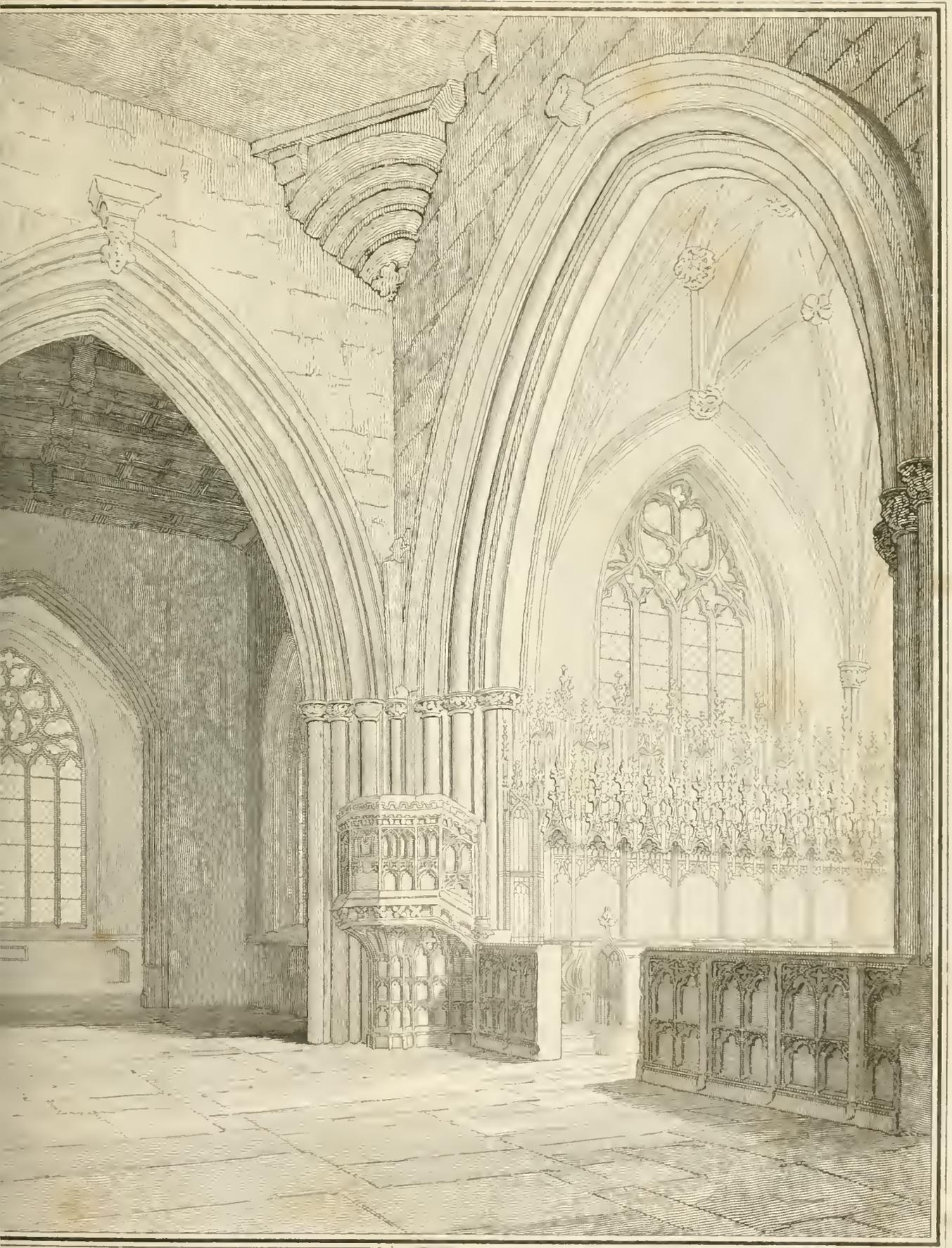
XIVth Century.—A great part of Chester cathedral appears to have been re-built in this century^c; the pillars of the choir and nave are massy and clustered; the capitals of the former are plain, and those of the latter are much enriched with foliage; the arches are pointed, the part above them appears to have been re-built at a later period, except the space over one arch, westward from the cross, where the ballustrade of a gallery is formed of quatrefoils^f; and where a break in the wall clearly indicates the beginning of the new work. Nantwich church is a very rich example of the style of this century, and has undergone no alteration in its form; but the external ornaments have suffered a good deal, from the decay of the crumbling sand stone of which it is built. It is in the form of a cross with an elegant octangular tower in the middle, resting on four arches, to the piers of which are attached a number of pillars, having foliated capitals. The chancel is very light and elegant, the windows being large and handsome, particularly the great eastern one: the roof is of stone, and groined; at the intersection of the groins are sculptured orbs with a great variety of ornaments, among which are representations of the Annunciation, the Crucifixion, and other subjects from the New Testament. The wooden stalls round the chancel are singularly elegant; a specimen of them is exhibited in the annexed plate.

The chancel of what was the Collegiate church of Bunbury, founded in the eleventh year of King Richard II., remains in its original state; the tracery of the east window is very elegant; the other parts of the church are more modern. The tower of Wybunbury church is in the style of this century; it is a handsome building with pinnacles: on the west side is a door, having a nich on each side, containing the mutilated image of an ecclesiastic; over these are other niches on each side of a window with mutilated images, one of them of a lady in the dress of Edward III.'s reign; over the window is a carving of God the Father holding the crucifix.

XVth Century.—Mottram church is a large handsome Gothic building, erected about the year 1487; the eastern part of Great-Bebington church is also in the style of this century: the chancel has side-aisles, the windows are large and uniform, and the side walls beneath them are enriched with Gothic tracery; the pillars between the body and aisles of the chancel are clustered. Astbury church, one of the handsomest in the county, is of the same style; the nave is very high and lofty, with a very richly ornamented wooden roof, erected in the year 1647. The

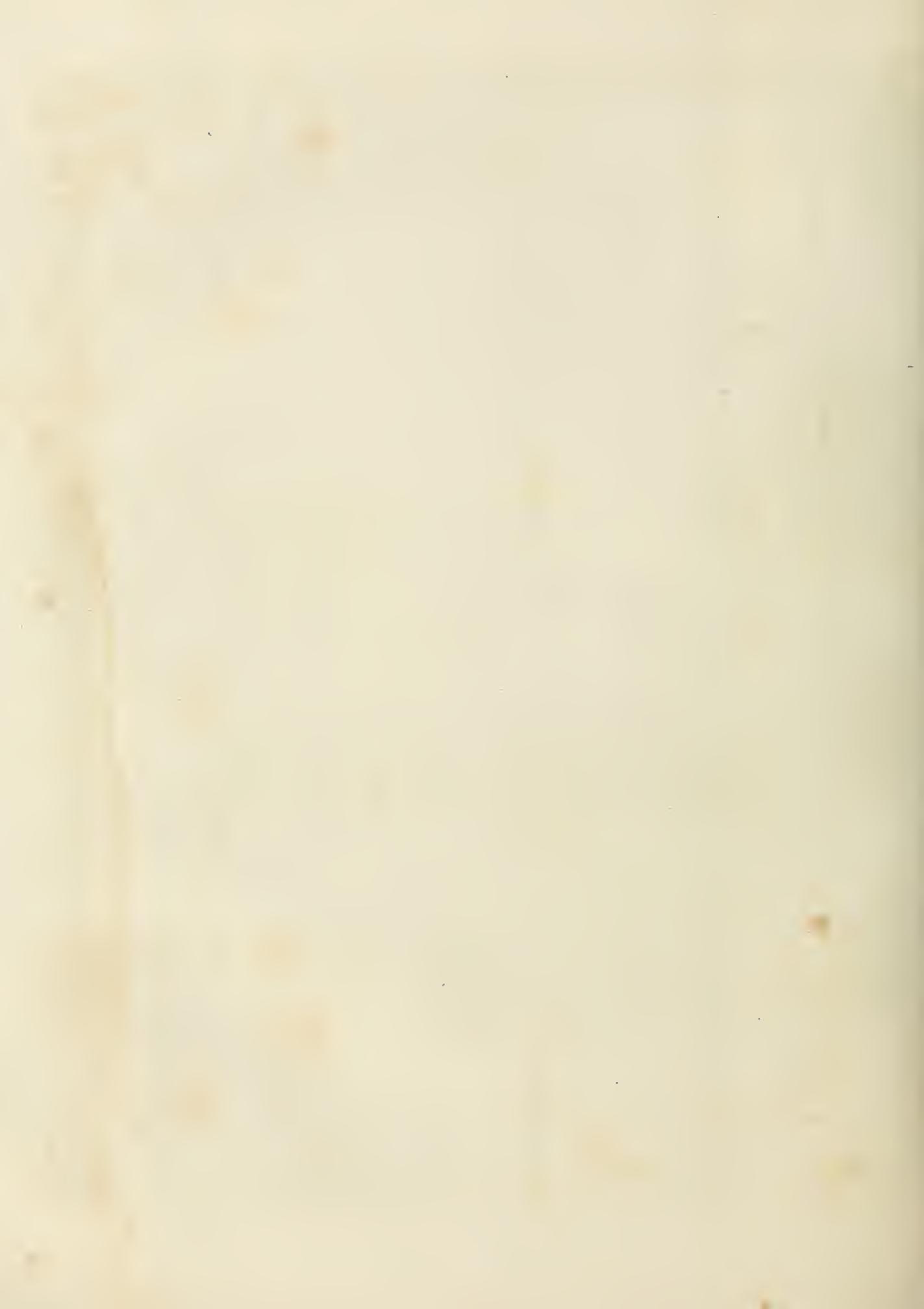
^c King's Vale Royal, part 2. p. 31.
that of the choir of Carlisle cathedral, a work of the fourteenth century, where is a similar range of quatrefoils over the arches.

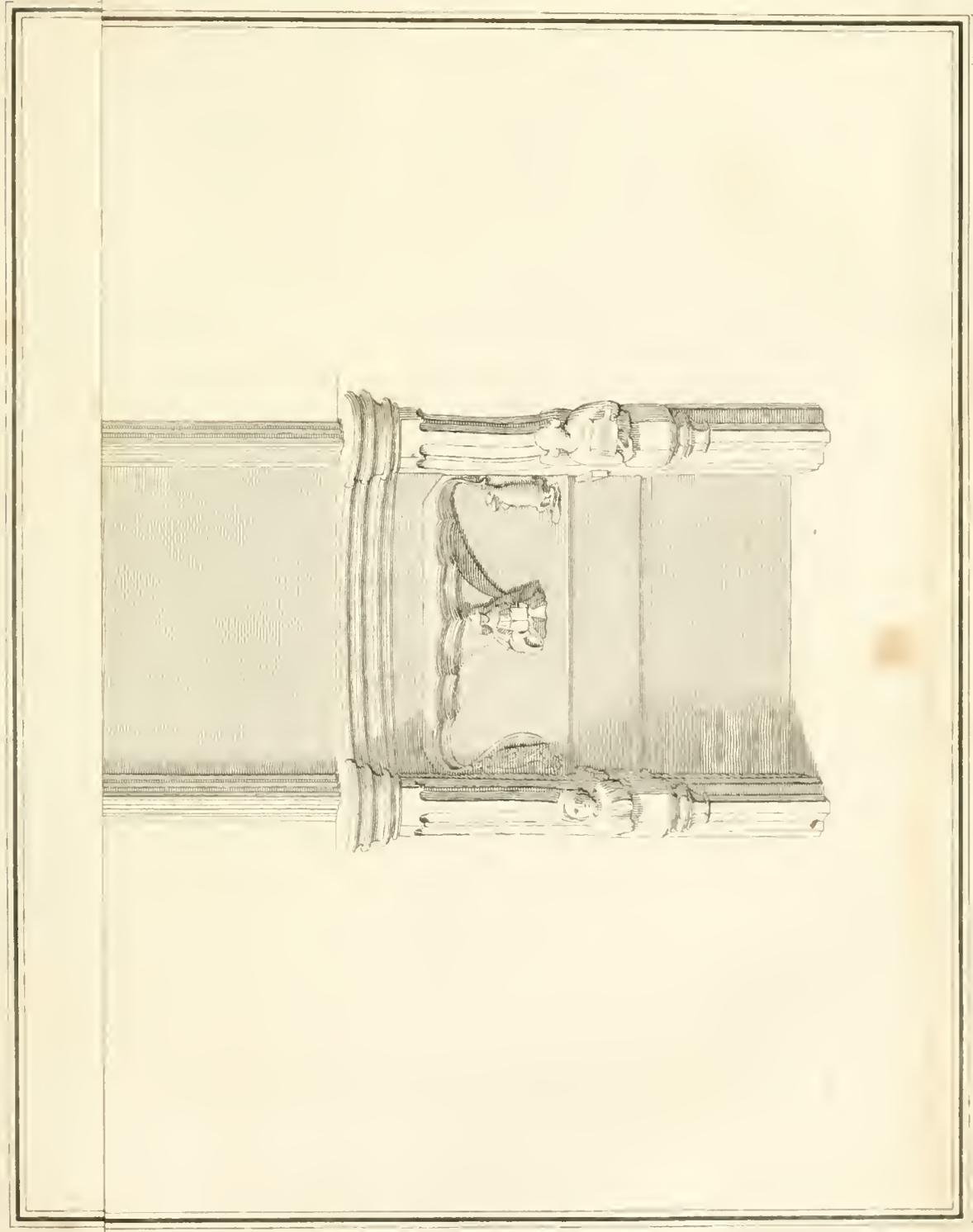
^f The architecture of this part nearly resembles



INSIDE VIEW OF PART OF THE CHANCEL, &c. OF NANTWICH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

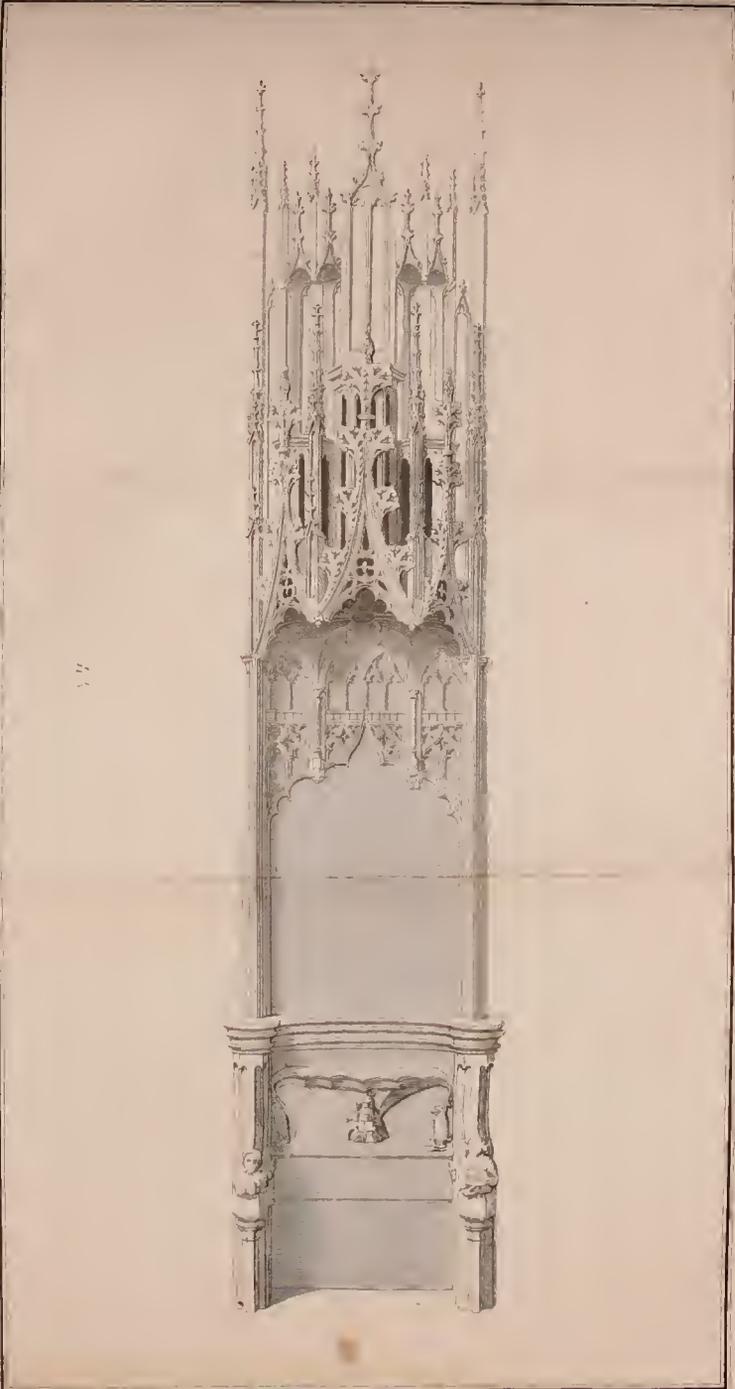
Taken from the South Transept.





ONE OF THE WOODEN STALLS IN THE CHANCEL OF NANTWICH CHURCH.

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ONE OF THE WOODEN STALLS IN THE CHANCEL OF SANTWICH CHURCH

nave of Brereton church is a handsome uniform building, in the style of the latter part of the fifteenth century: the windows are large and handsome, the arches of them rather obtuse; they were formerly enriched with painted glass, no part of which now remains. The nave of Bunbury church is in the same style as that of Brereton: there are eight large windows on each side; it is separated from the side aisles by five light clustered pillars, and obtuse arches: the parapet of the nave is not embattled, but is enriched with Gothic tracery. Several parts of Chester cathedral were rebuilt, or repaired and altered in the latter end of this century and the beginning of the next, under the auspices of the Abbots Ripley and Birkenshaw, the former of whom was a great benefactor to the church. The western front ^e, the upper parts of the choir and nave; and part of the north transept, and the cloisters, were all of this date: their design appears to have been to vault the nave and choir, but it was never completed; the beginning of the vaulting appears in several places. The cloisters were a square of one hundred and ten feet; only the north, east, and west sides now remain: in the east cloister is a large lavatory, like that at Gloucester; the roof is groined with stone, and ornamented at the intersection of the groins with roses, the symbols of the Evangelists, and shields, on which are the arms of England and of Cardinal Wolfey, and those of the Earls of Chester.

Ancient Painted Glass.—Perhaps no county in England possessed a greater number of curious remains of ancient painted glass, than that of Chester, in the latter end of the sixteenth century; more especially such as preserved the portraits and armorial bearings of its numerous gentry: it is most probable that many of them were demolished by the puritans in the civil war. It appears, from a valuable volume of manuscript collections in the British Museum ^h, containing slight sketches of ancient monuments, and painted glass, in the Cheshire churches, taken in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James I., that in Astbury church were portraits of the families of Latham, Massey ⁱ, and Moreton ^k; in the east window of Bunbury

^e It appears to have been their intention to have erected two towers at the west end; and these must have been meant by “the steeple of the abbey,” which is said to have been begun in 1508. See King’s Vale Royal, part ii. p. 79.

^h Harl. MSS. 2151.

ⁱ Under the figure of a knight kneeling, in plate armour and surcoat, on the north side of the church, was this inscription: “*Orate pro bono statu Robti Massey arm’ et Petronille Consortis sue et Robti filii dñi Robti Massey, qui hęc fenestrā fieri fecēt āno 1493.*”—There was another with the date of 1505.

^k In the east window were various portraits of knights and ladies, with this inscription under them: — “*Orate pro āibus Radulfi Moreton de Moreton Jobis fr̄is ejusq’ parentum Benefactor’ et s̄m̄ fidelium defunctor’ qui vitriacionē istius fenestre fecerunt.*”

church was a curious painting of the root of Jesse¹; in the windows of Gawsworth church were many portraits of knights and ladies of the families of Mainwarring and Fitton; of the Boydells at Groppenhall^m; of the Savages at Macclesfield, and of the Stanleys and Tattons at Northenden; but of these no traces remain.

In the east window of the south aisle of Groppenhall church are some remains of figures of saints; apparently coëval with that window, which is in the style of the fourteenth century. There are also some remains of painted glass in the windows of Nantwich, Tattenhall, and Plemstall churches; in the last of these are several portraits of benefactors, in a south window, with inscriptions much deranged; from the fragment of a date remaining, they appear to have been of the fifteenth century, when the church seems to have been built. In the east window of Tattenhall church is a figure of St. Alban, to whom it is dedicated.

One of the north windows of Brereton church was formerly ornamented with painted glass, representing the four knights who slew Thomas à Becket, standing under canopies, with their names inscribed on scrolls, and a fifth figure in armour, in the middle-light, supposed to have been designed for King Henry the Secondⁿ. The names of the knights are repeated in four Latin hexameter verses, at the bottom of the window^o.

This window seems to have been coëval with the church, which is in the style of the latter part of the fifteenth century. There was also formerly much rich painted glass in the windows of Brereton-Hall, built in 1597; some of which, containing figures of the ancient Earls of Chester, was removed by Sir Lister Holt to Aston-Hall in Warwickshire, now the seat of Heneage Legge Esq. where it still remains; only a few coats of arms are left at Brereton-Hall. These figures of the Earls of Chester do not appear to be of greater antiquity than those which were in Brereton church, and were probably executed at the same time^p. In the north window of the chancel of Tilston church is the figure of a

¹ Under it was this inscription, "*Sanctus Bonifacius intercedat Deum pro David de Bonebury rector ejusdem qui in ejus honorem hanc fenestram composuit in vita Anno Dni. M^o. CCC^o. XLV^o.*"

ⁿ In Boydell's chapel, on the north side of the church, were figures of a knight, in mail and surcoat, kneeling, and his lady, with this inscription:

*"Priez pur sire William Boydell et
Nichol sa compaygne sil vous plest."*

^o Archæologia, Vol. X. p. 335.

^o Ibid. Vol. IX. p. 368, where is an engraving of

this window, taken from a drawing made in 1608.

^p Coloured prints of them, on a large scale, have been lately published by Mr. William Fowler. Figures of the seven Earls of Chester were also introduced in the windows of the Abbot of Chester's seat at Saighton-on-the-hill, by Abbot Ripley. — Smith's Collections, p. 68.

priest praying, in a blue gown and red hood, with this inscription, in text-hand, "*Orate pro Herico, Wat'ford.*" In the south aisle of Over church is a portrait of Hugh Starkey Esq. in armour, who rebuilt that church in the year 1543. There is a small figure of St. Agatha in the east window of Haslington church.

Rood Lofts, Skreens, &c.

BETWEEN the nave and the choir of Chester cathedral is a Gothic skreen of stone, in the style of the fourteenth century. At Audlem are remains of two niches, with canopies, on each side of the east window: at Astbury, a rood-loft, richly ornamented with Gothic tracery, the cornice is enriched with sculpture of vine leaves and birds: there are also Gothic rood-lofts in Wilmslow and Mobberley churches. On the north side of the chancel in Bunbury church is a rich Gothic skreen of stone, which separates it from a large chapel, formerly a burial-place of the Egerton family: the lower part is ornamented with grotesque figures, flowers, &c. painted in oil-colours in chiaro-scuro; the upper part with sculptured foliage and shields, with arms and various devices; on a frieze is this inscription, "*This chapel was made at the cost and charg of Syr Rauffe Eggerton Knyght, in the yere of owre Lord God MCCCCXXVII.*" Two of the arches between the nave and the south aisle of the same church are filled with wooden skreens, the upper part of which are of light Gothic open-work, the lower parts are ornamented with paintings, over which are the titles of the subjects represented, in text hand, as "*Salutatio Sancte Marie per Gabrielem Archangelum,*" "*Sancta Juhana,*" &c.

In Northenden church, between the chancel and the burial-place of the Tatton family, at the end of the south aisle, is a rich wooden skreen, inscribed with texts of Scripture, and enriched with a scroll of vine leaves along the frieze. In Malpas church, at the east end of the south aisle, the skreen of the Brereton chancel is of rich Gothic open-work; along the frieze is the following inscription, "*Pray good people for the prosperous estate of Sir Rondolph Brereton Knyght, Baronet, of thys werke edificatour, with his wyfe dame Helenour, and after this lyfe transytorie to obteyne eternal felicity, Amen, Amen.*" At the east end of the north aisle, in the same church, is a similar skreen of the Cholmondeley chancel, round the frieze of which is the following inscription, "*Orate pro bono statu Richardi Cholmondely et Elizabeth uxoris ejus hujus facelli factors Anno Domini Millefimo quingentesimo quartodecimo.*"

In Nantwich church is an elegant stone-pulpit, of an octagonal form, enriched

¹ Sic in Orig.

with Gothic tracery, in the style of the fourteenth century; adjoining one of the pillars on which the tower rests.

Fonts.—There are few fonts in the Cheshire churches which are sufficiently curious to be particularly noticed; that of Sandbach is the most remarkable, being octagonal, and furrounded with acanthus-leaves and flowers; Wybunbury is octagonal, and embattled with Gothic tracery, including shields of arms; Tilston is circular, furrounded with foliage.

Stone-Stalls and Piscina.—In the south wall of the chancel of Nantwich church are three stone stalls of equal height, enriched with crockets, pinnacles, and Gothic tracery, in the style of the fourteenth century; and three of equal height, (much enriched with Gothic ornaments,) in the chancel of Stockport church, with a double piscina; in Mobberley church, in the south aisle, are two of unequal height, and the same number in Westkirkley church, with a piscina. In Bunbury church are three stone stalls of unequal height, with plain ogee-arches, inclosing semi-quatrefoils. In the chancel of Malpas church are three plain-stalls of unequal height; with pointed arches, filled with semi-quatrefoils. In the south wall of the south aisle of the same church, near the east end, is a large piscina, with a sharply pointed pediment, much enriched with trefoils, crockets, &c. in the style of the fourteenth century; and further westward, in the same wall, are three stone stalls of unequal height, with plain pointed arches, and a double piscina with pointed arches, filled with semi-quatrefoils.

Ancient Sepulchral Monuments.—XIIIth Century. In the north transept of Chester is a grave-stone, with a cross florée, and a shield charged with a fesse, in chief, two mullets pierced; on one side is this inscription, in Lombardic capitals: “*Rad: de: valletorta*” near it lies another grave-stone, much defaced, with a cross-florée, and a shield, on which are faint traces of two bars: above the shield are fragments of an inscription^p. In the chancel of St. John’s church at

* The Valletorts, who were a Cornish family, had some connexion with Cheshire; Jane, one of the co-heiresses of Thomas Basset, who inherited a portion of the barony of Wich-Malbank, married to her second husband, Reginald de Valletort, 36 Henry III.: this Reginald had a brother Ralph. See Dugdale’s Baronage, I. 522.

^p Very little besides the beginning, “*Sit tibi*,” can now be distinguished; a MS. copy in the British Museum, (Harl. MSS. 2151.) taken in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when more of it remained, gives the first line thus:

“*Sit tibi Warine de Vernun fons Medicinæ.*”

There were four successive Barons of Shipbrooke of the name of Warin de Vernon, the two first of whom lived in the reign of King Henry III.

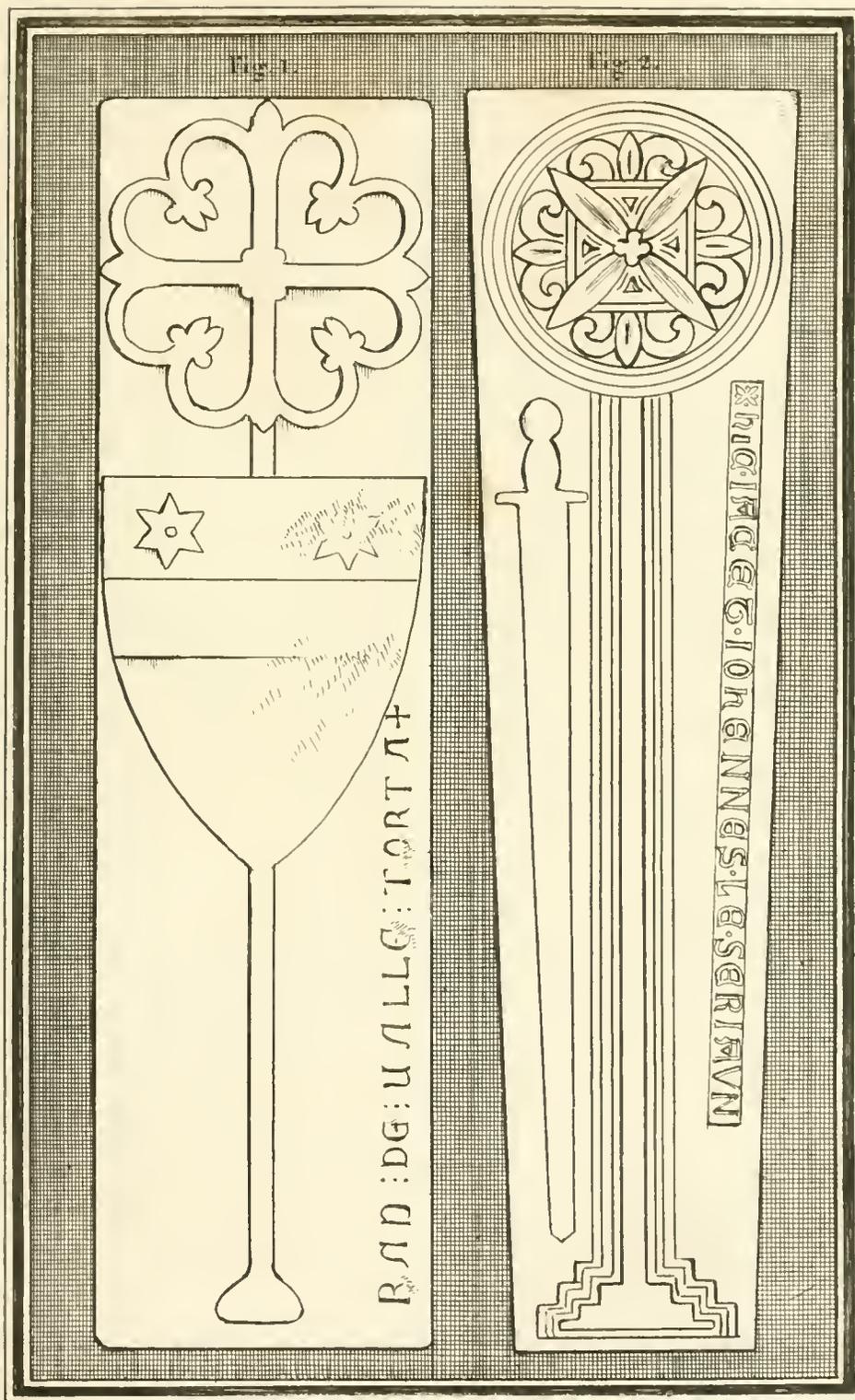


Fig. 1. Gravestone of Rad. de Valleorta in Chester Cathedral.

Fig. 2. Gravestone of John Le Seignau in St. John's Church at Chester.



Chester, is a grave-stone with a cross florée, and a sword cut on it; and the following inscription, in Lombardic capitals, "*Ici gist Iohannes le Serieaun.*" In the chancel of the same church, close to the north wall, lies the mutilated effigies of a Crusader in mail and surcoat; it has been said that the arms of Carrington were on his shield, but they are not now to be discovered. In Rostherne church, against the north wall of the chancel, is fixed a monument of one of the family of Venables: it is a slab of stone, with the effigies of a knight, in mail and surcoat, rudely sculptured, with a lion at his feet; on his shield are two bars, the arms of Venables. It is most probable that this was designed for Sir Hugh Venables, the brother of William, fourth Baron of Kinderton, who died in the forty-fourth year of King Henry III., and is described as of Rostherne, Eccleston, and Astbury. In the church-yard at Bunbury, on the north side of the church, are several ancient monuments, to be referred to the latter end of this century, or the beginning of the fourteenth, which may have been originally in the church. One of them has the effigies of a Crusader in the act of drawing his sword, much mutilated; another, that of a lady, with a canopy over her head, much defaced: a third has the effigies of a knight, and near him that of a lady; round the edge of the latter is this fragment of an inscription in Lombardic capitals "*.....ur Ionc. le. Spourstou. p....*"¹ In the same place are several slabs with crosses-floreés. On the outside of the wall of the chancel of Stoke church is a slab, with the following fragment of an inscription in Lombardic capitals "*Magister Andre.....cuj' aīe ppitict: ds.*"

XIVth Century. —The most remarkable sepulchral monument in this county is that which formerly inclosed the shrine of St. Werburgh, the celebrated patron-saint of the abbey of Chester; and which stood in the *sanctum-sanctorum*, at the east end of the choir, whence it was removed soon after the Reformation, and converted into a throne for the bishop. It is of stone, and exhibits a rich specimen of Gothic architecture, in the style of the early part of the fourteenth century; the foliage of the crockets is singular, especially of those with which the arches of the base are ornamented: round the upper part is a range of small images, representing Mercian kings and saints, holding scrolls, on which were inscribed their names: these figures, having been much mutilated, either at the Reformation, or during the civil war, were restored, but in a bungling manner, about the year 1748². The upper part, or canopy of this monument, appears to have been shortened, when it was converted into the episcopal throne,

¹ In the year 1580, one of the effigies of knights, among the ancient monuments in Bunbury church-yard, had the arms of Spurlow on his shield; another had those of St. Pierre. (Harl. MSS. 2151.)

² Ibid.

³ See the annexed plate.

⁴ Pennant's Wales, Vol. I. p. 186.—An account of these figures, and the history of the kings and saints represented by them, was published by Dr. William Cowper in 1749, and republished in a History of Cheshire, 1778. 8vo. Vol. II. p. 527.

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which gives it a heavy appearance; in the annexed engraving, a space is left for the defective part, and the pinnacles are restored in fainter lines.

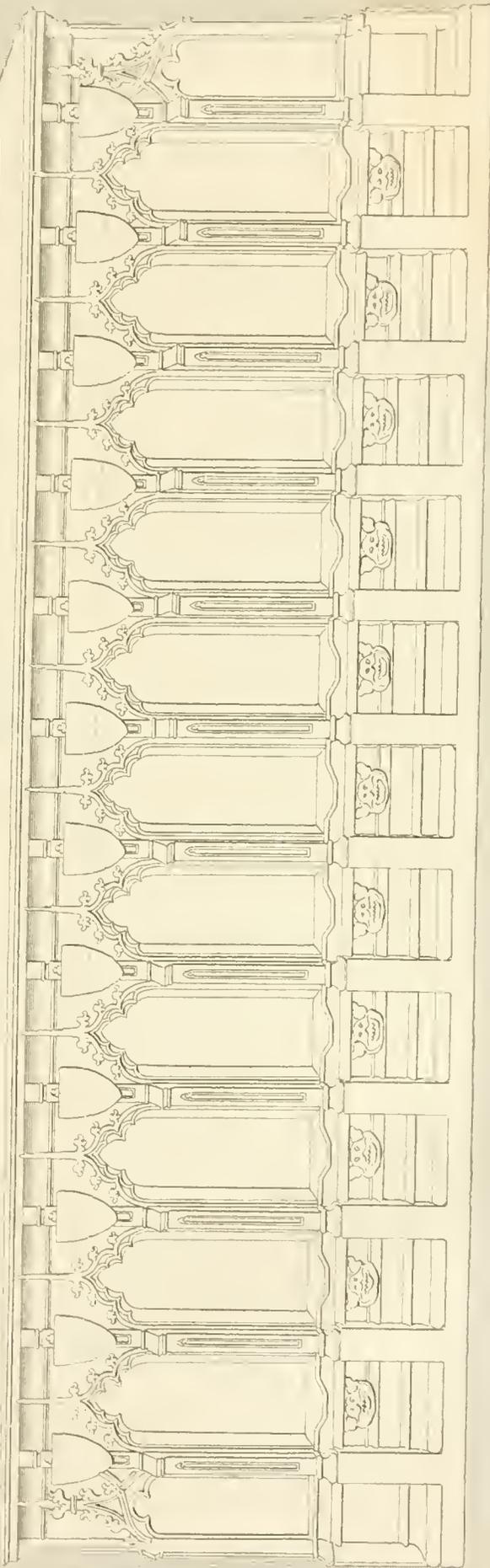
Under arches, in the south wall of the south aisle of the choir, in Chester cathedral, are three monuments of ecclesiastics; two of them have crosses-florees on the slabs with which they are covered; these have been commonly ascribed to Abbot Birc'helsey, who died in 1324; Abbot Bebington, 1349, and Abbot Merfhton, 1385. In a small building on the south side of the chancel of Stockport church is the grave-stone of Richard Vernon, parson of that church, with a cross-floree. This Richard Vernon was living in 1325 (19 Edward II.); he was a younger son of Sir Ralph Vernon, the Old, (as he was called, on account of his longevity,) Baron of Shipbrooke.

In the chapel-yard at Marton are two monuments of Sir John Davenport of Davenport, who founded that chapel 17 Edward III., and of his son Sir Urian, with their effigies in stone, now much mutilated; under each of their heads is the crest of Davenport, being a man's head coup'd at the shoulders, with a halter round the neck. An embattled altar-tomb, at the east end of the south aisle of Astbury church, has the effigies of a knight in plate-armour and mail-gorget, with a dog at his feet; on his surcoat are the arms of Davenport, a chevron between three cross-crofslets fitchées. At the east end of the south aisle of the nave of Cheadle church, the ancient burial place of the family of Hondford, is an altar-tomb, with the effigies of a knight, in plate-armour, with a collar of S. S., and a pointed helmet, round which is a bandeau.

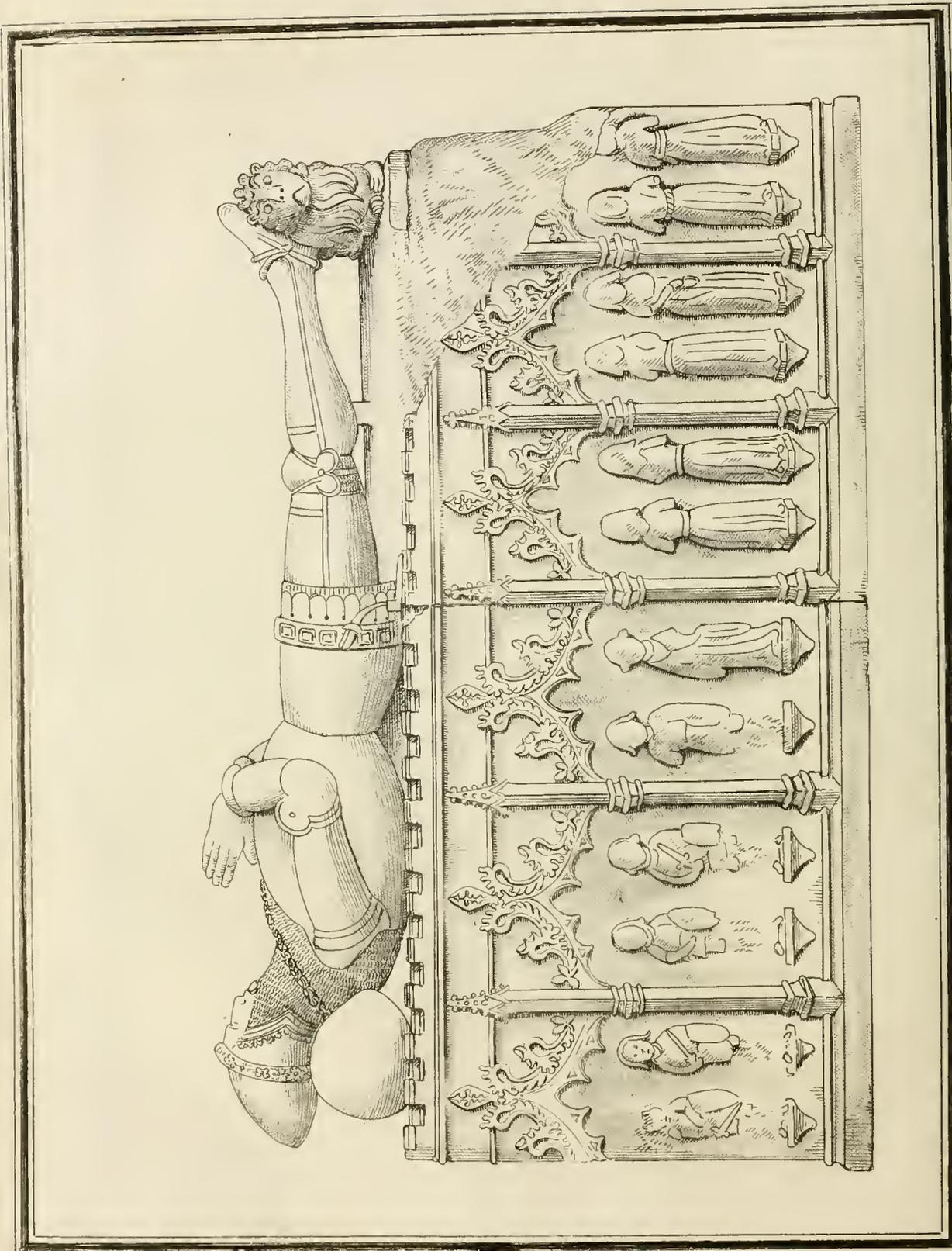
In the middle of the chancel of Bunbury church is a large altar-tomb of alabaster, richly ornamented with Gothic niches, between each of which is a shield, with arms painted on it: on this tomb lies the effigies of a knight in alabaster, seven feet ten inches in length: he is represented in plate-armour, richly ornamented down the seams with gorget and skirt of mail, and a lion at his feet; on his surcoat are his arms, a fesse between three calves, and under his head his crest, a calf's head issuing from a ducal coronet: his helmet is pointed, and ornamented with a rich bandeau of jewels, his hands are joined in prayer^u. This is the monument of the celebrated Sir Hugh Calveley^x, who distinguished himself greatly in the French wars during the reigns of King Edward the Third, and Richard the Second; he died in the year 1394: the arms above alluded to, as painted on this monument, have been those of Calveley; argent, a fesse gules, between three calves passant sable; and gules on a chevron-argent, three roses of the field (borne by Browe and Knolles) placed alternately; they are much defaced, and only the fesse remains of the one, and the chevron of the other.

^u See the annexed plate.

^x See a further account of Sir Hugh Calveley in the description of Bunbury, in the parochial topography.



MONUMENT OF SIR HUGH GALVELEY, IN BUNBURY CHURCH, CHESHIRE.



MONUMENT OF SIR ROBERT FULSHURST IN BARTHOMLEY CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

W. Woodcut.

In the chancel of Barthomley church is the monument of Sir Robert Fulshurst, being an embattled altar-tomb, round which are the mutilated remains of knights, ladies, &c., sculptured in bas-relief, under Gothic arches, richly ornamented with crockets: the effigies of Sir Robert lies on the top, he is represented in armour, nearly similar to that of Sir Hugh Calveley; round his neck is a collar of S. S. and on his forehead a fillet, inscribed in text characters "*Ich Nazaren.*" He was a man of considerable consequence in the county of Chester, and was one of the four esquires of James Lord Audley, at the battle of Poitiers; he died 13 Richard II.

In Astbury church-yard, on the north side of the church, is an altar-tomb, with the effigies of a knight and his lady, carved in stone, now much defaced, under an open canopy, with a sharply-pointed pediment: at a small distance on either side lies another effigies, in stone; that on the south side is of a knight, on a low altar-tomb, with a dog at his feet; on his shield are his arms, two bars, with three lions^x, or leopards' heads, in chief: that on the north side is of an ecclesiastic, and rests on a stone coffin; these are also much mutilated. Webb, in his Itinerary, speaking of these monuments, in the year 1622, says, "that the escutcheons of these knights have bars, which may, for ought can be known, (except the colours were known,) be ascribed to the ancestors of the Breretons, Venables, or Mainwarings, though there be also some others that put in claims to them"; and Camden, in the year 1637, speaks nearly to the same effect^y. Sir William Brereton, soon afterwards, caused the Brereton arms to be fixed up under the canopy of the principal monument with this inscription, "*Hic jacent Radulphus Brereton miles, et Domina Ada uxor sua, una filiarum Davidis Comitis Huntingdoni,*" and placed a tablet, with an inscription in Brereton church, in which this is declared to have been the ancient burial-place of his family; it is nevertheless equally probable, that they might have been some of the family of Venables, since Newbold, a part of Astbury, was in the thirty-fourth year of Henry III. possessed by Richard Venables, a younger son of William, fourth Baron of Kinderton, whose descendants continued there for several generations, and might have borne the three lions' heads in chief, in their arms, as a difference; in the same manner as other branches of that family bore roundles^b, and mullets^c in chief, for the same purpose. Two bars, with three leopards' heads in chief, were borne by the family of Zouch of Cheshire: but that family does not appear to have had any connection with the parish of Astbury. At the east end of the south aisle of Mottram church, on a plain altar-tomb, are the effigies of a knight and his

^x These are much mutilated, but one of them is sufficiently distinct to shew what they were.

^y See King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 80.

^z Holland's Camden, p. 608.

^b Borne by Venables of Bradwall.

^c By Venables of Bollin.

lady, very coarsely executed in stone, which may be referred to this century; he has a pointed helmet and a collar of S. S., and a lion at his feet; the lady is habited in a long gown, with the head-dress of the reign of King Edward the Third, and a dog at his feet. In the south transept of Nantwich church is the monument of Sir David Cradock, who was living in 1375^a, being an altar-tomb with a mutilated effigy of a knight in armour, with a lion at his feet; on his breast were his arms, (on a chevron, three garbs), now nearly obliterated.

In the south aisle of the choir of Chester cathedral is an altar-tomb, with a plain marble slab laid on it: the sides are ornamented with Gothic tracery in which are quatrefoils, inclosing leopards' heads and roses alternately; it is not known for whom this monument was erected, but it is very certain that it was not for an Emperor of Germany, who is said by Giraldus Cambrensis to have died and been buried at Chester; and to whom the tradition of the place has ascribed it. In the north aisle of Acton church is the monument of Sir William Mainwaring, who died in 1399, with his effigies in alabaster, in plate armour, with mail, gorget, and pointed helmet, surrounded with a rich bandeau; under his head is his crest, an afs's head, and a lion at his feet; on the edge of the tomb was this inscription, now much defaced^a: *Hic jacet Willim Manu-waryng, quondā dns de Badylege qui obiit die veneris P̄xm̄ ante festum pentecost' anno dñi. MCCC. nonagesimo nono.* Over the effigies is a rich Gothic canopy, with an ogee arch, ornamented with crockets, and a rich finial; above which is a shield with the arms and crest of Mainwaring; on the sides over the arch is Gothic tracery, including shields with the arms of Mainwaring; there is the same kind of tracery also within the arch, with half-length figures of ecclesiastics painted^b.

In the Chapter-house at Chester is preserved part of a stone coffin, joined to a stone ornamented with sculptured wreaths, in one of which appears a wolf's head erased, in the other are the initials R. S. joined in a cypher. This is said to be part of a stone coffin found in the Chapter-house in the year 1723^c; and supposed to be that of Hugh Lupus, the first Norman Earl of Chester, whose bones were transferred from the cemetery into the Chapter-house in the reign of Henry I.: though it is much more

^a History of Nantwich, p. 32.

^b Harl. MS. 2151. fol. 1.

^c There is a figure of

this monument in Pennant's Journey from Chester to London, p. 22.

^d This discovery was

made by Mr. Henchman, a schoolmaster of Chester. The stone coffin is said to have inclosed a body wrapt in leather; "the skull and all the bones were very fresh, and in their proper position, and the strings which tied the ankles together were entire." Simpson's English Traveller, Vol. I. p. 116. No mention is here made of the stone ornamented with a wolf's head, as being part of the coffin, or found with it; which renders the tradition of its having been then discovered very improbable: the only reason there assigned for its being the coffin of Hugh Lupus, is that the place where it was found agreed with the place of his re-interment, as mentioned in an ancient manuscript.

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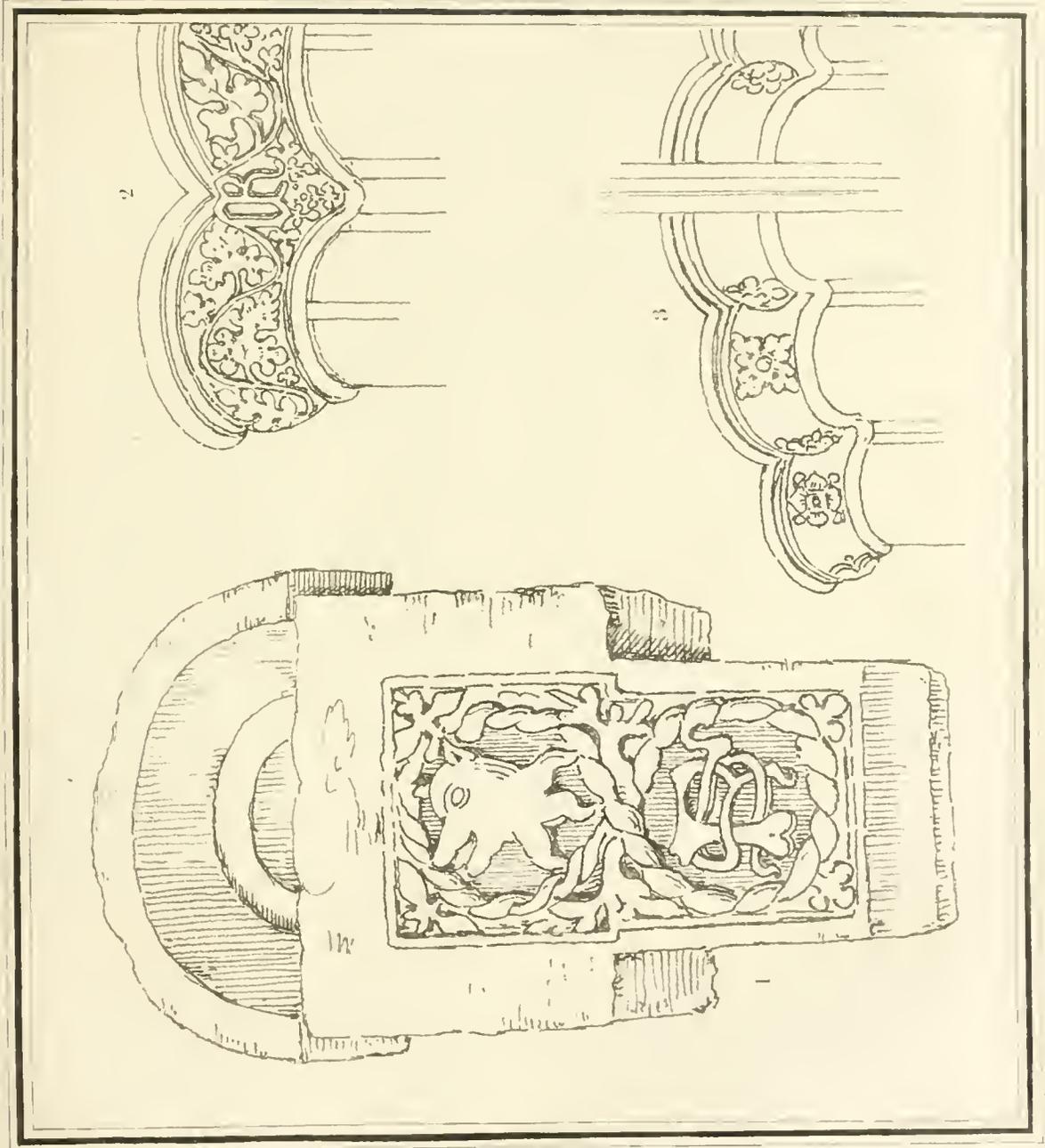


Fig. 1. Stone preserved in the Chapter-house, Chester.

2-3. Capitals of Pillars in the Nave of Chester Cathedral.

likely to have been the work of a later age, when armorial devices were become common; which do not appear to have been introduced on works of art in this country, before the reign of Richard the First^d, nor on sepulchral monuments till the thirteenth century: the form of the letters in the cypher is exactly that which prevailed in the fourteenth century; and the initials of R. S. would suit Richard Seynesbury, who became abbot in the year 1349. As he resigned in the year 1363, and is said to have been buried in Lombardy, this cannot be supposed to have been part of any sepulchral monument relating to him; it is nevertheless probable that it was part of a cross, or some other work, executed in his time.

XVth Century.—In the south wall of the south transept of Over-Peover church, under an obtuse arch, ornamented with crockets, pinnacles, &c. is an altar-tomb with the effigies of Randal Mainwaring who died in 1456, and Margery his wife, carved in alabaster. He is represented in plate-armour, with a collar of S S, and a richly ornamented helmet; on his forehead is a fillet inscribed in text-hand, *Ihc Nazaren*^e; the lady is dressed in a long gown and mantle, with a rich reticulated head-dress and veil, and with a pendent from her necklace, inscribed *Ihc*. In a chapel on the north-side of the same church is an altar-tomb, with the arms and quarterings of Mainwaring; on it lie the effigies in alabaster of a knight and his lady: he is represented with whiskers, in plate-armour, with mail gorget, a collar of S S., and a pointed helmet, round which is a rich bandeau; on his frontlet is inscribed in text-hand, *Ihc Nazare*^e; his feet rest on a lion. The lady is in a long gown and mantle, with a collar of S S, an angel supports her pillow; at her feet is a dog: round the tomb is painted this inscription, “*Hic jacent corpora dñi Ioh'is Mainwaring de Poever Militis ac Johanna ux' ejus filia Baronis de Stockport 9º. aº. regni Hnr' Sexti.*” In the Hondford chapel, in Cheadle church, is an altar-tomb of one of the Hondford family, apparently of this century, with his effigies in plate-armour, bare-headed, with a collar of S S; his helmet and crest lie under his head, and a lion at his feet.

In the north wall of the north aisle of Macclesfield church is a plain arch, under which is an altar-tomb with the effigies of a knight in plate-armour, bare-headed, with a collar of S S; under his head is his helmet, with crest and lambequin, and at his feet a bull. This is supposed to be the monument of one

^d The earliest example of armorial devices we have remaining, is that which appears on the shield of this monarch, on his great seal. Though the wolf's head erased, is given by Brooke and others, as the armorial bearing of Hugh Lupus and his nephew, yet there is no reason for supposing it to have been coeval with them; in later times, indeed, it was considered by the convent of St. Werburgh¹ as the arms of their founder, and as such, is introduced on some parts of the conventual buildings, and at Saighton-Hall, a seat of the abbot. ^e He is styled “the King's Servant” and “*Sagittarius de Corona.*” *Leycester's Hundred of Bucklow*, p. 334.

of the family of Downes^d: it was probably repaired by Archbishop Savage, whose arms appear on it.

Under an open arch, on the north side of the chancel in Macclesfield church, is the monument of Sir John Savage Knt., and Katherine his wife, daughter of Thomas Lord Stanley, and sister of Thomas first Earl of Derby. It is an altar-tomb with the effigies of a knight and his lady; he is represented bare-headed, in plate-armour, with scalloped elbow-pieces, gorget and skirt of mail, and a collar of roses: under his head are his helmet and lambrequin, without the crest, and a dog at his feet. The lady has the reticulated head-dress and veil of King Edward the IVth's reign; the former has "Ibc" in text-hand within each mesh. On the altar-tomb are shields supported by knights and ladies, on which are the arms of Archbishop Savage, and the families of Savage, Stanley, Vernon, Latham, &c.*. In the Savage chapel, on the south side of Macclesfield church, under two arches in the north wall, are altar-tombs, with the effigies of two knights, in alabaster; one of them is represented in plate-armour, bare-headed, with his helmet and crest, (a unicorn's head,) for a pillow; and a lion at his feet. The arches are enriched with crockets, &c.; in the pediments are shields, with the ancient arms of Savage, a pale fustilé, and the crest, a unicorn's head erased on each side: on the lower part of the tombs are blank shields held by angels. On the south side of the same chapel are two similar arches, now vacant, but which formerly contained effigies of knights in armour^f.

XVIth Century.—In the Breton chancel in Malpas church is the monument of Sir Randal Breton and Eleanor his lady, by whom that chancel was built^g: it is a rich altar-tomb of alabaster ornamented on the sides with figures of knights and ladies in Gothic niches; on it lie the effigies of a knight and his lady; he is represented in plate-armour, with a collar of S S, and a lion at his feet: she has the angular head-dress of Henry the Eighth's reign: round the edge of the tomb was the following inscription, "*Hic jacent Rondulphus Breton miles Baronetus ac Camerarius Cestrie, et domina Elynora uxor ejus, qui quidem Rondulphus et Elynora dum in humanis vixerunt hanc tumbam fieri fecerunt videlicet in festo sancti Michaelis archangeli, Año. Dñi. millesimo quingentesimo vicefimo secundo quor' aniâs p'picietur Deus Amen*"^h: of which only the date now remains. In the chapel, on the north side of the chancel in Over-Peover church, is an altar-tomb, with a slab of white marble, on which are engraved the effigies of Philip Mainwaring and Ann his wife, (1573). He is represented in plate-armour, with a beard and ruff; the lady also

^d In a sketch made in the year 1584, the crest is represented as a stag's head; it is now too much defaced to be made out. * Some of these are now much defaced; they are all sketched as they were in 1584, in the MS. collection above mentioned. Harl. MSS. 2151. fol. 13.

^f Ibid. fol. 12.

^g See p. 443.

^h Harl. MSS. 2151. fol. 82. a.

has a ruff. On a plain altar-tomb on the north side of the chancel of Wilmslow church is the effigies of an ecclesiastic, carved in stone, with a book under his head, and this inscription in text hand painted round the edge, "*Hic jacet corp' Mr' Henric' Treffort, sacre theologie doctor, licēciat' quōd' Cācellarii metropolit' eccl'ie Ebor' et rector' de Holto' pbi' rector' etiā eccl'ie de Sigliffthorne et st' eccl'ie q' obiit primo die mēs'. Auguſti Ann'. dñi. MCCCCXXXV euj' aiē oipotēs de' fit ppiti'*," on the sides of the tomb are painted an emaciated body, and scrolls with inscriptions in text hand.

In the north wall of the north aisle of Wilmslow church are two arches, under which lie the effigies of a man and his wife, carved in stone; he is habited in a gown, having three tons under his head, and holding a scroll with the name of H. Newton inscribed on it; the lady is in a long gown and veil, with a purse hanging from her girdle: the following inscription was formerly on these monumentsⁱ, "*Orate pro Hum̄o Newton de Pownall ar' & Elene ux' ejus fil' & her' Tho. Fitton et Cecilie ux' ejus qui obiit A. D. MCCCC....* There was also a coat of arms in a window of the north aisle, with an inscription under it, stating that window to have been made at the cost of Humphrey Newton and Ellen his wife, A. D. 1523^k.

On the south side of the Savage-chapel in Macclesfield church is an altar-tomb, with the effigies of a knight and his lady; he appears in plate-armour, with a collar of S.S., and a lion at his feet, she in the angular head-dress of King Henry the Eighth's reign, with a little dog at her feet; on the lower part of the tomb are figures of knights and ladies carved in bas-relief. The following inscription was formerly on an arch over this monument, "*..... Sir John Savage wch was made Knight in the wars of which died the twenty-sixth day of July in the yeare 1527, and Lady Elizabeth his wife, dau: to^l which Lady Elizabeth died the day of Ano Dñi.....*"

In the chapel at the east end of the south aisle of Malpas church is a rich monument in alabaster, of a knight and his lady, much resembling that of Sir John Savage, last described; on account of its situation, only a part of the inscription running round this monument, is at present visible, which runs thus: "*[Hugo Cholmondeley de Cholmondeley miles, Walliæ march' vice-preses sextus vicecomes mortem obiit a^{no}m.] ætatis suæ 83 A° Dñi. 1596, et hoc humo sepelitur; filiusque et heres ejus Hugo Cholmondeley de Cholmondeley miles annum agens 50 diem clausit ultimum Anno Dñi. 1601, et hic jacet uxor ejus doña Maria q̄ post viri obitum propter [charum ejus amorem] hoc fieri fecit monumentum, A. Dñi. 1605.*" In Hefswall church

ⁱ Harl. MSS. 2151. fol. 61.

^k Ibid.

^l Charles Earl of Somersset.

^m The parts

of this epitaph printed between crochets are taken from Harl. MSS. 2151. fol. 82. b.

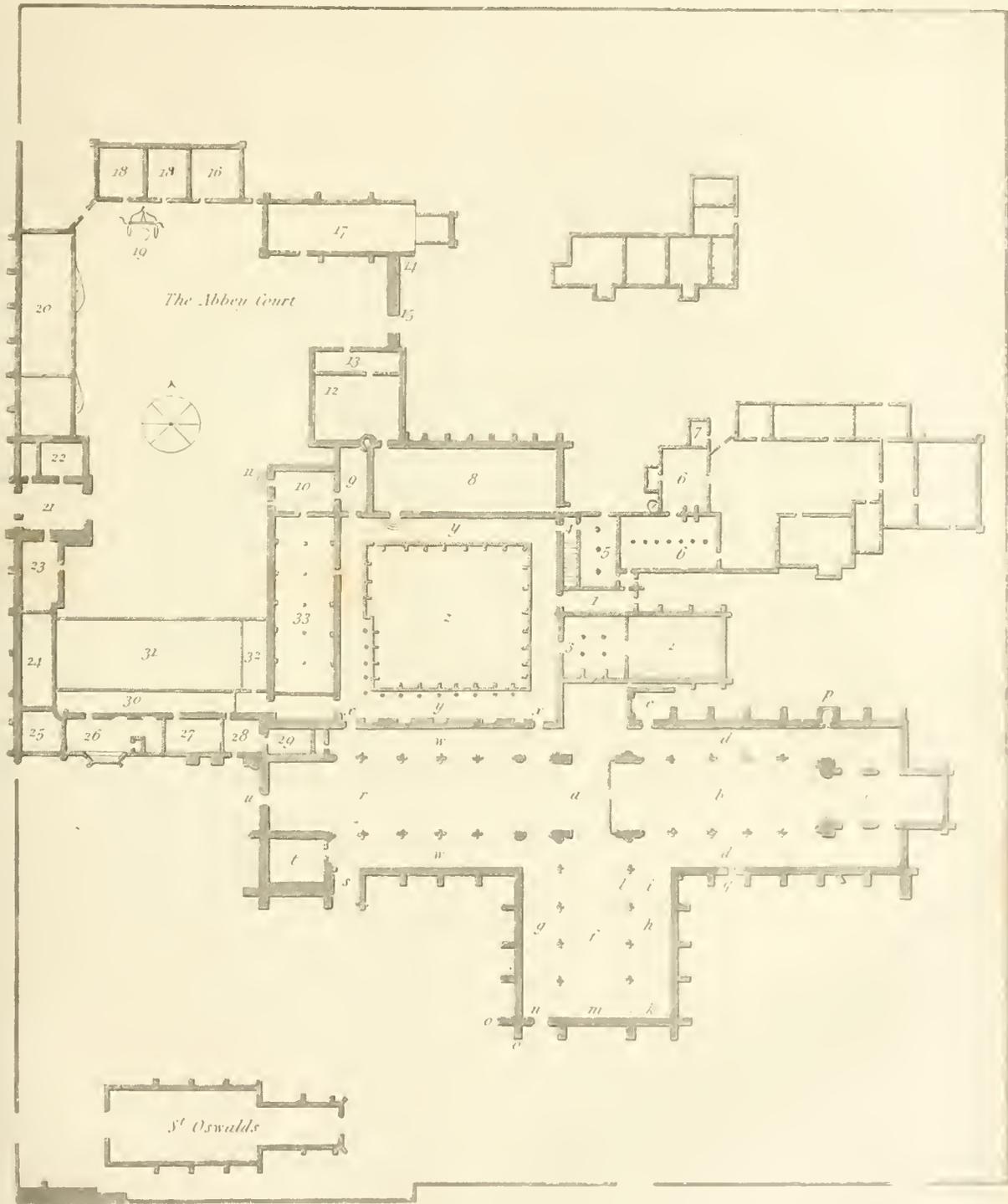
is a large copper-plate, with the figure of one of the Glegg family engraved on it; he appears in a ruff, with beard and whiskers, and with a long cloak and sword.

Monastic Remains.—Besides the remains of the abbey of St. Werburgh at Chester, already noticed under the head of ancient church architecture, some other parts of the extensive buildings of that monastery still exist, on the west side of what was formerly called the abbey-court, consisting of the gate-house, now converted into the register-office, the porter's lodge, and part of what was the abbot's kitchen¹.

¹ See the plan of the Cathedral, which accompanies the account of the city of Chester, in the subsequent part of this volume, and the annexed plan, taken from the Holmes' Collections, in the British Museum, (Harl. MSS. 2073.) which shews the whole of the buildings of this monastery, as they remained a short time after its dissolution. The following references are there given.

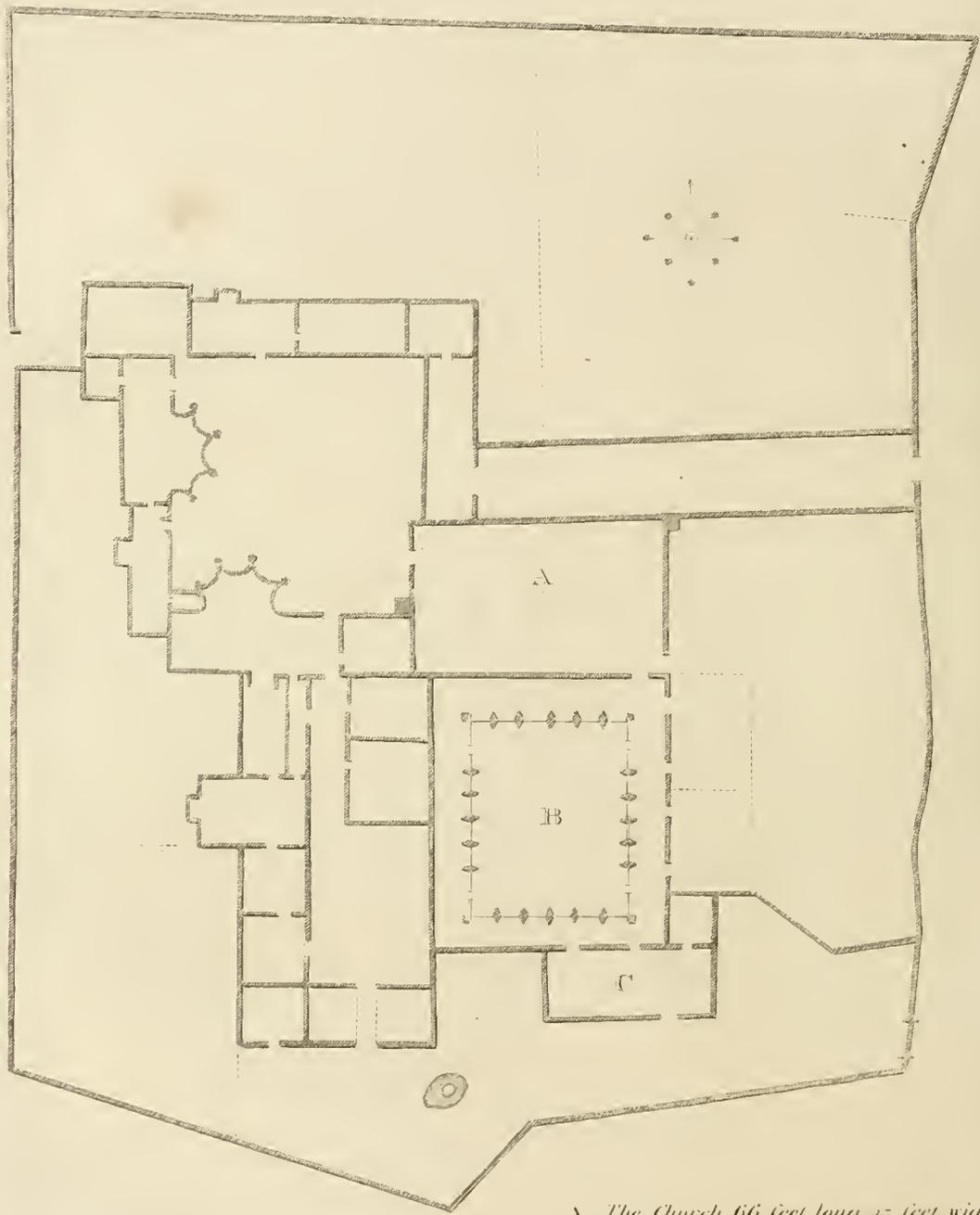
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. "The body of the church and great-square-steeple. b. The quire. c. La: Mary chapel. d. The side-ises of the quire. e. The vestry. f. The parish-church. g. The trough-isle. h. The chancel. i. Mary Magdalen chapel. k. St. Nich. chapel. l. The Skreen m. Steeple door. n. South-door. o. The two buttresses whereon the steeple stands. p. Turning stairs over Lady Mary's chapel. q. Door into green church-yard. r. Broad isle. s. Singing-school-porch. t. The old steeple, now consistory-court. u. West door. w. Side-ises to the broad aisle. x. Cloister doors. y. The cloisters. z. Sprife-Garden. 1. Maiden's isle. 2. The chapter-house. 3. The entrance. 4. Passage and stairs to the dormitory. 5. Ancient priest's cellar. 6. The priest's kitchens. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Cellars. 8. Monks'-hall, or fraty, now free-school. 9. Monks' cellar. 10. Passage from the abbey-court, through the cellar into the cloisters, and so to the church or dining-hall. 11. Bishop's-gate, or porch of his palace. 12. The kitchen, now queresters houses. 13. The pantry, now consistory office. 14. The passage. 15. East-gate of the abbey-court. 16. Bake-house, with two ovens, the one nineteen feet in diameter. 17. St. Thomas' chapel, now dean's-house. 18. Brew-house and store-house. 19. Great well. 20. The great kiln, and drying-floors. 21. The abbey-gates. 22. St. Thomas' court. 23. Porter's-lodge. 24. Abbot's-kitchen. 25. The tower and larder. 26. Serving man's hall, over which is the great dining-room. 27. Strong-beer-cellar, over it Darby-chamber. 28. The pantry, over it the stone-hall. 29. The wine-cellar. 30. The gallery. 31. The bishop's garden. 32. The abbot's-well. 33. The great cellar, over which is the great-hall, and the green-hall." |
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PLAN OF THE MONASTERY OF ST WERBURGH IN CHESTER.

As it remained at the time of the Dissolution, from a Drawing in the British Museum



A. The Church 66 feet long 15 feet wide.
 B. The Cloisters 90 feet long 60 feet wide.
 C. The Chapel 27 feet long 11 feet 3 inches wide.

PLAN OF THE MONASTERY OF BENEDICTINE NUNS AT CHICESTER,
 as it remained in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, from a Drawing in the British Museum.

The principal part of the abbot's lodgings, was converted into the bishop's palace after the reformation; the abbot's-hall, having been stript of its lead in 1649, has since gone to decay^m; the other parts of the bishop's palace were rebuilt from the ground soon after the year 1752; the Fraternity, or Monks-Hall, was converted into a school-room. Of the priory of the Benedictine nuns at Chester scarcely any traces now exist, except the name of the Nuns Gardens, preserved in the site of that monastery, near the castle: some of the buildings appear to have been standing in the year 1729, when Buck's View of Chester Castle was published: the annexed plan of this priory is taken from a drawing in the British Museum made in the reign of Queen Elizabethⁿ.

After the dissolution of monasteries, part of the buildings of three of the religious houses of this county were converted into mansion houses; Vale-Royal abbey became the seat of the Holcroft family, afterwards of the Cholmondeleys; Combermere abbey of the Cottons, and Norton-Priory of the Brookes; it appears from Buck's View taken in the year 1727, that Combermere abbey^o was then built chiefly of timber, in the style of the Cheshire and Staffordshire mansion-houses of the sixteenth century; very little of the original building appears to have been then remaining. From his View of Norton-Priory^p, taken at the same time, it appears to have been a very irregular building, chiefly of stone, and embattled, and to have retained a good deal of its original form; it has since been nearly rebuilt; and retains no traces of antiquity, except in the cellar, where is a door-way, with a circular arch, much enriched with Saxon ornaments^q.

A considerable portion of the collegiate church of St. John at Chester still exists, and is used as the parish-church; besides what has been already mentioned, under the head of ancient church architecture, some parts of the monastery remain on the south side of the building, as may be seen in the annexed plate, where several parts of the church, which do not now exist, are shewn by dotted lines, taken from a plan in the British Museum, made in the year 1589^r, and the more ancient parts now remaining are expressed by a darker shading. The remains
of

^m Willis's Cathedrals, Vol. i. p. 321. ⁿ Harl. MSS. N^o 2073. ^o See Buck's Antiquities, Vol. i. plate 18. ^p Ibid. plate 22. There is a sketch of the ground plan of this priory in the Harl. MSS. N^o 2073. ^q See a specimen of this door-way in the plate at p. 438.
^r Harl. MSS. 2073, the following references are there given, to the ground-plot of St. John's church. fol. 69. 71.

- A. "The quire of the church wherein standeth a very fair window lately built, with all that east-end of the wall.
B. The body of the church, wherein standeth the pillars, and the pews.

C. A

of the Priory of Birkenhead are considerable, and nearly the same as they appear in Buck's View taken in the year 1727^s. The chapel is entire, the door at the west end and the windows are round-headed; adjoining this chapel, at the north-west angle, is a large building with a stone groined roof; and opposite the west end of the chapel, the walls of the hall are standing.

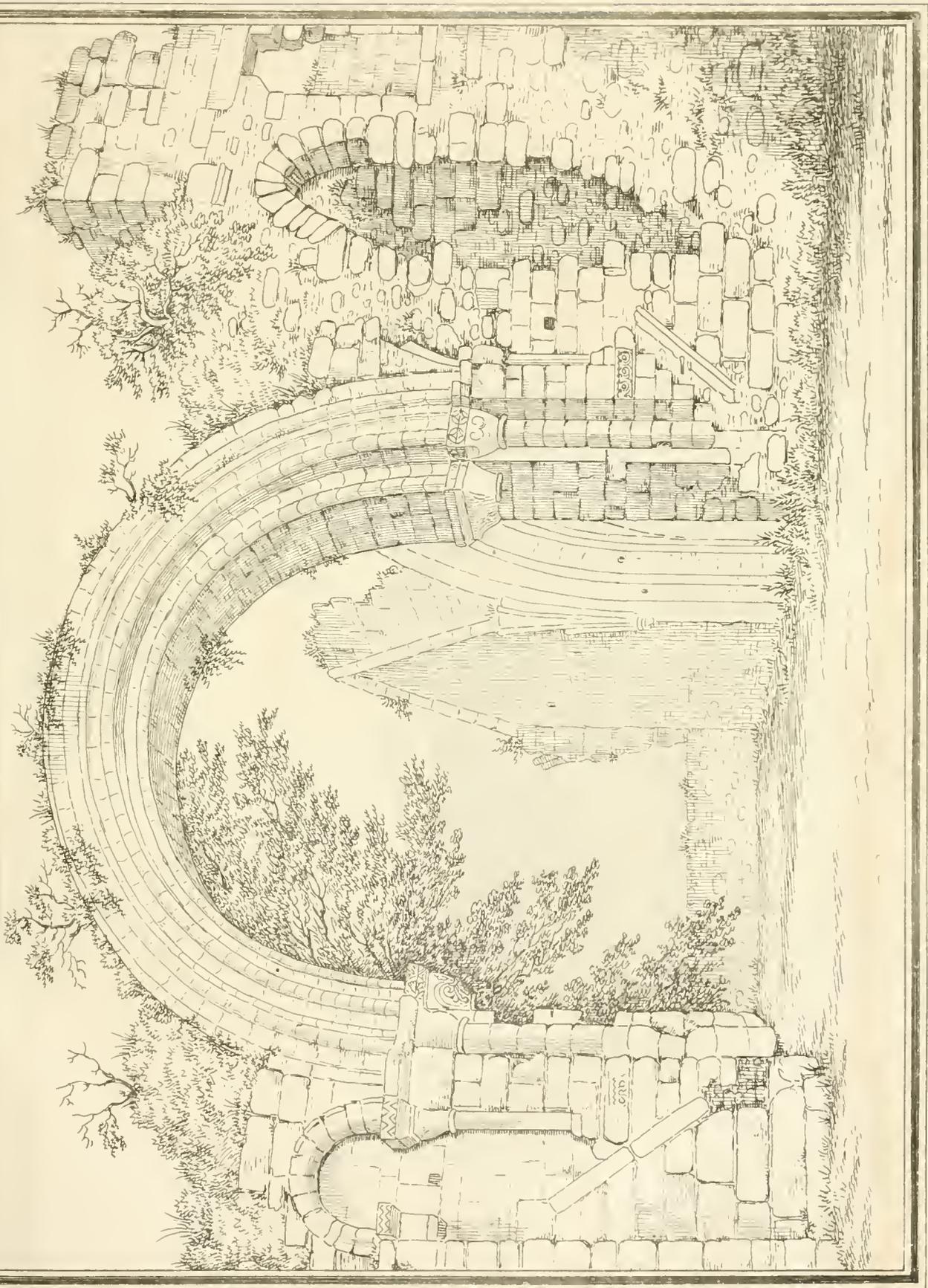
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- C. A little low old-chapel, now used as a store-house to the church.
 D. An aisle belonging to the church, lately fallen down, and ruinous at the north corner.
 E. Another aisle opposite, the roof whereof is ruined and fallen down, the height of the wall is fourteen yards high.
 F. An house built to the church-wall-side, reputed to be the woollen and linen webster's meeting-house, or hall.
 G. A garden belonging to the house, built by the porch of the church.
 H. A little house, adjoining to the church-porch.
 I. The church-porch.
 K. The steeple, whereof the one-half, or two sides, are ruined, and is building, being already neere twelve yards, and so standeth unfinished, being a very fair steeple, about twenty-six yards high.
 L. The ruins of the west-end of the church, whereof part of the steeple, and the west-end of the church, and a fair window, was lately re-edified with stone.
 M. A part of the church, at the east-end, behind the newly-built window, which now standeth ruined, and is a garden or yard, to keep tyMBER therein, some tyme a part of the church.
 N. A fine little chapple, or the *sanctum sanctorum* of the church (part ruined) being arched, and richly adorned with carved-work in the stone; the walling and stones gone*.
 O. } Diverse chapells and fair rooffs, vaulted, or arched over with stone, richly carved and gilt,
 P. } with walks on the sides ruined, yet part of the outward old walls standing, with
 Q. } divers of the old pillars and partitions, belonging to the colledge.
 R. An house, or some chambers, sometye belonging to the church-priests, yet standing, partly in a reparation.
 S. The south-side of the steeple, which is decayed.
 T. The west-side of the steeple, which is decayed.
 V. The whole, and very fair, and sound side of the steeple.
 W. The other standing-side of the steeple.
 X. The old parish-church, or chappell of St. James, now used for a garner."

To these references may be added,

- Y. A chapel, now in ruins, adjoining the south-east corner of the choir.
 Z. The part of the nave, which is represented in the plate at p. 437.

? Buck's Antiquities, Vol. I. plate 16.

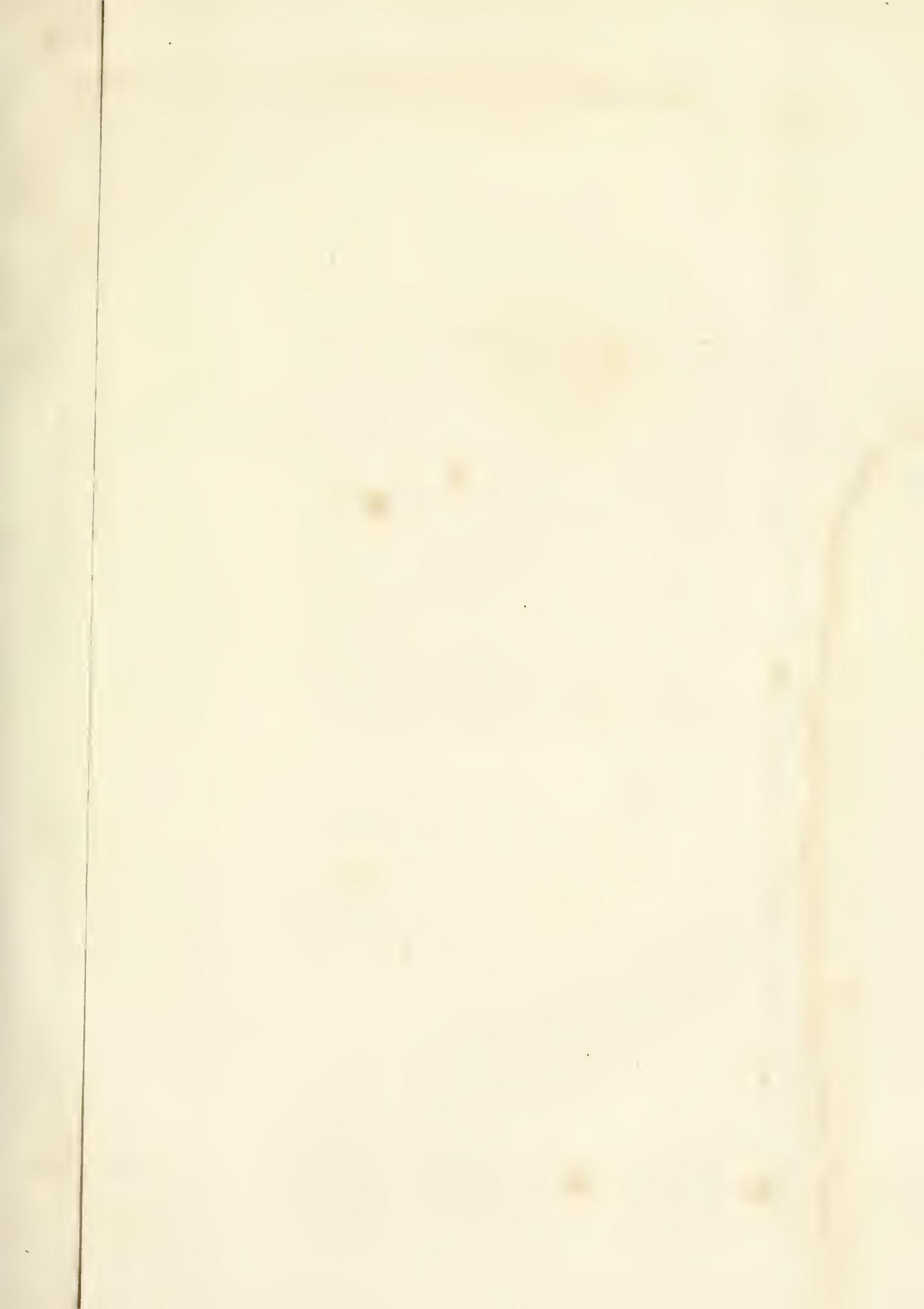
* The entrance to this chapel is represented in the annexed plate.



RUINS OF PART OF THE CHOR OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CHESTER.

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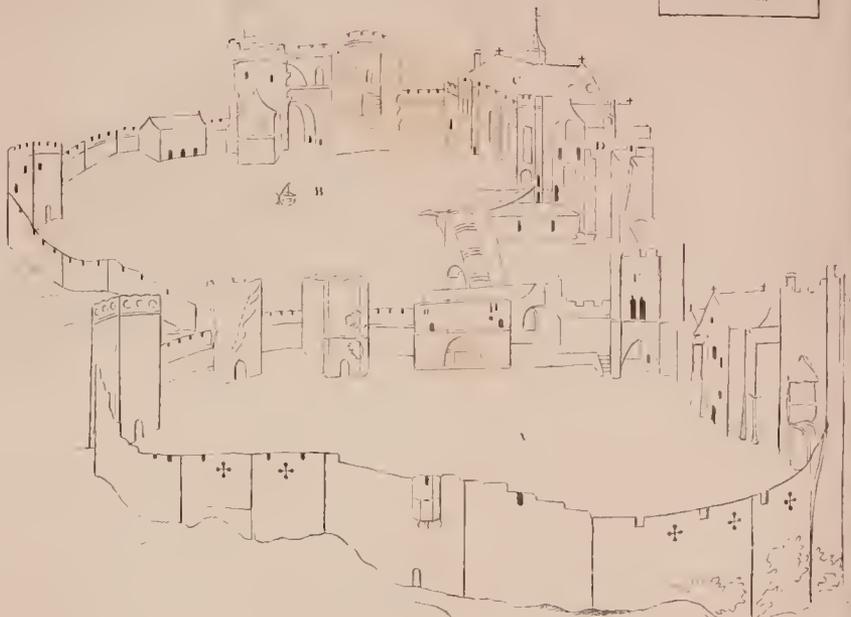
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- A The Upper Ward
- B The Lower Ward
- C The Great Hall
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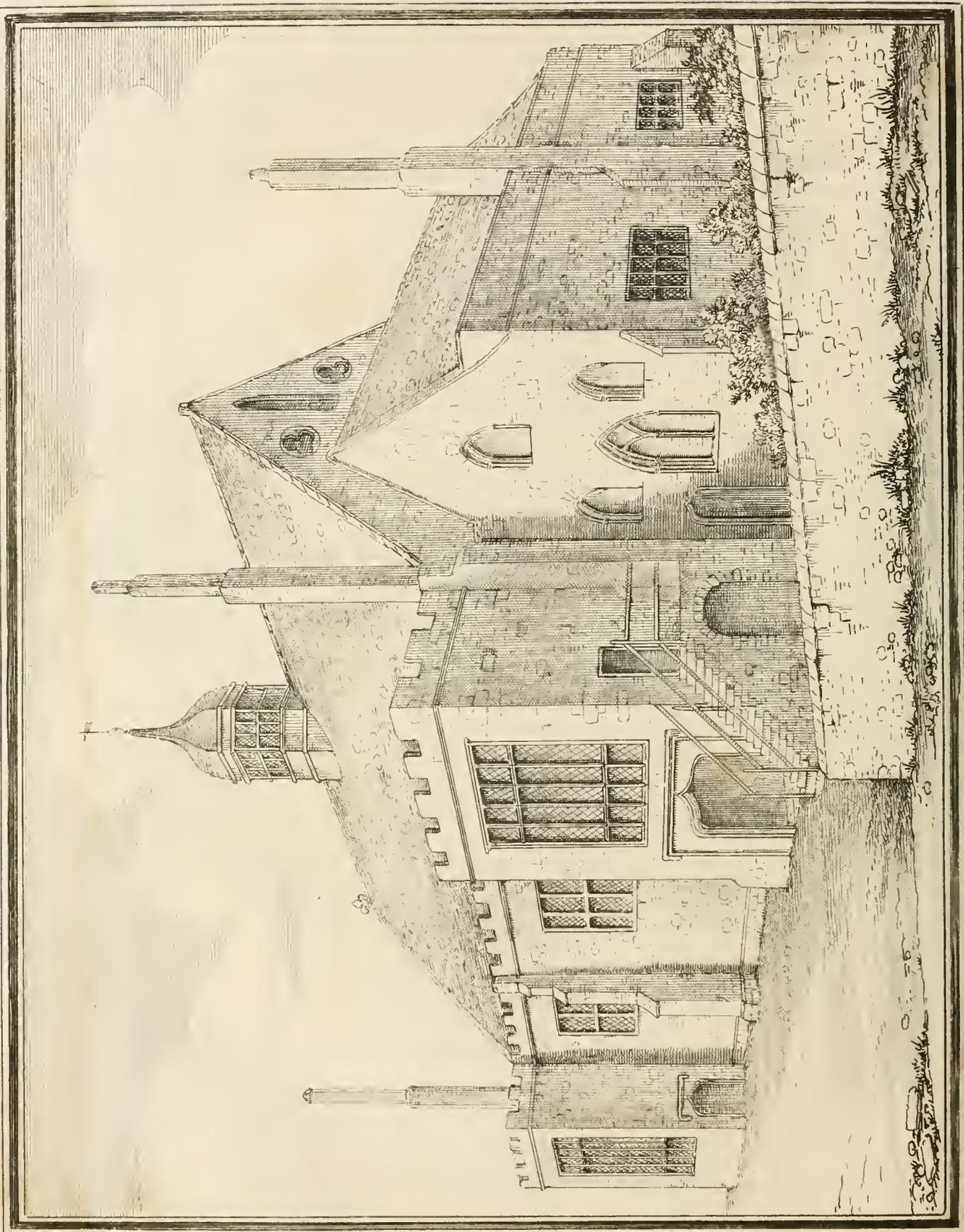


the ground plan of the
castle of the castle



the view of the castle according to
the elevation in it

PLAN AND SKETCH OF THE CHESTER CASTLE FROM A DRAWING BY THE PRIOR OF CHESTER



V I E W O F H I G H L U P U S ' S H A L L , A N D T H E E X C H E Q U E R I N C H E S T E R C A S T L E

Castles and Sites of Castles.—The castle at Chester was a building of considerable extent, till a great part of it was taken down about the year 1790, for the purpose of erecting the new county-hall, gaol, and barracks: it was originally built by William the Conqueror, (though little of the Norman fabrick now remains); and consisted of two courts, “each with a strong gate, defended by a round bastion on each side, with a ditch, and formerly with draw-bridges.” The annexed ground-plan, and bird’s-eye sketch, taken from a drawing in the British Museum¹, which appears to have been made in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, will convey a pretty good idea of its form. The massy tower in the upper-ward, called Julius Cæsar’s, still remains, and is now used as a magazine for gun-powder: there is an upper-chamber in this tower, about nineteen feet by sixteen, and about sixteen feet high, with a vaulted and groined roof of stone; the groins spring from slender pillars, with capitals in the style of the twelfth century²; on one side is a plain pointed recess in the wall, the back of which appears to have been ornamented with painting; Mr. Pennant says that “the holy-water-pot, and some figures almost obsolete, were painted on the walls.” This room seems to have been a chapel, and under it is a crypt with a groined roof, but no pillars. On the south side of the lower-court stood the noble hall of the castle, called Hugh Lupus’s Hall, which was taken down about the year 1790³, Mr. Pennant describes its dimensions, as nearly ninety-five feet, by forty-five, and says that “the roof was supported by wood-work, carved in a bold style and resting on brackets.” Adjoining to the west end of this hall was the Exchequer, a building in the style of the early Gothic, said to have been the parliament-house of the Earls of Chester; this was taken down at the same time with the great hall of the castle, which was an ancient structure, but had undergone considerable repairs and alterations in the reign of Queen Elizabeth⁴.

Beeston castle is built on the side of a rocky insulated hill, rising with a regular but steep slope, and terminating in a high precipice. The outer-court includes a considerable space of ground: it is of an irregular form, with several round towers. The keep, which is not large, is surrounded with a deep ditch, sunk in the solid rock, over which it was entered by a draw-bridge; the entrance was defended by two circular towers, still remaining: the approach under this gate-way is very narrow, by rugged steps cut out of the natural rock. This castle has been in ruins, ever since it was dismantled during the civil-war, in the reign of Charles the First⁵.

¹ Pennant’s Wales, Vol. i. p. 164. ² Harl. MSS. N^o 2073—31. ³ See a figure of one of them at p. 438. ⁴ Pennant’s Wales, Vol. i. p. 165. ⁵ See the annexed plate.

⁶ Pennant’s Wales, Vol. i. p. 165. ⁷ King’s Vale-Royal of Chester, p. 38. ⁸ There are Views of this castle in King’s Vale-Royal of Cheshire, p. 3. and in Buck’s Antiq. Vol. i. plate 15.

The whole of Halton castle, except the gate-way, appears to have been in ruins as early as the year 1727, when Buck's Views of the Antiquities of this county were drawn^c; at an earlier period, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it is said to have been "a goodly piece of building^d." Very few traces of the ancient walls are now to be seen; a modern building, used as an inn, occupies a part of the site of this castle. The foundations of Aldford castle are still to be traced^e. Shotwick castle appears, from a plan and sketch of it in the British Museum^f, to have had a pentagonal wall, with several circular towers, inclosing a lofty square one. No part of the buildings of Shocklach castle remain: only some earth-works, and a high mount, are now to be seen: there are no remains of Frodsham castle, of which some ruins existed in the year 1727^g.

Ancient Mansion-Houses.—A square embattled tower of Doddington-Hall, the ancient seat of the Delves family, still remains, and some fragments of the more modern mansion-house, forming a flight of steps leading up to it; the ballustrade is ornamented with that kind of lace-work in stone (so much in fashion during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and King James the First); here also remain statues of James Lord Audley and his four squires, in plate armour, with ruffs, which formed a part of the embellishment of this mansion^h. Doddington-Hall is described in a MS. history of the Delves family, by Sir William Dugdale, as having been "a large pile of brick-building built in a square, with a court in the middle, and a stone castle adjoining thereto; all encompassed with a moat of water." This castle was, no doubt, the embattled tower above-mentioned as still in existence.

Bramhall-Hall, an ancient seat of the Davenports, and now of William Davenport Esq., retains much of its original form; it is chiefly built of timber, and some parts of it appear to be of as early a date as the reign of King Edward the Fourth, whose family devices are in some of the chapel windowsⁱ: in the east window of the chapel are various coats of arms of the Cheshire gentry. There is a large upper chamber, in its original state with a wooden roof; the walls are painted with flowers, grotesque animals, and other figures. The great chamber seems to have been altered in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, whose arms appear over the chimney-piece; the ceiling is enriched with pendent ornaments: on the door, which is richly inlaid, appears the date of 1592.

^c See plate 20.

^d King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 93.

^e See p. 484.

^f Harl. MSS. 2073.

^g See Buck's Antiquities, Vol. i. plate 19.

^h They do

not seem older than the sixteenth century, and have not the least appearance of the antiquity which has been sometimes ascribed to them.

ⁱ The white rose, fetterlock, and broom-pod.

Of Saughton-Hall, which, before the dissolution of monasteries, was a seat of the abbots of Chester, a considerable part still exists, and is converted into a farm-house. The gate-way, which is of stone and embattled, and an adjoining turret, are said to have been built by Abbot Ripley, about 1489; within a nich, against one of the battlements of the gate-way, is an image of the Virgin Mary: and under a bow-window, the wolf's head, in allusion to Hugh Lupus, the founder of the abbey of St. Werburgh: other parts of Saughton-Hall have large tranform windows, and appear to have been built since the dissolution.

Little-Moreton-Hall, in the parish of Albury, belonging to the Rev. W. M. Moreton, is a very remarkable building, almost wholly of timber; and from the singularity of its form, and its high state of preservation, is more deserving of attention than any other of the same kind in this county: it is surrounded by a moat, and occupies three sides of a court; on the north side of which is the hall, with a large bow-window, being five sides of an octagon; on the east side of the court is the chapel, on the walls of which are painted various inscriptions, in text-hand, and ornaments: the entrance is on the south side, over a stone-bridge, across the moat: the whole of the upper part of this side of the building, being sixty-eight feet in length, is occupied by a very light gallery, having a continued range of windows, on every side of it. The curious manner in which the timber-work of this building, and the glazing of the windows, are disposed, will be best understood by the annexed plates. Over the great bow-window of the hall are the following inscriptions carved in the wood-work, together with the arms and crest of Moreton, "*God is al in al thing. — This windowes whire made by William Moreton in the yeare of oure Lorde MDLIX. — Rycharde Dale Carpēder made this window by the grac' of God.*" It is probable that some parts of the building, especially the chapel, might have been of an earlier date.

The remains of Dutton-Hall, once the splendid mansion of the ancient family of Dutton, are now converted into a farm-house; the hall appears to have been spacious, and handsome, with an enriched wooden roof; it is now converted into several rooms, and divided into two or three floors. Over the principal door are the arms of Dutton quartering Hatton, and this inscription in text-hand, "*Syr Peys Dutton Knyght Lorde of Dutton, and my Lady Dame Julian his wife, made this hall and buylding, in the yere of oure Lord God a MCCCCXIII., who thanketh God of all.*"

Poole-Hall, in the parish of Eastham, which appears to have been built about the middle of the sixteenth century, is a brick-building, nearly in its

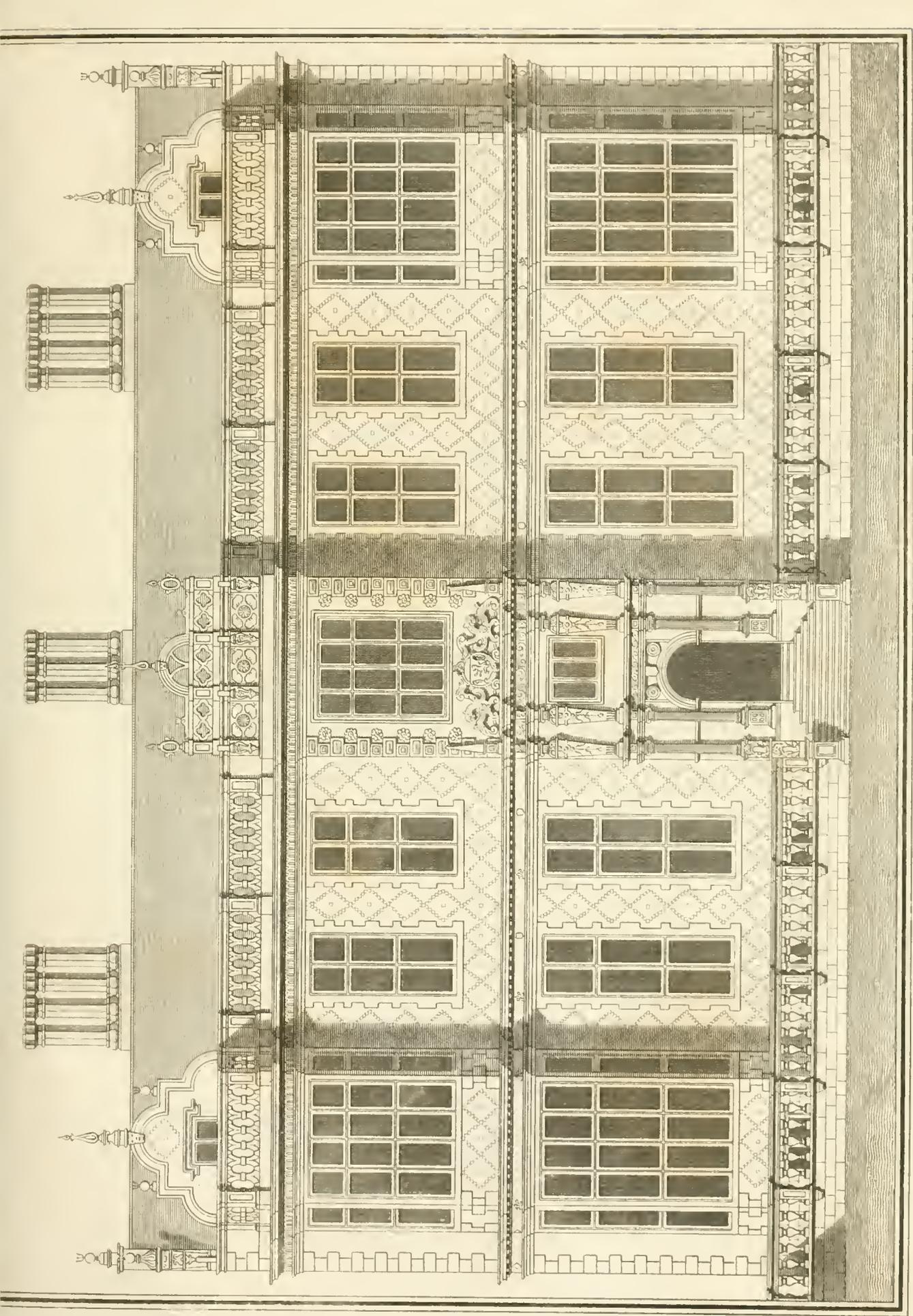
original state: some of the oaken wainscot, in the upper apartments, is very richly ornamented with heads, carved in bas-relief: and with coats of arms of the Poole family, and its alliances: over a chimney-piece in the hall, is the date of 1574.

Brereton-Hall, a part only of which at present remains, appears to have been a very magnificent mansion of brick; it was built by Sir William Brereton in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in the style of Escher-place in Surrey: over the door are the arms of England, with the rose, crown, and portcullis; the arms of Queen Elizabeth are also over the chimney-piece in the drawing-room, where those of all the fovereigns of Europe are emblazoned round the cornice. On the cornice of the stair-case, and in the windows, are the arms of the principal gentry of Cheshire; several of those in the windows have the date of 1577. A part also remains of the ancient mansion of Lyme-Hall, which was built in the reign of James I., but altered and newly fronted by Leoni, in the last century: the principal rooms, which retain their original form, are the gallery at the top of the house, one hundred and twenty-four feet in length; a breakfast-room, much enriched with carved wainscotting, and with plaister ornaments; among which are arms of King James the First, and a representation of the house in its original state. In the drawing-room, the wainscotting is richly carved with arches, &c. above which, the walls are covered with a profusion of plaister-ornaments, as is also the ceiling; over the chimney-piece, which is composed of Ionic-pillars, terms, &c. are the arms of England, supported by the lion and dragon.

Crewe-Hall, the seat of Lord Crewe, was begun in the year 1615, by his lordship's ancestor Sir Randal Crewe, and completed in 1636; it is chiefly of brick, and one of the most complete specimens of the style of building of that time^a. The hall, the staircase, and several of the rooms, remain in their original state; the roof of the dining-room has pendant ornaments, the wainscot is enriched with terms, and other sculptured ornaments. At Bidston, is an old mansion-house of stone, with four gable-ends, and a large semicircular bow-window in front; before it is a court, with a handsome gateway of stone; this is mentioned in King's Vale-Royal, as "a goodly house of William Earl of Derby^b." Tabley-Hall, the ancient residence of the Leycester family, is a considerable building of stone, with large transom windows; in the hall, which is large, is a chimney-piece, much enriched with a great variety of ornaments. Harden-Hall, formerly

^a An elevation of Crewe-Hall, from which the annexed plate is taken, was published in a large print in 1742, by William Yoxall. There is a view of it in King's Vale-Royal of Cheshire, part ii. p. 75.

^b Ibid. p. 124.



CREWE HALL, IN CHESHIRE.

the seat of the ancient family of Arderne, is likewise a stone-building, with indented gable-ends, and transom windows. Dorfold-Hall, now the seat of Henry Tomkinson Esq., which was built by Ralph Wilbraham Esq. in the reign of King James the First, is a handsome brick-building, with transom windows; and retains its original external form: the great chamber, which is very much enriched with plaster-ornaments, also remains unaltered.

Ancient Crosses.—Two very ancient stone-pillars, called the Bow-stones, or Park-moor-stones, fixed in a large stone, six feet four inches in length, and four feet in width, in form approaching to an oval, stand just without the eastern boundary of Lyme-park, near an ancient road, leading from Disley to Macclesfield: one of them is three feet two inches in height, and four feet three inches in girth at the base; the other four feet in height, and four feet in girth, at the base; the socket of each is eleven inches deep: they are round, and taper gradually from their bases: each of these pillars has a kind of rude capital, like those of the pillar near Valle-Crucis abbey in Denbighshire. About a mile and a half from the Bow-stones, in a field called Long-side-piece, in the township of Whaley and parish of Stockport, is a rude stone of an oblong form, about four feet long, and one foot thick, in which are two sockets, one of them, one foot seven inches, by one foot three inches, and six inches deep; the other, one foot five inches, by one foot, and seven inches deep, with the fragment of a stone-pillar, two feet three inches long, lying near it^b.

In the market-place at Sandbach, formerly stood two very remarkable stone-crosses, raised on steps, and the lower part of one of them still remains there; the other parts were broken down and defaced during the civil war in the reign of King Charles the First. William Smith, rouge-dragon pursuivant at arms, who described these crosses in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, speaks of inscriptions engraven on them, of which, however, no traces now remain; if any such formerly existed they were probably Runic^c. A large fragment of one of these crosses was removed by Sir John Crewe, to his seat at Utkinton-Hall; when that hall was converted into a farm-house, it was procured by the Rev. Mr. Allen, rector of Tarporley, and placed by him in a court adjoining to the parsonage-house, where it continued for several years: it has since been a third time

^a Plate 37. ^b From the information of the Rev. William Marriott. ^c The same writer says, that "on Sunday morning, the first of November 1561, there were three chests, made of tin, or such like metal, found near the said river, but nothing in them; on the covers were certain letters, or characters engraven."—King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 46.

removed, and now stands in Mr. Egerton's grounds at Oulton, near the park-wall, not far from the lodge. This fragment, a representation of the four sides of which will be found in the annexed plate, was evidently a part of that cross, which has been entirely removed from its original position: it is five feet seven inches in length, and covered with figures in bas-relief, executed in the rudest manner: those on the two widest sides relate to our Saviour's passion: on one of them he appears bound, and Simon bearing the cross; on the other is the crucifixion, surrounded with symbols of the Evangelists; one of the other sides has an elegant scroll of foliage, with animals interspersed; on the top of this fragment is fixed another piece, about one foot in length, which evidently belonged to the other cross, a part of which still remains at Sandbach^m.

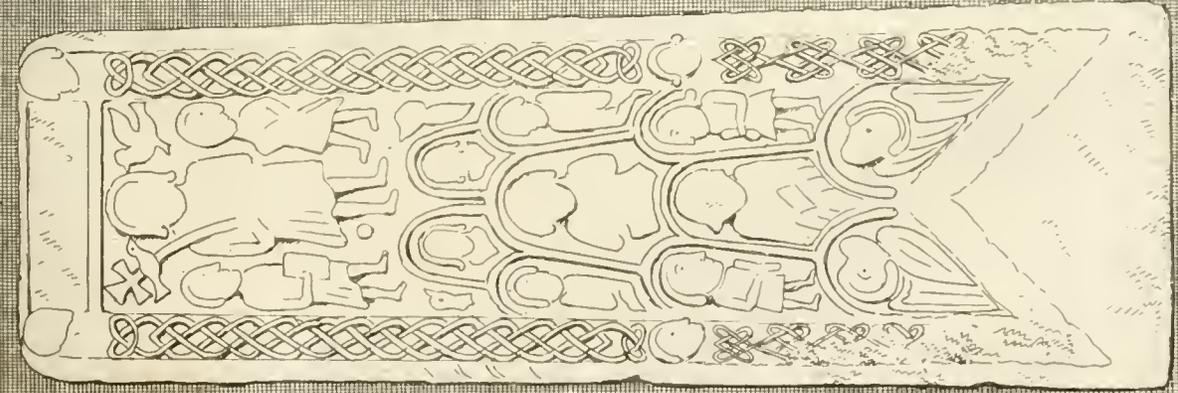
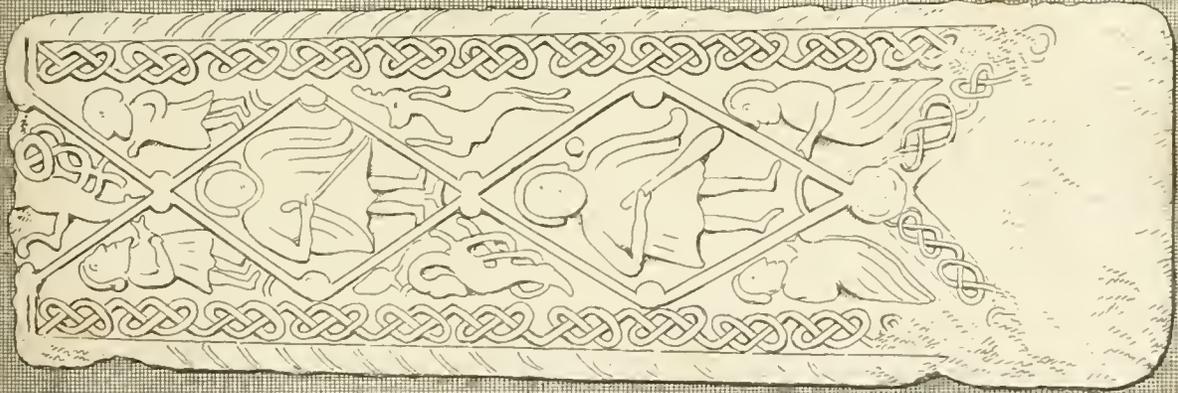
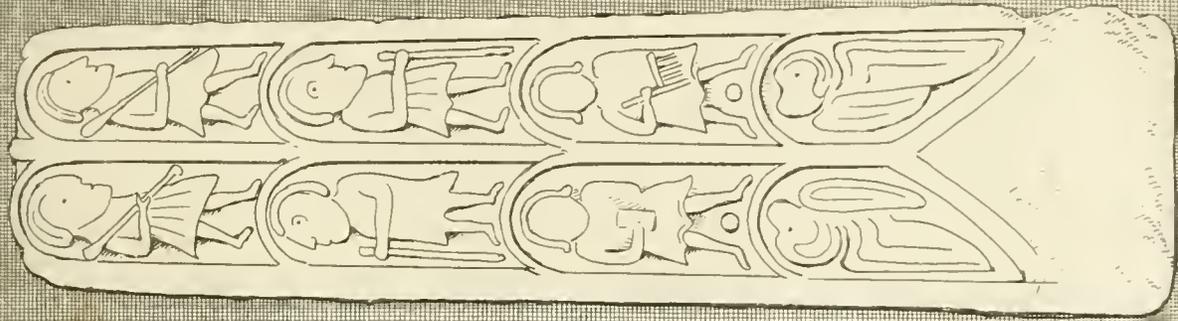
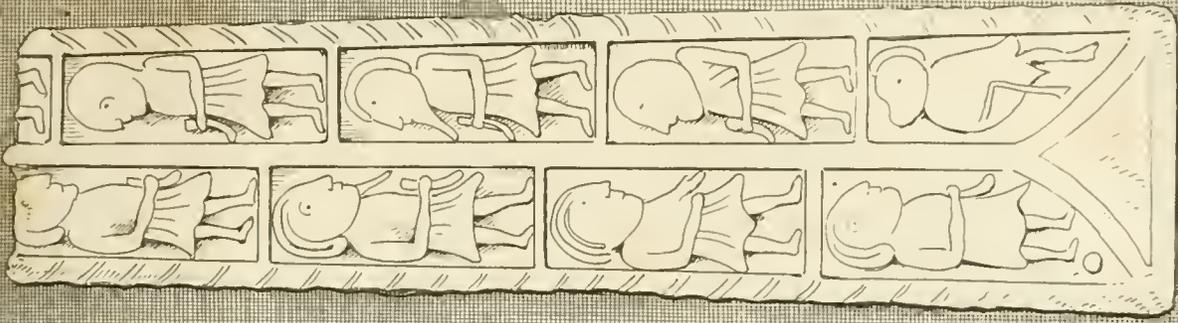
The lower part of the cross, or obelisk, now standing in the market-place at Sandbach, is of the Cheshire red grit-stone; it is six feet one inch in height, and two feet one inch and a half, by one foot eight and a half, at the base: the four sides are covered with figures, in bas-relief, executed in the same rude manner as those before-mentioned; on the east and west sides, which are the widest, are borders of braids and knots of elegant patterns. This obelisk is fixed in a large stone, one foot two inches in thickness, and nearly a square of four feet; at the distance of eight inches from this stone or plinth, is another, of larger dimensions, one of the sides of which is four feet; and each of the other three, about five feet. In this last-mentioned stone is a socket, two feet nine inches and a half, by two feet three inches and a half, wherein another obelisk has stood: both these plinth-stones are placed on a platform, composed of other large stones; at three of the corners of which are remaining stone-posts, three feet six inches in height, into which they have been morticed; and on which also have been sculptured rude figures, in bas-relief.

Three other fragments of a cross are lying at a well below the town, which evidently belonged to a part of that which had been removed by Sir John Crewe, and which is now at Oulton; and two of them formed the base of one side of it, (see the annexed plate of the elevation of the crosses, fig. 3, 4,) as they exactly fit the empty socket: several other smaller fragments, much defaced, are scattered about the town: the original position of one of them is clearly to be ascertained (see the last-mentioned plate, fig. 5.). Part of the top of one of the crosses has been lately dug up, in a garden near the market-placeⁿ, which

^m See the annexed plate of the elevation of these crosses (*a*),
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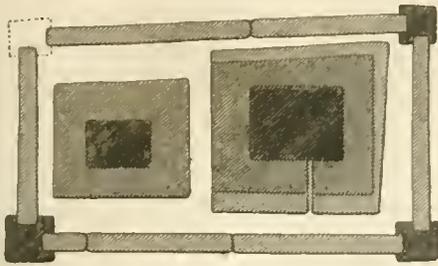
THE FOUR SIDES OF PART OF A STONE CROSS IN THE MARKET PLACE AT SANDBAULT, CUESHIRE



FRAGMENT OF ONE OF THE SANDBACH CROSSES.

In the Possession of John Egerton Esq of Outton.

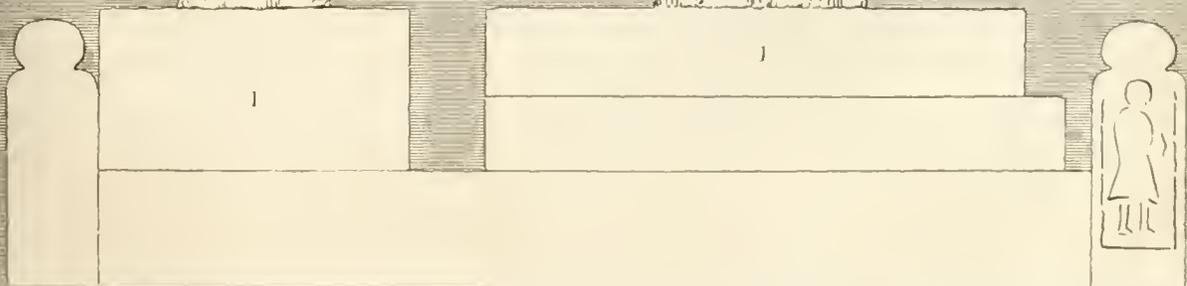
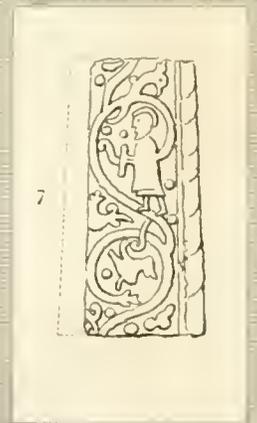
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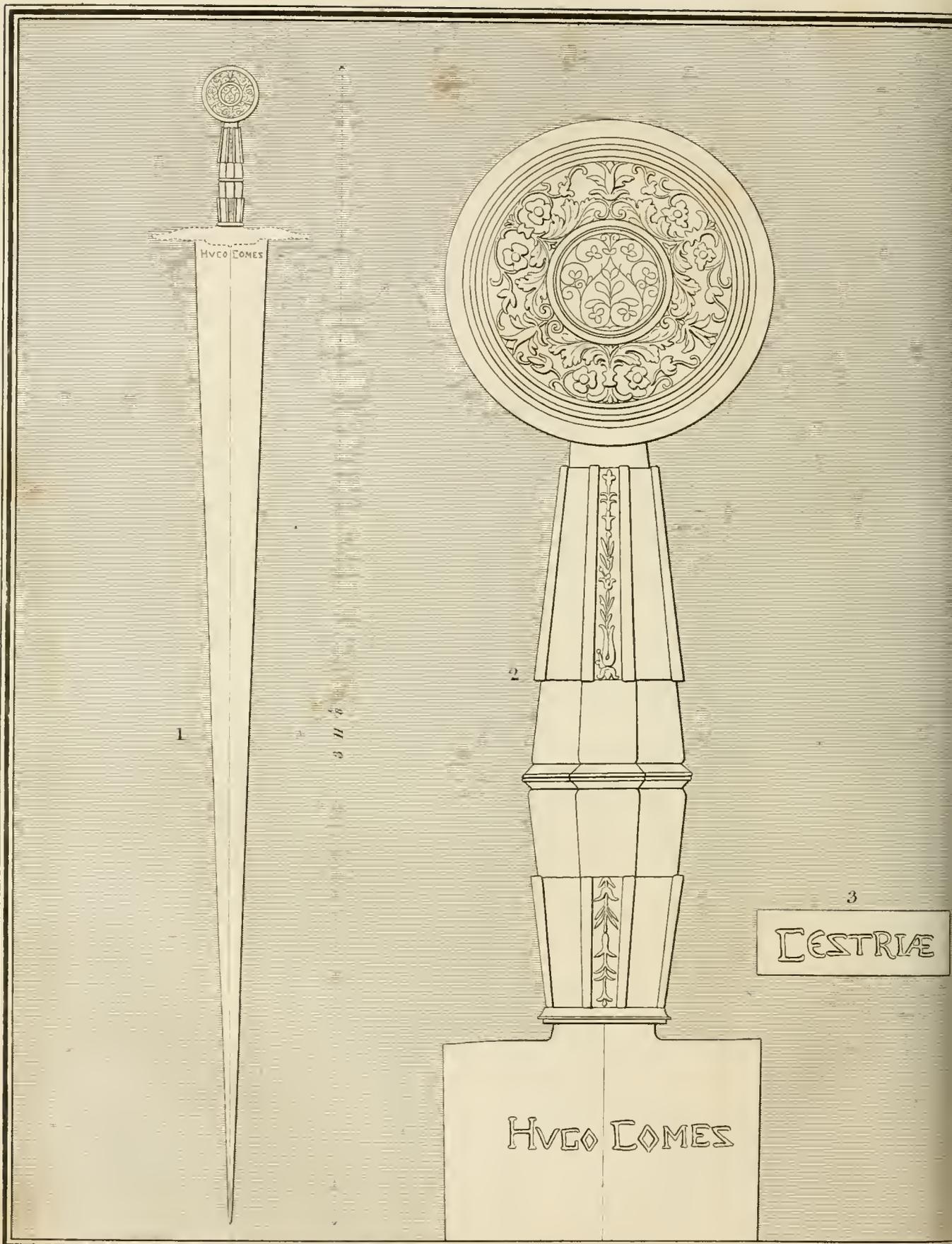


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PLAN AND ELEVATION OF THE SANDBACH CROSSES

1. 1 The part now remaining in the Market Place, at Sandbach. 2. 2 Fragments in M^r Egerton's Grounds, at Oulton. 3. 17 Fragments lying at a Well, below Sandbach. 5 Fragment in the Street of Sandbach. 6 Fragment dug up in the Market Place.

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1. THE SWORD OF HUGH LUPUS, EARL OF CHESTER, PRESERVED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM

2 The Hilt & part of the Blade of the same size as the Original 3 The Inscription on the opposite side of the Blade

evidently belonged to the Oulton fragment, and afforded an opportunity of ascertaining what had been the height of this cross, or obelisk (see the annexed plate of the elevation fig. 6). The height was undoubtedly eighteen feet, and if the top was circular, as it seems to have been, it must have measured about three feet more; making the whole, including the base and platform, nearly twenty-five feet; which considerably exceeds that of any cross now standing in this country; from the rudeness of its sculpture, it seems to have as great a claim to antiquity, as any one which has been noticed; and may be referred to a period not long subsequent to the introduction of Christianity among our Saxon ancestors.

The cross supported by four pillars, standing at Lymm, which has been sometimes represented as an ancient Gothic cross, bears no appearance either of Gothic architecture, or of antiquity; probably there was once an ancient cross on the numerous steps on which it stands: some of them are cut out of the natural rock. In Great-Bebington church-yard is the stump of an ancient cross.

Camps and Earth-works.—In Leland's Itinerary (Vol. v. folio 82.) is the following passage, "There is a place in the forest of Delamer callid *the VII. Loos*, wher be seene *VII. Castle Dikes*. The people there speke much of them. I think that they were made by men of warre." We supposed this description to have applied to the site of Edesbury (the town built by Ethelfleda, the daughter of Alfred, in Delamere forest), but found nothing to answer it, at the Chamber of the forest, or Old-Pale, supposed to be the site of that town^o; nor could we learn, on the most diligent enquiry, that any such remains, as those described by Leland, are now to be found, in any part of the forest; nor any ancient earth-works, except two elevated spots, to the north of the new pale, called Castle-cob, and Castle-hill, which tradition says have been fortified places.

Horfeley mentions *tumuli* in the park at Dunham-Massey, in which urns had been found^p. On the top of a high hill, in the parish of Mottram, on the borders of Yorkshire, is a vallum with a deep ditch, called Buckton castle; it is of an irregular form, approaching to an oval, about one hundred and fifty feet by one hundred and twenty (reckoning the width of the ditch); and commands a very extensive view over Lancashire, Cheshire, and part of Yorkshire.

^o In Ashmole's MSS. Collections is the following passage, "A mile south of the chamber in the forest are the seven *loos*, ut dicitur."

^p Brit. Rom. p. 415.

Miscellaneous Antiquities.—The sword of Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chelster, who died in the year 1101, is preserved in the British Museum; it is three feet eleven inches and one eighth in length; the blade is two inches and three eighths wide at the top, and tapers gradually, until it ends in a sharp point: the handle is gilt, and elegantly ornamented with scrolls of foliage and flowers; some parts of it are inlaid with mother of pearl: the guard is wanting^p. On the two sides of the upper part of the blade is the following inscription in capitals, for the most part Roman, “*Hugo comes Cestriae* ;” a fac simile of which is given in the annexed plate; this sword is among the curiosities in Sir Hans Sloane’s Collection, but it is not known whence it came. It has been supposed that it was the sword of Dignity, by which Hugh Lupus held the county of Chester, as before-mentioned.

Sir Thomas Stanley is in possession of an ancient bugle-horn, one foot six inches and a half in length, and nine inches and a half in diameter at the largest end; the mouth piece is hooped with gold, and ornamented with a wreath of knots. The office of bailiff of the forest of Wirral was formerly conferred by the delivery of this horn, as that of chief-forester, or bow-bearer of Delamere forest, was by the delivery of a black bugle-horn, hooped with gold, in the possession of the present chief-forester, John Arden Esq. These horns much resemble the Borstall horn, and that by which the office of Feodary, &c. of the honour of Tutbury was holden, both of which are figured in the third volume of the *Archæologia*, Plate I.

In the year 1803, several cairns were discovered, about a yard below the surface of the earth, in a field in the township of Butley, adjoining the high-road from Stockport to Macclesfield; “around the circumference of the area, occupied by these cairns, were placed at certain intervals large boundary stones, apparently of an hundred weight, and upwards^q.” Near the extremity of one of them was found an urn filled with ashes.

Customs.

OF the customs and ceremonies peculiar to certain parts of the kingdom, Cheshire has its full share; we shall notice some of those which are most remarkable. There is a custom among the young men, of placing, on the first of May, large birchen-boughs over the doors of the houses, where the young women reside to

^p The guard appears in a very indifferent engraving of this sword, published in the second edition of Dr. Gower’s *Sketch of the Materials for a History of Cheshire*; it is added in a dotted line in the annexed plate, on this authority.

^q *Chester Courant*, 25th of July, 1808.

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whom they pay their addressees^r; and an alder-bough is often found placed over the door of a scold.

“ Another singular custom which prevails in this county, is that of *lifting*, at Easter. On Easter Monday, the young men deck out a chair with flowers and ribbands, and carry it about, compelling every young woman they meet to get into it, and suffer herself to be lifted, as high as they can reach into the air, or to be kissed, or pay a forfeit. On Easter Tuesday the young women deck out their chair, and lift the men, or make them pay a fine^s.” This custom, which also prevails in some of the neighbouring counties, or something very like it, seems to have been admitted among the highest ranks in the thirteenth century: for it appears, from a wardrobe account preserved among the records in the Tower, that King Edward the First, in the eighteenth year of his reign, paid a large sum of money, more than equivalent to four hundred pounds at this time, to the Queen’s seven ladies of the bed-chamber and maids of honour, on a similar occasion.

Rush-bearing, or carrying rushes to the churches, and there strewing them, was a custom which formerly prevailed generally in Cheshire: but has been much disused for many years, since close pews have been erected in most churches. It took place on the day of the wake, and was attended with a procession of young men and women, dressed in ribbands, and carrying garlands, &c. which were hung up in the church: we saw these garlands remaining in several churches.

The most prevalent custom of this county is the shouting of the *marlers*, when any money has been given to them. When a marle-pit is to be dug, the set of labourers, or marlers, as they are called, who undertake it, choose one of their number to be lord of the pit. When at work, they never ask for money, but if any is given them, they are summoned together, by their lord, and after announcing with great solemnity the donation, and the name of the

^r Mr. Owen in his Welsh Dictionary, under the word *bedaw*, birch, says, that it “ was an emblem of readiness, or complacency, in doing a kind act. If a young woman accepted of the addressee of a lover, she gave him the birchen-branch, mostly formed into a crown; but if he was rejected she gave him a *collen*, or hazel.”

^s The following is the entry in that account. “ *XV die Maii, vii Dominabus et Domicellis Regine, quia ceperunt Dominum Regem in lecto suo in Crastino Pasche, et ipsum fecerunt finire versus eas pro pace regis quam fecit de dono suo per manus Hugonis de Cerru Scutiferi Domine de Weston.*” — xiii. li. Lib. Controtulat’ de Anno XVIII Ed. I. fol. 45. b

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donor', " they join their arms, forming a ring, and make four bows, towards the center of it, shouting every time: the fourth time they give a lengthened and much louder shout, letting the sound die away gradually: this ceremony is repeated several times, in proportion to the sum given; they shout four times for silver, though only six-pence; six times for a shilling; for half-a-crown, the shouts are continued as long as their breath will hold out. My lord keeps the money till the next Saturday evening, when it is spent at the next ale-house, and the shouts are there renewed, as the healths of the givers are repeated in succession. When the marlers have finished their work, they dress up a pole, with flowers and ribbands, and hanging their silver watches, spoons, and other glittering articles on it, carry it about to collect money; this is called carrying the garland'."

At Knutsford a custom prevails of strewing the streets with brown sand, over which various devices are figured with white sand, before the doors of the inhabitants, on occasion of weddings, and other joyful events, and for persons in all ranks of life.

* One stepping aside, cries *oyez* three times; another says with great solemnity, " Mr. A. B., dwelling at the township of C., has been here to-day, and has given to my lord and all his men, part of a thousand pounds: I hope another will come by and by, and give us as much more, and we will return him thanks therefor, and shout *larjo*," the last word is evidently a corruption of *largess*.

† We are indebted for the greater part of this information respecting the Cheshire customs, to Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.

PAROCHIAL TOPOGRAPHY.

THE only part of Cheshire, of which we have any regular history, is the hundred of Bucklow, written by Sir Peter Leycester, who has, with much industry, and apparent accuracy, traced the history of property and families in that district, from a very early period, down to the year 1666, and in some instances a few years later: the work was published in 1673. Dr. Gower, in his Sketch of the Materials for a History of Cheshire, of which we shall make more particular mention, says that it had been asserted, that Sir Peter collected for all the hundreds; his own opinion, he tells us, was, that he did not collect for them professedly, but that the manuscripts which had been submitted by Lady Leicester to his care, related to, and extended over the whole county; containing a prodigious fund of very valuable information. Through the indulgence of Sir J. F. Leicester we have had an opportunity of inspecting his ancestor's MSS., which are now in his possession, at Tabley; and we found them to contain ample collections for the hundred of Bucklow, written by Sir Peter Leycester, in a very neat hand, but scarcely any thing relating to other parts of the county, except a large volume of pedigrees, written also by Sir Peter himself, being chiefly copied from the collections of Mr. John Booth of Twemlow, with some additions made by Sir Francis Leycester, Sir Peter's successor.

The earliest printed work relating to the county palatine of Chester is that generally known by the name of King's Vale-Royal, for which the editor, Daniel King, an engraver, seems to have enjoyed a much greater portion of fame than was his due. The first part consists of a brief geographical account of Cheshire, the course of its rivers, a summary account of the several hundreds, brief descriptions of the city of Chester, the market towns, and a few of the principal villages; lists of the gentry in each hundred, and engraved coats of arms, in alphabetical order; and annals of the city of Chester, all by William Smith, rouge-dragon pursuivant at arms, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The most valuable article in the second part, is an itinerary of Cheshire, divided into the several hundreds, made in the year 1622^v by William Webb, M. A., who was clerk in the mayor's court at Chester, and had been under-sheriff to Sir Richard Lea, in the year 1615. The second part contains also a short history of the Earls of Chester, their Barons, the Bishops of Mercia and Chester, the government of the county and city, and a

^v Dr. Gower says most probably about 1600, but the year is expressly mentioned in one part of the itinerary.

more copious epitome of the annals of the latter, compiled from the corporation books, by Mr. William Alderfey, twice mayor of Chester, who died in 1617. A work entitled a History of Cheshire, in two volumes octavo, was published in 1778, being merely a copy of the Vale-Royal, with extracts from Sir Peter Leycester's History of Bucklow hundred; an anonymous History of Nantwich (written by the Rev. Mr. Partridge) which had been published separately in 1774^x; extracts from a brief history of Eccleston, which had been published by the Rev. Thomas Crane in 1774; the diary of Edward Burghall, some time rector of Acton, relating chiefly to public transactions during the civil war; and extracts from Pennant's Journey from Chester to London, and other modern publications. The life of St. Werburgh, written in verse by Henry Bradshaw, a monk of Chester, and printed by Pynson, of which only two or three copies are known to be extant, contains many historical particulars relating to the city of Chester.

The MS. collections for this county have been uncommonly numerous: an account of most of these is given in a Sketch of the Materials for a History of Cheshire, in a letter addressed to Thomas Falconer Esq., and printed, first anonymously in 1771, and a second edition afterwards with his name, by Foote Gower, M.D., who meditated a history of the county upon an extensive scale; the most important are the very voluminous collections of the Randal Holmes^y, (of which name there were four in succession) now among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum; containing an immense mass of copies of charters, deeds, &c. taken from public records and private muniment rooms; pedigrees; letters and various other matter collected by them, or copied from the collections of others; the collections of John Booth, Esq. of Twemlow, Mr. Roger Wilbraham's collections for the town and district of Nantwich; Mr. John Warburton's collections, consisting of the descents of manors, and an account of the principal families; those of the Rev. John Stones, rector of Coddington, and those of Mr. William Vernon, of Shakerly in Lancashire, consisting of many folio volumes, comprising extracts from deeds and other authentic instruments, descents of families, and a variety of matter relating to several towns and parishes in Cheshire. The collections of Laurence Bostock, Sampson Erdfwick, Ralph Starkey, Randal Catherall, Roger Wilcoxon, the

^x Prefixed to "the common English translation of the 45th psalm, carefully corrected according to the true meaning of the Hebrew original, with a paraphrase and notes."

^y The Holmes were an ancient family, who had a moiety of the manor of Tranmol in Wirral, by descent from a coheirs of Tranmol; they were all herald-painters. The elder was mayor of Chester in 1633; his son in 1653; his grandson was gentleman sewer to King Charles the Second, deputy to garter principal king of arms, and author of "The Accidence of Armory." The great grandson, who was deputy to Norroy king of arms, died in 1707. See the account of St. Mary's church in Chester.

three Chaloners and others, most of which are now among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, are also described, and two very valuable epitomes made about a century ago from the several voluminous collections relating to this county; the one containing the descent of the principal landed property compiled by Dr. Williamson, a physician, under the title of *Villare Cestriense*; the other an epitome of the ecclesiastical history of each parish, with an accurate account of charitable donations and institutions, under the title of *Notitia Cestriensis*, compiled with great industry by Dr. Gastrell, bishop of Chester, by whose means the large collections of the Holmes, being offered to sale after the death of Randal Holme in 1707, were purchased for the Earl of Oxford's library, and have eventually become the property of the public: The principal collector for the History of the City of Chester, was the Rev. Archdeacon Rogers, who died in 1595; his notes were arranged and classed in chapters by his son, who drew up a very curious history of "The laudable exercises yearly used within the Citie of Chester;" a copy of these collections is among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, and another in the possession of William Nicholls Esq. of Chester.

It appears by Dr. Gower's *prospectus*, that he was possessed of the originals of some of the collections which he has described, that he had transcripts of some, and that others had been confided to his care by their respective owners. At the time of his death, which happened in 1780, the plan of his work is said to have been nearly completed, and the publication was undertaken in 1792 by John Wilkinson M.D. who became possessed of all his materials for the history, except such as had been lent to Dr. Gower, and on his death had been returned to their respective owners. Dr. Wilkinson having afterwards declined the task, through want of sufficient leisure to fulfil his intentions, all Dr. Gower's collections, with such additions as had been made to them by Dr. Wilkinson, came into the hands of the late William Latham Esq. F.R. and A.S., who in 1800 published renewed proposals for a History of Cheshire, visited several parts of the county, and made some progress in the undertaking: since his death, which happened in 1807, most of the Cheshire collections* above mentioned, have passed

* See the account of Chester, where it is printed at full length.

† Dr. Gower describes a MS. which he calls the Cheshire Domesday, as a record containing the lineal and uninterrupted succession of almost every acre of Cheshire property, for at least 500 years. This he speaks of as his own property, as well as Sir William Brereton's Letters and Transactions during the civil war, in five folio volumes; but neither of these are now, as Dr. Wilkinson assures us, in his possession. It seems not improbable that the MS. which Dr. Gower speaks of, and which, by his description of it, must have been very unlike the Domesday Survey, was a calendar of the clause-rolls in the Exchequer at Chester, a copy of which we have, and which certainly gives the descent of a great part of the Cheshire property for several centuries.

again into the hands of Dr. Wilkinfon, in whose poffeffion they now are. The Rev. Mr. Watfon, rector of Stockport, made collections relating to that town and neighbourhood, with the intention of publication; they are now in the hands of his fon.

The principal MS. fources from which we have derived the information contained in the following brief parochial histories, are the collections of the Randal Holmes and others, in the British Mufeum; the records at the Tower; abftracts of the records in the exchequer at Chefter; the collections of John Woodnoth Efq. of Shavington; Smith's, and various other heraldic collections; Dr. Williamfon's *Villare Ceftrienfe*; Bifhop Gaftrell's *Notitia Ceftrienfis*; and the answers of the Cheshire clergy to the inquiries of Bifhop Cleaver and Bifhop Porteus, relative to various parochial matters in 1778 and 1789^b. We had an opportunity of purchafing feveral of the above MSS., which had formerly been the property of Mr. Francis Baffano deputy-herald for Chefter, who was fheriff of that city in 1734, and afterwards of Mr. John Orme organift, who was fheriff in 1773. The abftract of records in the exchequer at Chelter is now in the record office at the Tower; Dr. Williamfon's *Villare Ceftrienfe*, and Woodnoth's collections, we have depofited in the British Mufeum; Smith's collections, and a book of pedigrees, drawn up, as it appears, from deeds and pleadings, by Mr. John Booth of Twemlow, and Mr. John Woodnoth, in the heralds' college, as well for the convenience of public reference, as a flight mark of gratitude for the valuable materials which we have from time to time obtained from thofe ample fources of information. We have been favoured by Mifs Harwood of Nantwich, with the loan of the tranfcript of Bifhop Gaftrell's *Notitia*, which was made by the Rev. Mr. Harwood her father, for Dr. Gower's ufe, and returned after his deceafe; from the fame lady we have been favoured alfo with the loan of a MS. narrative of the fiege of Chefter, which had belonged to her father^c, and fome other papers. For the hiftory of Chefter we have had the ufe of Archdeacon Rogers's MS., now the property of William Nicholls Efq.; we have had accefs to the corporation muniments and journals, and have taken notes from fome copious annals of Chefter among the Holme's MSS., and from a journal of the fiege by one of thofe antiquaries. With refpect to the more modern hiftory of the county and city, we have perfonally vifited every parifh, and feveral of them a fecond time: for the defcent of property within the laft century, and for various other matters relating to the general hiftory of the county; and to that of the feveral parifhes, we are under great obligations to William Nicholls Efq. deputy regiftrar, who, with indefatigable induftry and zeal has circulated que-

^b Depofited in the registry at Chefter.

^c See p. 310. Note (g).

ries for the purpose of our work, and collected a great store of information from every part of the county; and we have to express our obligations both to those of the gentry and clergy who, through his hands, have favoured us with such information, as well as to those who have honoured us with immediate communications.

ACTON, in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich, lies about a mile N. E. from Nantwich on the road to Chester. It contains, exclusively of the parochial chapelry of Wrenbury, the townships of *Acton, Aston, Austerfon, Badington, Brindley, Burland, Cholmondeston, Coole-Pilate, Edlafton, Faddiley, Henbull, Hurleston, Poole, Stoke, Worleston*, and part of the township of *Soond*, the remainder being in the chapelry of Wrenbury.

The manor of Acton, which had been anciently parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, passed by a coheirefs of William de Maldebeng or Malbank, to the Vernons, and by a coheirefs of Warren de Vernon to the Littleburys, who sold their share (being an eighteenth part) of the barony of Wich-Malbank, and including the manors of Acton and Hurleston, with Dorfold-Hall, (in the parish of Acton,) to John de Wetenhall; Ellen, the sister and coheirefs of this John's grandson, married Sir Henry Arderne, whose son, Sir Ralph, appears to have died seised of these manors in 1420; yet about the year 1464 they were conveyed by the heirs male of the Wetenhalls, to feoffees in trust, for the use of Sir John Bromley, who passed over these estates to Lord Stanley. Thomas, Earl of Derby, appears to have died seised of them in 1522, but it is probable that they were only held in trust: it is certain that the Bromleys were in immediate possession, and resided at Dorfold for several generations. Collins represents the Bromleys of Dorfold, as descended from Thomas, a natural son of Thomas Bromley of Badington, who died without lawful issue; but a pedigree in Mr. Woodnoth's collection makes William Bromley of Dorfold, the elder son of another Thomas Bromley, by his wife Joan, sister and coheirefs of Thomas Parker of Coppenhall, which Thomas was only son of Sir John Bromley the younger, grandson of Sir John Bromley who distinguished himself in the wars with France, by his second wife Martha, daughter of Richard Widville, Earl Rivers, by Jaquetta Duchess of Bedford, and sister to the Lady Elizabeth Grey, Queen of Edward the Fourth. The manor of Acton, with Dorfold-Hall and Hurleston, continued in the Bromley family till about the year 1600, when they were purchased of William Bromley Esq. by Sir Roger Wilbraham master of

the requests, and by him conveyed to his younger brother Ralph ^d, of whose descendants they were purchased in 1752, by the father of Henry Tomkinson Esq. the present proprietor. Ralph Wilbraham Esq. above-mentioned built the present hall at Dorfold, (now the seat of Mr. Tomkinson,) in the year 1616, on the site of an old mansion which had been the residence of the Bromleys. Dorfold-Hall remains nearly in its original form; the drawing-room, a spacious apartment, has a coved ceiling much enriched with pendent ornaments, and a richly ornamented chimney-piece, which appear to be coeval with the house.

On the 16th of October 1643, Lord Capel, advancing with some of the King's forces towards Nantwich, took possession of Dorfold-Hall and Acton church, but evacuated both during the following night ^e. After this, they were made garrisons by the parliament. Dorfold-Hall was taken by Lord Byron on the 2d of January following ^f; Acton church, which had been converted into a prison, was defended by Capt. Sadler against many assaults of the Royalists, who fired several cannon shots at it, and are said to have lost six men in the attack ^g: it was taken before the middle of that month. On the 25th of January the siege of Nantwich was raised, and a body of Lord Byron's infantry, consisting of about 1500 men, occupying Dorfold-Hall and Acton church, and being detached from the rest of the army, were obliged to surrender to Sir Thomas Fairfax ^h. Above threescore officers were taken prisoners ⁱ, among whom was the celebrated General Monk, then a colonel in the King's army, who was sent to London, and remained for a considerable time a prisoner in the Tower.

In the parish church at Acton is the monument of William Mainwaring Esq. of Baddiley, who died in the year 1399: his father, who was a military officer of some note in the reign of Edward the Third, and died in 1394, bequeathed 10 marks towards the building of the north aisle or chapel in which he is interred. There are monuments also for the Wilbrahams of Woodhey ^k, and for the Wilbrahams of Dorfold.

The rectory of Acton was given by Hugh, Baron of Wich-Malbank, to the abbot and convent of Combermere. After the dissolution of that monastery, the rectory and advowson of the vicarage were granted by King Henry VIII., to Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey ^l, whose representative the Earl of Dysart is

^d Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestriense*.
of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 921.

931, and Partridge's *History of Nantwich*, p. 73, 74.

^e Sir Richard Wilbraham, who was created a baronet in 1621, and died in 1643; and Sir Thomas Wilbraham, the second baronet, who died in 1660.

^e Burghall's *Diary*, printed in the *History of Cheshire*, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 921.

^f *Ibid.* 926.

^g *Ibid.* 927.

^h *Ibid.*

ⁱ Partridge, p. 79. 81.

^k Bishop Gallrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*.

the present proprietor and patron of the vicarage. It appears, by the endowment of this church, in the registry at Lichfield, bearing date 1285, that the vicar was entitled to half the tithes of hay, and to all the oblations and obventions in the parish church of Acton, and in the chapels of Nantwich and Wrenbury. The free-school at Acton was originally founded by subscription, in 1662, as a maintenance for Mr. Burghall, the ejected non-conformist minister^m, whose Diary (which we have frequently had occasion to quote) is printed in the second Volume of the 8vo History of Cheshire: the master's salary is now 20*l. per ann.* One of the Wilbraham familyⁿ founded an alms-house at Acton for two old men, and endowed it with some adjoining lands: two apartments in the alms-house founded at Nantwich by Sir Roger Wilbraham in 1613, are appropriated to poor men of Acton.

The township of *Acton*, which being within the limits of the ancient forest of Mondrem, is called, to distinguish it from other places of the same name; *Acton-in-Mondrem*, lies about four miles north from Nantwich; the manor was anciently parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank; at an early period it became vested in that branch of the Crewes, whose co-heiress married Praers. Aston-Hall became the property of the Minshulls, whose ancestor had married a co-heiress of Crewe; Edmund Dutton Esq. married the heiress of Minshull, about the year 1360; upon the failure of issue male, from the elder branch of Dutton in 1526, Aston-in-Mondrem was one of the estates allotted to the co-heirs, and in the division appears to have fallen to the share of the Cholmondeleys; Richard Cholmondeley, who married Eleanor one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Dutton, died seized of this estate in 1538: it was purchased of the Cholmondeley family, by John Darlington Esq., whose daughter brought it in marriage to Henry Tomkinson Esq., the present proprietor. The royalty, which passed in the same manner as the Crewe-Hall estate^o, was purchased in 1802 by Henry Tomkinson Esq. Brayne's-Hall, in this township, the seat for many generations of the ancient family of Brayne, was lately sold by John Brayne Esq., to Mrs. Elcock of Poole: it is occupied by a farmer.

^m Answer to the Queries of Bishop Porteus in 1778, in the Bishop's Registry.

ⁿ We could not procure either the founder's name, or the date of the foundation: Bishop Gastrell, as it appears, could not satisfy himself in this particular a century ago: Sir Thomas Wilbraham, (there were two of that name,) and a Lady Wilbraham, are each spoken of in his notes as the founder: the foundation seems to have been by deed of gift. By the return of charitable donations made to Parliament in 1786, (in which there is no mention of the founder's name, or date of foundation,) it appears that this alms-house is endowed with eighteen statute-acres of land adjoining the house. The pensioners receive four pounds *per ann.* each, and some clothes: the Earl of Dyfart is trustee, as representative of the Wilbraham family.

^o Acton was held under the Foulshurfts by the Duttons, 12 Henry VI. Villare Cestriense.

Webb, in his Itinerary, speaks of feats of the families of Aston and Weever in this township^p.

The manor of *Austerfon*, or *Alstanton*, was, at an early period, the property of the Alstantons, from whom it passed by successive female heirs to the families of Bulkeley, Wetenhall, Praers, and Bromley^q; Isabella, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Bromley who died in the year 1485, brought it in marriage about the latter part of the fifteenth century to Sir William Needham of Shavington, ancestor of the right honorable Robert Needham, Viscount Kilmorey, who is the present proprietor.

The township of *Badington* lies about two miles and a half S. S. W. from Nantwich; the manor was acquired by the Bromleys about the reign of Edward III. in marriage with an heiress of the family of Chettleton^r, and has passed with Austerfon to Lord Kilmorey. There are no remains of the halls, either at Austerfon or Badington; the latter was an ancient feat of the Bromleys. The brave Sir John Bromley, who recovered the standard of Guyenne at the battle of Le Corby, in the reign of Henry V., was second son of William Bromley of Badington, of which manor he is said to have died seized in 1420; but as Sir John left male issue, and his brother's family inherited Badington, it is probable he held it only in trust.

The townships of *Brindley*^s and *Burland*^t are both esteemed to be within the manor of Baddiley. Sir Thomas Mainwaring and Sir Thomas Brereton are described as the joint lords in 1671^u. They are now the joint property of Wilbraham, Earl of Dysart, and of Henry Tomkinson Esq., who purchased in 1798 of the devisees under the will of the late Sir Henry Mainwaring Bart. Branches of the Wilbraham family resided formerly at Brindley and Burland. The Allens, an ancient family, had a seat at Brindley for more than two centuries^v: Brindley-Hall passed by marriage from the Allens to the Hewitts and Holfords, and was sold by the executors of Allen Holford Esq., the last heir male of that branch of the Holford family, (who died in 1788,) to Mr. Richard Darlington, the present owner; it is now occupied by a farmer. At Burland is an old hall, (now Mr. Robert Cawley's,) occupied also by a farmer, which was formerly a seat of the Griffins, and afterwards of the Hewitts. Edmund Griffin Esq. the last heir male of the Burland family, was buried at Nantwich in 1771, and a maiden sister in 1807. In this township is Swanley, or Swanlow-Hall, formerly a seat of the Mainwarings of Carincham^w; it is now a farm belonging to Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold.

^p Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 73.

^q Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestrieuse.

^r The Chettletons were possessed of it, 19 Edward II.

^s Brindley lies nearly five miles, W. N. W. from Nantwich.

^t Burland lies about three miles and a half W. N. W.

from Nantwich.

^u Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^v Cheshire Pedigrees.

^w Vale-Royal.



PART OF THE NAVE AND CHOIR OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
AND OF THE CHANCEL AND TRANSEPT





NORTH EAST VIEW OF CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Mr. George Huxley, in the year 1717, gave by will thirty-three statute acres of land for the support of four widows, or elderly women of the townships of Brindley, Burland, or Faddiley, and from that part of the parish of Acton, called Harleston-quarter, and Cholmondeston-quarter.

The township of *Cholmondeston* lies five miles N. by W. from Nantwich; the manor was, at an early period, in the family of Crewe, under whom it was held, by the Wetenhalls. The family of Wetenhall of Cholmondeston became extinct by the death of William Wetenhall Esq., about the year 1600. Lawrence Wright Esq., who married Susan, one of his sisters and co-heirs, became possessed in her right of one-fourth of the manor, and having purchased the other shares of his wife's sisters and their husbands, sold the whole to Sir Thomas Egerton, afterwards Viscount Brackley^a and Earl of Bridgewater. In the year 1686, John Earl of Bridgewater sold it to Sir John Werden, under whose will it passed, on the death of his son without issue, to his grand-daughter, Lucy, Duchess of St. Alban's: it is now the property of George Harley Drummond Esq., whose father became possessed of it, under the will of George Duke of St. Alban's. Cholmondeston-Hall is now occupied by a farmer: this manor was held in the reign of Edward I., by the service of finding a man in arms to keep guard at the gates of Chester, during the time of the fair^a.

The township of *Coole-Pilate* lies nearly five miles S. S. W. from Nantwich. The manor, which was anciently parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, is now the property of Lord Kilmorey: in this township were two halls, with considerable estates annexed, one of which belonged to the Whitneys, who became possessed of it in the reign of Richard II., and had a feat there for many generations; this estate was purchased in 1744^b of Mr. Hugh Whitney, by whose death the family is supposed to have become extinct, by Mr. John Darlington, whose daughter brought it in marriage to Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold, the present proprietor; the hall is occupied by a farmer. The other estate belonged to a branch of the St. Pierres, and passed by a female heir to the Hortons, in or about the reign of Henry IV.^c: the last heir male of this family died about the year 1740, when his estate devolved to Dr. William Davenport of Laycock in Wilts, whose representative sold it in 1786 to Joseph Skerret Esq. the present proprietor: the old hall has been taken down, and a farm-house built on the site.

The manor of *Edlafton* belonged, at an early period to the Edlaftons, who sold it in or about the year 1298, to the Foulshursts. From this family it is supposed to have passed by sale to the Cholmondeleys^d, who were possessed of

^a Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

it as early as the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It is now the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley; the hall is occupied by a farmer.

Faddiley ° was anciently esteemed an appendage of the manor of Baddiley, but the owners of Woodhey had, at an early period, a manor here, held under the lords of Baddiley, and the manor of Faddiley is now vested in Wilbraham Earl of Dyfart, proprietor of the Woodhey estate. Woodhey was in the reign of Edward II. the seat of the Golbornes, from whom it passed by a female heir in the fifteenth century, to Thomas Wilbraham Esq., fifth in descent from Sir Richard Wilbraham of Radnor, sheriff of Cheshire in 1269. Sir Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey was created a baronet in 1627; his father, Thomas Wilbraham Esq., was patron of William Webb, who wrote the Itinerary of Cheshire in "King's Vale-Royal;" the title became extinct in 1692, by the death of Sir Thomas Wilbraham the third baronet, in whom the male line of this branch of the Wilbraham family ended. The Woodhey estate passed with Grace, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Wilbraham, to Lord Huntingtour, afterwards Earl of Dyfart, from whom it has descended to the present Earl; the greater part of the hall, which was the seat of the Wilbrahams, has been taken down; the remains are fitted up as a farm-house. A domestic chapel was built at Woodhey about the year 1700, by Lady Wilbraham, widow of the last baronet, and endowed in 1703 with 20*l.* per ann. for the minister, who is appointed by the Earl of Dyfart; 2*l.* per ann. for the clerk, and 3*l.* per ann. for repairs †.

The manor of *Henbull* was the property and seat of a family of that name, which held it under the Vernons, Barons of Shipbrook: about the reign of Edward IV. it was divided among the co-heirs of Richard Henhull ‡. This manor was afterwards in the Claytons, of which family it was purchased in 1573, by the ancestor of George James, Earl of Cholmondeley, the present proprietor. Mr. Webb, in his Itinerary of Cheshire, (in King's Vale-Royal,) written in the year 1622, speaks of Henhull as once a fair seat of the Claytons, a family then almost worn out.

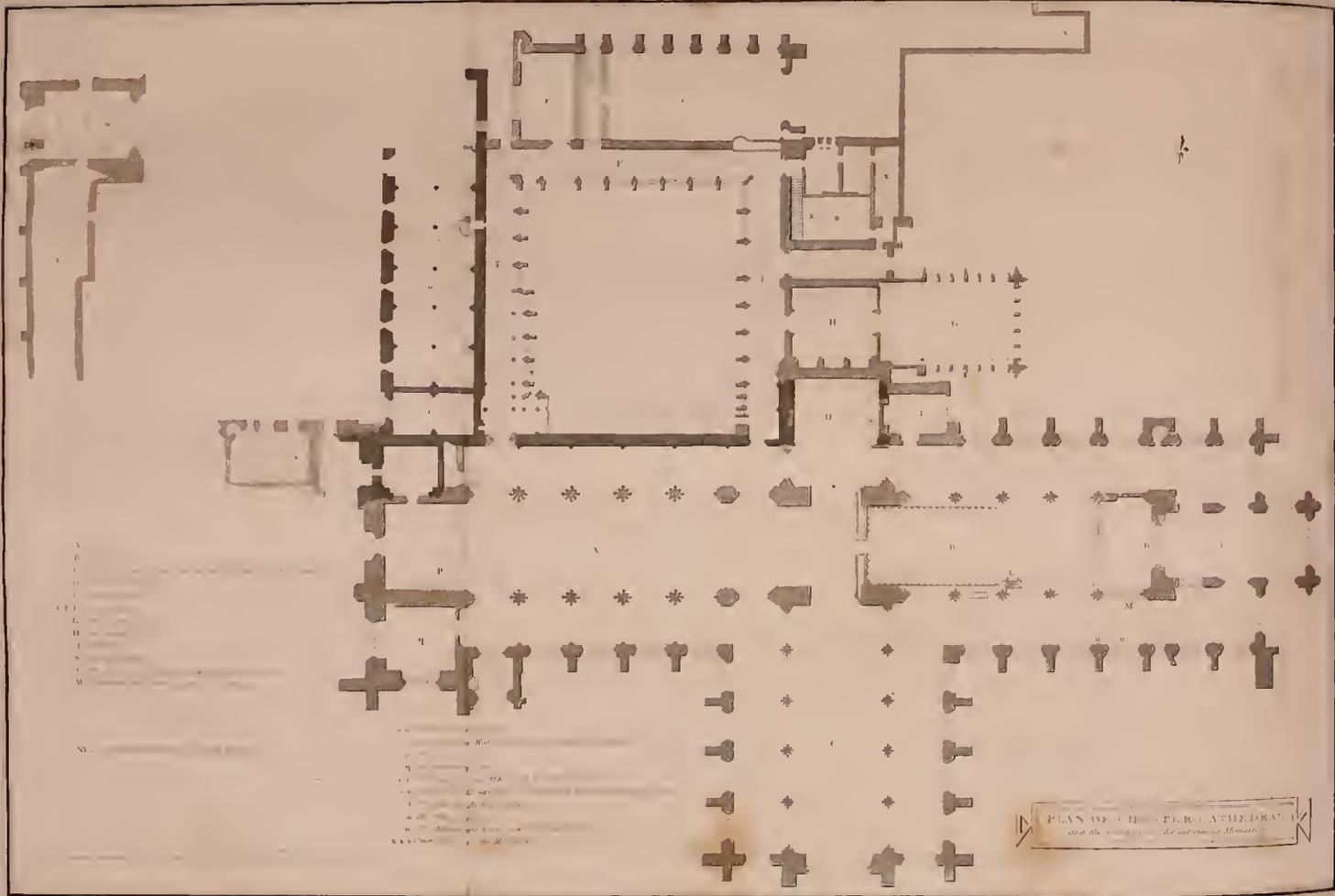
The township of *Hurleston* lies three miles N. W. from Nantwich: the manor which passed with Acton, as before-mentioned, is now the property of Henry Tomkinson Esq.

The township of *Poole*, which lies about two miles N. N. W. from Nantwich, is divided into three parts, called Barratt-Poole, War-Poole, and White-Poole, each of

° This township lies nearly five miles W. by N. from Nantwich.
of 25*l.* per an. upon the manor of Newton in Staffordshire, was settled by deed of gift of that date, as appears by Lady Wilbraham's will, bearing date 1707.

† A rent-charge
‡ Villare Cestriense.

which



which has a separate manor. Barratt-Poole is the property of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton, whose ancestors have possessed it for a considerable length of time^b; War-Poole of the Earl of Dysart, and White-Poole of Mrs. Elizabeth Elcock, whose ancestors have possessed this estate, and had a feat there for more than two centuries^c. Poole-Hall, now a farm house, which belonged to the family of Leycester^k, and afterwards to the Taggs of Acton, has lately been purchased by Mrs. Elcock.—Webb, in his Itinerary (anno 1622), speaks of an ancient house in this township, which had belonged to the Boydells, a respectable family then worn out^l.

The manor of *Soond*, or *Sound*, was formerly in a family of that name, whose heiress brought it to the Chetwodes, in or about the reign of Edward IV. In 1662 it was in the crown^m: it is now the property of George James Earl of Cholmondeley. Soond-Hall, now a farm-house, belonged to the Sneyds of Bichton in Staffordshire, of whom it was purchased about the year 1770, by the father of Mr. Ashton Becket, the present proprietor.

The manor of *Stoke* was given by Randal de Praers, to his son Randal, whose posterity assumed the name of Stoke: from the Stokes it passed by successive female heirs, to the families of Beefton and Astonⁿ: before the year 1622, it was purchased of the Astons, by Edward Minshull Esq.^o, whose family resided at Stoke-Hall more than a century: Milton's third wife, who survived him, and died at Nantwich in 1726, was of this family. The manor and hall of Stoke were sold in 1719, by Edward Minshull Esq. to Mr. Thomas Williams, whose son, in 1753, conveyed it to Roger Wilbraham Esq. In 1781 it was purchased of the Wilbrahams, by the late Richard Craven Esq., and is now vested in his daughters^p: the hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Wordleston* or *Worleston* lies three miles and a half north from Nantwich: the manor was anciently in a family of that name; a moiety of it was sold by Walter de Worleston about the year 1290, to the Harcourts, and passed by co-heirs to the Cholmondeleys and Bromleys; the other moiety continued a century later in the Worlestons, and passed by co-heiresses to the

^b Sir Philip Egerton was Lord of Poole in 1662. Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^c See King's Vale-Royal. ^k The Leycesters of Poole, of which family was Richard Leycester, mayor of Chester in 1650, (see p. 366.) were descended from a younger son of Ralph Leycester, who married the heiress of Toft. ^l Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 73.

^m Harl. MSS. N 2010. ⁿ Villare Cestriense.—Isabel daughter and heir of Randal de Stoke (about the latter end of the fourteenth century), married William Beefton, whose grand daughter Isabel, married Sir Robert Aston of Aston. ^o See Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 73. ^p Elizabeth, wife of John Jasper Garnett Esq. of Nantwich, Mary wife of Mr. John Richardson, and Anne Craven spinster.

families of Crewe and Knolles: the co-heireffes of Crewe brought estates in this township to the Boydells, Leycesters, and Chetwodes²; Roger Chetwode, who married the co-heireffes of Crewe of Pulcroft, was ancestor of the Chetwodes of Okeley and Worleston, at which last-mentioned place they had a feat for many years³: another of the co-heireffes of Crewe brought a portion of this estate to a younger branch of the Leycesters of Tabley, who settled at Worleston, and continued there several generations; this portion of the manor of Worleston is now (by inheritance from the Werdens) the property of George Harley Drummond Esq., having passed with Cholmondeston; the other has lately been purchased of Mrs. Craven, and the representatives of her former husband, Mr. Fagg, by Mrs. Anne Elcock of Poole. Worleston-Rookery, an ancient mansion, which belonged probably to some of the families before-mentioned, is the property and residence of Daniel Vawdrey Esq. A branch of the Wilbrahams had a feat in this township, called Reafe, or Reeve-Heath-Hall, which passed by marriage to the Windsors, and was purchased, in 1772, by Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold, the present proprietor, of the representatives of John Windsor Esq.

The chapelry of *Wrenbury* comprises the townships of *Wrenbury*, *Wrenbury-cum-Frith*, *Bromball*, *Chorley*, *Smeaton-wood*, and *Woodcote*, besides part of the township of *Dodcot-cum-Wilksley*, and the greater part of *Newhall* and *Soond*.

The township of *Wrenbury* lies about five miles S. W. by W. from Nantwich; the manor was held under the Vernons, by the family of *Wrenbury*, about the year 1300: from the *Wrenburys*, this manor, or at least a part of it, passed by successive female heirs to the *Oultons* and *Starkeys*: the latter became possessed about the close of the fourteenth century. Mrs. *Starkey*, relict of the late *Thomas Starkey* Esq., now possesses one-third of the manor of *Wrenbury-cum-Frith*, and resides at *Wrenbury-Hall*; the other two-thirds belong to Sir R. S. *Cotton Bart.*, and it is probable were formerly parcel of the possessions of *Combermere-Abbey*. A manor of *Wrenbury* appears to have been in the family of *Le Strange*, in the reign of *Edward II.*⁴ The *Earl of Cholmondeley* gives a deputation for *Wrenbury-cum-Frith*, as standing in the place of the *Vernons*, who formerly held the paramount-manor.

*Wrenbury-chapel*⁵, which stands about five miles from Nantwich, and three miles from the mother-church of *Acton*, is a handsome Gothic building, with a tower: it contains several monuments and other memorials of the fa-

² Villare Cestriense.
See King's Vale-Royal.

³ They continued to have a feat there in the reign of James I.
⁴ Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

⁵ From its antiquity it is usually called a parish-church, and *Webb* in his Itinerary says, "that it was so deemed in 1622; but it differs in no respect from the other parochial-chapels of Cheshire, and has never been instituted to, as a parish-church."

milies of Cotton, Starkey, and Barrow: the monument of Samuel Barrow Esq. of Sheppen-Hall, who died in 1798, is by Bacon. The principal monuments of the Cotton family are those of Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton, who died in 1748, and Sir Lynch Salusbury Cotton, who died in 1776. The chapel of Wrenbury, which has been for several centuries parochial, is in the patronage of the vicar of Acton, who is charged with the payment of a stipend of 10*l.* *per ann.* to the curate: the register of baptisms and burials for this chapelry commences in the year 1593.

A free-school was founded at Wrenbury by Mr. Ralph Bulkeley in 1605; it is endowed with the interest of 230*l.* given by various benefactors, for the education of eight poor children, and there is a stock of 260*l.* the interest of which is appropriated to bind them apprentices. Mr. George Palin gave the sum of 200*l.* to be laid out in lands for the use of the poor of this chapelry*. The chapel stock is said by bishop Gastrell to have been in his time 75*l.* *per ann.* out of which, 10*l.* *per ann.* was paid to the curate, and 10*l.* to the schoolmaster.

The township of *Bromball* lies about three miles and a half S. W. by S. from Nantwich: the manor, which had been parcel of the barony of Nantwich, belonged, at an early period to the Chettletons, and has passed with Badington to Lord Kilmorey. Bromhall-Hall is a farm-house.

The township of *Chorley* lies nearly six miles W. by S. from Nantwich: the manor, heretofore parcel of the barony of Nantwich, was, in the reign of Edward II. held under the Audleys, by Robert Harcourt, whose daughters and co-heiresses both married into the Cholmondeley family; Isabel brought a moiety of the manor to Hugh Cholmondeley, whose daughter and heir, Lettice, married Roger Bromley of Basford; after continuing in the Bromley family for several descents, this moiety was purchased in 1561, by Hugh Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley, ancestor of the Earl of Cholmondeley, the present proprietor: the other moiety passed with Maud, the other daughter and co-heir of Robert Harcourt†, to the ancestor of the Cholmondeleys of Chorley, who were settled in this township for several descents. Sir Richard Cholmondeley, a distinguished military officer, who had a command at Flodden-field, and was afterwards lieutenant of the Tower, was the last of the family who resided at Chorley. By his will, made in 1521, he left his estates to his brother Roger, who had settled in Yorkshire, and in default of heirs male, to the Cholmondeleys of Cholmondeley: this Roger Cholmondeley was ancestor of Sir Hugh Cholmley‡, the brave

* Fuller's Worthies, p. 183.

† In some of the pedigrees of the family he is erroneously made to marry an heiress of Chorley of Chorley.

‡ So the name has been spelt by the

Yorkshire branch of the family.

defender of Scarborough-castle, who was created a baronet in 1641^a. The last-mentioned moiety of Chorley was purchased of the Cholmondeleys of Chorley by the Earl of Cholmondeley's ancestors in the reign of Henry VI., long before they became possessed of the other moiety by purchase from the Bromleys, and before the Chorley branch migrated into Yorkshire^x: Sir Roger Cholmondeley, or Cholmley, (as his name was usually spelt,) chief justice of England, and founder of the grammar-school at Highgate near London, was a natural son of Sir Richard before-mentioned.

The manor of *Smeaton-wood* belongs to Sir R. S. Cotton Bart. having been parcel of the possessions of Combermere-Abbey. Within this township, in an extreme angle of the chapelry of Wrenbury, stands Burley-dam-chapel, built by the Cotton family, not long after the dissolution of Combermere-Abbey, for the accommodation of their tenants: the curate is nominated by Sir R. Salusbury Cotton Bart. The present chapel was built by Sir Lynch S. Cotton, not far from the site of the old one, and consecrated in 1769; the gates and iron-rails were brought from Llewenny. This chapel has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty. A skirmish between a party of Lord Capel's forces from Whitchurch, and about a thousand of the parliamentary garrison at Nantwich, took place near Burley-dam-chapel, April 11, 1643^y.

The township of *Newball*, the greater part of which lies in this parish, is situated about five miles S. W. by S. from Nantwich. The manor belonged for several generations to the baronial family of Audley, who had a castle at Newhall, of which, in Dugdale's time, some ruins remained. Leland speaks of "Newhaule Tower, a place of the Lord Audley's," as dilapidated in the reign of Henry VIII.^z; this estate descended with the barony of Audley to the Touchets: in the reign of Henry VIII., being then vested in Sir Anthony Browne and his wife, it was by them surrendered to the crown^z; it appears to have been afterwards in a branch of the Egerton family, which had been before settled at Chriftleton^b, and is now the property of Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton Bart., whose family have possessed it for several generations.—Aston is a hamlet of this township.

In that part of the township of *Dodcot-cum-Wilkley*, which is situated within this chapelry, is Combermere, (or as it is called in ancient charters Cumbermere,)

^a This title became extinct by the death of Sir William Cholmley in 1688; the male line was continued by a cousin, who married the heiress; but became extinct by the death of Nathaniel Cholmley Esq. in 1791: his son-in-law, Henry Hopkins Fane took the name of Cholmley, and has male issue.

^x 33 and 35 Henry VI.—Cholmondeley Evidences.

^y Burghall's Diary printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. 911.

^z Itin. Vol. VII. p. 31.

^z Record in the Augmentation-office.

^b King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 65.

the seat of Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton Bart., on the site of which Hugh de Malbank in the year 1133, founded an abbey of Benedictine monks, and dedicated it to the virgin Mary and St. Michael, endowing it with the fourth part of the barony of Nantwich, and several manors, lands, and churches^c. The revenues of this monastery were estimated in the year 1534 at 225*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* clear yearly value; in or about 1540 the site and a great part of the estates of the abbey were granted to George Cotton^d esquire of the body to Henry VIII. and Mary his wife^e. In consequence of this grant they fixed their residence at Combermere, which has ever since been the seat of their posterity: it stands on the site of the monastery, some of the buildings of which are standing, but greatly altered; the present library, which is forty feet by twenty-seven, is supposed to have been the refectory, but seems to have been altered soon after the dissolution; the ceiling and wainscot being much enriched with the ornaments then in use. Sir Robert Cotton, who had been knighted by King Charles II. at the Restoration, was created a baronet in 1677, and was great grandfather of Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton the present baronet.

Sir R. S. Cotton's seat is pleasantly situated on the banks of an extensive and beautiful mere from which the place derives its name: this mere, which is skirted with woods, is of no great width, but is about three quarters of a mile in length, and from its circuitous form has, in some situations, the appearance of a river; it is of great depth, and abounds with various kinds of fish.

The parish of ALDERLEY, which contains three townships, *Over-Alderley*, *Nether-Alderley*, and *Great Warford*, lies in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, the church being situated in Nether-Alderley, about six miles N. W. from Macclesfield, and about seven miles due east from Knutsford: it had anciently a market on Saturday, granted about the year 1253 to Walkelin de Arderne^f, together with a fair for three days at the festival of St. Lawrence.

The manor of *Over-Alderley*, at the time of taking the Domesday survey, was in moieties, between William Fitz-Nigel and Bigot, brother of Bigot the Earl Marshall. It does not appear how the latter moiety passed; probably in marriage to the family of Montalt, for the Barons of Montalt are stiled in some ancient pedigrees lords of *Over-Alderley*. Leuca, who was aunt and eventually heiress of Robert, the last baron of Montalt^g, married Philip de Orreby the younger, whose

^c See Dug. Mon. i. 764, 765. ^d Son of John Cotton Esq. whose family had been settled for many generations at Cotton in the county of Salop.

^e Fee-farm roll, Augmentation-office. ^f Pat. and Cart. 37 and 38 Henry III. ^g See a volume of Cheshire pedigrees in the Heralds' College, formerly belonging to Mr. Francis Bassano, deputy herald for Chester, p. 71. The pedigree of the Montalts is taken from a plea at Chester, *Glegg versus Stanley*, 25 Henry VI.

only daughter and heir married Walkelin de Arderne above-mentioned, to whom she seems to have brought one moiety of Over-Alderley in marriage. His possession of the other moiety may be accounted for by descent from the Aldfords, whose ancestor, Sir Robert Aldford, married Sarah daughter of Richard Fitz-Eustace^b, baron of Haltonⁱ, and probably had with her in marriage the moiety of Over-Alderley, which the said Richard possessed by inheritance from William Fitz-Nigel above-mentioned. Walkelin de Arderne, who was some time chief justice of Chester^k, appears to have been possessed both of Over and Nether-Alderley, which were separated after the death of his grandson, and not again united till the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Over-Alderley appears to have passed in the early part of Edward the Third's reign to a younger branch of the Arderne family, the heirs of which^l brought it in marriage to the Weevers, and the heirs of Weever, after two or three generations, to John, third son of Thomas, Lord Stanley, who was summoned to Parliament in the year 1456, and younger brother of the first Earl of Derby. Thomas Stanley Esq. the lineal descendant of this John, was created a baronet in the year 1660, and was the immediate ancestor of Sir John Thomas Stanley Bart., who is lord of the manors of Over-Alderley and Nether-Alderley^m. A third part of the manor of Over-Alderley was purchased by the present Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. of Sir J. F. Leycester Bart. of Tabley: this portion of the manor which had been separated from the remainder at an early period, was conveyed in 1337 by Richard Mottershed to the Grosvenors, a co-heirs of which family brought it to the Leycesters of Tabley.

The manor of *Nether-Alderley* was at a very early period in the family of Aldford of Aldford, by grant from one of the Earls of Chester; about the year 1202 Sir John Arderne married the heirs of Aldford: his descendant and namesake died about the year 1423, without issue male; leaving a daughter and sole heir married to Thomas Stanley Esq. of Elford in Staffordshire, second son of Sir John Stanley K. G. and great uncle of John Stanley who acquired Over-Alderley by marriage with the heirs of Weever. A grandson of Thomas Stanley above-mentioned, being the last heir male of that branch of the family, sold the reversion of Nether-Alderley to Sir William Stanley of Holt, brother of John Stanley

^b Some pedigrees make her Mary, sister of Robert Fitz-Eustace.
of Over-Alderley is still held of the fee of Halton.

ⁱ Between the years 1250 and 1258. King's Vale-Royal.

^k Peter Arderne, who died in 1346, had two daughters; Christiana, who married John Fitton of Bollin, and died without issue; and Margaret married to Richard Weever of Weever, whose great grandson of the same name had an only daughter married to John Stanley above-mentioned.

^l Most of the particulars relating to the manors of Over-Alderley and Nether-Alderley, and the several halls in Nether-Alderley, were obligingly communicated by Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.

of Weever and Alderley. This Sir William Stanley was beheaded by King Henry the Seventh, and on the death of John Stanley of Elford and Pype Esq. this manor became forfeited to the Crown: King Henry the Eighth granted it to William Brereton Esq. groom of the chambers to Queen Anne Bolen, who soon afterwards lost his life on the scaffold, for supposed criminality with his unhappy mistress. The manors of Nether-Alderley, Aldford, and Etchells, having been granted for a term of years to Sir Edmund Peckham, cofferer of the household to the King, and afterwards for life to Margaret Moreton, gentlewoman of the chamber to Queen Mary, were at length sold to Sir Edward Fitton of Gawsworth, and Robert Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw, who having divided their purchase, Alderley was sold by Sir Edward Fitton to Sir Thomas Stanley, ancestor of the present proprietor, in whom, as hath been already mentioned, the two manors became united. The tenants of this manor are exempt from attendance at the hundred courts.

Alderley-hall in Nether-Alderley was from an early period the seat of the Stanleys, who had a considerable estate in that township before they acquired the manor. The hall, which had been newly fronted, and in great part rebuiltⁿ by Sir Edward Stanley in 1754, was burnt down in the year 1779; the offices have been since fitted up as a farm-house: the family removed to an old mansion called the Park-house, at the southern extremity of the park, now the seat of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. Alderley-Park abounds with remarkably fine beech trees, growing by the side of an extensive sheet of water called Radnor-mere: these trees, which were planted about the year 1640 by Sir Thomas Stanley the first baronet, vary in girth from about 12 to 14 feet, and continue of nearly the same girth to the height of 20 feet: the largest contains 192 feet of timber in the boll, and 128 in the branches. Above the park is a high ridge of ground called Alderley-edge, which rising rather abruptly out of a flat country, affords one of the richest and most extensive prospects in the county; Sir J. T. Stanley has made a drive of easy ascent to the top. This hill produces in small quantities near the top, copper, lead, and cobalt ore^o. Webb, in his Itinerary of Cheshire, written in 1622, speaks of a conspicuous beacon on Alderley-edge^p.

There were four other halls in Nether-Alderley, formerly the seats of respectable gentry; two of these, Heywood-Hall and Sofs-Mofs-Hall, are standing and occupied by farmers, the others, Fallows-hall and Monks heath-hall, have been taken down, and farm-houses built on their sites. Heywood or Hea-wood-Hall was the seat of an ancient family of that name, which became extinct in the male line in

ⁿ The hall of a former mansion built by Thomas Stanley Esq. in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was suffered to remain; it was 50 feet by 40. ^o See p. 413. ^p Vale-Royal, part 2. p. 89.

the sixteenth century: the heiress married Ralph Holinshed a younger son of the Holinsheds of Bosley, and cousin and namesake of Holinshed the Chronicler. This branch of the ancient family of Holinshed having for many generations resided at Heywood, became extinct in the male line in 1703, when Heywood passed by a female heir to the family of Fallows of Fallows-Hall, in the same township; upon this event the Fallows family removed to Heywood. In 1801 William Fallows Esq. sold Heywood-Hall, which had then been long occupied by farmers, (his family having removed into Derbyshire,) to J. T. Stanley Esq. (now Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.) the present proprietor.

Sofs-Mofs-Hall was for many generations a seat of the ancient family of Wyche, or De la Wyche, who were before of Davenham: Sir Peter Wyche, who was ambassador to Constantinople in the reign of King Charles I., was first cousin of Richard Wyche, the first of the family who settled at Alderley¹: in 1753, it was sold by William Wyche Gent. to Sir Edward Stanley Bart., and is now the property of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. Some of the Wyche family still reside on a small farm, in which Mr. Wyche reserved a life interest when he sold his estates in Alderley to Sir Edward Stanley.

Fallows, or Falwitz-Hall, was for many generations the seat of the family of Fallows or Falwitz, descended from Thomas, a younger son of the ancient family of Aldford of Aldford, who in the reign of Henry III. assumed the name of De Falwitz from Falwitz in Nether-Alderley, where he fixed his residence. William Fallows Esq. the lineal descendant of this Thomas, being possessed of Heywood-Hall in consequence of his father's marriage with the heiress of Holinshed, sold Fallows-Hall, with the demesne attached to it, in or about the year 1697, to the ancestor of the present proprietor, Thomas Parker Esq. of Astle. William Fallows Esq. the lineal descendant of the ancient family above-mentioned removed into Derbyshire; his son now resides in London.

Monks-Heath-Hall became the seat of a younger branch of the Wards of Capesthorpe about the latter end of the fifteenth century; it belonged afterwards to the family of Antrobus, but before the year 1671² was repurchased by the Wards, then by the extinction of the elder branch become Wards of Capesthorpe. Monks-Heath-Hall has been long ago taken down, and a farm-house built on the site. In 1748 the ancient family of Ward became extinct in the male line; the estate is now the property of Davies Davenport Esq. one of the representatives in parliament for the county of Chester, whose grandfather married the daughter and only child of John Ward Esq. the last heir male.

¹ Heraldic Collections by W. Smith rouge-dragon purfuivant, in the Heralds' college, f. 78.

² Sir Peter Leicester's MSS. at Tabley.

The manor of *Great-Warford* which had been held at a very early period under the Mainwarings by the family of Poutrell, was given by Roger Mainwaring Esq. to his brother Ralph; the date of the grant is uncertain, but it appears that Lawrence Mainwaring, son of Ralph, successfully maintained his right to this manor against Richard Poutrell about the year 1286¹. In or about the year 1337, this manor was conveyed by Geoffrey de Stockport and Eleanor his wife, to John de Motlow and his wife Joyce²; it is not known how or when it passed to the Masseys of Podington, who were in possession at least as early as the year 1449³; having passed with the Podington estate, it is now the property of Sir Thomas Stanley Massey Stanley Bart.

In the parish church are a few memorials of the families of Stanley, Ward, and Holinshed; there was formerly a monument for Sir Peter Arderne, who died in the reign of Edward III. and his wife Christiana⁴: Sir J. T. Stanley is patron of the rectory, the advowson of which has always been attached to the manor of Nether-Alderley, in which township the church is situated.

The school-house at Alderley was built by the Rev. Hugh Shaw, curate of the parish, in 1628; the school has since been endowed with the sum of 100*l.* given by Mr. Thomas Deane, who resided as a tenant at the Park-house, and died in 1695; 100*l.* given by John Parker Esq.; 50*l.* given by Mr. George Baguly; and 2*l.* 10*s.* by Mr. Robert Norbury⁵. The feoffees, of whom the rector is one, nominate the master; the school-house is repaired by, and belongs to the parish.

The parish of ALDFORD, which is situated in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Malpas, contains the townships of *Aldford*, *Buerton*, *Edgerley*, and part of *Churton*: the church stands about four miles S. E. from Chester. This place had in ancient times a market on Tuesday, granted to Walkelin de Arderne about the year 1253⁶, together with a fair for three days at the festival of the exaltation of the holy cross. Aldford was for many generations the seat and manor of the ancient family of the Aldfords, who acquired it by grant from one of the Earls of Chester: it having descended by the same title as the manor of Nether-Alderley to the Fittons, Sir Edward Fitton Bart., the last heir male of the Gawsworth family, bequeathed it to Charles Gerard, Lord Brandon, afterwards Earl of Macclesfield, whose niece Lady Mohun, jointly with her second husband Charles Mordaunt Esq. sold it about the year 1729 to Sir Richard Grosvenor, ancestor of Earl Grosvenor, the present proprietor. Aldford Hall, an

¹ Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

² Records in the castle at Chester 11 Edw. III.

³ Esch. 28 Henry VI. in the castle at Chester.

⁴ When Randal Holme visited the

Cheshire churches after the civil war.

⁵ Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

⁶ See Pat. and Cart. 37 and 38 Henry III.

ancient mansion, is now occupied by a farmer. There was in ancient times a castle at this place, the chief seat of the family of Aldford, who had large possessions in Cheshire; the foundations of the castle, moated half round, are still visible, and on an adjoining eminence those of the keep, with a circular fosse. A garrison was placed at Aldford by Sir William Brereton during the siege of Chester.

A large mansion at Aldford, called Mockbeggars' Hall, now a farm-house, erected about the year 1650, was occasionally inhabited by Lord Mohun when he was possessed of the manor.

The parish church contains nothing remarkable: Earl Grosvenor is patron of the rectory.

The manor of *Buerton*^a was held of the Aldfords in the reign of Edward I., by the family of Pulford, by service either of repairing a certain portion of Aldford castle^b, or of assisting in the ward of it^c. From the Pulfords this manor passed successively by female heirs to the Grosvenors of Hulme^d, and the Stanleys of Hooton^e; Sir Thomas Stanley Maffey Stanley Bart. is the present proprietor.

The township of *Edgerley* or *Eggerley*, which contains only one house^f, belonged in ancient times to the families of De la More and Heath^g. In or before the year 1451 it became the property of the Massies of Coddington, a younger branch of which settled at Edgerley, and continued to reside there for several generations. In the reign of King Charles II. they sold this manor to the Smallwoods, of whom it was purchased about the year 1770 by the Rev. Thomas Ince rector of Handley, grandfather of Townsend Ince Esq. the present proprietor.

The township of *Cburton* is within the manor of Farndon, and is the property of Roger Barnston Esq.: the northern part of this township is in Aldford, the southern side, with the hall, in Farndon.

The parish of ASHTON-ON-MERSEY, which lies in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, contains a part only of the township of *Afbton* and the whole township of *Sale*. The township of *Afbton-on-Mersey*, which is situated, as its name implies, on the banks of the Mersey, lies eight miles south from Manchester, five miles north from Altrincham, and nine miles W. N. W. from Stockport.

A moiety of the manor which was held under the barons of Dunham-Maffey for many generations by the Carringtons of Carrington, passed by a female heir to the Booths, from whom it descended to the Earl of Stamford and Warrington,

^a This township consists only of one farm.

^b Esch. 15 Edward I. in Chester castle.

^c Esch. 18 Edward I.

^d About the year 1380.

^e About the year 1477.

^f Edgerley-Hall, now occupied by a farmer.

^g Villare Cestriense.

the present proprietor: the other moiety was held under the Boydells by the Hondfords of Hondford, from whom it passed by marriage to the Breretons, and continued in their possession till after the middle of the seventeenth century: this moiety became afterwards the property of Lord Viscount Allen of the kingdom of Ireland, and was sold by him in 1749 to George Earl of Warrington; the whole now belongs to his representative the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington.

The manor of *Sale* was the property of Geoffrey, son of Adam Dutton^b, ancestor of the Warburtons, who is said to have bestowed it in the year 1187 on two of his gentlemen, Richard Mascie and Thomas Holte^c: their descendants continued to hold it in moieties in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. In 1684 the whole manor was vested in Richard Mascie Esq.; his only daughter brought it in marriage to Robert Malyn of Nottingham, whose son, the Rev. Mascie Malyn, died in 1727. The manor having been divided between his two sisters and coheirs, one moiety passed by marriage to — Noble of Lichfield, whose daughters sold it in 1763 to Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton; the other passed in marriage to Peter Mainwaring of Manchester M.D., and by his bequest to the Leghs of High-Legh. The whole is now, by purchase from the Egertons and Leghs, the property of John Moore Esq. of Cross-street in Ashton, who has purchased also the hall of Sale, now in the occupation of John Mort Esq.

ASTBURY lies in the deanery of Middlewich, and for the most part in the hundred of Northwich^k: the church is situated on the great Manchester road, about a mile from the town of Congleton, which is one of the townships of this parish; its townships are twelve in number: *Newbold-Astbury*, *Bug-Laxton*, *Congleton*, *Davenport*, *Eaton*, *Hulmewalfield*, *Great Moreton*, *Odd-Rode*, *Radnor*, *Smallwood*, *Somerford-Booths*, and *Somerford-Radnor*.

^b It is said, both in the Collections of Laurence Bostock and James Chaloner (Harl. MSS. N^o 139, f. 68. and 1535, at the end), that John de Lacy, Baron of Halton, gave Sale and many other manors, which are enumerated, to Adam de Dutton, in marriage with his daughter Alice; but it is certain that Adam Dutton's wife was named Agnes (see a deed of this Adam in Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 384), and she is said to have been the daughter and heir of Roger Fitz-Alured or Alfred (Sir Peter Leycester, p. 355 and 384). John Lacy had a daughter Alice (Sir P. Leycester, p. 267); it seems not improbable that she married Geoffrey Dutton, son of Adam, of whose wife there is no account in the pedigrees of the Warburton family (see Kimber's Baronetage); and as a confirmation of the conjecture, there is a deed printed in Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities (p. 229), by which John Lacy gives the manor of Clifton to Geoffrey Dutton, with the expression, *scilicet de uxore desponsatâ*.

^c Dr. Williamson says that the Holtes inherited their moiety of the manor from the family of Sale in the reign of Richard II. Villare Cestrieuse.

^k Hulmewalfield,

Somerford-Booths, and Eaton, are in the hundred of Macclesfield.

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Each township has its overseer and other officers, but the whole parish is under the government of one church-warden, which office is served in rotation by eight persons, commonly called "the posts of the parish;" properly *præpositi*, or provosts: the mayor of Congleton is always one, and the office, which is served by deputy, is attached to six of the principal halls^k, and to Brereton-Hall, which was formerly within this parish.

The township of *Newbold-Astbury* appears to have consisted of two manors, Newbold, and Astbury, belonging anciently to the families of Venables and Astbury; from the last-mentioned family Astbury passed by a female heir to the Somerfords. Sir Richard Venables, a younger son of William Venables, Baron of Kinderton, settled at Newbold in the reign of Henry III., and his posterity appear to have continued there for four descents; his great, great-grandson, William Venables, being described of Newbold in 1336^l. Both these manors were purchased in the reign of Edward III., by Sir Thomas Hawkstone^m, and passed in marriage with a grand-daughter of his brother, Sir John Hawkstone (one of Lord Audley's Esquires) to the Egertons of Betley, afterwards of Wrinchill, who appear to have sold them to the Oldfields before the year 1640ⁿ. Archdale Palmer Esq., who purchased of the Oldfields, was possessed of this estate in 1662^o; it is now the property of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton, to whose family it is supposed to have passed from the Palmers by marriage. Wall-hill, in this township, now a farm-house, was, for many years, the seat of a branch of the Rode family.

The parish church of Astbury is a handsome Gothic structure, with a spire; the roof, which is richly carved in wood, was put up in 1616 and 1617; the artist's name, Richard Lowndes, and the names and arms of the principal gentry of the parish, who were the *præpositi*, or posts, appear on the frieze. In the chancel is the monument of Mary, daughter of Richard Grosvenor, and wife of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, put up in 1609; at the east end of the south aisle, is an ancient figure in plate armour, with mail gorget, who by the arms on the surcoat appears to have been of the Davenport family. In a chapel at the end of this aisle, are monuments of the Bellots of Moreton; and in the same

^k Davenport, Somerford-Radnor, Great and Little-Moreton, Eaton and Odd-Rode.

^l From an account of the Venables family, drawn up by Sampson Erdswick, at the end of Dr. Williamfon's *Villare Cestriense*, now in the British Museum.

^m Adam de Drayton who probably had married a daughter of William Venables conveyed Newbold to Thomas de Hawkstone, 24 Edw. III. Robert de Wyrhall, and Agnes his wife conveyed Newbold-Astbury, 44 Edw. III. Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

ⁿ *Villare Cestriense*.

^o Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

aisle, those of Peter Shakerley of Somerford-Hall, who died in 1781, and Edmund Swetenham Esq. of Somerford Booths, who died in 1768, being the last heirs male of those ancient families. The chapel at the end of the north aisle is the burial-place of the Moretons of Little-Moreton, but there is no other memorial for them than a slab, inscribed to the memory of Sir William Moreton, recorder of London, the last heir male, who died in 1763, and his lady; there are monuments also in this chapel for Randle Wilbraham of Rode-Hall, M. P., who died in 1770, and the late Richard Wilbraham Bbottle Esq. ^p, who represented the city of Chester in five successive parliaments, and died in 1796. In the church-yard are some very ancient monuments, ascribed to the Breretons; one of which, by an inscription of comparatively modern date, is appropriated to Sir Ralph Brereton and his wife Ada, daughter of David Earl of Huntingdon; but there is more reason to suppose that some of these, if not all, belonged to a younger branch of the family of Venables ^q, which was settled for several descents at Newbold in Astbury.

Richard de Mefuilwaring gave the advowson of this church to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh at Chester ^r, the Venables family notwithstanding for many years claimed the right of presentation, but after a long law-suit, William Venables, in the year 1298, gave up the contest, and surrendered his claim to the Abbey ^s. In 1393 the great tithes were appropriated to the abbot and convent, and a vicarage endowed ^t, but it appears that they were again vested in a rector, before the dissolution of the monastery ^u. The advowson of this valuable rectory was given by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter of Chester, but the grant being afterwards annulled, it was granted in fee-farm, by Queen Elizabeth. After passing through several hands, it was purchased by the Crewe family, and is now the property of the right honourable Lord Crewe. Among the records in the Tower is a licence from King Edward I., during his wars with the Welsh in 1282, to John de Stanley, rector of Astbury, for buying provisions for the support of his household at St. Botolph's fair ^v. The following instance of longevity occurs in the register of burials belonging to this parish: "Alice Walker widow, aged almost 105, buried Nov. 28, 1747."

The township of *Bug-Lawton* lies nearly three miles N. E. by E. from Congleton. Bug-Lawton was a feat of the ancient family of Tucher or Touchet

^p See p. 369.

^q See p. 447.

^r Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. I. p. 201.

^s Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

^t Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestrensis.

^u The abbot and convent presented to the rectory of Astbury in 1512. Bishop Gastrell.

^v Rot. Wall. 11 Edw. L.

from nearly the time of the Conquest^y. Sir Robert Touchet of Bug-Lawton, had summons to Parliament as a baron in the reign of Edward II.; his grandson, Sir John Touchet, (who distinguished himself in the wars with France, and was slain in an engagement with the Spanish fleet before Rochelle,) married the sister and co-heir of Nicholas Lord Audley; in consequence of which match his posterity enjoyed the title of Lord Audley. James Touchet, Lord Audley, was slain at Blore-heath, where he had the command of the Lancastrian forces; his son, John Lord Audley, was some time Lord High Treasurer of Ireland; James, Lord Audley, the next in succession, was beheaded on Tower-Hill, having been taken prisoner among the rebels in the battle of Black-heath in 1497. John Lord Audley, son of this James, having been restored to the rank and possessions of his father, surrendered the manor of Bug-Lawton in 1535, to King Henry VIII^z. In the year 1565, this manor belonged to the Bagnall family: in or about the year 1596, Sir Henry Bagnall sold it to Sir Randal Mainwaring^a. It was purchased of the Mainwarings, by John Stafford Esq. of Macclesfield, and by him sold to Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton, from whom it has passed with the Tatton estate to Wilbraham Egerton Esq., the present proprietor. The Hall and demesne, having been separated from the manor, belonged to the family of Bullock, and was purchased in 1807, by R. Keymer Esq., now of Bug-Lawton-Hall. Crowsley, in this township, (now only considered as a farm,) the property of Col. Ram, M.P. for Wexford, belonged, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the family of Johnson; it was then reputed a manor^b. In the township of Bug-Lawton is a mineral spring, the water of which is said to have been found serviceable in scorbutic cases^c.

The town of *Congleton* is pleasantly situated in a hilly and well-wooded country on the banks of the river Daven, or Dane, over which is a handsome stone-bridge built in 1782; the great road from London to Liverpool passes through this town, which is distant one hundred and sixty-one miles from the former, and forty-three from the latter.

The borough was incorporated by Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, between the years 1281 and 1310^d, but it appears to have been so denominated at an earlier

^y Woodnoth's Pedigrees.

^z Record in the Augmentation-office.

^a Ancient abstract of Evidences in the possession of the Mainwaring family, compiled by Sir William Dugdale.

^b Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

^c See p. 416.

^d This charter was subsequent to the King's charter for the market, 10 Edw. I., and must have been before 1310, which was the year of the Earl's death. Bishop Gastrell speaks of this charter as bearing date 10 Edw. I. (1281, or 1282), the same year as the grant of the market, but the Charter among the muniments of the corporation is without date.

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period, the grantees in the Earl's charter, being described as the free-burgesſes of Congleton; who are thereby empowered to have a gild-mercatorial, to elect out of their body, a mayor and inferior officers, and to be exempt from toll, throughout Cheshire: King Henry VIII. exempted the townſmen from attendance at the county-courts, and Queen Elizabeth granted them further privileges. The corporation now conſiſts, under a charter of King James I. of a mayor and eight aldermen, two of whom are juſtices, and ſixteen capital-burgesſes: the mayor and juſtices are empowered to hold a general ſeſſions of peace for the borough, and the mayor and town-clerk to take cognizance of debts; the corporation elect a high-ſteward, by whom, or his deputy, the courts-leet are held. The celebrated preſident Bradſhaw, who was many years an inhabitant of Congleton, where he practiſed as a barrifter at law, was an alderman of the borough, and ſerved the office of mayor in 1637: it appears that he was afterwards high-ſteward. It was reſolved, Jan. 21, 1655-6, "that John Bradſhaw Eſq. of this borough, learned in the law, be continued high-ſteward of, and council for this borough; as formerly, and be paid the ſame ſalary quarterly, for counſel, as heretofore hath been paid, and that he be acquainted herewith, and his acceptance thereof deſired." Preſident Bradſhaw had been made chief-juſtice of Cheſter by the Parliament in 1647.

The guild-hall at Congleton was re-built with brick in 1805; this building contains a room for the confinement of debtors, and two arched ſtone-cells for criminals: it has a piazza, with ſtone pillars, for the uſe of the market people. The market, which is on Saturday, was granted by King Edward I. to Henry Lacy Earl of Lincoln, in the year 1281, or 1282^f, with a fair for three days, at the feſtival of the Holy Trinity; this fair has been diſcontinued. King James's charter recognizes three ancient fairs, on the feaſts of St. Philip and James, the Viſitation of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary, and the Tranſlation of St. Martin the Biſhop; and grants a fourth on the Thursday before Shrovetide; the fairs now held, are on the 12th of May, the 13th of July, and the 22d of November; they are principally for the ſale of horſes, cattle, and Yorkſhire cloth. The market is chiefly for butchers meat, and other proviſions; it was ſome years ago a conſiderable open corn-market.

There was formerly a manufacture of leather-laces at this town, which were called Congleton-points; this has been diſcontinued; ribbon-weaving for the Coventry merchants was for many years carried on to a great extent, but has of late rather declined. A ſilk-mill was eſtabliſhed at Congleton about the year 1752,

^c Extract from "orders, laws, and ordinances of the corporation," communicated by Holland Watſon, Eſq. ^f Cart. 10 Edw. I.

and brought to perfection by Mr. Samuel Pattison, who died in 1756; this manufacture has greatly increased, and is now in a very flourishing state, there being no less than sixteen mills occupied by silk-throwsters, besides the capital mills established by Messrs. Pattison: there are five cotton mills also in and near the town, and one paper-mill. In 1451, upon petition having been made to that effect, by the corporation to King Henry VI., that monarch gave them permission to turn the course of the river Dane, by the inundation of which the town had received great injury, and to remove the King's mills, which by the same grant were given to the corporation in fee-farm: these mills are on lease to Messrs. Pattisons, and are used for grinding corn.

According to the returns made to Parliament, pursuant to the population act, which passed in 1801, there were then eight hundred and fifty-five houses in Congleton, (of which twenty-seven were uninhabited,) and three thousand eight hundred and sixty-one inhabitants, of whom two thousand two hundred and ten were employed in trades, manufactures, or handicraft. The plague was very fatal at Congleton in 1603, and 1641, as appears by the corporation books.

The manor of Congleton was in ancient times parcel of the barony of Halton, and having passed with that barony to the Plantagenets by the marriage of the Earl of Lancaster with the heiress of Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, and constable of Chester, became vested in the crown, and was made parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster. It was granted by King Charles I., in fee-farm to Ditchfield and others^h; some years afterwards it seems to have been in a family of the name of Toxteth, and to have passed by successive female heirs to the Grahams and Rawdons; in 1745 it was purchased of Sir John Rawdon, and Helena his wife, by Peter Shakerley Esq. and has since descended, with Somerford-Radnor, to C. W. J. Shakerley Esq. who had an allotment as lord of the manor, when the commons were inclosed under the authority of an act of Parliament passed in 1795. A court-leet is held by the corporation for the borough of Congleton, which is a distinct jurisdiction.

There were formerly two chapels in this town, distinguished by the names of the Higher and the Lower Chapel, both dependent on Astbury as the mother-church. It appears from documents in the possession of the corporation, that they were both existing in the year 1450. The lower chapel adjoining to the bridge, which appears to have been consecrated nearly two centuries agoⁱ, is mentioned by Bishop Gastrell in 1724^k, as having been then lately repaired; it has been

^h Record in the Duchy of Lancaster-office.
entry, under the article of expenditure, of "sack and claret for the Lord Brereton, when Brereton bells were cast in the old chapel in 1633."

ⁱ Among the corporation books is an
^k Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

for many years occupied as a work-house. The higher chapel was re-built, and most probably enlarged, in 1740, but the tower was not rebuilt till 1786, before which time the new church was higher than the old steeple. In this chapel are memorials for the ancient family of Alfager of Alfager¹: James Starkey Esq. of Darley, 1728; and the monument of Samuel Pattison, who died in 1756: his epitaph speaks of him as the first introducer of the silk-mills, which he lived to see brought to perfection. Before the year 1686, the inhabitants of Congleton buried their dead at Astbury.

There is an ancient grammar-school at Congleton in the gift of the corporation; the time of its foundation is uncertain, but it is known to have existed as early as the reign of Queen Elizabeth^m; it is free only to the sons of burgessees: the corporation allow a salary of 16*l.* *per ann.* to the master, who has a house, a garden, a close, containing an acre of land, and the interest of 20*l.* *per ann.* given by Mr. Hulme about the year 1736.

The corporation of Congleton have one of the ancient instruments of punishment for a scold, called a bridle, which is still sometimes used: there is another of the same kind at Macclesfieldⁿ.

The township of *Davenport* lies about five miles N. W. by W. from Congleton; the manor, which was in the family of Davenport as early as the reign of William the Conqueror, continued in the male line, through a regular descent of more than twenty generations, till the death of John Davenport in 1676, when it passed by marriage with his eldest daughter and co-heir to Robert Davies Esq. of Manley. Sir Matthew Deane Bart., who married the heiress of Davies, sold Davenport about the year 1740, to Richard Davenport Esq. of Calveley, who dying without male issue in 1771, it passed under his will to his grand-daughter Phœbe^o, now the wife of Eusebius Horton Esq. of Catton, in the county of Derby. Davenport-Hall is at present in the occupation of Robert Wilmot Esq. Mr. Horton's son-in-law.

The townships of *Eaton* and *Hulmewalsfield*^p are said to have no manors, nor have we found any intimation of them in ancient records: Mrs. Starkey gives a deputation for Hulmewalsfield, with Radnor. Eaton-Hall is the property of Philip

¹ John Alfager Esq., the last heir male of the family, died in 1758; his sisters, who survived him, all died unmarried, and were founders of Alfager chapel, in the neighbouring parish of Barthomley.

^m From the information of the Rev. J. Wilson, the present master, by whom several particulars relating to the borough were obligingly communicated, under the sanction and by desire of the mayor, in 1806.

ⁿ See p. 735.

^o Daughter of the late Davies Davenport Esq. of Capelthorne by Phœbe, younger daughter and co-heir of Richard Davenport Esq. of Calveley above-mentioned.

^p The township of *Eaton* lies two miles and a half N. N. E. from Congleton; that of *Hulmewalsfield* about two miles N. by W.

Antrobus Esq. Hulmewalsfield-Hall is now a farm-house, the property of Colonel Ford of the Abbey-field near Sandbach.

The manor of *Great-Moreton* belonged at an early period to Ralph de Venables, whose son Robert assumed the name of Moreton from the place of his residence, and was great grandfather of Stephen Moreton, living in the year 1342°; the great grandson of Stephen left an only daughter and heir, married to John Bellot Esq.^p, whose descendant of the same name, in the eighth generation, was created a baronet in 1663. Sir Thomas Bellot, the last baronet of the family, sold Great-Moreton to Edward Powis Esq., of whose son Thomas Jeph Powis Esq. it was purchased by the late Mr. Holland Ackers of Manchester; it is now the property of his son George Ackers Esq.

A moiety of the manor of *Odd-Rode*^q belonged for several generations to the ancient family of Rode, who had their residence at Rode-Hall; this moiety was purchased in 1669 of Randle Rode Esq. by Roger Wilbraham Esq., great grandfather of Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode-Hall, the present proprietor: the ancient hall was taken down, and the present mansion erected on the site, about the year 1752.

Little-Moreton Hall, a remarkable old mansion of timber and plaster^r, in this

^o Cheshire Pedigrees.

^p Ibid.

^q The joint tenure of this manor with the Moretons, was probably the original cause of those variances, which in the reign of Henry VIII. occasioned the following curious award, obligingly communicated by the Rev. Mr. Moreton;—"Whereas William Morton and Thomas Rood of Odrode in the countie of Chester, Gentlemen, stande bounde by there dede obligatory to abyde, stande, and obey to suche awarde, arbitrement, and direction as George Bromeley lieutenant, Justice of Chester, and William Brureton Esquier arbitrators, indifferently by theym elect and chosyn: of and upon all suche causes and matiers as be and wer depending in debate and variaunce betwene the saied parties: in all whiche causes of varyaunce, except one, the saied arbitrators have gyven effectuell awarde, lyke as they thought moste convenient, and according to right and reason, the whiche cause except is concerning the pre-eminence of feignory, whiche of theym shuld sit highest in the churche, and foremost goo in procession, with suche other divers light causes of varyaunce. Whereupon the saied lieutenant-Justice, by th' assent of the saied parties, remytted the direction and ordering thereof unto the saied William Brureton, calling to him xii of the moste auneynt men inhabiting within the parishe of Astebery, and to examyne theym how the auncestors of the parties before-said have used theym in tyme passed, by cause it was thought that of all lyklyhod they shuld knowe the veray trouthe of every thing concernyng the premisses, how be it the saied William Brureton couth have but easy informacion and knowledge of the saied auneynt men, wherby to determyne the cause rightfully. Wherefor the saied Will'am Brureton Esquier favoring nor lenyng to neyther partie more to one than to the other, but indifferently tendring the final ende of there evyll willes, and entending to fet unite, peas, and concorde between theym, doth awarde this caus of varyaunce, in manner and forme following, that is to say, that whither of the saied gentylnen may dispende in landes by title of enheritaunce, 10 mark or above more than the other, that he shall have the pre-eminence in sitting in the churche, and in going in procession, with all other lyke causes in that behalf. In witnes whereof the saied William Brureton hath set his seall to this his award, the 12 daye of July, the 5th yere of the teigne of our soverain lord King Henry the VIIIth."

^r See two views of it at p. 457.

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township, belonged at an early period to the Moretons, whose heiress, about the reign of Henry III., married Gram de Loftock; his son took the name of Moreton, and was grandfather of Gram de Moreton living in 1354; his descendants continued in the male line, possessed of this hall, and the other moiety of the manor of *Odd-Rode*, which was given by Gram de Loftock above-mentioned to his son Geoffrey, till the death of Sir William Moreton recorder of London, the last heir male, who died in 1763, having bequeathed this estate to his nephew, the Rev. Richard Taylor, vicar of West-Firle in Suffex, who assumed the name of Moreton, pursuant to his uncle's will, and was father of the Rev. William Moreton Moreton the present proprietor, now of Westerham in the county of Kent. The hall built in 1559, being a singularly curious specimen of the richly ornamented timber edifices of its time, is inhabited by Mrs. Thornicroft, the tenant of the estate, a few rooms being reserved for the use of Mr. Moreton, who usually resides there during a short time in the summer. Part of Mowcop Hill is in this township.

The manor of *Radnor*¹ was anciently in a branch of the Venables family, with an heiress of which it passed, in the thirteenth century, to the Wilbrahams². About the year 1620 it was sold by Sir Richard Wilbraham to Philip Oldfield Esq. of Somerford Hall³, from whom it descended, with Somerford, to C. W. J. Shakerley Esq. Mrs. Starkey claims manerial rights in Radnor, where she possesses an estate bequeathed by Mr. Haywood of Chester, to her late husband Thomas Starkey Esq. of Wrenbury.

The township of *Small-wood* lies about three miles east by south from Sandbach; the manor was given by Sir Ralph Mainwaring to Henry Aldithly or Audley, in frank-marriage with his daughter Beatrice. It continued in the Audleys for three or four descents, and afterwards passed to the Hawkstones⁴; one of the coheiresses of Sir John Hawkstone brought it in marriage about the year 1400 to a branch of the Egertons, from whom it passed, in like manner, to the Willoughbys; Sir Henry Willoughby, who married the coheiress of John Egerton, was father of Hugh Willoughby the circumnavigator⁵; Sir Percival Willoughby and Bridget his wife, sold it to Sir William Brereton: this manor came afterwards, by purchase, to the Powis family, and has since passed with Great-

¹ See two plates and farther description of it, p. 457.
nearly two miles N.W. from Congleton.

² Esch. Edw. III.

³ The township of *Radnor* lies
⁴ Dr. Williamfon's
Villare Cestriense.

⁵ Thomas de Hawkstone purchased of Drayton, 24 Edw. III.

⁶ Cheshire Pedigrees, Heralds' college.

Moreton. Overton-Hall in this township, now a farm-house, belongs to the Master and Fellows of Caius College in Cambridge.

The manor of *Somerford-Booths*^a was in the family of Swetenham, who possessed this estate and resided at Somerford from about the year 1200^b, till the death of Edmund Swetenham Esq. the last heir male in 1768; it is now the property and seat of his great nephew in the female line, Roger Comberbach Esq., who has taken the name of Swetenham. In this township is a farm called Shanewick, (in ancient records termed a manor) which is now the property of Sir Thomas Stanley Massey Stanley Bart.: it was bequeathed, with other estates, to his grandfather, by William Massey Esq. of Puddington, whose ancestors possessed it as early as the year 1450^c.

The manor of *Somerford-Radnor*, after having continued for fifteen generations^d in the ancient family of Somerford, passed by successive female heirs to the Oldfields^e and Shakerleys: it is now by inheritance from Peter Shakerley, the last heir male of the ancient family of Shakerley of Hulme, who died in 1781, the property of his grandson Charles Watkin John, son of his only daughter and heiress, the wife of Charles Buckworth Esq. of Park-place in Surrey, who has assumed the name of Shakerley, and resides at the hall of Somerford-Radnor.

The parish of AUDLEM, which lies in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich, contains the townships of *Audlem*, *Buerton*, *Coole-Lane*, *Hankelow*, *Titley*, or *Tittenley*, and part of the townships of *Dodcote-cum-Wilkeley*, and *Newball*. The township of *Audlem*, or, as it was anciently written, *Aldelym*, lies nearly seven miles south by east from Nantwich. In ancient times there was a market on Thursdays in this township, granted in or about the year 1294, together with a fair, at the festival of St. James, to Thomas de Aldelym^f, whose ancestors the Tralebews are said to have possessed the manor from the time of the Conquest: two daughters and co-heiresses of this Thomas, who from the place of his residence had assumed the name of Aldelym, or Audlem, brought moieties of the manor in marriage to the families of Hogh and Wrenbury^g. Ellen, daughter and heir of Richard de Hogh, married Richard de Mascie, who died in 1403, being seized in right of his wife of a moiety of this manor^h. His descendants

^a This township lies nearly three miles N. W. from Congleton.

^b Hugh de Swetenham of Somerford, the first in the pedigree, was grandfather of William Swetenham living in the reign of Edward I.

^c Esch. 28 Henry VI.

^d Pedigrees of the family.

^e The marriage of Philip Oldfield with the heiress of Somerford took place about the year 1600.

^f Cart. 23 Edward I.

^g Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestrieuse.

the records of Chester.

^h Esch. among

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being a younger branch of the Mascies of Sale, were for many years distinguished by the name of Mascie de Hough; this moiety continued in the family of Mascie, till the death of William Mascie Esq.¹, who in 1712 had purchased the greater part of the other moiety, which passed from the family of Wrenbury to the Smiths of Hough^k. A sixth part of the manor which had been conveyed to the Wetenhalls by the Wrenbury family in the reign of Richard II., was in 1808 purchased by Mascie Taylor Esq. of Chester, second son of Robert Taylor Esq., who inherited the Audlem estate from his maternal grandfather William Mascie Esq. above-mentioned. The ancient hall of the manor, called the Moss-house, was, till the year 1760, a seat of the Mascies and their representatives, the Taylors; it is now occupied by a farmer.

In the parish church is the monument of Nathaniel Wetenhall Esq., who died in 1778. A free grammar-school was founded at Audlem in 1655, by Sir William Bolton, and ——— Gamul, citizens of London, and endowed with 30*l.* *per ann.* for a master, and 10*l.* for an usher; 20*l.* of which is paid by the Merchant-Taylors' company, and 20*l.* charged on an estate in Coole-Lane^l. In 1719 Mrs. Tryphena Bolton widow, founded a charity-school for children of the townships of Audlem and Hankelow, and endowed it with 4*l.* 9*s.* *per ann.* out of a modus for tythe-hay in Audlem^m. The great tythes were formerly appropriated to the priory of St. Thomas near Stafford, to which they had been given, by Thomas de Aldelym: the impropriation and the advowson of the vicarage have been lately purchased of the Rev. William Wicksted, by Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton, Bart.

The township of *Buerton* lies about seven miles and a half S. S. E. from Nantwich: the manor, which was anciently in a family of that name, and afterwards, for several generations, in the Pooles of Poole in Wirrallⁿ, was sold in the year 1725, by Francis Poole Esq., to James Dicken Esq. of Woollerton in Shropshire, of whose family it was purchased by Sir Thomas Broughton Bart. the present proprietor. Another hall at Buerton, was as early as the reign of Edward IV. a seat of the Gamuls: the brave and loyal Sir Francis Gamul who

¹ He was brother of Richard Mascie, buried at Audlem in 1720, and is supposed to have died within a few years of the same time. See p. 387. ^k Purchased, in 1517, by Thomas Smith Esq. alderman of Chester. ^l Bishop Gastrells' Notitia Cestriensis.

^m Ibid. ⁿ From the reign of Henry VII. to the year 1662, if not longer. See Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense, and Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

was created a baronet by King Charles I.^p was dispossessed of this hall and the annexed estate, for his zeal in the service of his royal master; his family were nevertheless permitted to inherit, pursuant to an existing entail, but Sir Francis's life interest was put up to sale, and purchased in 1653, by William Plymley of Norton, in the county of Salop: after the death of Sir Francis, which happened in 1654, the inheritance devolved to his daughters and co-heirs, his only son having died without issue. Mr. Brerewood, who married Sidney, one of the co-heiresses, sold the Buerton estate to Sir George Warburton; it does not appear that the hall, which had belonged to the Gamuls, is now standing; and we have not been able to ascertain who is the present proprietor of the estate.

The township of *Hankelow* lies about five miles south by east from Nantwich; the manor belonged anciently to a family of that name; afterwards, for more than ten generations, to the Hassals, from whom it passed by a coheirs in the seventeenth century, to the family of Wibbenbury^q; it was purchased of the latter, by James Bayley Esq. of Wistaston, great-grandfather of James Bayley, Esq., the present proprietor; the old hall is in the occupation of Mr. Knight. Another capital ancient mansion in this township, with a demesne attached, was, before the year 1640, the property of Gabriel Wetenhall Esq., a younger son of the family of Wetenhall of Nantwich; this branch of the Wetenhalls became extinct in the year 1778, by the death of Nathaniel Wetenhall Esq. Edward Tomkinson Esq., who inherited under his will, assumed the name of Wetenhall, and has lately sold this estate to Mr. Joseph Richardson of Beeston the present proprietor; the old mansion is occupied by a farmer.

The manor of *Titley*, or *Tittenley*, belonged for several generations to a family of that name, of whom it was purchased about the year 1526, by Sir Robert Needham, ancestor of Lord Viscount Kilmorey, the present proprietor: Titley-Hall had formerly a park, and was a feat of the Needhams.

The townships of *Newball*, and *Dodcote-cum-Wilkesley*, in the latter of which is the site of Combermere-Abbey, have been spoken of under Wrenbury, in which chapelry the greater part of these townships is situated.

The parish of BACKFORD contains the townships of *Backford*, *Ghorlton*, *Coughball*, *Lea*, and *Great-Mollington*; it lies within the deanery of Wirrall, and within the hundred of the same name, except the township of *Coughball*, which is

^p Sir Francis Gamul's name does not appear in the baronetages; but in his private account-book (still extant) is said to be an entry of the fees paid for his patent.

^q Villare Cestriense.

in the hundred of Broxton : the church of Backford is situated about three miles north by east from Chester ; the manor was, during a great part of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, in the Maffey's of Timperley¹, afterwards in the Parres, who resided at Backford rather more than a century : about the year 1580 it was sold to Thomas Alderfey, by whom it was soon afterwards alienated to Henry Birkenhead Esq.² The Birkenheads resided at Backford-Hall till the family became extinct in the male line by the death of Thomas Birkenhead Esq. in 1724 : the manor is now the property of their representative, Birkenhead Glegg Esq. ; the hall is occupied by Mrs. Egerton, widow of the late Philip Egerton Esq. of Oulton. The manor of Rouche's-croft in this township, which belonged to the abbot and convent of Stanlowe, and afterwards to the Birkenheads, is not now known, but it is probable that it passed, with the Backford estate, to Mr. Glegg.

In the parish church of Backford are memorials of the families of Birkenhead and Morgall. The rectory and advowson, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, were granted to the bishop of Chester and his successors by King Henry VIII.³ The rectorial estate is held on lease for lives under the bishop, by the Rev. Sir Henry Poole Bart. The rector of St. Mary's, in Chester, receives a moiety of the great tithes of the township of *Chorlton*⁴ ; a part of which is said to have been formerly in that parish : there is no manor in Chorlton ; among the principal land-owners are, William Nicholls Esq. and Richard Wicksted Esq., who reside in the village.

The township of *Coughall* lies about three miles and a half north by east from Chester ; the manor belonged for several generations to a family of the same name : Roger de Coughall, who died about the beginning of the fifteenth century, left two daughters, co-heiresses, one of whom married John Maffey of Puddington Esq. the other, Sir John Osbaldeston of Chadlington in Oxfordshire⁵ : the first-mentioned moiety has passed with the Puddington estate to the present proprietor, Sir Thomas Stanley Maffey Stanley Bart. ; the other part is vested in the feoffees of the grammar-school at Whitchurch, in the county of Salop. This estate was purchased in the reign of Edward VI., being then rented at 13*l. per ann.*, with a sum of money given by Sir John Talbot, parson of Whitchurch : the present rent is 300*l. per ann.*

¹ Esch. 2 Edw. II. — 10 Hen. V.
Augmentation-office.

² Villare Cestriense.

³ Record in the

⁴ This township is nearly four miles north from Chester.

⁵ Villare Cestriense.

The township of *Lea* lies about three miles and a half N. N. W. from Chester; the manor, having belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, was granted by Queen Elizabeth, in 1579, to William Glafeour Esq. of whose family it was purchased, in 1718, by Thomas Bootle Esq. : it is now the property of John Fielden Esq., who purchased of the Bootles in 1802.

The township of *Great-Mollington*, or *Mollington-Tarrant*, alias *Torrold*, lies about two miles and a half N. W. by N. from Chester: the manor appears to have belonged to the family of Tarrant, or Torrold, in the fourteenth century; they were succeeded by the Hattons, from whom it passed by marriage to the Booths^y: in the reign of Henry VIII. it was held by the Booths under the family of Glegg^z, who afterwards became themselves possessed of it, by the marriage of William Glegg Esq. of Gayton, with Cecilia, daughter and co-heir of Robert Sefton, who was seized of it in 1613^z. In 1770 it was purchased of the Glegg family by Thomas Hunt Esq., who, in 1797, sold it to John Fielden Esq. the present proprietor. Mollington-Hall, a modern mansion, is now the seat of Mr. Fielden.

BADDILEY, which consists only of one township, lies in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich; the church is situated about three miles S. E. from the town of that name. The manor of Baddiley belonged, as early as the reign of William the Conqueror, to the ancient family of Praers: in the reign of Edward III. it passed by marriage with the co-heiresses of William Praers Esq. of Baddiley, to the families of Bromley, Mainwaring, and Hondford. The Bromleys, having released their interest in this estate to the Mainwarings^b, it remained long in moieties between them and the Hondfords, and their representatives, the Breretons^c, but afterwards became solely vested in the Mainwarings: it was purchased of the executors of the late Sir Henry Mainwaring Bart. (having been sold pursuant to the directions of his will) by the present proprietor, William Rigby Esq. of Oldfield-Hall, near Altrincham. Baddiley-Hall, the ancient seat of the Praers family, and afterwards of the Mainwarings, was formerly moated, and had a park; it was rebuilt by Sir Randle Mainwaring in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was taken down by the late Sir Henry Mainwaring: the site is now occupied by a farm-house. Philip Mainwaring Esq. who died in 1642,

^y See Esch. 22 Hen. VII. and Collins's Peerage Edit. 1768, Vol. vii. p. 70. ^z Esch.
20 Hen. VIII.

^a At this time the Mordaunts appear to have been possessed of the paramount lordship.

^b The Mainwaring family derived their title to this estate wholly from the above-mentioned release, there being no descendants, after the first generation, from the match with Praers. Harl. MSS. N^o 2022. f. 162.

^c Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestrieuse.

left his library at Baddiley as an heir-loom, and expressed his wish that an addition of good and choice books should be from time to time made to it.

In the parish church, a small wooden structure, is the monument of Sir Thomas Mainwaring Bart. the twenty-ninth male heir in succession of the Mainwarings of Peover, who died in 1726, and some memorials of the Davenports of Blackhurst in this parish. The church of Baddiley was given by William de Praers, in 1354, to the abbot and convent of Combermere; the rectory is now in the patronage of Sir H. M. Mainwaring of Peover Bart.

The parish of BARROW, which contains only one township in two divisions, (*Great and Little-Barrow*) lies in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Chester: the church is about five miles E. N. E. from Chester. The manor of Barrow was given by Ranulph, Earl of Chester, to his nephew, William de Albin, Earl of Arundel^d: on a partition of the lands of Hugh de Albin, Earl of Arundel, Barrow passed to Nichola, wife of Roger de Somery, who made it one of his chief seats^e. The manors of Great and Little-Barrow were, at a later period, in the Despencers^f; and after their attainder were granted at two several times by King Edward III. to Sir Roger de Swinerton^g; Maud, the daughter and heiress of his grandson Sir Robert, brought these manors in marriage to Sir John Savage, who was knighted by King Henry V. at the battle of Agincourt^h. The Savages had formerly a feat at Barrow: the above-mentioned manors are now the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley, whose great-uncle, General Cholmondeley, married the daughter and heir of James, Earl of Barrymore, by the daughter and heir of Richard Savage, Earl Rivers.

The church, or free-chapel of Barrowⁱ, was given by Robert de Bacheputz, in the reign of Henry II., to the knights-hospitallers, who established a preceptory there; the free-chapel was under the government of a secular warden, or rector^k. The benefice is now a rectory, of which the Earl of Cholmondeley is patron. The chancel of the parish church was built, in 1671, at the expence of Dr. Bridgman, Bishop of Sodor and Man, who was then rector. There is a charity-school in this parish, endowed with fundry small benefactions, which produce a salary for the master of about *6l. per ann.*

^d Holinshed, Vol. iii. 641. ^e Dugdale's Baronage, i. 613. ^f The manor of Little-Barrow appears to have been purchased of the Chamberlayn family by Hugh le Despencer, 17 Edw. III.

^g Pat. 8 Edw. III., and Cart. 12 Edw. III.

^h Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense, and pedigree of the family, in Smith's Collections.

ⁱ It is called the chapel of Barrow in the marriage settlement of Sir Robert Swinerton, and Elizabeth Beek, 7 Hen. IV. Smith's Collections, p. 42.

^k Tanner's Notitia Monastica.

The parish of BARTHOMLEY, which is situated on the border of Staffordshire, and extends into that county, lies within the hundred and deanery of Nantwich: it contains five townships, *Barthomley, Alfager, Barterley, Crewe, and Huslington*: Barterley lies chiefly in Staffordshire. The township of *Barthomley* lies about seven miles and a half E. from Nantwich¹: the manor, which is the property of Lord Crewe, has passed with Crewe-Hall and manor, as will be hereafter more particularly mentioned: the manors of Stoke in Acton, and Tranmols in Bebington, were held formerly as parcel of this manor.

The nave of the parish church has a richly carved wooden roof put up in 1589, and ornamented with the arms of Acton, Delves, Egerton, Venables, &c. In the chancel is the monument of Sir Robert Fullehurst, or Foulhurst^k, one of Lord Audley's Esquires, at the battle of Poitiers. In the Crewe chapel is a pedigree of the ancient family of that name, and a monument for Anne and Elizabeth, co-heiresses of John Crewe Esq.^l the last heir male, who died in 1684, and lies buried in Westminster-Abbey. There are memorials also in the church, for the family of Malbon of Bradley, and in the church-yard for those of Acton, Alfager, and Kelfall^m. The patronage of the rectory has passed with the manor, being now vested in Lord Crewe.

On the 22d of December, 1643, a troop of Lord Byron's, passing through Barthomley, made an attack upon the church, into which several of the inhabitants had gone for safety; they soon got possession of it, and having set fire to the forms, rushes, and mats, made such a smoke, that the men who had retreated into the steeple were obliged to call for quarter, but their assailants, having got them into their power, are said to have stripped them all naked, and most cruelly murdered twelve of them in cold blood, three only being suffered to escapeⁿ.

A free-school was founded at Barthomley in 1676, by the Rev. Mr. Steele, who gave the sum of 50*l.* towards its endowment; with this sum, and 100*l.* given by John Crewe Esq. to the school, and 300*l.* given by the same benefactor to the poor, lands were purchased, out of the rents of which the annual sum of 10*l.* 4*s.* is appropriated to the school. There are ten poor children educated in it. Lord Crewe appoints two, and the kindred of Mr. Steele, the founder, have a right of admission.

¹ See p. 502.

^k See p. 447. where is a figure of it.

^l See p. 371.

^m The last heir male of the Actons died in 1702: the last of the Alfagers (to whose memory there is a monument at Congleton) in 1768: the last of the Kelfalls in 1802.

ⁿ Burghall's Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 925, 926.

The township of *Alfager*, or *Alfacher*, commonly pronounced *Auger*, lies nearly six miles south-east by south from Sandbach; the manor was at an early period in the Vernons, afterwards in the Minshulls: about the reign of Henry III. it was held by the ancient family of Alfager^o, which became extinct in the male line by the death of John Alfager Esq. in 1768. Alfager manor and hall, which were inherited by his three sisters and co-heiresses, are now under the wills of Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Judith Alfager, the two last surviving sisters (bearing date 1792), the property of Catherine, relict of Richard Sheridan Esq. and her three maiden sisters, the elder of whom, Anne, has taken the name of Alfager^e. In the year 1789 Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Margaret, and Mrs. Judith Alfager, ladies of the manor of Alfager, procured an act of Parliament to enable them to finish and complete a new church or chapel, to be called Christ's-church, or chapel, in Alfager; their successors in the manor to have the appointment of the minister, for whose maintenance fifty-nine statute acres of land were appointed^q; and to nominate the church-wardens, clerk, and sexton; the minister to have the privilege of christening and burying at Alfager, preserving the rights of the rector of Barthomley. The same ladies built a school-house, and founded a school at Alfager, for the education of boys and girls, as an endowment for which, they directed that thirty acres of land should be inclosed, and that the schoolmaster should have the surplus of the profit of letting the pews, after deducting the repairs, &c. of the church, to be disbursed by the church-wardens: this surplus has been about five pounds *per ann.*: only eighteen acres of land have as yet been inclosed. The management of the school, after the death of the founders, was vested by the act in trustees, who are to appoint the schoolmaster; the minister of the chapel to have the preference.

The manor of *Barterley*, or *Balterley*, which township is situated chiefly in the county of Stafford^r, is part of the inheritance of John Lawton of Lawton Esq. A charity-school was founded at Balterley, about the year 1730, by the Kelfall family of Hall-o'-wood in this township, which was for many generations the seat of the family of Wood^s, and passed to the Kelfalls by marriage.

The township of *Crewe* lies about four miles S. W. by S. from Sandbach: it was, from a very early period, the seat and inheritance of the family of

^o Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^q These ladies were daughters of Mr. James Williams, who married the daughter and heir of Roger Wilbraham Esq., which Roger married the daughter and only child of the Rev. Samuel Alfager, great uncle to the three maiden sisters, who founded Alfager chapel.

^r This land, when measured, appeared to be only forty acres; it is old inclosure, worth about three pounds an acre *per ann.*

^s It lies about six miles and a half N. W. by W. from Newcastle-under-Lyne.

^t The hall at this place is said to have been built by Thomas Wood, lord chief-justice of the common-pleas, in the early part of the sixteenth century.

Crue, or Crewe. About the year 1288, Thomas de Crewe became possessed of a knights' fee, parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, which, in 1253, had belonged to Philippa, countess of Warwick; this comprised the lordship of Crewe, to which some other manors^o were attached as parcel of that lordship: about the year 1300, Joan, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Thomas de Crewe, the last male heir of the elder branch of the family, married Richard Praers, whose grand-daughter brought Crewe in marriage to Sir Robert Fullehurst^t, or Foulhurst, one of Lord Audley's Esquires at the battle of Poitiers: Sir Christopher Hatton purchased it of the Foulhursts in 1578^u. About the year 1610, Sir Randle Crewe, serjeant at law, descended from Patrick, a younger brother of Thomas de Crewe, (whose daughter Joan, three centuries before, brought this estate to the Praers family,) purchased the manor of Crewe of Sir Christopher Hatton's heirs, and built Crewe-Hall; which, with the manor, continued in his descendants of the male line^v till the death of John Crewe Esq. in 1684; Anne, his elder daughter^x, and eventually sole heir, married John Offley Esq., whose ancestors had been settled at Madeley-manor, in Staffordshire, as early as the year 1237; John, his eldest son, took the name of Crewe by act of Parliament in 1703, and was grandfather of the present proprietor, who, in 1806, was created Baron Crewe.

Crewe-Hall, the seat of Lord Crewe, remains in its original state, and exhibits a good specimen of the more enriched style of architecture which was in use in the early part of the seventeenth century^y: it was begun in the year 1615, and completed in 1636; the cielings and wainscots of several of the rooms, as well as the principal stair-case, retain their original decorations. The gallery, which is one hundred feet in length, is fitted up as a library, and contains many family portraits. During the civil war, Crewe-Hall was garrisoned by the Parliament: on the 28th of December 1643, it was taken by Lord Byron^z. It is said that the garrison sustained a furious assault, and in the first instance repelled their assailants, of whom they slew sixty and wounded many more, but were obliged to surrender for want of victuals and ammunition^a. It was then made a garrison for the King, but after the relief of Nantwich, it fell again into the hands of the Parliament, having been re-taken without resistance on the 4th of February 1643-4^b. Not

^o Aston in Mondrem; Cholmondeston, and Leighton; these continued, together with Crewe, what was deemed a knights' fee, and was one of three which had belonged to the countess of Warwick. (Woodnoth's Collections, p. 28. b. & 2656). It was held by the service of finding a judger in the county-court at Chester; and an armed man to keep the peace during the fairs.—Villare Cestriense, and Esch. 22 Edw. I. ^t Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense. ^u Ibid.

^x Elizabeth, the other daughter, married Charles Turner Esq., and died without issue.

^y See an elevation of it in p. 458. ^z See Heath's Chronicle, and Dugdale's View of the Troubles.

^a History of Nantwich, and Burghall's Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 926.

^b Burghall's Diary in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 932.

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having sustained any formal siege, this venerable mansion had the good fortune to escape any material injury.

A free school was founded at Crewe, in the year 1717, by Mr. Thomas Leadbeater, who gave the interest of 120*l.* for an endowment. The school, and the master's house, were built by subscription: Lord Crewe nominates the master.

The township of *Haslington* lies four miles S.S.W. from Sandbach; the manor having been anciently parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, passed by one of the co-heiresses of the last baron to the Vernons. Sir Ralph Vernon, Baron of Shipbrooke, called "the Old," from his living to the great age of one hundred and fifty years, settled his estates, in case of the failure of male issue from the posterity of his elder son, on the heirs-male of Richard Vernon his son by Maud Grosvenor, who in some pedigrees is represented as his second wife, in others as his concubine. In consequence of this settlement, there was a long litigation between the heirs of the above-mentioned Richard, and the heirs of Thomas, a younger son of Sir Ralph, the Old, (by his first wife,) who was passed over by his father^e. It seems probable that this suit was settled by compromise, for the barony of Shipbrooke, and other estates remained with the posterity of Richard; but Haslington was enjoyed by the descendants of Thomas^d, who resided at Haslington-Hall for many generations. The last heir-male of the Haslington branch of the family was Sir George Vernon, who was made one of the Barons of the Exchequer in 1631; his daughter and heir married one of the Aislabies of Studley-Park in Yorkshire. It is now the property of the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., who purchased it of Messrs. Sparrow and Henshull, to whom it had been alienated by the late William Aislabe Esq. Haslington-Hall is now occupied by a farmer.

At Haslington is an ancient chapel, built by the Vernons, as a chapel of ease for themselves and their tenants; (Haslington being more than two miles from Barthomley-church) and endowed with 20*l. per ann.* A bill was brought into Parliament to make this chapel a parish church, but it never passed into an act: in 1689 both the chapel and hall (in which the Vernon family had ceased to reside) were licensed for a meeting-house^f. The chapel has since been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty: the minister is appointed by the rector of Barthomley, to whom the tithes of Haslington, which had been given to the church of

^e See more particulars of this and the references in the account of Shipbrooke, in the parish of Davenham. ^d See Harl. MSS. N^o 2008, and Collins's Peerage. ^c The Vernons were in possession in 1704. Bishop Gastrell's Notitia. ^f Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

Barthomley about the reign of Edward I. by Sir Ralph Vernon, were adjudged by a decree ^c of the Exchequer in the reign of Charles I. ^f The tithes and patronage have nevertheless passed of late years with the manor, and are now possessed by Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.

At Wintley, in this township, is a dissenters meeting, which has been established for many years ^g; the structure appears to be about the same age as the chapel at Haslington, and was probably built in or about the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Oakhanger-Hall, in this township, was formerly the seat of the Actons, from whom it passed by a female heir to the Manleys of Lache. It is now the property and residence of John Ready Esq., who married the heiress of the Manley family. Bradley-Hall, now a farm-house, was the seat of the Malbon family, some time since extinct ^h. Hall-o'-heath, in the township of Haslington, belonged anciently to the family of Heath, passed by a female heir to the Mores, who resided there for several generations ⁱ, and is now the property of Peter Walthall Esq. of Wistalton, whose ancestor married the heiress of More early in the seventeenth century: Hall-o'-heath is now a farm house. Clayhonger-Hall, now a farm-house, is the property of the Rev. W. Bayley of Wheelock.

BEBINGTON parish, which lies in the hundred and deanery of Wirrall, consists of five townships; *Great, or Lower-Bebington, Little, or Higher-Bebington, Tranmore, Storeton, and Poolton-cum-Spittle.*

Great-Bebington, in which the parish-church is situated, lies about five miles N. E. by N. from Neston. The manor was given, at a very early period, by Hugh Boydell of Doddleston to the family of Lancelyn, who appear to have been possessed of property here as early as the time of the Conquest ^k. The heiress of the Lancelyns brought this manor in the reign of Queen Elizabeth to the Greens ^l, and it continued in the male line of that family till the death of John Green Esq. in 1711: his daughter, Mrs. Parnell, who, on the decease of her brother Edward without issue, inherited this estate, and, dying in 1792, bequeathed it to Joseph Kent Esq., son of the sole surviving daughter and heir of Richard Green Esq. (the heir at law of her brother Edward), in whom the male line of the family became extinct. This gentleman, who is the present proprietor, has, pursuant to Mrs. Parnell's will, assumed the name and arms of Green. The manor of the township of *Poolton-cum-Spittle* has passed by the same title, and the manor-house is the seat of Mr. Green; of whose ancestors there are some monuments in the parish church of Bebington. The advowson of Bebington

^c Woodnoth's *Cheshire Collections*, p. 63.

^f Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia*.

^g *Ibid.*

^h See p. 399.

ⁱ *Cheshire pedigrees*, in the possession of Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold.

^k Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestrieuse*.

^l *Ibid.*

was given by Seward Lancelyn in 1093, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester, and confirmed by his descendants, Robert and William Lancelyn, in the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I.^m. The patronage is now vested in the Rev. Roger Jackson the present rector.

It appears by ancient records, that in the reign of Henry III. there was a chapel in this parish, dedicated to St. Thomas à Becketⁿ; it is probable that it was the chapel of the spital, of which William Lancelyn died seised in 1382^o: this spital, of which there are now no remains, is spoken of in a record of the reign of Edw. I.^p, as a hospital for lepers.

A charity-school for the children of Great-Bebington, and the demefnes of Poolton, was founded in 1655, and endowed by the land-owners with twenty acres of land, being parcel of a common then inclosed^q: the master is elected by trustees; the rector of Bebington, and the proprietor of the manor of Poolton, being always of the number. Among other benefactions to the poor of the parish are several sums of money, for providing parish cows^r: there are now ten in number, which are let out by the rector and church-wardens, at five shillings a year for each cow, for the purpose of forming a fund to keep up the stock: the cows are brought once a year for inspection.

The manor of *Higber*, or *Little-Bebington*, was held for several generations^s under the Worlestons, by the family of Bebington, the elder branch of which became extinct in the reign of Richard II.; a younger branch settled at Nantwich: it is remarkable that Richard Bebington, of this family, had six sons and a younger brother, slain at Flodden-field. The manor of Bebington passed with the heirefs of the elder branch to the Minshulls^t, whose heirefs, in the early part of the seventeenth century, brought it to the Cholmondeleys of Vale-Royal. This estate was sold to several persons, under the authority of an act of Parliament passed in 1736: Daniel Orred Esq., who, in consequence of various purchases, possesses a great part of the township; and Mr. Joseph White, who has purchased other parts of the estate, (including the Rock-ferry,) both give deputations for the manor: Derby-house in this township, formerly a seat of the Minshulls, was purchased of the Cholmondeley family by the Robinsons, and by them sold to Dr. Watson of Preston in the county of Lancaster, the present proprietor.

The manors of Great and Little-Storeton, in the township of *Storeton*^u, were given by Ranulph, the third Earl of Chester, to his steward Alan Sylvester^v, whose son Ralph Sylvester, or Savage, left an only daughter and heir, given

^m Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

ⁿ See Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

^o E. sch. 6 Rich. II.

^p See Tanner's Notitia Monastica.

^q Notitia Cestriensis.

^r Ibid.

^s Before 31 Edw. I.

^t Villare Cestriense.

^u This township is five miles N. by E. from

Great-Nelson.

^v Ibid.

in marriage by Hugh Kevelioc Earl of Chester, to Alexander his son's tutor, or, as some pedigrees describe him, the steward of his household: this Alexander took the name of de Storeton, and left an only daughter, married to Sir Philip Bamville; Joan, their eldest daughter and co-heiress, married Sir William de Stanley^z, the immediate ancestor of Sir T.M.S. Stanley Bart., the present proprietor. The hall is occupied as a farm house.

The township of *Tranmore* lies about seven miles N. by E. from Great-Neston; the manor belonged in ancient times to the family of Tranmore^z, or Tranmols, whose co-heiresses, in the reign of Edward III., brought it in moieties, between the families of Bebington and Holme^z: the whole became united by purchase in the Minshulls, heirs of the Bebingtons, and passed with Little-Bebington to the Cholmondeleys of Vale-Royal: it is now the property of Daniel Orred Esq.; Tranmore-Hall, the property of Mr. Roger Collier, (by purchase from Sir Foster Cunliffe Bart.) is occupied as a farm-house.

BIDSTON, in the hundred and deanery of Wirrall, lies on the side of a hill on a yellow sand-stone rock, about two miles S. of the Mersey, about four miles from Woodside-ferry, and about eighteen miles from Chester: the parish consists of four townships, *Bidston*, *Claughton*, *Moreton*, and *Saughall-Massey*. The manor of *Bidston*, which was parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey, was sold by the Masseys to Henry Earl of Lancaster, and having been given in exchange to Sir Roger le Strange, passed by an heir female to the Stanleys, Earls of Derby. In 1653 it was sold by the Derby family, to William Steel Esq., and by him a few years afterwards to the Earl of Kingston.^b It is now the property of Robert Vyner Esq. of Gautby in Lincolnshire, by inheritance from Sir Robert Vyner Bart. (some time lord mayor of London) to whom it was conveyed in the reign of Charles II. by the Earl of Kingston and others.

Bidston-Hall, an ancient mansion still standing, and occupied as a farm-house, was a seat of the Derby family, and is said to have been a favourite residence of William Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and chamberlain of Chester in the reign of James I.^c

^z A portion of the manor belonged for some time to the families of Bechinton, or Bechton and Laken, by marriage with the other co-heiresses, but the whole ere long became vested in the Stanleys. See Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestriense* and *Escheats*. ^z In the reign of Edward III. it was held under Thomas de Praers, as parcel of the manor of Barthomley.

^a *Villare Cestriense*.—These Holmes were ancestors of the antiquaries of that name.

^b See King's *Vale-Royal*, part ii. p. 124. ^c It seems probable that the Earl afterwards gave it up to his son, James Lord Strange, (who afterwards, when Earl of Derby, fell a sacrifice to Cromwell's resentment at Bolton,) the grant of the piece of waste for the school in 1636 having been the act of Lord Strange, William Earl of Derby being then living.

The charity-school is said to have been founded in 1636, a sum of money amounting to 200*l.*, a great part of which was afterwards lost, having been then subscribed by the inhabitants, and a school-house built on a piece of the waste given by Lord Strange: the remainder of the money was, some years ago, laid out in land, which now produces 8*l. per ann.* *Ford* is a hamlet of this township, which is sometimes called *Bidston-cum-Ford*. The church of Bidston belonged to the priory of Birkenhead, the curate's salary being 6*l. 13s. per ann.* Since the Reformation the rectory has been annexed to the see of Chester; it is held on lives, under the bishop, being now charged with the sum of 20*l. per ann.* payable to the curate, who is appointed by the lessee: the curacy has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty; the present lessee is Benjamin Keene Esq.

The light-house at Bidston was erected pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1762, empowering the corporation of Liverpool to purchase land for that purpose; it is supported by a duty paid by all ships sailing to or from the port of Liverpool. Signals to announce the approach of different vessels are affixed to the light-house, and many of the Liverpool merchants have private signal-posts near it.

The manor of *Claughton* belonged to the prior and convent of Birkenhead, and having passed with the priory estate^d, is now the property of F. R. Price Esq. The manors of *Moreton* and *Saugball-Maffey*^e have passed with Bidston; there are no halls at either. In the township of Moreton there was formerly a chapel, demolished about the year 1640.^f

BIRKET, or BIRKENHEAD, in the hundred and deanery of Wirrall, is an extra-parochial chapelry, situated about nine miles N. N. E. from Great-Neston, having been the site of a priory founded by Hamo de Maffey, the third baron of Dunham-Maffey, in the reign of Henry II. or his successor, for sixteen Benedictine monks^g. This priory was dedicated to St. Mary and St. James, and made subordinate to the Abbey of St. Werburgh at Chester: its revenues were valued at the time of the dissolution of monasteries at 90*l. 13s.* clear yearly income^h. The site of the priory and the manor of Birkenhead were granted to Ralph Worsley Esq., whose eldest daughter and co-heir, about the year 1572, brought this estate in marriage to the Powells of Horsley.ⁱ Thomas Powell Esq. of Birkenhead, was created a baronet in 1629; the title was extinct before the publication of Wotton's Baronetage in 1727;

^d See below.

^e The township of *Moreton* is about nine miles and a half N. by W. and *Saugball-Maffey*, about nine miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston.

^f Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^g Tanner.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense. Birket-priory belonged

to Thomas Powell Esq. in 1622. Webb's Itinerary printed in the Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 121.

the Birkenhead estate was purchased about the year 1715; probably of the representatives of the last baronet, by John Clivehead Esq. M.P.; Mr. Clivehead's only son dying without issue, it was inherited by his daughter Alice, married to Francis Price Esq. of Bryn-y-pys in the county of Flint, whose great-grandson, Francis Richard Price Esq., is the present proprietor. Birket-house, which is situated near the remains of the priory, on a pleasant bank sloping down to the Mersey, immediately opposite to Liverpool, having been garrisoned for King Charles during the civil war, for the purpose of securing the passage of the river, was taken by the Parliament on the 22d of September 1644^k; it is at present uninhabited. The chapel of the priory is standing, and was considered, after the Reformation, as a domestic chapel, till it was augmented by Queen Anne's bounty: the minister is appointed by Mr. Price.

The parish of BOWDEN, or BOWDON, which lies in the hundred of Bucklow, and deanery of Frodsham, contains the townships of *Bowden, Altrincham, Afbley, Baguley, Bollington, Carrington, Dunham-Massey, Hale, Partington, and Timperley*, besides half of the townships of *Agden*, and *Afbton*: the other half of *Afbton* is in the parish of that name; the other half of *Agden* in Rostherne. The whole parish is divided into four districts^l, each of which has a church-warden appointed by the Earl of Stamford and Warrington.

The manor of *Bowden* was in ancient times parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey; a moiety of it was given by Hamo de Massey, about the year 1278, to the prior and convent of Birkenhead; the other moiety had before passed to a younger branch of the Massey family, and became subdivided: one half of it was sold in the reign of Henry III., by Robert de Massey to the Bowdens of Bowden, who in the reign of Queen Elizabeth sold lands in this township to the Booths of Dunham-Massey; the other half of this moiety, about the year 1500, passed by marriage with the heiress of Samuel Massey of Rixton, to the Holcrofts, who were afterwards of Vale-Royal: this portion of the manor belonged in 1666, to the heirs of William Brereton Esq., who, as Sir Peter Leycester was informed, had purchased it of the Holcrofts in the reign of King James I.^m The whole of the manor is now the property of the Earl of Stamford.

In the parish church, which stands on a hill about a mile west from Altrincham, are several handsome monuments, principally for the family of Booth. In the

^k Carte's Ormond Letters, I. 65.

^l Viz. 1. *Bollington, Carrington, Dunham-Massey*, and part of *Agden*, and *Afbton*. 2. *Altrincham, Baguley*, and *Timperley*. 3. *Hale*. 4. *Afbley* and *Bowden*.

^m Historical Antiquities, p. 224, 225.

north aisle or chapel, which was built pursuant to the will of Sir William Booth, who died in 1476ⁿ, is a grave-stone much worn, in memory of Sir William Booth, who died in 1519, and his wife Eleanor; in the same aisle are two handsome monuments, one of which was erected in memory of Henry Earl of Warrington and his countess; the other, supported by columns of the Ionic order, and ornamented with medallions of the deceased, in memory of the Earl's younger sons, Langham and Henry Booth. The Earl of Warrington died in 1694, at the age of forty-two; "he was thrice committed to the Tower on accusations of high-treason, and having been tried by his peers, was acquitted Jan. 14, 1686, a day which he ever afterwards commemorated;" his countess, who was daughter and heir of Sir James Langham Bart., died in 1691. The Hon. Langham Booth, who several times represented the county of Chester in Parliament, died in 1724, at the age of forty, and was buried at Bowden; his brother Henry died at the same age, and was buried at Rotterdam. The Earl of Warrington above-mentioned, being then Lord Delamere, was tried on a charge of high-treason, before his professed enemy, Lord Chancellor Jefferys, who sat as high-steward, and a select number of peers, being such as were supposed to be most devoted to the court; yet, so clear were the proofs of his innocence, that he was acquitted by the unanimous verdict of his judges. On the first intelligence of the approach of the Prince of Orange, he put himself at the head of an armed force, and on the happy accomplishment of an almost bloodless revolution, was one of the persons selected to carry to the fallen monarch, who had so lately put his life to hazard, the message which enforced his removal from the palace of Whitehall. Lord Delamere was created Earl of Warrington by King William, in 1690.

To return to the description of Bowden church.—In the north aisle is the monument of William Brereton Esq. of Ashley-Hall, who died in 1630, and his wife Jane, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of Peter Warburton Esq. of Arley, with recumbent figures of the deceased. Dr. Williamfon in his manuscript collections speaks of the monuments of George Booth Esq., Elizabeth his wife, and of Sir William Legh of Baguley. In the chancel is the grave-stone of George, the first Lord Delamere, distinguished for his premature attempt, when Sir George Booth, to restore King Charles II. in 1659; he died in 1684: in the nave is a handsome monument by Westmacott, in memory of Thomas Afsheton Esq. of Ashley, who died in 1759, his son Thomas Afsheton Smith, who died in 1774, and that of Hugh Kirkpatrick Hall Esq. (tenant of Ashley-Hall) who died in 1788.

† Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 225.

The church of Bowden, which had been given by Hamo de Mafsey, the fifth of that name, to the priory of Birkenhead, became vested in the crown on the dissolution of that convent, and was annexed by King Henry VIII. to the see of Chester. The bishop is patron of the vicarage; the rectory is held on lease under the see, by the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, whose family have been lessees ever since the reign of James I., when it was granted for three lives, to Sir George Booth.

At Bowden is an ancient free grammar-school, to which Edward Vaudrey left 4*l.* *per ann.* about the year 1600: the school-house was re-built with a convenient house for the master, in the year 1806. There is a charity-school at Seaman's-Mofs, and another at Little-Heath, both of which are endowed out of the interest of 1000*l.* given for charitable uses, by Mr. Thomas Walton, who had been many years a servant at Dunham-Mafsey, and died in 1757. These schools have been liberally augmented by the Earl of Stamford and Warrington's family: the Earl nominates the children at Seaman's-Mofs; the master of which school has 40*l.* *per ann.* and a house. At Little-Heath, children of a younger age, both boys and girls, are taught by a school-mistress, and clothed.

The town of *Altrincham* is situated on one of the roads from London to Manchester, one hundred and eighty miles from London, seven from Knutsford, and eight from Manchester: it was made a free borough by Hamo de Mafsey, Baron of Dunham-Mafsey, who granted the burgeses a mercatorial-gild and various privileges: the chief officer of the town has been long called a mayor, but is not appointed under the authority of any charter: a market at Altrincham on Tuesday, which is still continued, was granted to Hamo de Mafsey, by King Edward I. in 1290, together with a fair for three days at the festival of the assumption of the Virgin Mary^p; this fair is now held on the 5th of August, and there is another on the 2d of November. In the answer to Bishop Porteus's Inquiries^q in 1778, the township of Altrincham is stated to contain only one hundred and eighty-five houses; by the return made to Parliament, under the Population Act in 1801, it appears that there were then three hundred and forty-three houses, (of which three were uninhabited,) and one thousand six hundred and ninety-two inhabitants.

There are two large cotton-manufactories at Altrincham, and a manufactory for turning bobbins, the lathes of which are worked by steam. Many of the inhabitants gain their livelihood by raising vegetables for the Manchester market,

^o See the Charter in Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 203.

^p Cart. 18 Edw. I.

^q In the registry at Chester.

particularly early potatoes, which, at their first coming in, are sold at three shillings a pound.

The manor of Altrincham was of the ancient fee of the Barons of Dunham-Massey, and has descended with other lands belonging to that barony, to the present proprietor the Earl of Stamford and Warrington.

A chapel of ease was built at Altrincham in 1799, at the expence of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, and other subscribers; the vicar of Bowden appoints the minister. Oldfield-Hall in this township, formerly a seat of the family of Parker^r, is now the property and residence of William Rigby Esq.

The township of *Ashley* lies nearly five miles N. N. E. from Knutsford: the manor was anciently parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey; from the Masséys it passed in exchange to the Dutton family, a branch of which seating themselves at this place, assumed the name of Ashley in or about the reign of Edward I. About the year 1540, Thomasine, daughter and heir of George Ashley Esq., brought this estate in marriage to Richard, younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton, whose posterity settled at Ashley. On the death of Thomas Brereton Esq. without issue in 1660, the manor of Ashley devolved to his three sisters, married to Alexander Barlow Esq. of Barlow in Lancashire, Robert Tatton of Withenshaw, and Ralph Afsheton Esq. of Kirkby in Yorkshire^r. Ashley is now the property of William Henry Afsheton Smith Esq.^t, lineal descendant of Ralph Afsheton above-mentioned: the hall is in the occupation of John Arden Esq. of Harden.

The township of *Baguley* lies about six miles W. by S. from Stockport; the manor having been part of the barony of Dunham-Massey, became at an early period the property of the Baguleys, a co-heiress of which family brought it in marriage to Sir William Legh^u, son of Sir John Legh of Booths: Dr. Gower, in a letter to the late Rev. Mr. Harwood of Chester says, on the authority of Dr. Percy (late bishop of Dromore^x), that one of the Leghs of Baguley wrote several historical poems in the reign of Henry VII. Edward Legh, the last heir male of this branch of the Legh family, died in 1688, having some time before his death sold Baguley, which in 1722 was the property of Joshua, Viscount Allen of the kingdom of Ireland: in

^r Alienated by that family in 1672. ^s Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities: Ralph Afsheton was a younger son of Sir Richard Afsheton of Middleton in Lancashire. ^t The name of Smith has been assumed. ^u Sir William Legh, who settled at Baguley, died in 1403.

^x Probably from verbal communication; we find no mention of it in the bishop's publications, nor have we met with any other authority for this Cheshire Poet.

1749 it was purchased of John Viscount Allen, by the late Joseph Jackson Esq. of Rostherne, who, dying in 1803, bequeathed this estate to his cousin, the Rev. Millington Maffey, who took the name of Jackson, and is lately deceased: it is now vested in his only daughter. The old Hall is occupied by a farmer; a more modern mansion in this township, with an estate annexed, is the property and residence of the Miss Houghtons.

The township of *Bollington* lies about six miles N. by W. from Knutsford: the manor was anciently parcel of the barony of Dunham-Maffey. Hamo, one of the barons, gave a moiety of Bollington in free-marriage with his daughter Agnes, to Geffery Dutton, whose descendants assumed the name of Chedle: this moiety passed by a female heir to the Radcliffes Earls of Suffex, and by sale, to the Carringtons, from whom it descended, through the Booths to the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington: the other moiety was, as early as the reign of Henry III. in the family of Mere; half of this moiety passed by sale to the Bramptons and Booths; the whole now belongs to the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, the remaining fourth, which had passed by successive conveyances from the Meres to the Bollingtons, and the Leghs of Booths^x, having been, not many years ago, acquired by purchase.

The township of *Carrington* lies about eleven miles N. from Knutsford: the manor was held for more than three centuries by the family of Carrington, under the Barons of Dunham-Maffey, of whose barony it had been anciently a part. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Jane, the daughter and only heir of John Carrington Esq., brought it in marriage to Sir George Booth of Dunham-Maffey^y, from whom it descended to the present proprietor, the Earl of Stamford and Warrington: Carrington-Hall is now occupied by a farmer.

A chapel of ease for the townships of Carrington and Partington was built at Carrington, by George Earl of Warrington, and consecrated in 1759, being dedicated to St. George: it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty; the sum of 600*l.* having been given towards its endowment by Mary, Countess of Stamford^z: the Earl of Stamford and Warrington is patron. John Rider, bishop of Killaloe, author of an English and Latin Dictionary, who died in 1632, was a native of Carrington^a.

^x Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities of Bucklow hundred. ^y Their marriage settlement contained this remarkable clause, that "if the said Jane should after marriage be detected of incontinency, the estate should remain to the family of Booth." Collins's Peerage. Edit. 1768. Vol. vii. p. 77. Sir Peter Leycester observes, that Sir George Booth had no issue by Jane Carrington, "yet enjoyed Carrington's lands, which after her death he recovered by a tedious suit." Historical Antiquities, p. 229. ^z Answers to the Inquiries of Bishop Porteus.

^a Anthony Wood's Athen. Oxon.

The township of *Dunham-Massey* lies about six miles and a half north from Knutsford. Dunham-Massey was the seat of the barony of that name, and was held by the Barons Massey, under the Earls of Chester, by military service, they being bound to attend the King in time of war, with a certain number of horse and foot, and immediately to repair to the king's summons, with their whole *poſſe*, if an enemy's army should come into Cheshire, or if Chester-castle should be besieged. Hamo, the last Baron of Dunham-Massey, died without male issue, about the year 1341, having sold the reversion of Dunham-Massey, and other estates, to Oliver Ingham justice of Chester, whose heirs, the Stranges, Lords of Knockin, were for a while possessed of it, but not without disturbance from the Fittons; John Fitton having married the elder sister and co-heir of the last Baron of Dunham-Massey. The heiress of Fitton having married into the Venables family, and the co-heiress of William Venables of Bollin having married Robert, afterwards Sir Robert Booth, the claim was by him renewed in the reign of Henry VI., and it was at length agreed that Sir Robert should have half of the manors of Dunham-Massey, Altrincham, and Hale^b. This Sir Robert Booth was of a younger branch of the Booths of Barton in Lancashire, and half-brother of Laurence Booth, archbishop of York: having partly succeeded in his claim, he settled at Dunham-Massey, which, by subsequent purchases, became wholly vested in his descendants. Sir George Booth, the seventh in descent from Sir Robert, was created a baronet in 1611, on the first institution of that order; his grandson of the same name was created Baron Delamere of Dunham-Massey, at the coronation of King Charles II., and Lord Delamere's son, Henry, the second Lord Delamere, was, as before-mentioned, created Earl of Warrington by King William. Mary, only daughter and heir of George Booth, the second and last Earl of Warrington of that family^c, who died in 1758, brought Dunham-Massey and other large estates, to Henry Grey, Earl of Stamford, father of George Harry the present Earl, who had the title of Warrington conferred on him by a new creation in 1796. Dunham-Massey, the seat of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, was rebuilt in 1730, from the designs of Mr. John Norris: there is an engraving of the old mansion by Kip, in the *Nouveau Theatre de la Grand Bretagne*. Lord Stamford has a valuable collection of pictures at Dunham-Massey, among which are numerous portraits by

^b Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 242, 243.
 devolved on the Rev. George Booth.

^c The baronetage, since extinct,

Hans Holbein, Cornelius Janfen, Vandyke, Sir Peter Lely, Sir Godfrey Kneller, &c. &c. ^d.

Sunderland and *Dunham-Wood-houfes* are hamlets in the township of Dunham-Mafsey.

The township of *Hale* lies nearly fix miles N. E. by N. from Knutsford. One-half of the manor, which had in ancient times been parcel of the barony of Dunham-Mafsey, became (in confequence of the compromise which took place as already fpoken of,) in the reign of Henry VI. the property of Sir Robert Booth, and has defcended with Dunham-Mafsey to the Earl of Stamford and Warrington: the other half remained with Sir Thomas Stanley, as heir of the Stranges; this moiety, including *Ringey*, a hamlet of Hale, has been for more than one hundred and fifty years in the family of Crewe^f, and is now the property of the Right Hon. Lord Crewe. The Hale-Hall eftate, which belonged for feveral defcents to the family of Birch, has been fold to Ifaac Worthington-Efq., who has taken down the old hall, and erected a commodious manfion on the fite, now in the occupation of the Rev. Robert Harrop. In this township is an ancient difsenters' meeting-houfe. At *Ringey*, or *Ringway*, was an ancient chapel, which, after the Reftoration, was occupied for many years by the non-conformifts ^g: in 1720 it was rebuilt by Lord Crewe's grandfather, who gave

^d Of thefe may be enumerated Sir Thomas Grefham, and Chriftiana Duchefs of Loraine, (daughter of Chriftian II. King of Denmark), by Holbein; Henry, the firft Earl of Warrington; Sir John Booth Knight; Lady Diana Cecil (daughter of the fecond Earl of Exeter), wife of Henry Vere Earl of Oxford, and afterwards of Thomas Bruce, Earl of Elgin, and her fifter, Lady Elizabeth Cecil, wife of Thomas, Earl of Berkfhire, by Cornelius Janfen; the Countefs of Oxford and Elgin above-mentioned; Lady Killigrew; Philip, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery; Lady Anne Carr, Countefs of Bedford, and Henry Danvers, Earl of Danby, by Vandyke; Anne, Queen of James II.; the Duchefs of Portfmouth; the Countefs of Ranelagh; the Countefs of Meath; Sir George Howard and his Lady; the Hon. Archibald Grey; the firft Earl of Shaftesbury; Lady Anne Cecil, the firft Countefs of Stamford; Henry, the firft Earl of Stamford; George, Lord Delamere, and his lady, (daughter of the firft Earl of Stamford) and William Cavendifh, Earl of Devonfhire, by Sir Peter Lely; the Duchefs of Orleans, fifter of King Charles II., by Largilliere; Barbara Villiers, Duchefs of Cleveland; Henry, the firft Earl of Warrington, and his fecond daughter, Lady Mary Robarts; John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough; Lady Elizabeth Delves, daughter of the firft Earl of Warrington; and the Hon. Langham Booth, by Sir Godfrey Kneller. There is a curious ancient portrait of Elizabeth, the Queen of King Edward IV.; and there are feveral portraits of the Warrington family by Dahl, Dobfon, and other artifts; and one of Frances, the celebrated Duchefs of Richmond, in the reign of James I. (the artift's name unknown.)

^e See the preceding page.

^f See Sir Peter Leycefter's Antiquities.

^g Ibid.

200*l.* towards its endowment, and procured for it Queen Anne's bounty ^h, since which time the nomination of the minister has been vested in the Crewe family.

The township of *Partington* lies ten miles N. by W. from Knutsford: the manor, anciently parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey, was at an early period divided into severalties: in 1666 Lord Delamere had a third part, which had belonged to the Carringtons; the remainder was divided between the families of Warburton, Owen, Hadfield, and Partingtonⁱ; the Earl of Stamford and Warrington is now lord of the whole. Partington-Hall is a farmhouse; Milbank, a modern mansion in this township, is the property and residence of Mr. Robert Speer, who purchased it in 1807, of the trustees of the late Walter Kerfoot Esq. In this township is a dissenters' meeting which has been many years established.

The township of *Timperley* lies about eight miles and a half N. N. E. from Knutsford: a moiety of the manor belonged at a very early period to the family of Timperley, and passed by successive female heirs to the Masseys, Chattertons, and Radcliffes^k: the co-heiresses of Radcliffe married Parre and Arderne; the Parres conveyed their half of this moiety to the Booths, who thus became possessed of a fourth part of the manor^l, which has descended to the Earl of Stamford and Warrington; the other half passed in marriage to the Breretons of Ashley, and afterwards became vested in Sir Amos Meredith, in right of his wife, who was daughter of Robert Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw, husband of Anne, one of the sisters and co-heirs of Thomas Brereton Esq., who died in 1660^m. The other moiety of the manor of Timperley was held at a very early period under the barony of Dunham-Massey, by the Cheadles and their representatives the Bulkeleyes of Cheadleⁿ: this estate belonged to Lord Bulkeley in 1702: in consequence of purchases made by the last earl and countess of Warrington, the whole of the manor of Timperley is now united to the Dunham-Massey estate. Timperley-Hall, and its annexed demesne, are now the property of the Rev. Croxton Johnson, rector of Wilmslow, having been purchased by his father: the hall is in the occupation of Joseph Hanson Esq.

Riddings in the township of Timperley, in some ancient records called a manor, was anciently in the family of Saunford^o, afterward in the Vawdreys, of whom it was purchased about the year 1660, by the Gerards^p: it is now by purchase the property of Mr. Twyford of Manchester; the hall is a farm-house. The

^h Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*.

^k Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestriense*.

^l *Ibid.* ^o Esch. 4 Edw. 3.

ⁱ Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*, p. 329.

^m *Ibid.* ⁿ Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*.

^p Sir Peter Leycester.

Vawdreys resided for many generations at Bank-hill, in the township of Hale, now belonging to Joseph Foden Esq.

The township of *Agden*, partly in Bowden parish, and partly in that of Roffherne, lies about five miles and a half N. N. W. from Knutsford. A moiety of the manor passed by successive female heirs from the Aketons, or Agdens, to the families of Daniel and Venables; the other moiety was sold by Agnes, widow of John Leech, and heir of Robert de Aketon, to the Savages, and by them, in 1619, to the Venables family, who had been possessed of the former moiety as early as the year 1401^a. William Venables, who married the heiress of Daniel, and settled at Agden, was grandson of Hugh Venables Baron of Kinderton, and nephew of Sir Richard Venables Baron of Kinderton, who was slain at Shrewsbury. In 1727, the heiress of George Venables Esq. of Agden, married Sir P. T. Chetwode Bart., grandfather of Sir John Chetwode Bart., the present proprietor of this manor, who keeps the hall in his own occupation for his occasional residence.

The township of *Ashton* on *Mersey* has been spoken of in the account of that parish^r.

BRERETON parish, which consists only of one township, including the hamlet of *Smethwick*, lies in the hundred of Northwich and deanery of Middlewich; the village is situated three miles north from Sandbach, and six east from Middlewich: it had formerly a market on Thursday, granted in 1368, to William Brereton Esq., together with a fair at the festival of St. Peter *ad Vincula*^s. Smith in his description of Cheshire (1585) speaks of a fair then lately purchased, held on Brereton-Green, on Lammas-day, Aug. 1.^t The manor of Brereton was held under the barony of Kinderton, nearly as early as the time of the Conquest^u, by the ancient family of Brereton, who continued to possess it for many generations in uninterrupted lineal descent: Sir William Brereton of Brereton, the head of this ancient family, which had spread into several branches in various parts of Cheshire, was, in 1624, created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland: on the death of Francis Lord Brereton in 1722, the male line of this principal branch of the family became extinct, and the manor of Brereton passed under the will of William Lord Brereton, their father, to his sisters Jane and Elizabeth, and being afterwards vested in the latter, was bequeathed by her to her sister's son, Sir Charles Holte Bart. of Aston in Warwickshire. Heneage Legge Esq. of Aston

^a Sir Peter Leycester.
part i. p. 49.

^r See p. 484, 485.

^s Cart. 42 Edw. III.

^t Vale-Royal,

^u Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

(whose

(whose aunt, Lady Jane Legge, was the first wife of Sir Lister Holte Bart.) is the present proprietor of this estate, under Sir Lister's will, subject to a lease for life, and twenty-one years after, to the present occupier, Abraham Bracebridge Esq. of Atherston in Warwickshire, who occasionally resides at Brereton-Hall. The reversion of Brereton, in case of the decease of Heneage Legge Esq. and the Rev. Wriothefley Digby of Meriden^x, in Warwickshire, without issue, is vested under Sir Lister Holte's will, in the heirs of the above-mentioned Abraham Bracebridge, descended from an ancient family long settled at Atherston, by his wife Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Charles Holte his younger brother, the last baronet of that family, and representative in blood of the ancient family of Brereton. Brereton-Hall, called by Webb "the stately house of Brereton, and described as one of the most complete brick-buildings in Cheshire", was erected in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by Sir William Brereton^z: a part only of this ancient mansion, which is the occasional residence of Mr. Bracebridge, is now remaining: the arms of Brereton occur in several of the windows, in stained glass, with the date, 1577; in the windows, and round the top of the stair-case, are the arms of many of the principal gentry of Cheshire. Some windows of painted glass, representing the Saxon Earls of Chester; Hugh Lupus made Earl of Chester by William the Conqueror, and the six succeeding Earls, which were formerly in the hall at Brereton were removed by Sir Lister Holte, and are now at Aston-Hall in Warwickshire, the seat of Heneage Legge Esq.

In the parish church is the monument of William Smethwick Esq. of Smethwick, who died in 1643: on a rich marble monument in the chancel is an inscription in Latin, importing that in ancient times the church of Brereton was a donative chapel in the parish of Astbury; that the ancestors of Sir William Brereton, Baron of Malpas, who erected the monument in the year 1618, were buried in the church-yard at Astbury, where their tombs (being of that kind termed "knights' burials") still existed^a, but that after the chapel of Brereton had been made parochial, the ancestors of the said Sir William Brereton, patron of the church of Brereton, had been buried in the chancel of that church. On the north side of the chancel was formerly a window of painted glass, with four figures, representing the persons who slew Thomas à Becket, at the high-altar in Canterbury, in 1170; and a fifth, which is supposed to be intended for King Henry II. A coloured drawing of this window, which it is probable was destroyed

^x Dr. Bagot some time bishop of St. Asaph (and since deceased without issue) was also in the entail.

^y Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 80.

^z Camden speaking of Brereton says, that Sir William Brereton had "of late added very much credit and honour to the place, by a magnificent and sumptuous house that he had there built."

^a See p. 447.

during the civil war, with an inscription, denoting that it was portrayed by the order of Sir William Brereton in 1608, was exhibited to the Society of Antiquaries, on the 22d of May 1788, by Owen Salusbury Brereton Esq. vice-president, and is engraved in the ninth volume of the *Archæologia*. The chapel of Brereton was originally built about the reign of Richard I.: it was made parochial, and endowed with the tithes of Brereton and Smethwick, in or about the reign of Henry VIII.^b: the advowson of the rectory is attached to the manor.

The manor of Smethwick^c was given by Ralph Brereton, in or about the reign of King John, to his nephew, Orme de Smethwick and his heirs, paying twelve-pence yearly to the chapel of Brereton^d. The hall and demesne of Smethwick were purchased of the representatives of the Smethwicks about a century ago, by the ancestor of Edward Thornycroft of Thornycroft, the present proprietor: the hall is occupied as a farm-house.

BROMBOROUGH, in the hundred and deanery of Wirrall, lies about eleven miles north from Chester, and six miles E. N. E. from Neston: the parish contains the townships of *Bromborough* and *Brinslage*; Bromborough had formerly a market on Monday, granted in 1277, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester, (who were then possessed of the manor,) together with a fair for three days at the festival of St. Barnabas^e. The manor which had been given to the abbey, in compensation for some injuries done to the monks, by Randal de Gernon, Earl of Chester^f, was soon after the dissolution in the Cotton family: Henry Hardware died seized of it in 1622^g; and his descendants appear to have continued in possession of the hall, until the year 1720, when it was purchased by the Mainwarings. The manor was in the Bavands from 1625 to 1656, or perhaps a few years later; afterwards in Dr. John Bridgman, bishop of Chester, from whose family it passed by successive sales to the Greens and Bradshaws. It was purchased of the latter about the year 1681, by James Mainwaring Esq. ancestor of James Mainwaring Esq., now of Bromborough-Hall, descended from the Mainwarings of Whitmore^h in Staffordshire, a younger branch of the Mainwarings of Over-Peover, in this county. The church of Bromborough which had been given with the manor to the monks of St. Werburgh, was granted by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter, who are now patrons of the donative. Mr. Mainwaring is impropiator of the great tithes.

^b Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*, part i. p. 194.

^c The hamlet of Smethwick is nearly

four miles N. E. by E. from Sandbach.

^d Villare Cestriense.

^e Cart. 6 Edw. I.

^f Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestriense*.

^g Harl. MSS. Brit. Museum, N^o 2010.

^h George Mainwaring, father of James, who settled at Bromborough, was of a younger branch of the Mainwarings of Whitmore.

The township of *Brimstace*, or as it is called in ancient records, *Brimstall*; *Brimstagh*, *Burnstache*, and *Brunstath*, lies about four miles N. by E. from Great-Neston; the manor was held by the family of Domville, as early as the reign of Edward I., and passed by a succession of female heirs to the families of Hulfe, Troutbeck, and Talbot¹: it is now the property of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The hall, an ancient structure, is occupied by a farmer.

GREAT-BUDWORTH, in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, is esteemed the largest parish in Cheshire, except Prestbury², being fifteen miles long, ten miles wide, and containing nineteen townships, exclusively of those which are in the parochial chapelries of *Lower-Peover* and *Witton*: these chapelries are, for the most part, in the hundred of Northwich. The townships of Great-Budworth¹, are *Budworth*, *Anderton*, *Appleton-cum-Hull*, *Aston-juxta-Budworth*, *Barnton*, *Barterton*, or *Bartington*, *Cogshall*, *Comberbach*, *Dutton*, *Little-Legb*, *Marbury*, *Marston*, *Piemere*, *Stretton*, *Nether-Tabley*, *Over-Whitley*, *Nether Whitley*, and *Wincham*. The village of Great-Budworth lies about two miles N. E. by E. from the town of Northwich: the manor, in the beginning of Henry the Third's reign, was possessed by Geoffrey, son of Adam, a younger son of Hugh de Dutton, which Geoffrey, from his residence at that place, was sometimes called de Budworth; Peter, his grandson, removed to Warburton, assumed that name, and was the immediate ancestor of Sir Peter Warburton Bart., the present proprietor. Geoffrey de Budworth gave a third part of Budworth to the prior and convent of Norton: after the dissolution, this estate was granted by King Henry VIII. to John Grimfditch³; it was afterwards divided, and sold in severalties. Belmont-house in this township was built by J. H. Smith Barry Esq., who deposited in it his valuable collection of pictures and statues, afterwards removed to Marbury; it is now the property and seat of Henry Clarke Esq., who purchased it of Mr. Barry.

The tower of the parish-church, which has the arms of Sir John Warburton, and some other coats under the great west window, appears to have been built or repaired about the year 1520. In the chapel, at the end of the south aisle, are some monuments of the Pooles; in the south transept are the monuments of Sir John Warburton Knight, who died in 1575, and Sir George Warburton, the first

¹ Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

² Including its chapelries, it comprises thirty-two townships.

³ *Antrobus*, *Crowley*, and *Seven-Oaks*, which are (as we have been since informed,) hamlets of *Over-Whitley*, are erroneously inserted in p. 332, as townships of Great-Budworth; the two former are called townships, and Seven-Oaks, a hamlet, in the population abstract, printed by order of the house of commons.

⁴ See Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 226.

baronet of the family, who died in 1676. In the North chapel are the monuments of Sir Peter Leycester Bart. the historian of the hundred of Bucklow; Sir Robert Leycester his son, who died in 1684; and Sir Francis his grandson, the last heir male of that ancient family, who died in 1742. On Sir Peter Leycester's monument, (which has lately been repaired by Sir J. F. Leicester °, the present proprietor of Tabley,) is an inscription, which consists merely of names and dates. Sir Peter Leycester died October 11, 1678, and his lady, who was the youngest daughter of Gilbert Lord Gerard, on the 26th of Jan. following.

The rectory of Budworth, which had been given to the priory of Norton, with a third of the manor as before-mentioned, was granted by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter of Christ-church college in Oxford, who are patrons of the vicarage: the great tithes are held on lease under the college, by the trustees of the late William Massey Esq. of Moston. In the church-yard is a school founded about the year 1600, by John Dean, rector of St. Bartholomew the Great †: it is endowed with the interest of 200*l.* given by Mr. Pickering of Thelwall, and Mrs. Glover: the master is nominated by the vicar.

The township of *Anderton* lies nearly two miles N. W. by N. from Northwich. The manor was at a very early period in the family of Loftock; Urian de St. Pierre, who died seised of it in 1286, possessed it by gift from Richard de Loftock: from the St. Pierres it passed by successive female heirs, to the Cokeseys and Grevilles; Sir Thomas Cokesey, *alias* Greville, died seised of it in 1499, or 1500 †. It was afterwards in the Suttons of Sutton, near Macclesfield, and was purchased of that family in 1600, by Sir Peter Warburton, one of the justices of the common-pleas, whose daughter and heir brought it in marriage, to Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley †, ancestor of Sir John Thomas Stanley Bart., the present proprietor. It was a proverbial saying concerning Anderton, that it had no ale-house, nor was there a gentleman, beggar, charterer (i. e. free-holder), or cottager, within its limits, but that it had a common without end, the township being quite surrounded by a common †.

The township of *Appleton* lies nearly eight miles N. by W. from Northwich, and about four miles and a half S. S. E. from Warrington in Lancashire. The manor of Appleton, with its hamlets of *Hull* and *Stockton*, belonged in the reign of Henry III. to Geoffrey Dutton, and has passed with Budworth, to Sir Peter Warburton Bart. The manor of Appleton has been inclosed, by virtue of an act of Parliament passed in 1764. The manor of *Bradley*, a hamlet of Appleton,

° This spelling has of late years been adopted by the family.
Cestrienfis.

† Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

‡ Bishop Gastrell's Notitia
§ Sir Peter Leycester.

¶ Ibid.

was given by Geoffrey, the son of Adam de Dutton, to the ancestor of Thomas Daniers, or Daniel, whose daughter and heir, in the reign of Edward III., brought it in marriage to the Savages¹: in 1622 it was a feat of the Greggs²; at a later period it was in the Egertons of Oulton, of whom it was purchased in 1800 by Richard Wilfon Esq. the present proprietor. There is a school at Appleton, founded by Sir George Warburton, who died in 1743; it is not endowed.

The manor of *Aston-juxta-Budworth* has passed with Budworth to Sir Peter Warburton. Arley, in this township, has been the seat of the Warburtons ever since the reign of Henry VII. when Peter Warburton Esq. built Arley-Hall, and removed thither the family-residence from Warburton; Sir John Warburton, his son, was one of the knights of the body to King Henry VII.: Sir John's grandson, Sir Peter, was one of the justices of the common-pleas; George, the great-grandson of Sir John Warburton above-mentioned, was created a baronet in 1660. Arley-Hall, the ancient seat of the Warburton family, was re-built by Sir Piers Warburton in 1495³: the present mansion, now the seat of Sir Peter Warburton Bart. was built about the year 1755.

The manor of Heild in this township became the property of Sir Nicholas Leycester in the reign of Edward I., by marriage with Margaret, daughter of Geffery de Dutton: in 1355 it was sold to the family of Heild, and having devolved in moieties to co-heiresses of that family, was repurchased at two several periods, in 1500 and 1601, by the Leycesters⁴; it is now the property of Sir J. F. Leicester Bart. The hall at Heild, an ancient seat of the Leycester family, is now a farm-house. The manor of Wethale, which was part also of Margaret Dutton's marriage portion, passed to her descendants the Leycesters in uninterrupted succession: a branch of the Leycester family resided for some time at Wethale⁵.

The township of *Barnton* lies nearly two miles N. W. by W. from Northwich; the manor was purchased in the reign of King John by the Duttons, and afterwards held under them in moieties, by the families of Berthington and Starkie. Since the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when Starkie's moiety is known to have been sold in severalties⁶; the manor has been annihilated, the proprietors of lands being all freeholders of inheritance^b.

¹ Esch. 28 Edw. III. and 6 Hen. VI.

² King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 95.

³ Smith's MS. Collections.

⁴ Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 215.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Dr. Williamfon's Villare Celtrense.

^b Sir Peter Leycester.

The township of *Barterton*, or *Bartington*, lies about four miles N. W. by W. from Northwich; the manor was purchased in the reign of Edward I. by Sir Hugh Dutton, of the co-heirs of the Kingsleys, who were possessed of it as early as the reign of Richard I.^c. It descended with the Dutton estate to the Gerards and Fleetwoods; has since passed by sale through various hands, and is now the property of Henry Charles Hervey Aston, a minor, whose grandfather purchased it in 1780: there is no hall on this estate.

The township of *Cogshall*, or *Cogshull*, lies three miles and a half N. N. W. from Northwich; the manor was given by Hugh de Durholme to Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, and by him successively to two of his servants, Hugh Clyderow and John the Falconer; it reverted to the Lacys, and having become vested in the crown as parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, the lands were purchased in parcels in fee-farm in the year 1612^d. Cogshall is now esteemed to be within the lordship of Over-Whitley. Burge-Hall, or Burges-Hall, in this township, (now called Cogshall-Hall,) was the seat of the ancient family of Burges, extinct in the male line in the reign of Henry III.; one of the co-heiresses brought a moiety of this estate to the Starkies, who, in 1689, purchased the other moiety, which had descended from the Booths to the Ahtons: Richard Starkey, who died in 1722, by his last will directed this estate to be sold; after passing through several hands, it was purchased by the late Mr. Peter Jackson of Frandly, and is now the property and residence of his natural son, Mr. Peter Shakerley.

The township of *Comberbach* lies four miles N. by W. from Northwich; the manor was given by John de Lacy to Adam de Dutton, ancestor of the Warburtons^e. This Adam gave a moiety of the estate to the prior and convent of Norton^f: after the dissolution these lands were granted to John Grimsditch, and most of them were sold by him to Robert Eaton^g, whose descendant, George Eaton Esq., is now possessed of a considerable estate in this township. The other moiety of Comberbach was given by Roger Lacy, in or about the reign of Richard I., to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, on condition that it should be held under them by the family of Comberbach^h: this moiety became divided into severalties: the manor has descended from Adam de Dutton above-mentioned, to Sir Peter Warburton Bart. the present proprietor.

The township of *Dutton* lies nearly five miles east from Frodsham; the manor was divided in the reign of William Rufus, as appears by the survey of domesday,

^c Sir Peter Leycester.

^d Ibid.

^e See p. 485, (note ^h.)

^f Harl. MSS. N^o 1535.

^g Villare Cestriense.

^h Sir Peter Leycester,

between Odard, Osbern son of Tezzon, and William Fitz-Nigel, Baron of Halton, all of whom held under the Earl of Chester. Odard, son of Yvron, viscount of Constantine, (whose name is written in most records of later date, Hodard, or Hudard,) was the immediate ancestorⁱ of the ancient and numerous family of Dutton of Dutton, which name was assumed from the place of his residence^k, by Hodard's son, Hugh. Osbern was ancestor of the family of Boydell. Hodard had the larger share; his grandson, Hugh, purchased the lands which had belonged to the Baron of Halton, for a coat of mail and a charger, to which was added a palfrey and a sparrow-hawk, by Hugh, his successor^l; the estate which belonged to the Boydells, was purchased by Sir Thomas Dutton in the reign of Edward III^m. Hugh Dutton, the third in descent from Hodard, had a grant about the year 1216 from John de Lacy, Baron of Halton and constable of Chester, of the controll, or magistracy, *magistratum*, or as it is expressed in some records, (nearly as old asⁿ the original grant,) the advowry or protection, "*advocariam* ° *omnium leccatorum et meretricum totius Cesterfshiria.*"^p This privilege is said to have been originally granted to Roger Lacy, father of John, for his rescue of Ranulph Earl of Chester, then a prisoner at Rhuddlan castle, with an armed force, hastily collected and made up of all sorts of disorderly persons, who were assembled at Chester fair.^q It may be doubtful, perhaps, whether the word *leccator* is to be interpreted, as Sir Peter Leycester translates it, in its more obvious sense, or whether it may not rather be rendered a buffoon, or jester; Du-Cange gives the word *scurra* as one of its synonyms. It is certain that the word *leccator* does not occur in any existing record relating to this privilege of the Dutton family, after the original grant. In the 23d year of King Edward I. (scarcely fourscore years from the date of the grant) it is stated in the inquisition taken after the death of Hugh Dutton, that he died seised of the advowry *omnium mineftrorum et meretricum, &c.* The minstrels appear to have been itinerant musicians, who under the protection of the court, or other competent authority, exercised their vocation for the amusement of the public, and were generally rewarded highly for their services.^r

ⁱ We have seen some pedigrees which make Hodard marry the heirs of Dutton. ^k Three branches of this family assumed the names of Ashley, Cheadle, and Warburton, from the place of their respective residence. ^l Sir Peter Leycester, p. 250. ^m Ibid. p. 253. ⁿ Esch. 22 Edw. I. ^o See p. 300. ^p See Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 142. where the deed is printed at length. ^q Ibid. ^r When King Edward the First's queen lay in at Rhuddlan castle in 1281, the sum of 10*l.* (equal to 300*l.* of the present currency) was given to the minstrels on the day of her churching. Archæol. Vol. xvi. p. 47. At the brotherhood feasts at Abingdon, in the fifteenth century, it appears that they gave four-pence each to twelve priests to sing a dirge, and 7*s.* 3*d.* each besides their diet, and horse meat, to twelve minstrels to make them merry.

It appears by the pleadings in a *quo warranto*, brought against Lawrence Dutton Esq. in the year 1498, that it was customary for all minstrels in Cheshire to meet the Lord of Dutton at Chester on Midsummer-day, on which occasion they were to present him with four flaggons of wine and a lance, and he was entitled to receive from every minstrel the sum of four-pence half-penny, and “*de quâlibet meretrice,*” in the city and county of Chester, “*officium suum exercente,*” the sum of four-pence. After this time we hear nothing of any other controll exercised by the family of Dutton than that over minstrels¹, an authority recognized by several acts of Parliament, which exempt the minstrels of Cheshire from the penalties of those acts by which all other wandering fiddlers and minstrels are deemed rogues and vagabonds².

This right was exercised by the Duttons, and their representatives the Gerards and Fleetwoods, as long as they continued in possession of the Dutton estate; and though not originally attached to the estate, but vested in the heirs of Dutton, yet it appears to have been alienated with it. The minstrels³, or minstrelsy courts⁴, were, till within a few years of their disuse, held annually at Chester, on St. John Baptist’s Day, (being the day of the Midsummer fair,) by the heir, or Lord of Dutton, or his steward. A banner, or pennon, emblazoned with the arms of Dutton, was hung out of the window of the inn where the court was held, and notice given by a drummer proclaiming in the streets, and summoning all persons concerned to appear at the court, between certain hours. At eleven o’clock in the forenoon, the procession moved from the inn in the following form:—A band of music;—two trumpeters;—licensed musicians, with

¹ It is probable that the *advocaria meretricum* continued till the public stews at Chester were suppressed by proclamation in the reign of King Henry VIII. ² In the statutes of 14 Eliz. c. 5. and 39 Eliz. c. 4., this right of the Duttons is recognized and saved: in 43 Eliz. c. 9. the saving clause was continued only one year, unless before the end thereof John Dutton Esq. and his heirs, should procure the lords chief-justices, and lord chief-baron, or two of them, after hearing his allegations and proofs, to make certificate into chancery, to be there enrolled, that the said John Dutton, or his heirs, ought lawfully (if no statute against rogues or beggars had been made) by charter, tenure, or prescription, to have such liberty of licensing of minstrels, as he claimed and used. In statute 1 James I. c. 25. the right was recognized without limitation, so that the proof required by the last statute was probably adduced; and a similar saving clause is contained in statute 17 Geo. I. cap. 5.

³ The minstrels, who were under the protection of the Earls of Lancaster, held an annual court at Tutbury in Staffordshire, on the 16th of August, when a king of the minstrels, and four stewards, were chosen; a jury was impannelled, a charge given, and such minstrels as had been guilty of any offence against the ancient rules and orders of the society, were punished by fine. John of Gaunt granted a charter of privileges to the king of the minstrels, 4 Rich. II. In Shaw’s History of Staffordshire, is a full account of the proceedings of the minstrel court at Tutbury, principally taken from Dr. Plott, and Mr. Pegge.

white napkins across their shoulders;—the banner borne by one of the principal musicians;—the steward on horseback, with a white wand in his hand;—a tabarder, his tabard emblazoned with the arms of Dutton;—the Lord, or heir of Dutton (if present), attended by many of the gentry of the county and city, on horseback. In the middle of the Eastgate-street, a proclamation^u was made, to give notice of the holding of the court, after which the procession moved forwards to the church of St. John the Baptist: on entering the chancel, the musicians, by notice from the steward, played several pieces of serious music upon their knees; after which, divine service was performed, and the heir, or Lord of Dutton specially prayed for; after the service another proclamation^x was made, and the procession then returned to the inn in the same order that it came; entertainments were given to the lord's friends and to the musicians; in the afternoon a jury^y was impannelled from among the licensed musicians, to whom a charge^z was given by the steward; the jurors then gave in their verdicts, and

^u “ Oyez, Oyez, Oyez, This is to give notice to all musicians and minstrels, that the court of the honourable Charles Gerard Fleetwood Esq. (descendant heir of Eleanor, sole daughter and heir of Thomas Dutton of Dutton in the county of Chester Esq., by Sir Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of Thomas Lord Gerard of Gerard's Bromley, in the county of Stafford), is this day held at the house of Robert Cluff, at the Eagle and Child, in the Northgate-street, Chester, where all such musicians and minstrels as do intend to play upon any instrument of music, for gain, within the county of Chester, or within the county of the city of Chester, are required to appear and take licence for the year ensuing, otherwise they will be adjudged and taken up as rogues and vagabonds, and punished accordingly. God save the King, and the lord of the court.”

^x “ God save the King, the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal family; and the honourable Charles Gerard Fleetwood Esq., (heir descendant of that ancient worthy family of the Duttons of Dutton in Cheshire, and of the right honourable family of the Gerards of Gerard's Bromley in the county of Stafford); long may he live, and support the honour of the minstrel-court.” N. B. The two foregoing proclamations were in the time of Mr. Gerard Fleetwood, who about the year 1745 sold Dutton and the advowry of the minstrels, to R. Lant Esq. of Putney in Surrey.

^y Among other articles the jury were to inquire of any treason against the King, or the Earl of Chester; likewise whether any man of their profession had exercised his instrument without licence from the lord of the court; and what misdemeanours they had been guilty of; and whether they had heard any language amongst their fellows tending to the dishonour of their lord and patron, the heir of Dutton.

^z Form of the oath to a musician or minstrel.—“ You are hereby required to behave yourself lively, as a licensed minstrel of this court ought to do, during the time that you are licensed to play upon any instrument of music, or minstrelly, within the said county of Chester, or county of the city of Chester, and you shall inform the lord of the court, or his steward, or deputy for the

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and presentments; an oath^a was administered to the musicians, and licences granted to all who were adjudged worthy, authorizing them to play upon their musical instruments within the county and city of Chester, for one year. Some

time being, if you know of any person that shall play upon any instrument of music, for gain, or reward, within this city, or within the county of Chester, not having first obtained and had his or their licence so to do.—So help you God.”—Or, as follows:—“You are hereby to behave yourself lively, as a licensed minstrel of this court ought to do.—You shall not at any time play upon any instrument of music, within the county palatine of Chester, nor within the county of the city of Chester, for hire, gain, or reward, without the licence of this court, first had and obtained; neither shall you know, nor suffer any person to play upon any instrument of music, within the said county, or city, for gain, hire, or reward, not having the licence of this court so to do; but you shall make the lord of this court acquainted thereof, or his steward; and in all other respects you shall demean yourself according to the purport and true meaning of your licence. You shall give your yearly attendance upon the court, so long as you intend to play upon any musical instrument for gain within either of the said counties, to take a licence for the same, and are able so to do.—So help you God.”

^a The following charge was given by the steward of Mr. Lant, at one of the last courts.—“Gentlemen of the jury. The oath which you have just now taken seems to make it proper to say something by way of charge; otherwise your own knowledge and experience would have rendered it quite unnecessary; but as the duty of the office of steward of this honourable court, and your oath require that a charge should be given to you, I shall beg leave to take up a little of your time, and say something to you concerning this honourable court; the duty and privilege of musicians in this city and county of Chester, and your duty as jurors.”

“The records relating to this honourable court, which are still preserved, shew it to have been of great antiquity; and the readiness and zeal which the musicians heretofore shewed in redeeming their prince when he was surrounded by his enemies, have been a means of perpetuating their service, and of establishing this honourable court, which Mr. Lant the present lord of the manor of Dutton claims, and the privileges thereto belonging, from Roger Lacy, constable of the castle of Chester, who raised the siege at Rhuddlan castle, and brought the prince in great triumph to Chester; some of which privileges are, that all musicians shall appear and do their suit and service at this court; and no musician shall play upon any instrument, for gain, without having a licence from the Lord of Dutton, or his steward of this court; and if any person does presume to play for gain, without such licence, he is not only liable to be prosecuted by a due course of law, but also to be punished as a rogue, vagrant, and vagabond; these privileges have been confirmed and allowed by several acts of Parliament, and Mr. Lant is determined that the power and authority of this court shall be preserved, and that none shall exercise the employment of a musician for gain, without a licence from him or his steward; and therefore gentlemen, he expects, and the oath which you have just taken requires, that you should inquire of all such persons, playing upon any instrument of music, for gain, either in the county of Chester, or the county of the city of Chester; and if you know, or are properly informed of any such, you are to present them to this court, that they may be proceeded against, and punished according to law; which the lord and the steward thereof are determined to do, with the utmost severity.”

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years before these courts were disused, they had been held only occasionally, at intervals, sometimes of two or three, sometimes of four or five years, and the attendance on them was much lessened; the fee for a licence was 2*s.* 6*d.*: in 1754, there were twenty-one licences granted. The last court was held in 1756, R. Lant Esq. being then Lord of Dutton, and possessing the advowry of the minstrels by purchase.

Sir Peter Dutton, the eleventh in descent from Hodard, was in arms with Harry Hotspur, for which he was pardoned by King Henry IV. the pardon was dated at Cirencester, Nov. 5, 1403. Sir Peter Leycester relates a circumstance of this Sir Peter, which exhibits a striking trait of the licentious spirit which prevailed at that period, even among persons of the higher ranks. Sir William Atherton of Lancashire having plundered Sir Peter Dutton of some horses and saddles, he determined to retaliate, and with the assistance of some of the most respectable gentry of the county, the Bostocks, Warburtons, Dones, Manleys, Leycesters and Leighs, went to the estate of the said Sir William, and forcibly carried away forty of his oxen, and forty cows. Sir Thomas Dutton, grandson of Sir Peter, was slain at Blore-heath in 1459, with his brother John Dutton, and, as it is said, his eldest son, Peter^b. The elder branch of the Duttons of Dutton became extinct by the death of Laurence Dutton Esq. in 1526, when great law-suits arose between Sir Piers, or Peter Dutton, of Hatton, and the co-heirs of Sir Thomas Dutton, who was slain at Blore-heath. Sir Piers was lineally descended from Hugh Dutton, who settled at Hatton, in consequence of his marriage with the heiress of Vernon: this Hugh was a younger son of Edmund, a younger son of Sir Thomas Dutton of Dutton, who died in 1381. The suit was determined by the award of King Henry VIII., and confirmed by act of Parliament in 1535^c: the great inheritance of the Duttons was by this award divided between the co-heirs of Sir Thomas Dutton, and Sir Peter Dutton of Hatton, who was declared to be the next heir male, and to whom was allotted, among other estates, the manor and lordship of Dutton, with the *advowry*^d of the minstrels of Cheshire. Upon this decision, Sir Peter, who was the fifteenth in lineal descent from Odard, removed his residence to Dutton, and rebuilt the manor-house, which is still standing. John Dutton, the grandson, who died in 1593, had a large family by his wife, but only one son, who married and had issue: Sir Peter Leycester mentions a natural daughter of this John Dutton, who married Mr. Marshall, chaplain to Lord Gerard, and was mother “of the two Marshalls,” as they were called, “then (1672) famous women

^b Sir Peter Leycester, p. 256.

^c Ibid. p. 257.

^d See (note ^k) p. 300.

actors in London:" one of these Marshalls, who was the original Roxana, in Lee's Alexander the Great, was decoyed into a sham marriage, by Aubrey Vere, the last Earl of Oxford of that family: it is said that King Charles II. insisted on the Earl's settling a pension upon her; and that she never appeared on the stage afterwards. Thomas Dutton Esq. (son of John) the last heir male of the elder branch of the Duttons of Hatton, and then of Dutton, died in 1614, leaving an only daughter, who was married in 1609, at the age of thirteen, to Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of Thomas Lord Gerard of Bromley in Staffordshire, who succeeded to his father's title in 1618; after Lord Gerard's death she married Robert Needham, viscount Kilmorey, and went with her husband to reside at Dutton, the house being repaired and fitted up for their reception^f. Lord Kilmorey died at Dutton in 1653, and his lady in 1665, being the last of the family who resided there^g. Sir Peter Leycester tells us that Lady Kilmorey had in her possession a sword, which according to tradition had belonged to her progenitor Hodard, and had been kept as an heir-loom in the family. After the death of Lady Kilmorey, Dutton devolved to her grandson (by her first husband) Charles Lord Gerard, son of Dutton Lord Gerard, who died in 1640. Elizabeth, only daughter and heir of Digby, the last Lord Gerard who died in 1711, having married James Duke of Hamilton, was the same year created an English Peer, by the title of Duke of Brandon, and Baron Dutton of Dutton in Cheshire, but these titles being supposed contrary to the act of Union, were not for many years recognized. In 1782, Douglas, then Duke of Hamilton, submitted his claim to these honours to the House of Peers, which having been allowed, he took his seat as Duke of Brandon, and Baron Dutton, on the 14th of June, that year. The Marquis of Douglas, eldest son of the present Duke, was, in 1806, summoned to Parliament by writ, as Baron Dutton of Dutton in Cheshire, and takes precedence according to the date of the original creation in 1711. The Dutton estate, by virtue of a settlement made by Charles Lord Gerard in 1660, passed (after the death of his son Digby Lord Gerard) with the title to his third cousin, Charles Lord Gerard, whose sister and heir brought it in marriage to Thomas Fleetwood Esq. About the year 1745, Charles Gerard Fleetwood Esq. sold Dutton to R. Lant Esq. of Putney in Surrey, whose sister brought it in marriage to John Bullock Esq. of Faulkburn-Hall in Essex. It is now the property of Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, who bought it of Mr. Bullock, in or about the year 1776. Dutton-Hall, now inhabited by a farmer, exhibits a curious specimen

^e Sir Peter Leycester, p. 258.

^f Ibid. p. 249.

^g Ibid. p. 260.

of the ancient mansions of the Cheshire gentry; it was rebuilt by Sir Peter Dutton as before-mentioned, soon after his acquisition of the estate ^b, and attached to an ancient chapel built by Sir Thomas Dutton, about the year 1270, which before stood at some distance from the house ⁱ. The prior of Norton, soon after its first erection, granted Sir Thomas Dutton a free chantry in this chapel, reserving the rights of the mother-church of Budworth: the chapel had been long disused when Lord and Lady Kilmorey came to reside at Dutton; it was then newly pewed, and divine service was for some time regularly performed in it, for the accommodation of the township and neighbourhood ^k: it has now been long ago taken down. Newborough, or Newbrooke, in this township, was for many years the seat of a younger branch of the Holfoys ^l, who held it on lease under the Duttons and their representatives: having continued to be attached to the Dutton ^l estate, it is now the property of Mr. Brooke.

The township of *Legh*, or *Leigh-juxta-Barterton*, otherwise *Little-Legh*, lies about three miles and a half N. W. by W. from Northwich: the manor was purchased about the reign of King John of Simon Fitz-Osbern ^m, and descended, with other estates of the Duttons, to the Gerards and Fleetwoods; it was purchased of the latter, by the Leighs of Stonely in Warwickshire, and is now, under the will of the Hon. Mary Leigh, and under that of the last Lord Leigh, the property of the Rev. Thomas Leigh of Addlestrop in Gloucestershire, as heir general of the Leighs of Stonely. In Little-Legh is a chapel of ease for that township, Barnton, Bartington, and Dutton, which was repaired in 1664, and rebuilt from the ground in 1718; it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty: the vicar of Budworth, which is about three miles distant, appoints the minister. A school has been held from time immemorial in the chapel; the master's salary is only 2 *l. per ann.* arising from interest of money given by some person now unknown ⁿ.

The township of *Marbury* lies two miles N. by W. from Northwich: the manor was as early as the reign of Henry III. the property and residence of the ancient family of Merbury, or Marbury ^o, which became extinct by the death of Richard Marbury Esq. in 1684. In the year 1708 it was purchased under a decree of the high court of chancery, by Richard Earl Rivers of Rock-Savage,

^a In the hall of this mansion still remains the following inscription: "S^r Pyers Dutton, Knyght, Lord of Dutton, and my Lade Dame Julian his wife, made this hall and buyldynge in the year of oure Lord God, MCCCCXLII. who thanketh God of all. S. P. D. R."

^b Sir Peter Leycester, p. 249.

^k Ibid.

^l Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal.

^m Sir Peter Leycester.

ⁿ Answers to the Bishop's Queries in the registry at Chester.

^o Sir Peter Leycester, p. 312.

whose daughter and heir brought it in marriage to James Earl of Barrymore ; having passed to the Earl's second son the Hon. Richard Barry, and on his decease, without issue, to the eldest son of his next brother, the late James Hugh Smith Barry Esq., it is now under the will of the latter, the property of his natural son, John Barry, a minor. Marbury-Hall was much enlarged by James Earl of Barrymore, who added the wings. The valuable collection of pictures and antique marbles, purchased chiefly at Rome, by Mr. J. H. Smith Barry, and originally deposited at his house at Belmont in this parish, were removed to Marbury, pursuant to the will of the late Mr. Barry, who directed that they should remain here as heir-looms, and that a room adjoining the house should be built for their reception ; this part of his will has not as yet been fulfilled, nor has the mausoleum, which he directed to be built near the house, been yet erected. The most remarkable *antiques* in the above-mentioned collection ^r, are a statue of Antinous, in the character of Abundance ; a groupe of *Paris equestris*, a colossal bust of Lucius Verus, and a fine *puteal* surrounded with figures in *bas-relief*, now converted into a vase. The pictures are chiefly of the Italian school. Budworth, or Marbury-Mere, a fine piece of water, nearly a mile in length, and extending over a hundred acres of land, lies to the north-east of Marbury-Hall.

The township of *Marston* lies about two miles N. N. E. from Northwich : the manor which belonged from a very early period to the family of Venables, Barons of Kinderton ^s, passed by descent to the Vernons, and was sold in or about 1757 by Lord Vernon, to Sir Peter Leicester Bart., father of Sir J. F. Leicester Bart., the present proprietor.

The township of *Picmere*, or *Pickmere*, lies about three miles and a half N. E. from Northwich ; the manor was divided into moieties as early as the reign of King John : one of these moieties having been successively in the families of Mainwaring and Audley, became afterwards subdivided ; one half belonged to the Cockers of Picmere ^t, from the reign of Henry III. till after the year 1622, about which time it passed to the Marburys ; the rest was split into severalties ^u. The other moiety passed by grant from the family of Venables, to that of Picmere, from the latter by successive female heirs to the Bruyns, Hulfes, Troutbecks, and Talbots ^v : in the year 1620, the Earl of Shewsbury sold this moiety to his tenants :

^r A catalogue of the collection may be seen in Mr. Dallaway's "Anecdotes of the Arts in England," p. 354. ^s Sir Peter Leycester, 313. ^t Hugh Cocker sold the reversion in 1634, after his own life, to Thomas Marbury (Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities). Hugh Cocker was living, and resided at Picmere in 1622. Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 98.

^u Sir Peter Leycester, p. 339.

^v Ibid. p. 340.

The township of *Stretton* lies about seven miles N. N. W. from Northwich, and about four and a half S. by E. from Warrington in Lancashire: the manor was granted, or rather confirmed, in or before the reign of Henry II. to Richard Starkey, to be holden by the said Richard, as freely as any of his ancestors had enjoyed it^u; the posterity of Richard Starkey continued to possess this estate till the death of Philip, the last heir male in 1714; one of his two sisters and co-heirs dying without issue, this manor passed to the heirs of the other, Frances, married to Thomas Coppock, whose only son dying without issue, the manor of Stretton passed in marriage with his daughter and eventually sole heir, to Michael Renwick Esq. of Liverpool, father of Thomas Renwick M. D., the present proprietor.

Lower-Hall in Stretton, the ancient residence of the elder branch of the Starkeys, was sold with its demesne by the heirs of Philip Starkey above-mentioned, under a decree in Chancery in the year 1719, to Henry Wright Esq. of Mobberley: in 1790, the Rev. Henry Ossley Wright exchanged this estate with Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, for lands in Mottram. Lower-Hall was sold by Mr. Brooke in 1807 to Mr. Benjamin Whitelegg, and Mr. Peter Leather, the present owners: Moss-Hill, which passed with this estate till 1807, was then sold to Henry Clarke Esq. of Belmont. Over-Hall, in the same township, became the feat of a younger branch of the Starkey family, about the year 1287^v: this branch is supposed to have become extinct within the last century: Over-Hall is now the property of Peter Dutton Esq. of Warrington. In the township of Stretton was an ancient chapel of ease, of which there are now no remains; it is said by Sir Peter Leycester to have been very ruinous in 1666.

The township of *Lower-Tabley* lies about one mile and a half W. S. W. from Knutsford; the manor, which was held of the fee of St. John of Jerusalem, passed in marriage with the daughter of Geoffrey de Dutton, about the year 1276, to Sir Nicholas Leycester^w, in whose descendants it has continued to the present day. John Leycester Esq., who died in 1398, built the old hall at Lower-Tabley about the year 1380, and fixed his residence there^x, the family having before resided at Wethale in Aston. Sir Peter Leycester the antiquary, and historian of the hundred of Bucklow, who was born at Tabley in the year 1612, was the twelfth in lineal descent from Sir Nicholas Leycester, the first of the family who possessed this estate; he was created a baronet in 1660, and died in 1678: the male line of this ancient family became extinct by the death of his grandson Sir Francis, in 1742, when the Tabley estate passed to Sir John Byrne, a baronet of Ireland, the

^u Sir Peter Leycester.

^v Ibid. p. 353.

^w Ibid. p. 355.

^x Ibid. p. 357.

son of his only daughter, who assumed by act of Parliament the name and arms of Leicester^b: Tabley is now the property of his son, Sir J. Fleming Leicester Bart. Lower-Tabley-Hall, which was the birth place and residence of Sir Peter Leycester above-mentioned was newly fronted by him in the year 1671: in the hall of this old mansion, which is still standing, is a richly ornamented chimney-piece. Tabley-house, now the seat of Sir J. Fleming Leicester, stands on a rising ground, about a quarter of a mile from the old hall: it was completed about the year 1769, from the designs of Carr of York. The portico, which is of the Doric order, is supported by columns, twenty-three feet four inches in height, and nine feet in circumference, each of which is formed out of a single block of stone, from the Runcorn quarry. A grand saloon, seventy-two feet by thirty-two, exclusively of a spacious bow, has been lately fitted up, and is intended to be appropriated exclusively to the works of British artists: at present there is in it, among other pictures, a portrait of Lord Byron, by Vandyke. The stables at Tabley-house, which form a spacious quadrangle, are of great extent and singularly commodious. Near the old hall is a domestic chapel, originally built about the year 1387, and re-built by Sir Peter Leycester, who laid the first stone on the 29th of June 1675; it was completed in 1678, the year in which he died^c.

The township of *Over-Whitley* lies about six miles N. N. W. from Northwich; the lands were formerly copyhold, held under the barony of Halton, till the year 1612, when they were purchased of King James, by several persons in fee-farm^d. Since this purchase, the freeholders have been esteemed lords of the manor, but it still does suit and service at the court of the Barony of Halton, where the constables are sworn. *Antrobus*, *Crowley*, *Norcot*, and *Seven-Oaks*^e, are hamlets of Over-Whitley; Antrobus lies about five miles N. N. W., and Crowley about five miles N. from Northwich. Antrobus-Hall, with its demesne, belonged to the family of Antrobus from an early period till the reign of Henry IV., when it was sold by Henry Antrobus to Thomas Venables, nephew of Sir William Venables of Bolyn. This branch of the Venables family resided for several generations at Antrobus, and afterward removed to Wincham; the Antrobus estate was purchased in 1808 of Edward Townshend Esq. of Chester^f, by Edmund Antrobus Esq. descended

^b The name is so spelt by the present family.

^c MS. at Tabley.

^d Sir Peter Leycester.

^e Antrobus, Crowley, and Seven-Oaks, are, as we have been since informed, erroneously called townships in p. 332. They all maintain their own poor, and are described as townships in Carlisle's Dictionary; the two former are also called townships in the printed abstract of returns made under the population act.

^f See the account of Wincham.

from a younger son of Henry Antrobus above-mentioned. The Pole, a seat of George Eaton Esq., whose ancestors have resided nearly three centuries as freeholders in the parish of Budworth, is in this hamlet. The principal land-holder in Crowley is Mr. James Stilfox.

The township of *Nether-Whitley* lies about four miles N. W. by W. from Northwich; the manor was given by Randle de Blundeville Earl of Chester, about the reign of Richard I. to Alfred de Combre; Alice, daughter and co-heir of Roger de Combre, son of Alfred, (sometimes called Roger Fitz-Alured,) brought this estate in marriage to Sir Robert Touchet of Bug-Lawton, ancestor of the Touchets, Barons Audley, and of the Touchets of Nether-Whitley^g, or Whitley-Touchet, whose posterity remained there till the death of William Touchet, in 1684; his daughter and heir married Philip Chetwode Esq. father of Sir John Chetwode, created a baronet in 1700, and ancestor of Sir John Chetwode Bart., the present lord of the manor of Nether-Whitley: the hall is inhabited by a farmer.

Grimsditch-Hall and demefne, lying principally within this township^h, were granted to Adam, son of Hugh de Grimsditch, in the reign of Henry IIIⁱ, and continued in the same family, till the death of Mr. Daniel Grimsditch, the last heir-male in 1726; it has since passed by successive conveyances to the Chetwodes and Blackburns. In 1808, the hall, and that part of the estate which lies in Lower-Whitley, were purchased of Mr. Fairhurst (who had purchased of J. Blackburn Esq. in 1799) by ——— Grimsditch of Chorley supposed to be descended from a younger branch of the Grimsditches of Grimsditch. In this township is a donative chapel, in the gift of Sir J. Chetwode, which was rebuilt about the year 1600, by Thomas Touchet Esq. at his own cost; its present endowment is 63*l.* *per ann.*, consisting of interest of money, and the rent of some lands in Antrobus, purchased with money given by sundry persons: one of its principal benefactors was Mr. Pierfon, minister of Brampton-Bryan in Herefordshire, who, in 1633, bequeathed the sum of 200*l.*^k: the chapel stands about half a mile from Whitley-Hall. The school at Whitley was founded in the year 1645, and endowed with the interest of 100*l.* given by Mr. Eaton^l.

^g Robert Touchet Esq. of Whitley was son of Robert Lord Touchet, by his first wife Joan; Sir Thomas Touchet, elder son of Lord Touchet by his wife Agnes, was father of Sir John Touchet, who married the heiress of Audley, and possessed the inheritance of his ancestors at Bug-Lawton. See Woodnoth's Pedigrees.

^h Part of the land is in the township of Over-Whitley, and part in the township of Newton (in Daresbury chapelry).

ⁱ Sir Peter Leycester, p. 387.

^k Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

^l Ibid.

The township of *Wincham*, or *Winsham*, called in the survey of Domesday, and other ancient records, *Wymundesbam*, and *Wymincham*, lies two miles N. E. by E. from Northwich. The manor was anciently parcel of the Barony of Kinderton; soon after the year 1200 it passed in marriage with Maud Venables, to the family of Elets; in or about the year 1233 it came into the Venables family again by purchase, and soon after passed by marriage to that of Wastneys¹; Alice and Margaret, daughters and co-heiresses of John Wastneys, brought it in moieties to the Leghs of Easthall, and the Cholmondeleys^m. One moiety passed successively by marriage, from the Leighs of East-Hall, to the Masseys of Wincham and the Leghs of Westhall, and from the latter by successive sales to the Grosvenors, Pultons, Egertons, and Harcourtsⁿ. The other moiety passed from the Cholmondeleys to the Bulkleys of Eyton, and from them by marriage to the families of Leftwich and Harcourt^o, in the latter of whom both moieties were united in 1606^p; William Harcourt, who became possessed of one of the moieties about the year 1563, by marriage with the daughter and heir of Richard Leftwich Esq., settled at Wincham, where his posterity remained in 1668, about which time the reversion was sold to Robert Venables Esq. of Antrobus^q, it being the third time that this manor had been vested in the family of Venables^r. Upon the death of Robert Venables, the last heir male of this branch of the family in 1687, this manor passed to his sister, Frances, the wife of Thomas Lee Esq. of Darnhall, and was possessed by their second son, Robert, whose son of the same name left two daughters, co-heirs. Hester, who married Charles Legh Esq. of Adlington, became eventually sole possessor, and dying without issue, devised this estate to the present proprietor, Edward Townshend Esq. of Chester, whose first wife was daughter and eventually sole heir of Thomas Lee, only brother of the above-mentioned Robert. Wincham-Hall is now occupied by Mr. Townshend's eldest son, Edward Venables Townshend Esq., who is representative of the family of Venables of Antrobus.

The chapelry of *Lower-Peover*, in the parish of Great-Budworth, comprises the townships of *Great-Peover*, *Little-Peover*, *Allostock*, and *Plumley*.

Great-Peover is principally in the hundred of Northwich, *Little-Peover* in Bucklow hundred: the manor of each of these townships has been from time

¹ Sir Peter Leycester, p. 389.

^m Villare Cestriense.

^o Sir Peter Leycester, p. 390.

^o Ibid.

^p In which year Richard Harcourt purchased one moiety of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley.

^q Sir Peter Leycester, p. 392.

^r The elder branch of the Venables family

always claimed a paramount authority over this manor, as parcel of the barony of Kinderton.

immemorial held in moieties, which have passed through the same hands: a moiety of Great and Little-Peover^s passed by successive sales from the family of de Peover, to those of Hawarden, Bonetable, Mobberley, and Grosvenor^t, and by marriage, about the reign of Edward IV., from Grosvenor to the ancestor of Sir John Leicester Bart. of Tabley the present proprietor. The other moiety of Great and Little-Peover was anciently in the family of Poole, or De-la-Poole, from which it passed in the reign of Henry VII. to the Holfords^u. Mary, daughter and heir of George Holford, having married Sir Hugh Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley, a law-suit arose between this lady and the heirs male of Holford, which after forty years' litigation was determined by a friendly award, by the result of which the above-mentioned moiety of Great and Little-Peover, and several other estates, were divided between them; this moiety appears to have been purchased at some subsequent period by the Leicester family, Sir John Leicester being now in possession of the whole. The chapel of Nether-Peover, which is four miles from the parish-church of Budworth, was originally built in the reign of Henry III. In the chancel of this chapel are memorials for the family of Cholmondeley of Holford in Plumley; in the Shakerley aisle is the monument of Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, an eminent loyalist, who was several times imprisoned during the civil war; he was appointed by King Charles II. governor of Chester castle, and died in 1696. Mr. Pennant has printed an anecdote of this Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, in the appendix to the first volume of his "Wales," relating to the expedition with which he conveyed a message from Sir Marmaduke Langdale at Rowton-heath, to the king in Chester, to accomplish which he ferried himself over the Dee in a wooden tub, with a batting staff for an oar. It is added that he engaged to deliver such orders as the king might entrust him with to Sir Marmaduke in a quarter of an hour, but that such delays were made by some about the king, that no orders were sent for several hours, to which the disastrous event of the Rowton-heath fight is attributed.

Sir Robert Leicester endowed Peover chapel with an estate in Alderley parish, now worth about 60*l.* *per ann.*, on condition that he and his heirs should nominate the curate. The Rev. Mr. Comberbach, in 1710, founded a school in Lower-Peover, and at his death, which happened about the year 1721, endowed it with the interest of 645*l.*

The township of *Allostock* lies five miles S. by W. from Knutsford, in the hundred of Northwich; the manor was conveyed to the Grosvenors in the reign:

^s The township of *Great*, or *Lower-Peover*, lies about three miles S. by W. and *Little-Peover* about three miles S. by W. from Knutsford.

^t Sir Peter Leycester.

^u *Ibid.*

of Edward I. by John de Loftock*. The Grosvenors had their chief seat at Hulme in this township, (purchased in the reign of Henry III. of Gramam de Runchamp^y;) till the death of Robert Grosvenor Esq. in whom the male line of the elder branch became extinct in 1465, when his estates were divided between his daughters and co-heirs. The manor of Alloftock is now divided between Sir John Leicester Bart., who possesses two-fifths, and C. W. J. Shakerley Esq. of Somerford, who possesses three-fifths. Sir John Leicester inherits one-fifth from his ancestor, who married one of Robert Grosvenor's co-heiresses; the other was purchased of the Stanleys of Hooton, whose ancestor married another of the co-heiresses. Mr. Shakerley inherits one-fifth from his ancestor, who married the heiress of John Legh of Booths by one of the co-heiresses of Grosvenor; the other shares have most probably been acquired by purchase. The manor of Hulme appears to have been wholly vested in the Shakerleys in the reign of Henry VII., and Hulme-Hall was for many generations the seat of that family, before they removed to Somerford-Radnor. The manor of Hulme is now the property of C. W. J. Shakerley Esq., the representative in the female line of the Shakerley family^z: the hall is occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Plumley* lies three miles and a half S. W. from Knutsford, in the hundred of Bucklow: the manor was given about the year 1119, by Roger de Mainwaring, to the monks of St. Werburgh in Chester; it continued to be held under the abbey, by mesne lords, and after the dissolution the tenants of Plumley did suit and service to the manor of Barnshaw, which had belonged to the abbey of Chester. About the year 1277, a moiety of the manor of Plumley passed in marriage with Joan, daughter of Richard de Loftock, heir to her two brothers, who died without issue, to William de Toft, a younger brother of Roger de Toft, whose posterity settling at Holford, (a hamlet in this township,) took the name of Holford from the place of their residence; the Holfords possessed this moiety of the manor of Plumley, till the death of Christopher Holford Esq. in 1581^a, when it passed in marriage with the heiress of that family to the Cholmondeleys. Robert Cholmondeley, Earl of Leinster, bequeathed this estate to his natural son, Thomas Cholmondeley Esq., whose grandson Robert, having no children, devised it to his wife Jane, afterwards married to Seymour Cholmondeley Esq. The manors of Plumley and Holford, with Holford-Hall, the ancient seat of the Holfords, were purchased in 1791, by the present proprietor, Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, of Thomas Asheton

* Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^y Collins's Peerage.

^z See p. 371.

^a Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

Smith Esq. to whose grandfather, Thomas Asheton Esq., they were given by Mrs. Cholmondeley before-mentioned. Holford-Hall was rebuilt by Dame Mary Cholmondeley, (heirefs of the Holfords,) who resided in it during her widowhood: this lady, in allusion to her spirited law-suit with the Holfords, is said to have been called by King James I. "the bold Lady of Cheshire:" the hall is now occupied by a farmer. The other half of Plumley appears to have been subdivided; the greater part belonged to the Mobberleys, and having passed from them to the Leicesters, is now the property of Sir J. F. Leicester Bart.

The chapelry of *Witton* lies partly in the hundred of Edisbury, and partly in that of Northwich; in the former are the townships of *Castle-Northwich*, *Hartford*, and *Winnington*; in the latter those of *Witton-cum-Twambrooke*, *Northwich*, *Birches*, *Hulfe*, *Lach-Dennis*, and *Loftock-Gralam*. The whole chapelry is divided into four districts, called quarters, *Northwich*, *Witton*, *Hartford*, and *Loftock-Gralam*.

The town of Northwich lies on one of the roads from Chester to Manchester, eighteen miles from the former, twenty-one from the latter, and one hundred and seventy-four from London; it has a weekly market on Friday by prescription, and two fairs, Aug. 2, and Dec. 6. The market has of late years become very considerable, in consequence of the increased population, occasioned by the extension of the salt trade^b; a good deal of corn is sold here, chiefly by sample. The fairs, which continue nearly a fortnight each, are for Yorkshire and Manchester goods, and various other commodities, which are exposed to sale in booths erected for the purpose, about a quarter of a mile from the town.

Sir William Brereton fortified Northwich for the Parliament in the beginning of the year 1643^c, and he appears to have had his head-quarters there in 1644^d, but by an entry in the parish register, which speaks of some of its records as having been lost, or burnt by the *cavaliers* and others of the *garrison*, it seems as if at some period during the civil war it had been garrisoned for the King. This town was the birth-place of Sir John Birkenhead^e, author of the *Mercurius Aulicus*, or Court Journal, published at Oxford during the civil war, and several political poems.

The township of *Northwich* was granted by King Richard II. to John Holland Earl of Huntingdon^f, from whom it descended to Henry Holland Duke of

^b The great increase of the salt-trade at this place, has been principally occasioned by the discovery of the rock-salt: there were 165 salt-works, connected with the brine-pits in the reign of Charles I. (Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. f. 251.) See some mention of the mines of rock-salt, and the brine-pits in the neighbourhood of Northwich, p. 410, 412. The townships of *Northwich*, *Castle-Northwich*, and *Witton*, over all of which the town extends, contained, in 1801, 3254 inhabitants.

^c "Cheshire's Successes," 1642-3.

^d MS. journal of the siege of Chester.

^e He is said to have been the son of Randal Birkenhead, a saddler, and to have been born in the year 1615.

^f Pat. 12 Rich. II. p. 1.

Exeter; it was afterwards for several generations in the Earls of Derby; the present Earl sold it in 1784, to James Mort Esq., of whose son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Wakefield of Witton, it was purchased in 1808, by Mr. Arthur Heywood of Liverpool banker, who is the present proprietor.

The township of *Castleton*, or *Castle-Northwich*, is divided from the township of *Northwich* by the river Weever, and forms part of the suburbs of the town: the manor belongs to the Earl of Dyfart, as representative of the Wilbrahams: the late Lord Penrhyn claimed an interest in this manor, and gave a deputation in right of his lady, whose ancestors the Winningtons held a moiety of Castle-Northwich at an early period, under the Wilbrahams.

The township of *Witton* adjoins to Northwich, appearing to form part of the same town. The manors of Witton-cum-Twambrooke, and Le-Crosse, which were for many generations in the family of Venables, Barons of Kinderton, were sold by their representative Lord Vernon, in the year 1757, to Sir Peter Leicester, father of J. F. Leicester, the present proprietor. The parochial chapel of Witton is a handsome Gothic structure: it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty, towards which Mr. Vernon of Middlewich gave 200*l.* on condition that he and his heirs should have the nomination of the curate; the present patron is Sir J. F. Leicester Bart.

Sir John Deane, prebendary of Lincoln, and parson of St. Bartholomew the Great in London, founded a grammar-school at Witton in the year 1558, and endowed it with some lands in the hundred of Wirral, and houses in Chester, described as late parcel of the possessions of the monastery of St. Anne in that city^f, then of small value^g, now nearly 100*l. per ann.* and likely to be improved, by the falling in of some leases in Chester. The founder directs in his statutes (among other things), "that a week before Christmas and Easter, (according to the old custome,) the scholars should barre and keep forth of the schoole the schoole-master, in such fort as other schollers doe in great schools: and that as well in the vacations, as the other days aforesaid, they use their bowes and arrowes onely, and eschewe all bowleinge, cardinge, dyecing, quiteinge, and all other unlawful games."^h The government of the school is vested in twelve feoffees, by whom the master and scholars are appointed.

The township of *Hartford* lies about one mile and a half S. W. by W. from Northwich; the manor was successively in the families of Hartford, Horton, Maffey of Rixton, Holcroft, Marbury, and Davies; by the latter it was sold in parcels to the several tenantsⁱ; there are now eleven lords, who exercise manerial

^f Harl. MSS. British Museum, N^o 2176. f. 97. ^hThe founder provided that if the rents of the estate should ever exceed 12*l. per ann.* an usher was to be appointed.

^g Harl. MSS. N^o 2099. f. 423.

ⁱ Villare Cestriense.

rights in rotation. A manor, called Horton in this township, is said to have passed from the Horton family, to the Davies's by the same title as Hartford; no such manor is now known: the court-leet for this township belongs to Sir J. F. Leicester Bart.

The township of *Birches* lies two miles and a half E. S. E. from Northwich; the manor passed with the daughter and heir of Nicholas de Birches in the reign of Edward II., to Nicholas de Winnington, in whose family it continued for several generations; in the reign of King Charles I. a co-heiress of the Winningtons brought it to Ralph Starkey of Morthwaite, who continued in possession in 1662: this manor in 1695 was the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson, who by her deed of that date, conveyed it to Thomas Cholmondeley Esq., and Peter Shakerley Esq., as trustees for herself, during life, and after her death for the use of the said Peter Shakerley, and his wife if he should marry ^k, during their lives, and after their decease the trust to continue in the heirs-male of the Cholmondeleys, for the purpose of educating two boys, one to be the son of a counsellor at law, bred up in one of the inns of court, the other the son of an orthodox episcopal divine of the doctrine of the church of England, as by law established. Peter Shakerley died unmarried in 1726, since which time boys appointed by the Cholmondeley family have been educated in constant succession from the funds of this charity.

The township of *Hulfe* is esteemed to be within the lordship of Goostrey-cum-Barnshaw, belonging to Sir H. M. Mainwaring; that of *Lach-Dennis*, within the lordship of Rudheath; Edward Antrobus Esq. is, by purchase, the principal land-owner in *Hulfe*, and William Harper Esq. in *Lach-Dennis*. Ancient records speak of a manor of Lach-Dennis, or Lach-Park near Rudheath, which, in the reign of Edward II. belonged to the Moreton family, and at a later period to the Mainwarings^l; there is no estate now known by this name.

The township of *Loftock-Gralam* lies two miles E. N. E. from Northwich; the manor belonged successively to the Holfords and Cholmondeleys, and having passed with Holford and Plumley, is now the property of T. L. Brooke Esq. of Mere.

The township of *Winnington* lies one mile N. W. from Northwich; William Boydell, by deed without date, granted a moiety of the manor to Lidulph de Twamlow, whose son Robert took the name of Winnington, and was ancestor of the Winningtons, who being afterwards possessed of the whole of the manor, held it till the death of Richard Winnington in 1504, when it passed by

^k The township of *Hulfe* lies nearly four miles E. by S. from Northwich; *Lach-Dennis*, about the same distance, E. S. E. ^l Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

marriage to the Warburtons. Thomas, son of Sir George Warburton, the first baronet, by his second wife, became possessed of the Winnington estate, which passed in marriage with the only daughter and heir of his son General Warburton, to Richard Pennant Esq. (afterwards created Lord Penrhyn of the kingdom of Ireland,) since whose death, which happened in 1806, the Winnington estate has been purchased by Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. Winnington-Hall was the occasional residence of the late Lord Penryhn, and is now one of the seats of Sir J. T. Stanley.

LITTLE-BUDWORTH, or BUDWORTH-in-the-Frith, situated in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Middlewich, about four miles N. E. by E. from Tarporley, consists only of one township called *Little-Budworth-cum-Oulton*. The manor of Little-Budworth was anciently in the Grosvenors, from whom it passed, by female heirs, to the families of Mere and Twyford. In or about the year 1431 it was purchased of the Twyford family, by William Troutbeck Esq.¹, from whom it descended to the Earl of Shrewsbury, the present proprietor. The manor of Oulton, (formerly Aldington or Aldeton,) was successively in the families of Kingsley, Oulton, and Becheton; of the latter it was purchased about the reign of Edward IV., by Hugh Done^m, whose daughter and heir brought it about the year 1500 to John Egerton Esq. ancestor and namesake of the present proprietor. John Egerton Esq. of Oulton is descended from Sir Philip, a younger son of Sir Rowland Egerton of Egerton and Oulton, who was created a baronet in 1617: the present baronet is Sir Thomas Egerton, now Earl of Wilton; in the event of whose death, without male issue, Mr. Egerton of Oulton, is heir to the baronetage. Oulton-Hall, a magnificent structure, was built in or about the year 1716; the old mansion then taken down was built in the reign of Henry VIII.ⁿ Sir John Vanburgh is said to have been the architect of the present hall. In a summer-house are some Roman altars found at Chester, and in the grounds not far from the lodge, part of a very ancient cross, which stood formerly in the market-place at Sandbach^o.

Little-Budworth was formerly esteemed part of the parish of Over: it was sometimes so described (the church being called a free-chapel), and sometimes as a parish of itself, in the leases of the nunnery of St. Mary at Chester, to which monastery the great tithes were appropriated^p; they are now vested in Samuel Peploe Esq. as lessee under the bishop of Chester; the lessee appoints the curate, subject

¹ Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestriense*.

^m *Ibid.*

^p Leland's *Itin.* vol. vii. p. 32.

ⁿ See p. 460.

^o Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*.

to the approbation of the bishop. Catharine Lady Egerton, (widow of Sir Philip,) founded a school at Oulton, about the year 1706^a; the master's salary is 21*l.* *per ann.* for teaching eight poor children, who are appointed by Mr. Egerton. Ralph Kirkham Esq. who died in 1798, having bequeathed the sum of 1000*l.* to the poor of this parish, directed that 10*l.* *per ann.* should be paid out of the interest for teaching poor children of Little-Budworth; this sum is now paid by the minister, who is the only trustee, to the master of Oulton school, for teaching twelve children of Little-Budworth, of whom he has the nomination^c.

Dame Isabella, relict of Sir Samuel Dod, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, by her will bearing date 1720, and proved in 1722, gave a sum of money to be laid out in lands for the maintenance of six poor old men and six poor old women, in an alms-house to be erected at Little-Budworth: with this money an estate at Wetenhall was purchased, which now produces a rent of 127*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* The paupers in this alms-house are clothed annually; provided with fuel, and have an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* or 3*s.* a week, besides the sum of 2*s.* 6*d.* each, paid to them on Christmas-day, pursuant to a codicil in Lady Dod's will. Ralph Kirkham above-mentioned, gave by will the sum of 1000*l.* towards rebuilding the church, and 1000*l.* to the poor; 20*l.* of the interest of the latter he directed to be distributed in clothes on Michaelmas-day; 10*l.* as before-mentioned to be appropriated for teaching children, and the remainder to be distributed in money.

There were formerly, about the reign of Charles I. horse-races, near Little-Budworth, it was a four-mile course, and there was an annual plate of 20*l.* value^d.

BUNBURY, in the hundred of Edisbury, and deanery of Nantwich, is situated about thirteen miles from Chester, and seven from Nantwich; the parish is extensive, and contains twelve townships; *Bunbury, Alpraham, Beefton, Burwardley, Calveley, Haughton, Peckforton, Ridley, Spurstow, Teverton, Tilston-Fernall, and Wardle.*

The manor of Bunbury belonged, at a very early period, to the ancient family which took its name from this town; the elder branch became extinct about the reign of King John, when Humphrey de Bunbury dying without issue male, this manor was divided between his two daughters and co-heiresses Ameria and Joan; Ameria's moiety descended to the Patricks, from whom it passed to the St. Pierres; Isabella, daughter and heir of Urian de St. Pierre, brought it in marriage about

^a Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.
the present minister.

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^c From the information of the Rev. Mr. Williamson,
^d MS. by John Legh Esq. of Ridge, about anno 1630. Harl. MSS.

the beginning of the fourteenth century, to Sir Walter Cokesey¹, in whose family, and its representatives the Grevilles, it continued nearly two centuries. This appears to be the estate which in 1598 was sold by Lord Keeper Egerton to Thomas Wilbraham Esq. whose representative, the Earl of Dyfart, is now lord of the manor of Bunbury. A joint claim was formerly maintained by Sir Charles Bunbury's family, who are the lineal descendants of Alexander de Bunbury, great grandson of David, brother of Henry, who lived in the reign of King Stephen: this Alexander de Bunbury, who was the next male heir of Humphrey before-mentioned, inherited a moiety of the manor of Bunbury, in the early part of the 13th century, from Joan the younger daughter of his kinsman. It seems probable that the manerial rights were divided, for in 1662 Thomas Bunbury Esq. of Stanney in Wirral is described as lord of the township, and Sir Thomas Wilbraham as lord of the court². Sir Charles Bunbury has still a small estate in the parish, but his ancestors removed to Stanney in Wirral in the fourteenth century³, they have not for many years exercised any manerial rights in Bunbury.

Sir Hugh Calveley having purchased a moiety of the advowson of Bunbury, of Sir Walter Cokesey, in the year 1385, founded a college the following year for a master, sub-master, two chaplains, two chanters, and two choirsters; a few years afterwards⁴ he purchased the other moiety of the advowson of David de Bunbury, and settled the whole upon the college. In the parish church, formerly the collegiate church, which is dedicated to St. Boniface⁵, is the monument of Sir Hugh Calveley, the celebrated Cheshire hero, with his effigies in alabaster, on an altar-tomb richly ornamented⁶. This celebrated warrior, who was a younger son of Kenrick de Calveley, of Calveley in Bunbury, served under King Edward III. in the French wars, but he does not appear to have particularly distinguished himself before the treaty of Bretigny in 1360, when, with other disbanded officers, he became one of the leaders of a formidable independent army of veterans, known by the name of "The Companions," who for a while committed great ravages in the provinces of France, and held themselves in readiness to join in any warlike expedition in which their services were wanted. Being engaged to assist John de Montford in his claim to the Duchy of Brittany, they fought at the battle of Auray in 1364, under Sir John Chandos, and the fortune of the day was turned in favour of Montford, by the bravery of Sir Hugh Calveley, who had the command of the rear-guard⁷. During these wars, Sir Hugh and his

¹ Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

² 16 Rich. II. Bishop Gastrell.

³ Holinshed.

⁴ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

⁵ See p. 442, (note 1)

⁶ See p. 372.

⁷ See p. 446.

associate in arms, Sir Robert Knolles ^c, were among the thirty English officers who are said to have successfully encountered in combat the same number of Bretons. The "Companions" after this assisted in expelling Peter the Cruel from the throne of Spain, but when the Black Prince had been induced to espouse the cause of the dethroned monarch, they ranged themselves under the banners of their prince; and the great victory of Najara, which for a while reinstated him on his throne, is attributed, by historians, to the valiant prowess of Sir John Chandos and Sir Hugh Calveley ^d.

The first public situation which Sir Hugh Calveley held was the government of Calais, to which he was appointed by King Edward III. in 1375^e. In 1377, he burnt twenty-six ships in the harbour of Boulogne, and destroyed part of the town ^f; about the same time he retook the castle of Marke, the same day in which it had been lost through negligence, and plundered the town of Estaples; the next year he and Sir Thomas Percy were made admirals of England ^g; in 1379, having convoyed the Duke of Brittany to St. Maloes, he drove off

^c Sir Robert Knolles was a native of Cheshire, but the place of his birth is unknown; he attained at least equal celebrity with his companion Sir Hugh Calveley. In 1358 he distinguished himself by taking the city of Auxerre and the town of Chastelon sur Loigne, for the King of Navarre, he had the command of a battalion at the battle of Auray, and shared in the glories of the victory of Najara. In 1369, the Black Prince made him commander in chief of his forces in Gascony. The next year, Sir Robert Knolles having in the mean time paid a visit to his native country, was sent with the chief command of an army into France, where he burnt several towns and laid waste the country to the gates of Paris. Lambard, in his *Perambulation of Kent*, says, that the sharp points and gable ends of the buildings which were then laid in ruins, were many years afterwards called Knolles's mitres. The last public act of Sir Robert Knolles's life, was the service he rendered in the suppression of Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1381. It has been already mentioned that the place of Sir Robert Knolles's birth is not known, nor has any thing been handed down to posterity relating to his family or connections, but he is said to have been of humble origin. It is a singular circumstance, that Sir Hugh Calveley should have had a nephew named Robert Knolles, the son of his sister Eve, who married Richard Knolles, on which Robert, the manor of Lea, in case of the failure of issue male from Sir Hugh Calveley and his brother David, was entailed by a deed of the 10th of April, 1354; and it is further remarkable, that the arms which were borne by the family of Knolles, are placed alternately with those of Sir Hugh Calveley, on Sir Hugh's tomb. Did not the circumstance of their being evidently so nearly of an age render it improbable, there would be strong reason for supposing that the two celebrated Cheshire warriors were uncle and nephew; they certainly both went to the continent about the same time; but the name of Sir Robert Knolles is first mentioned by our historians, as one of the officers who accompanied the Black Prince to France, in 1356. Sir Hugh Calveley, who is called by Holinshed an ancient captain, in 1383, died at an advanced age in 1394; Sir Robert Knolles died in 1407, at which time Fuller conjectures that he must have been nearly ninety years of age. Sir Hugh Calveley, Sir Robert Knolles, and Sir John Hawkwood, were joint founders of an English hospital at Rome, in 1380. Harl. MSS. N^o 2111. f. 100. b.

^d Holinshed. ^e Rot. Franc. 49 Edw. III. m. 12. ^f Holinshed. ^g Pat. 3 Rich. II., part 1. m. 19. dors.

some French gallies with much bravery, and succeeded in the safely landing of every thing belonging to the Duke and his household; not long afterwards he narrowly escaped shipwreck in a violent storm, which proved fatal to Sir John Arundel and several other officers, and above one thousand seamen^g. In 1382, Sir Hugh was one of the commissioners empowered to treat with the Earl of Flanders^h. The next year he and Sir Thomas Fogg of Chesterⁱ accompanied Sir Henry Spencer, the warlike bishop of Norfolk, in his expedition into Flanders: the bishop on his return was blamed for his conduct, and some of his officers were sent to the Tower on suspicion of treachery, but we are told, that Sir Hugh Calveley, “that auncient captain,” as Holinshed calls him, was retained by the Duke of Lancaster, who did him all honour “by reason of his old approved valiancie.” After this we hear nothing further of his public services, but he continued in the government of the island of Guernsey, which he had for some years enjoyed, till the time of his death, which happened in 1394: about eight years before his death he founded Bunbury college, as will be hereafter more particularly mentioned.

The story of Sir Hugh Calveley having married a Queen of Arragon, who, in some pedigrees of the family, is called Margaret, appears to rest on a very slender foundation; and not to be at all corroborated by the annals of that kingdom. The circumstance appears to be first mentioned by Webb, in his Itinerary, written in 1622^k. Fuller, in his Worthies, says, Sir Hugh Calveley “married a queen of Arragon, which is most certain, her arms being quartered on his tomb, though I cannot satisfy the reader in the particularities thereof”; but it appears from notes taken by the third Randle Holme^l, who was a contemporary of Fuller, that the only arms on Sir Hugh’s tomb were those of Calveley, and gules, on a chevron argent three roses of the field (borne by Browe and Knolles,^m) placed alternately all round it, as they are now to be seen, although so far decayed that only the fesse on the one and the chevron on the other are visible. In some pedigrees of the family, Sir Hugh Calveley is described as having married to his first wife Margaret, Queen of Arragon, and to his second the heiress of Mottram; but it is pretty evident that this statement is wholly erroneous, and it is not improbable that Sir Hugh Calveley, who died without issue, was never marriedⁿ. It is apparent from

several

^g Holinshed.

^h Rot. Franc. 6 Rich. II. m. 1.

ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2111. f. 95. b.

^k There is no mention of it in Camden.

^l Harl. MSS. No. 2151.

^m The arms of

Calveley are, arg. a fesse gules, between three calves passant, sable.

ⁿ There is no figure of a lady on his tomb, as was usual on the tomb of married knights; the arms, which are placed alternately on the tomb, were borne, as before-mentioned, by the families of Browe and Knolles, both of which families appear to have been in some sort connected with that of Calveley; Sir Hugh Browe’s name occurs in some family conveyances relating to the Calveley estate. See

Woodnoth’s

Several inquisitions in the castle at Chester, that it was not Sir Hugh, but his brother David, who married the heiress of Mottram; and the story of his marriage with the Queen of Arragon rests, as we before observed, on a vague tradition, not only unsupported, but almost in contradiction to historical evidence, and certainly not corroborated, as Fuller says, and others have asserted on his authority, by the arms on his tomb. The only Queen of Arragon that could have married Sir Hugh Calveley, was Eleanor, dowager of Alphonso IV., who became a widow nearly twenty years before Sir Hugh went to the continent; and we have no evidence that she was then living. Alphonso's successor, Pedro IV. died in the year 1387, after Sir Hugh Calveley had retired from public life; his dowager was Sybille de Forcia. Sir Hugh Calveley the younger, son of David, younger brother of Sir Hugh the elder, died the year before his uncle. There was formerly in Bunbury church the tomb of Sir Hugh Calveley (son of the last-mentioned Sir Hugh), who died in 1415, and Christian his wife; and there is a memorial for Dame Mary, widow of Sir Hugh Calveley, the last of the elder branch of that ancient family, who died without male issue in 1648; the said Dame Mary died in 1705, having survived her husband fifty-seven years.

In Bunbury church are monuments also for the Beeston family, and in the Spurstow chapel, a memorial for George Spurstow Esq. of Spurstow, who died in 1669. The monument of Sir George Beeston, a brave veteran, who was one of Queen Elizabeth's admirals, at the destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1588, has his effigies in armour, and the following inscription, by which it appears, that he died in 1601, at the great age of one hundred and two years, and that consequently he must have been in his eighty-ninth year when he was knighted for his services in the memorable sea-fight above-mentioned.

“ Hic situs est Georgius Beeston, eques auratus, virtutis et veritatis cultor, a juventute bellicis artibus emeritus; ab invictissimo Rege Henrico VIII. cum obsi-

Woodnoth's Collections, p. 25. and in p. 101. the seal of Sir Hugh Browe, with his arms as before described. It is most probable, if Sir Hugh Calveley was married, that his wife was the sister of Sir Hugh Browe: it appears by Woodnoth's Collections, p. 22, that the latter had two sisters, but the names of their husbands do not appear. The arms on Sir Hugh Calveley's tomb not being impaled, might have been those of his executor, and might have been either Browe or Knolles. It is remarkable that although they do not follow alphabetically, the arms of Calveley, Browe, and Knolles, are placed together in some collections of Cheshire arms, in the Heralds' college. Sir Hugh Calveley, Sir Robert Knolles, and Sir Hugh Browe, accompanied the Duke of Gloucester to the continent in 1380. (Holinshed.)

* The co-heiresses married Cotton of Combermere, and Legh of Lyme; the latter family being extinct, Sir R. S. Cotton, Bart. is now the sole representative of the elder branch of the Calveleys.

deret Boloniam in cohortem pensionarior. co-optatus; meruit sub Edwardo VI. in prælio contra Scotos apud Muffelborow; postea sub eodem rege, Mariâ et Elizabethâ, bellis navalibus, vel ut classis præfectus vel sub-præfectus. A quâ post profligatam potentissimam illam classem Hispanicam 1588, equestri dignitate ornatus est, jamque gravescente ætate, cùm fidem principibus, fortitudinem hostibus egregiè probasset, Deo gratus, bonisque charus, Christum diu expectans, in Christi anno 1601, ætatis suæ 102, obdormivit ut in ipso lætus resurgat." The inscription also commemorates his lady (Alice Davenport of Henbury), who died in 1591, after having lived in marriage with him sixty-six years, Sir Hugh Beeston, his son, who died in 1627, and Sir George, his grandson, who died during the life-time of his father, in 1611.

In the Ridley chapel, which was built by Sir Ralph Egerton of Ridley, standard-bearer to King Henry VIII., in the year 1527, was formerly an altar-tomb in memory of the founder^o. In the church-yard are several ancient monuments, which it is probable were originally in the church^p. Bunbury church was set on fire by a party from the king's garrison at Cholmondeley-House, on the 20th of June 1643^q. The ruins of Bunbury college, not far from the church, remained in 1622^r; the site belongs to the Earl of Dysart.

Bunbury college having been dissolved pursuant to the statute of 1 Edward VI., its revenues, including the great tithes of Bunbury, were valued at 48*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* The college consisted then of a dean, five vicars, and two choirsters. In the year 1575, Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, purchased of the queen the rectory and advowson of Bunbury, the rectory being then leased for a term of years at the rent of 27*l.* 18*s.* out of which 20*l.* *per ann.* was appropriated for the maintenance of two ministers. After the expiration of this lease, Mr. Aldersey, in or about the year 1592, granted a long lease to his own family, of the greater part of the rectory^s, at the rent of 122*l.* appointing that one hundred marks *per ann.* the best of the houses, and land of about the value of twenty marks^t *per ann.* should be allotted to a preacher; 20*l.* *per ann.* to an assistant or curate; 20*l.* *per ann.* a small portion of land^u and a house to a schoolmaster; 10*l.* *per ann.* with a house and garden to an usher, and 10*l.* *per ann.* to the poor; the preacher, curate, master, and usher, to be appointed by the Haber-

^o There is still to be seen a stone placed in the wall, from which a brass plate with the figure of a man bearing a standard has been taken, and two shields with coats of arms. ^p See p. 445.

^q Burghall's Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. vol. ii. p. 915. ^r Webb's
Itinerary of that date—Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 184. ^s All except the tithes of Ridley,

which he leased for the same term to the Egerton family, at the rent of 8*l.* *per ann.* ^t It is
about twenty-four acres. ^u An acre and a half.

dashers company, in whom, after the expiration of the above-mentioned term of years, he vested the fee^x.

Mr. Thomas Gardener, late of Chester, about the year 1750, gave the interest of 200*l.* to the minister and church-wardens in trust, for the purpose of establishing a school for such poor children of this parish as are not of the township of Bunbury. This money was laid out in the purchase of land, which now produces 8*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*

The township of *Alpraham* lies about three miles and a half S. E. by E. from Tarporley; the manor was, about the year 1380^y, divided amongst the seven daughters and co-heiresses of Matthew de Alpraham, in whose family it had been for several generations. One of the co-heiresses^z married into the Bulkeley family, and her share descended by successive female heirs to the Ardernes and Stanleys. In 1701 the estate was divided between the Wilbrahams, Mostyns^a, Crewes^b, and Leghs of High-Legh^c, but the manor, which in the reign of Queen Elizabeth belonged to Sir Thomas Egerton, is spoken of in 1662 as the property of Sir Thomas Wilbraham^d, and it now belongs to his representative the Earl of Dyfart.

The township of *Beefton* lies between two and three miles S. S. W. from Tarporley; the manor was the ancient inheritance of the Beeftons, descended from Henry de Bunbury, a younger son of Bunbury of Bunbury, who assumed the name of Beefton from the place of his residence. On the extinction of the male line of this family, by the death of Sir Hugh Beefton, son of Sir George Beefton the admiral, in 1627, this manor passed by successive female heirs to the families of Whitmore, Savage, and Mostyn^e. It is now the property of Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart. Beefton-Hall is inhabited by Mr. Richardson, Sir Thomas Mostyn's agent; there are but small remains of the ancient mansion which was the residence of the Beeftons, and had sustained much injury in the civil war, having been set

^x We could not learn for certain the extent of the term for which the lease was granted, (it is said to have been for 500 years, of which about 235 have expired,) nor in what manner the profits of the estate are eventually to be disposed of. The deed of gift does not appear to have been enrolled either in chancery or in the Exchequer at Chester, and we were unsuccessful in our endeavours to procure information from any other quarter.

^y Thomas Bulkeley, who married one of the co-heiresses, was possessed of a share of this manor, ^z Richard II. Esch. ^a Villare Cestriense. ^b The share which belonged to the Mostyns was inherited from the Beeftons through the Savages. ^c The portion of this manor, which

belonged to the Crewes, was inherited from the Dones, who for several generations possessed three parts out of seven. Esch. Henry VI. and VII. and Car. I. ^d Villare Cestriense.

^e Harl. MSS. No. 2010. ^f Villare Cestriense. The Mostyns were possessed of it as early as the year 1662. Harl. MSS. No. 2010.

on fire by the garrison from the neighbouring castle, on the 9th of March, 1645^f.

Beeston castle in this township was built about the year 1220, by Ranulph de Blundeville, Earl of Chester, after his return from the holy land^z. In 1236, Henry de Audley was sent with Hugh le Despencer and Stephen de Segrave to take charge of this castle^h; in 1256, Fulke de Orreby was appointed governorⁱ. Not long before the battle of Evesham in 1265, James de Audley and Urian de St. Pierre took possession of Beeston castle for the king; immediately after the battle, Prince Edward marched thither with Humphrey de Bohun, Henry de Hastings and Guy de Montfort in his train, as prisoners^k; in 1312, Robert de Holland was made governor of the castle^l; in 1333 it was granted by King Edward III. to the Black Prince^m. In the year 1399, Beeston castle was garrisoned with one hundred men, and well victualled by King Richard II., who is said to have deposited there his jewels and other treasures, but it was surrendered without a siege, on the approach of Henry of Lancaster, who found in it treasure to the value of 200,000 marks, which he carried with him to Chesterⁿ. Upon the conclusion of the short-lived peace between King Henry VI. and his successor in 1460, Beeston castle was given to the Duke of York^o. During the civil wars in the seventeenth century, this castle, which is described by Leland as being, in his time, in a ruinous state^p, was repaired and garrisoned by the Parliament, having been taken possession of by a party of their forces on the 21st of February, 1643^q.

“ On the 13th of December, 1643,” says Mr. Burghall in his Diary, “ a little before day, Captain Sandford^r who came out of Ireland, with eight of his firelocks, crept up the steep hill of Beeston castle, and got into the upper ward, and got possession there. It must have been done by treachery, for the place was almost impregnable. Captain Steel, who kept it for the Parliament, was accused, and suffered for it, but it was verily thought he had not betrayed it wilfully; but some of his men proving false, he had not courage enough to withstand Sandford. What made much against Steel was, he took Sandford down into his chamber, where they dined together, and much beer was sent up to Sandford’s men

^z Burghall’s Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. vol. ii. p. 942.

^h Hen. Knighton inter Decem Script. 2430.

ⁱ Collins’s Peerage.

^j Dugdale’s

Baronage, vol. ii. p. 57.

^k Extracts from an ancient Chronicle in Bishop Gastrell’s Notitia.

^l Dugdale’s Baronage, vol. ii. p. 73.

^m Cart. 7. Edw. III.

ⁿ Harl. MSS. No. 2111.

f. 98. Extracts from various Chronicles by the second Randle Holme.

^o Rot. Parl. vol. v. p. 380.

^p In his poem on the birth of King Edward VI. prefixed to the ninth volume of his Itinerary.

^q Burghall’s Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. vol. ii. p. 907.

^r In Lloyd’s Worthies, p. 360, this exploit is attributed to Sir Charles Compton, who is said to have obtained admission with six men disguised as persons bringing provisions, which, by an intercepted letter, he found were at that time expected.

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and the castle, after a short parley delivered up ' .” Captain Steel had liberty to march to Nantwich, where he was immediately put in prison, and about six weeks afterwards, (soon after the battle of Nantwich, and the relief of that town by Sir Thomas Fairfax,) was shot to death †. Beeston castle was besieged by the parliamentary army about the beginning of Dec. 1644 †; it was relieved on the 17th of March following, by Prince Maurice and Prince Rupert †, but again besieged within a few weeks; the besieging army “had begun to raise a brave mount with a strong ditch about it, and had placed great buildings thereon,” when, on the reported approach of the King with his army from Shropshire, the works were abandoned †. After the battle of Rowton-heath it was again closely besieged, and at length the provisions of the garrison being quite exhausted, was surrendered to Sir William Brereton on the 6th of Nov. following. Burghall says, “there was neither meat nor drink found in the castle, but only a piece of a turkey-pie, two biscuits, and a live pea-cock, and pea-hen †. Soon after the taking of Chester, which happened in February 1646, Beeston-castle was demolished †.

The site of Beeston-castle, which had been originally parcel of the manor, was granted by Queen Elizabeth in fee-farm, to Sir Christopher Hatton, of whom it is supposed to have been purchased by the Beestons, having been about that time re-united to the manor with which it has since passed. The remains of the castle occupy the side of a hill, which rises with a regular, but steep ascent, to the brink of a lofty and inaccessible precipice; the walls of the outer court, in which are now some large stone-quarries, are of considerable extent, of an irregular form with several towers; at the gate of entrance, are two circular towers; the entrance under the gate-way is very narrow over rugged steps, formed out of the natural rock; the keep is surrounded by a deep ditch, sunk in the solid rock, over which is a draw-bridge. The remains of this venerable fortress form a striking object in the scenery of a large surrounding district.

The township of *Burwardfley* lies five miles S. S. W. from Tarporley: the manor was given by the abbot of St. Werburgh at Chester, to Roger de Combre, or Fitz-alured, on condition that he should be champion for the monastery; his daughter and co-heir brought the whole, or a part of this estate to the Touchets. Robert Lord Cholmondeley is described as Lord of Burwardfley in 1662 †: of late years the manor has been esteemed as subordinate to that of Tattenhall, which belonged also to the Touchets. Burwardfley was sold in 1804,

† History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 924.

† Ibid. 931.

† Ibid. p. 938.

† Ibid. p. 942.

† Ibid.

† Ibid. 944.

† Ibid. 945.

† Harl. MSS. N° 2010.

by John Crewe Esq. (now Lord Crewe) to Thomas Tarlton Esq. of Boleworth-castle, who is the present proprietor. In this township is a chapel of ease, built on the waste by subscription, principally at the expence of Mr. Kiffin, a baker, about the year 1735^b. Some land of small value was given as an endowment by Mr. Hodgkis, and it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty; the minister is appointed by the trustees of the endowment.

The township of *Calveley* lies about six miles N. W. by N. from Nantwich; the manor was given by Richard de Vernon, about the reign of Richard I. to Hugh de Calveley, ancestor of the celebrated Sir Hugh Calveley, who was of Lea-Hall in the chapelry of *Bruera*: the elder branch became extinct by the death of Sir Hugh's uncle Robert, whose daughter and heir in the reign of Edward III. brought Calveley in marriage to a younger branch of the Davenports of Davenport, which family became extinct by the death of Richard Davenport Esq. in 1771. Calveley is now vested in John Bromley Esq., who married the elder daughter and co-heiress of Mr. Davenport; Mr. Bromley having no issue, the reversion is vested in Davies Davenport Esq. of Capesthorpe, one of the present representatives for the county, whose father married the younger daughter. A part of Calveley-Hall is rented by the Earl of Dysart, for his occasional residence; the tenant of the farm occupies the other part.

The manor of *Haughton*, was as early as the reign of Henry III., if not at an earlier period, in the ancient family of that name^c, which continued in the male line till about the year 1740; it was purchased of the co-heiresses of the last heir male, by the family of Comberbach, who about the year 1790 sold it to Mr. Garnet, the present proprietor. The old hall was partly taken down, and in part altered by the late owner, in the year 1760; Mr. Garnet has fitted up some rooms for his own residence, and lets the remainder of it to a farmer, who rents the demesnes.

The township of *Peckforton* lies nearly five miles S. S. W. from Tarporley; the manor was held for many generations by the St. Pierres, and their representatives, the Cockseys^d; it was afterwards successively in the Corbets of Shropshire, and the Beestons^e; having since passed with Beeston, it is now the property of Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart.

Peckforton-Hall, which had belonged to the family of Peckforton is the property of Lord Crewe, whose ancestor became possessed of it before the year

^b It was consecrated in that year. Answers to Queries in the Bishop's Registry at Chester.

^c Villare Cestriense.

^d Ibid.

^e Webb's Itinerary in the Vale-Royal,

part ii. p. 104.

1662^f; it is occupied by a farmer. The manor, or reputed manor of Horsley in this township, has passed with the manor of Peckforton, and is now the property of Sir Thomas Mostyn.

The township of *Ridley*, anciently written *Ridgley*, lies about six miles W. N. W. from Tarporley; the manor was for several generations the inheritance of a family of the same name, who held it under the knights of St. John of Jerusalem^g: from the Ridleys it seems to have passed by a female heir to the Daniels; it was afterwards successively in the families of Venables^h and Stanley. On the attainder of Sir William Stanley, this manor became vested in the crown. King Henry VIII. gave it to his standard-bearer, Sir Ralph Egerton, of whose descendants it was purchased in the reign of King Charles II., by Sir Orlando Bridgman, lord-keeper of the great seal. From the Bridgmans, Ridley passed about the year 1720, by the foreclosure of a mortgage, to the family of Pepys, and is now the property of Sir William Weller Pepys Bart.

“Ridle Hawlle” (says Leland) “was made of a poore old place, the fairest gentleman’s howse of al Chestreshire, by Syr William Standeley, Helper to King Henry VII.” in another place he calls it “a right goodly house of stone and tymbre, buildid by Sir William of Standeley, that much favorid King Henry the VII. parte at Bosworth-feeld.”^k During the civil war Ridley-Hall was garrisoned by the parliament; an unsuccessful attack appears to have been made upon it on the 4th of June 1645, by a party from the garrison at Beeston castle^l. This hall was for three or four descents the seat of a branch of the Egertons; Sir Thomas Egerton, the lord keeper, ancestor of the Bridgewater family, was the natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley. The site of Ridley-Hall, which was burnt down about the year 1700, is now occupied by a farm-house. Ridley-mere, spoken of by Leland as the fairest mere in Cheshire, has been drained, and brought into cultivation.

The township of *Spurstow* lies about four miles S. by E. from Tarporley: the manor, which had been the ancient inheritance of the family of that name^m, was sold by Charles Spurstow Esq. the last heir maleⁿ, to Sir John Crewe, from whom it has descended to the Right Hon. Lord Crewe, the present proprietor: the old hall was pulled down in 1757, and a farm-house built on the site. Lower-Spurstow-Hall, with a demefne annexed to it, passed by a female heir from the

^f See Harl. MSS. N^o 2010c.

^g Esch. 23 Edw. III.

^h Villare Cestrieuse.

ⁱ Itin. Vol. vii. p. 33.

^k Ibid. Vol. v. p. 91.

^l Burghall’s Diary printed in the History

of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 943.

^m William de Spurstow died seized of it, 35 Edw. III.

ⁿ He died in 1685, and was buried at Bunbury.

family of Stalker to the Alderseys, ancestors of Thomas Aldersey, the great benefactor to the township of Bunbury, in whose collateral descendants it is still vested, being now the property of Robert Aldersey Esq. : a great part of the old hall remains, and is occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Teverton*, or *Tiverton*, lies two miles S. from Tarporley : the manor passed by successive female heirs, from the family of Hulgrave, to the Beefstons and Astons °. In 1662 it belonged to Sir Thomas Wilbraham †, from whom it has descended to the present proprietor, the Earl of Dyfart. A skirmish took place in Teverton-field, on the 21st of February 1643, in which one of Colonel Mainwaring's officers, on the side of the Parliament, and a few of the King's officers were killed ; they were buried at Tarporley ‡.

The township of *Tilston-Fernall*, or *Fernball*, lies nearly three miles S. E. from Tarporley : the manor so called, to distinguish it from the parish of Tiltton, belongs to the Earl of Dyfart, as part of the inheritance of the Wilbrahams. The hall, which in 1622 was one of the seats of the Wilbraham family †, has been long taken down ; the out-buildings are fitted up as a farm-house.

The township of *Wardbull*, or *Wardle*, lies about five miles N. W. from Nantwich : the manor is the property of the Earl of Dyfart, by inheritance from the Wilbraham family. Sir Thomas Wilbraham, who was possessed of this manor in the middle of the seventeenth century, purchased the hall (which is now a farm-house), from the Prestlands †, who had been settled there for several descents, being a younger branch of the Bulkeley family.

BURTON, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies about eight miles west from Chester, and two miles east from Neston, on the banks of the estuary of the Dee : the parish contains two townships, *Burton*, and *Puddington*. *Burton* had, in former times, a market on Thursday, obtained in 1298, together with a fair for three days, at the festival of St. James, by Walter Langton, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry †, to which see the manor of Burton had then for some time been annexed. It was held as a copy-hold under the see many years by the Masseys of Puddington, who were succeeded in 1715 by the Congreves. The see of the manor was purchased in 1806, under the land-tax redemption act, by Richard Congreve Esq. then lessee, who has since built a house on the estate for his own residence.

° Villare Cestriense.

† Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

‡ Burghall's Diary, printed in

the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 907.

† Webb's Itinerary of that date in King's Vale-

Royal, part ii. p. 106.

‡ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

‡ Cart. 27 Edw. I.

In the parish-church, which was rebuilt in 1721, are the monuments of Sir John Stanley Mafley Stanley Bart., who died in 1794, in the eighty fourth year of his age, and his son Sir Thomas Stanley Mafley Stanley Bart. 1795. Dr. Hough, Bishop of Worcester, who had been some time bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, gave 50*l.* towards re-building the church; in the former structure were some monuments of the Mafleys of Puddington.

The tithes of Burton were appropriated in 1238, by Alexander de Savenby, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, to the hospital at *Denwall*, a hamlet of this township ^u by the sea-side, on account of its poverty. About the year 1494, King Henry VII., at the request of Bishop Smith, gave this hospital with all its revenues, to the hospital of St. John Baptist at Lichfield, founded by that prelate. The hospital of Denwall has been long ago taken down; the estate, including the rectory of this parish, still belongs to the hospital above-mentioned, the master of which is patron of the curacy. An act of Parliament for inclosing the township of Burton was passed in 1807. In the year 1724, the pious Dr. Wilson, Bishop of Sodor and Man, who was a native of this parish, built a school-house at Burton, and endowed it with lands, now worth about 30*l. per ann.* clear income; this endowment was increased with the sum of 200*l.* given by Dr. Wilson, the bishop's son. The school is free to poor children of the township of Burton, and four from the township of Puddington ^x.

The township of *Puddington*, or *Podington*, said to have been anciently written *Pudican*, lies about seven miles and a half N. W. from Chester; the manor was given, together with that of Storeton, by Randal de Gernon, Earl of Chester, to Alan Silvester ^y. The Mafley family, whose ancestor Richard Mafley (a younger son of Hamo de Mafley, great grandson of Hamo Baron of Dunham-Mafley, who lived in the time of William the Conqueror) settled at Puddington in the thirteenth century, held this manor for many generations, under the Lords of Storeton; William Mafley Esq. of Puddington, the last heir-male of this branch of the Mafley family, by his will, bearing date 1715, bequeathed his estates to his godson and adopted heir, Thomas Stanley Esq. (a younger son of Sir William Stanley of Hooton Bart., who died in 1740,) Mr. Stanley assumed the name of Mafley, on succeeding to the Puddington estate, which he afterwards assigned to his younger brother John. Mr. John Stanley, when he came into possession, took the name of Mafley, but resumed his own family-name upon inheriting the Stanley title and estate, on the death of his nephew Sir William Stanley the

^u For an account of the colliery at Denwall, see p. 412.
Cestriensis. ^y Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

^x Bishop Gaftrell's Noutia

fifth baronet of the family. His grandson, Sir Thomas Stanley Maffey Stanley Bart., a younger brother of Sir William, the last baronet, is the present proprietor of this manor. The ancient feat of the Maffeys has been long ago taken down: Puddington-Hall, a modern edifice, is the property of Sir T. S. M. Stanley, but is not at present inhabited.

CHEADLE, or CHEDLE, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies on the banks of the Mersey, and the borders of Lancashire, about three miles S. W. from Stockport, and about seven miles S. E. from Manchester: it consists of three townships, *Cheadle-Bulkeley*, *Cheadle-Mosley*, and *Handforth-cum-Bosdon*.

The manor of *Cheadle* belonged to a family of that name, as early as the middle of the twelfth century; Geoffrey de Dutton having acquired it in marriage with an heiress of this family, took the name of Chedle; his grandson, Roger, left two daughters, co-heirs; Clemence married to William de Baguley of Baguley, and Agnes to Richard de Bulkeley: their heirs possessed this manor in moieties; one moiety passed by marriage to the Leghs; Sir Peers Legh of Lyme (grandson of John Legh, who married the heir of Baguley) having married the widow of Sir John Savage, this estate passed to the son of her first marriage, Sir John Savage^a, who was knighted at the battle of Agincourt, and descended to his namesake^b, who was slain at Boulogne in the reign of Henry VII. The other moiety continued more than three centuries in the Bulkeley family, immediate ancestors of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, who were for several generations settled at Cheadle, and at Whatcroft in Davenham; the elder branch of the Bulkeleys of Cheadle and Whatcroft removed to the isle of Anglesea about the year 1500: a younger branch continued at Cheadle more than a century longer. The whole of this manor became eventually vested in Lord Bulkeley's family, whose ancestor Sir Richard Bulkeley Knight, married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Savage, about the year 1558. After the death of James Viscount Bulkeley, this manor was sold, under an act of Parliament in 1756, to the Rev. Thomas Egerton of Cheadle, and having passed by devise to the Beresfords, was conveyed in 1806 by the trustees under the will of Edward Beresford Esq. to Mr. John Worthington of Ringway, the present proprietor. Upon the division of Cheadle between the co-heiresses of Roger de Chedle, the Bulkeleys had the capital messuage^c belonging to the estate, and the advowson of the church^d.

^a Esch. 6 Henry VI.
house.

^b Esch. 11 Henry VII.

^c This old mansion is now the parsonage-

^d Villare Cestriense.

In the parish church are chapels belonging to the Handforth and the Cheadle-Hulme estates. In the Handforth chapel are some ancient monuments of the Honfords or Handfords^e, whose heiress married Sir Urian Brereton, and that of Sir Thomas Brereton Bart., who died in 1673. In the chancel is a memorial for one of the Bulkeley family, who died in 1678; and in the nave several for the family of Kelfall of Bradshaw. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart. is patron, and his son is the present incumbent of the rectory.

The township of *Cheadle-Hulme*, or *Cheadle-Mosley*, lies nearly four miles S. S. W. from Stockport; the principal estate in this township, which had belonged to the Savages, passed in marriage to the Marquis of Winchester, and was purchased of him by Sir Nicholas Mosley Knight^f, who was lord mayor of London in the year 1599: about the year 1695, the daughter and heir of Sir Edward Mosley Bart. brought it to Sir John Bland Bart. of Kippax-park, in the county of York, whose grandson having obtained an act or Parliament for that purpose, sold it in 1754 to John Davenport Esq. of Stockport; having passed by devise to the family of Bamford, it devolved, on the death of William Bamford Esq. without issue male in 1807, to Robert Hesketh Esq. of Upton near Chester, who has assumed the name of Bamford, and is the present proprietor. Bradshaw-Hall in this township, the property of Oldfield Kelfall Esq. of Chester, was for many generations the seat of his ancestors: it is now occupied by a farmer.

A free-school in this township, which had been built by a subscription of the inhabitants, was endowed in 1788, by the late Jonathan Robinson of Stockport, with three acres of land, Cheshire measure, now let at 40*l.* per ann.

The township of *Handforth*, *Handford*, or *Hondford*, lies about five miles S. W. by S. from Stockport; the manor, as early as the reign of Henry III., was in the family of Hondford, from whom this manor and that of Bosdon, a hamlet of Handford, passed by a female heir about the year 1566 to Sir Urian Brereton, a younger son of Sir Ralph Brereton of Malpas. Sir William Brereton of Handford was created a baronet in 1626; the title became extinct on the death of Sir Thomas Brereton in 1678. Sir William Brereton, in the year 1666, settled the manor of Hondford, in default of male issue from his son, on Nathaniel Booth Esq. of Mottram-Andrew, in tail-male. In 1766, Nathaniel Booth, Lord Delamere, alienated it to Edward Wrench of Chester Gent., whose nephew, in 1805, sold it to Mr. Joseph Cooper of Hondford: it is now the property of Mr. William Pafs of Altrincham, who purchased it in 1807 of the trustees under

^e See p. 446. 449.

^f Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

Mr. Cooper's will. Cheadle-house in this township, the feat of the late James Harrifon Esq., is now occupied by his widow.

CHESTER, the metropolis of the county palatine of that name is situated on the banks of the river Dee, at the extremity of the hundred of Bixton, and adjoining the east end of the peninsula of Wirral: its distance from London by way of Northampton and Lichfield is one hundred and ninety miles; by way of Newport and Coventry, one hundred and eighty-one; being on the great road to Ireland, either by way of Holy-head, or Park-gate.

The first origin of this ancient city is enveloped in obscurity; the conjecture of Sir Thomas Elliot, that it was called Neomagus, and that it was built by a great-grandson of Noah, is entitled to as much credit as the legend of Ralph Higden, the monk of St. Werburgh, who attributes its foundation to Leon Vawr, a great giant, and makes king Lear its restorer. The most probable conjecture is, that Chester was one of the fortresses constructed by Ostorius Scapula for the security of the Roman army, after the discomfiture of Caractacus. It is certain that the twentieth legion, called "the Victorious," was stationed at Chester in the reign of Galba, and the allusion to this circumstance in the British name of the city, *Caer-Leon, ar Dufyr Dwy*, (the city of legions on the water of Dee) seems to connect it with its first origin.

It has been asserted by some writers, that the walls of Chester were first built by Marius a British king, grandson of Cymbeline, who began his reign in the year 73, and that he was buried in this city; but little credit seems due to this account. Holinshed, whose history is a compilation from various ancient chronicles, tells us that Marius was buried at Carlisle: that city therefore, if any, is more likely to have been indebted to him for its buildings; but the whole of the history of Marius is doubtful. It is certain that Chester was a walled city before the year 908, and there is no reason to doubt that the walls were originally built by the Romans; the old East-gate was unquestionably a Roman work, and the various antiquities discovered within the walls are a proof that the Romans occupied the site of the present city.

The first event of any note relating to Chester, which we find recorded in history, is the defeat of the Britons under its walls, and the capture of the city by Ethelfrid, king of Northumberland, in the year 607^h. It appears to have been recovered ere long by its old masters, for we are told that in the year 613

the Britons held an assembly at Chester, on which occasion they elected Cadwan to be their king¹; Hardyng in his Chronicle says that Cadwall, son and successor of Cadwan, was crowned king of the Britons at Chester. About the year 830 King Egbert, who united under his government all the kingdoms of the Saxon Heptarchy, took Chester from the Britons, or Welshmen, and added it to his dominions². Athelwolf, his successor, is said by some to have been crowned at Chester³.

In the year 892, or according to some accounts 894, the Danish army took possession of Chester: Ralph Higden speaks of a siege which they endured in this city, during which they were reduced to such extremities that they were compelled to feed on horse-flesh⁴; but Matthew of Westminster⁵ mentions this circumstance as happening at the siege of Buttingden, and adds that the Danes, who escaped from thence, joined a garrison of their own countrymen at Chester, and that Alfred pursued them and laid siege to that city, but finding his attempts to gain it ineffectual, he laid waste the surrounding country to prevent the Danes from procuring a supply of provisions.

In or about the year 907⁶, Ethelred, Earl or Duke of Mercia, and his wife Ethelfleda (sister of King Edward the Elder), repaired the city of Chester, which had suffered much injury from the Danes, and rebuilt the walls, enlarging them, as some say, to double their former extent, and adorning them with turrets⁷. We find, that after the death of this heroic lady, who, during her widowhood, had governed the province of Mercia with consummate and successful valour⁸, Chester fell again into the hands of the Welsh, from whom it was recovered by King Edward a few days before his death, which happened in 924⁹. In or about the year 971, King Edgar being with his army¹⁰ at Chester, was visited by six petty sovereigns, who came to pay their homage, and Ralph Higden relates, that he was rowed by them in his barge from the palace to St. John's church¹¹.

Giraldus Cambrensis mentions it as the tradition of the place, that Harold having survived his wounds at the battle of Hastings, spent the remainder of his

¹ Holinshed, i. 156; some say 609. ² Holinshed, i. 204. ³ "Athelwolfe was crowned kyng at his citee of West-Chester, in all royal estate." Hardyng's Chronicle, f. 104. b.
⁴ Hist. Ang. Scrip. Vol. iii. p. 258. ⁵ P. 179. ⁶ The Saxon Chronicle says 907; some Chronicles 905; others 908.
⁷ Holinshed, J. Bromton, Ralph Higden, and Bradshaw's Life of St. Werburgh. ⁸ Ethelred Earl of Mercia died in 912. (Sax. Chron.) Ethelfleda his countess in 919.
⁹ William of Malmesbury. ¹⁰ The writer of the Saxon Chronicle says all his *naval forces*.
¹¹ See also Henry Huntingdon.

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days as an anchorite, in a cell near St. John's church in Chester. The same tradition is mentioned by John Bromton, who adds, that his tomb was shewn in the middle of the area behind the cross at St. John's church: that there were those who asserted that he was yet alive when King Henry I. returned through Chester from Wales, and that he had an interview with that monarch; the historian himself inclines to the more generally received opinion, that King Harold died in battle, and was buried at Waltham. Henry de Knighton and other historians relate, that Queen Alghitha¹, Harold's consort, after the conqueror's success, was for a while removed to Chester as a place of security, by her brothers Earl Edwin and Earl Morcar. The above-mentioned historian, Giraldus, relates a tradition also, that Henry, Emperor of Germany, spent the latter part of his days as a hermit in a desert place near Chester, and was buried in that city, having confessed his rank when on the point of death. Camden in noticing this tradition speaks of Henry IV. as the emperor of whom it was told, but all the circumstances mentioned by Giraldus, who only calls him "*Imperatorem Romanum Henricum*" apply to Henry V. There has been a tradition of very old standing, that this emperor led a retired life under the borrowed name of Godescallus, or Godstallus; and a lane near the cathedral, called Godstall-lane, is said to have obtained that appellation from him². In an ancient Chronicle, called the Red Book of the abbey of Chester, was the following passage, which seems to give some countenance to these traditions. "A° 1110, Rex Henricus dedit filiam suam Godescallo imperatori Alemannæ, qui nunc Cestriæ jacet³." Notwithstanding the authority of this passage, and that the time when Giraldus Cambrensis found the tradition current at Chester, was but about sixty years after the death of Henry V. Emperor of Germany, yet it seems evident, from the authority of the best historians, that it was wholly void of foundation⁴; since we are told, that the Emperor Henry V. died at Utrecht, and that our monarch King Henry I.

¹ Henry Knighton inter Dec. Scrip. 2344. Roger de Hoveden, John Bromton, &c.

² Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 22.—Godstall, or St. Godstall-lane, is spoken of in a Survey of the Streets of Chester, temp. Edward III. It is described as near the wall on the north side of Eastgate-street, adjoining the church-yard of St. Werburgh, and it is said to have been the habitation of one Godescallus, or Godeftallus, who having been an Emperor, led in his latter days a holy and religious life, and died at Chester. See Harl. MSS. Brit. Mus. No. 2111. fol. 53. b. 56. a.

³ Extract in Woodnoth's Collections, f. 238. b.

⁴ Unless we suppose that some person of the name of Godescallus, or Godeftallus, really lived and died at Chester, as is represented, but that the circumstance of his having been Emperor of Germany was a fiction.

who was then in Normandy, sent immediately for his daughter Maud the Empress, and brought her with him to England ^z.

It has been said, that when William the Conqueror gave the earldom of Chester, to Hugh Lupus, that monarch accompanied him as far as Malpas, where he invested him with the sovereignty of the county, and that the Earl then marched towards Chester, and took the city after having been thrice repulsed ^a. We are told, that upon another occasion the above-mentioned monarch, having determined on an expedition against the Welsh, marched with his army to Chester, where he rebuilt the castle, and placed in it a strong garrison ^b. In the year 1156 King Henry II. was at Chester, and encamped his army on Saltney-marsh, previously to his expedition into Wales ^c; the ensuing year he received at Chester the homage of Malcolm, King of Scotland ^d. In 1180, the greater part of this city was destroyed by fire ^e; a similar calamity happened in 1278 ^f. King John was at Chester in 1212 ^g.

In 1237, Hugh le Despencer, Stephen de Segrave, and Henry de Audley, were sent by King Henry III. to take charge of Chester castle ^h. In the year 1256, Prince Edward, who had two years before been created Earl of Chester, came to this city on the festival of St. Kenelm, being met on the road by the clergy and citizens in grand procession: he staid three days receiving the homage and fealty of the nobles of Cheshire and Wales, after which, having visited his castles and lands in the latter province, he returned through Chester and went to Darnhall ⁱ. In 1257 the king summoned his barons, spiritual and temporal, to be at Chester ^k with their vassals on a certain day, in order to revenge the inroads of the Welsh, and invade their territories.

During the war with the Barons in 1264, William le Zouch, then justice of Chester, and the citizens, fearing lest the city should be besieged either by the Barons or the Welsh, began to render it more secure by digging a deep ditch, for which purpose they destroyed some houses and gardens belonging to the abbey

^z See Holinshed, M. Paris, &c. of St. Werburgh.

^b Hist. Norm. Scrip. p. 516.

^a See Harl. MSS. No. 2155. p. 27. and Bradshaw's Life

^c Caradoc's History of Wales

by Powell, edit. 1774, p. 118.

^d Roger Hoveden in Scrip. post Bedam, fol. 281. b.

^e Archdeacon Rogers's MS. History of Chester.

^f Extracts from an ancient Chronicle of

Chester abbey in Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^g M. Paris.

^h Collins's Peerage, I. 348.

ⁱ Extract from the Chronicle of Chester abbey, in Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^k Mr. Pennant justly observes, that Chester appears to have been a constant rendezvous of troops for every expedition on that side of the kingdom, from the time of the Normans to the reign of William III.

of Chester in Bagge-lane¹. It appears that the fears of the citizens were not without cause, but their precautions seem to have been ineffectual, for we are told by our historians, that the Earl of Derby, in the course of the same year, came to Chester with a great army, and took possession of the city and castle for the Barons^m. After the king and his son had fallen into the hands of Simon de Montfort, they made peace with that powerful baron, by investing him with the earldom of Chester; and his son Henry went to Chester in his father's name, received the homage of the citizens and of the nobles and freeholders of the county, and having made Luke de Taney justice, after a stay of ten days departed. The next year James de Audley and Urian de St. Pierre came to Chester, and with the concurrence of the citizens, besieged Luke de Taney the justice, and his adherents, for ten weeks, but without effect, the castle being in an excellent state of defence; but after the battle of Evesham, which proved fatal to Montfort and his party, Taney hearing that Prince Edward had arrived at Beeslon Castle with some noble prisoners, and that he was advancing towards Chester, surrendered the castle, and threw himself upon the mercy of the king, who, after a short imprisonment, set him and his adherents at libertyⁿ.

King Edward I. was at Chester in 1276 and 1277; in the former year he went for the purpose of summoning Llewellyn, Prince of Wales, to do his homage, who refusing to comply, he returned the next year with an army, and marching from Chester took Rhuddlan castle^o. The same monarch was at Chester in the year 1282, from the 6th of June till the 4th of July, during which period many persons procured grants of protection, that their corn and other provisions might not be seized for the use of the king's forces; and others had safe convoys granted them for the purpose of victualling the army^p; the following year having been victorious in his campaign against the Welsh, he was at Chester with his queen, and heard mass in St. Werburgh's church on St. Augustine's day, on which occasion he presented the convent with a cloth of great value^q. In 1284, King Edward was at Chester for four days in the beginning of September^r. He passed

¹ From the Chronicle before-mentioned, the writer of which says that the Justice promised the abbot an equivalent for the damage. On the Patent Roll of 51 Henry III. (1267), is an order for enquiring into the extent of the damage, and making compensation. ^m See Holinshed.

ⁿ Extracts from the Chronicle of Chester abbey in Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^o Walsingham.

^p Rot. Walliz in Turr. Lond.

^q Extracts from the Chronicle

of Chester Abbey, *ut supra*.

^r Rot. Wall.

through this city again on the feast of St. Nicholas, in 1294, being on his march to quell the rebellion of Madoc in North Wales^a. In 1300 the Welsh finally submitted to the sovereignty of England, and did homage at Chester to Edward of Caernarvon, Prince of Wales^b. In 1312 King Edward II. went to Chester to meet his favourite, Piers de Gaveston, on his return from Ireland^c. In 1353, Edward the Black Prince, with the Earls of Warwick and Stafford, at the head of an armed force, came to Chester to protect the justices itinerant, Sir Richard Willoughby and Sir Richard Snaresull, in the execution of their duty, from the violence of the populace^d; the occasion is not mentioned, but it is probable, that there had been some commotion on account of the dearness of provisions, that year being recorded as a year of great scarcity^e.

In the year 1394, King Richard II. came to Chester with the Duke of Gloucester and the Earls of March, Salisbury, Arundel, Nottingham, Rutland, and others, on his way to Ireland^f. This monarch towards the close of his reign testified a great partiality towards the inhabitants of Cheshire; in the year 1397, when he scarcely knew whom to trust about his person, he appointed a corps of two thousand Cheshire archers for his body guard^g. The next year, "for the love he bare to the gentlemen and commons of the shire of Chester, he caused it to be ordained (in the parliament holden at Shrewsbury) that from thenceforth it should be called and known by the name of the principality of Cheshire^h." From this time he took the title of Prince of Chester: the act for making Cheshire a principality was revoked in the next reign.

When Henry of Lancaster was in arms against King Richard II. in 1399, Sir Robert and Sir John Legh, with other gentlemen of Cheshire, went to render their submission to him at Shrewsbury, from whence they accompanied him to Chester. The Duke staid several days in the city, and made a muster of his troops before the wallsⁱ. During his stay, Piers-a-Legh of Lyme, for his faithful adherence to King Richard, was executed, and his head placed on the highest tower of the city, and it is said by some authors, that the Duke of Surrey, having been sent on a message by the king, was imprisoned in the castle^j. On the 19th of August the Duke of Lancaster marched to Flint, and drew up his army before the walls of the castle, in which the King was then stationed: a conference took place, the event of which is well known: the King having no other alternative, put

^a Hist. Ang. Scrip. ii. p. 126. (Th. Wikes.)

^b Caradoc's History of Wales, by Powell.

^c Leland's Collectan. i. 248.

^d Dugdale's Baronage, i. 161.

^e See Walsingham.

^f Harl. MSS. No. 2111. f. 97. *b*. Extract from various Chronicles, by the second Randal Holme; the date is there erroneously written 1395.

^g Holinshed.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^j Ibid.

himself into the power of the ambitious Henry; the following night they both slept at Chester previously to their departure for London^c.

In 1405 a pardon was granted to the citizens of Chester, for having been in rebellion with Henry Percy^f. Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester, who was condemned to perpetual imprisonment in 1447, for practising the king's death, was for a while confined in the castle at Chester. Robert Needham, a Cheshire gentleman, who was supposed to have been concerned with the Duke her husband in devising a plan for her deliverance, was with others hanged at Tyburn, taken down alive and pardoned, after he had been stripped by the executioner to be quartered. In the year 1453, or as some of the annalists say, 1455, Queen Margaret, consort of Henry VI. "came to Chester upon progresse with manye greate lordes and ladyes with her, and was graciously received by the mayor and citizens^g." In the summer preceding the battle of Blore-heath the queen came again to Chester in her progress, where she is said to have kept "open and royal house," and by her liberality to have gained the hearts of the gentry^h. In an inquisition taken in the 28th year of King Henry VI., the city of Chester is represented as being then become so decayed and depopulated, by reason of the choaking of its harbour by sands, and the consequences of the late rebellion in Wales, that the citizens were unable to pay their rent to the crownⁱ.

In 1474, or as some say, 1475, Edward Prince of Wales, son of King Edward IV. being then only five years old, came to Chester about Christmas, and was conveyed to the castle in much pomp^k. On the 18th of July, 1494, King Henry VII. with his mother, and the queen, came to Chester with a great retinue, and went thence to Hawarden^l; "the Earl of Derby and a number of gallants of Chester attending^m." In 1498, Prince Arthur appears to have resided at Chester from the 4th of August till the 9th of Septemberⁿ. One of the Chester annalists mentions a circumstance, which though not connected with this city, may be noticed as not being spoken of by our historians; that King Henry VIII. narrowly escaped being drowned in the year 1524, by leaping over a ditch after his hawk^o. This monarch, by his royal mandate, granted the inhabitants of Chester an exemption from being pressed for the wars, by the royal placards, it being

^c Holinshed. ^f Records of the Corporation. ^g Annals of Chester. Harl. MSS. No. 2125. f. 222. &c. and King's Vale-Royal; part ii. p. 185. ^h Harl. MSS. 2111. f. 112. b. ⁱ Harl. MSS. No. 2082. 1. ^k King's Vale-Royal, p. 187. and Harl. MSS. No. 2125. ^l Harl. MSS. No. 2125., where this visit is said to have taken place in 1497. ^m King's Vale-Royal. ⁿ Ibid. p. 190.

^o Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

meet that they should remain at home for the defence of their own city^o. In the year 1551 there happened a very destructive flood, by which great numbers of cattle were destroyed in Saltney-marsh, and several lives were lost in the suburbs and neighbourhood of Chester¹: in 1584 happened another great flood, occasioned by a violent storm of thunder, lightning, and hail. Much damage was done by this storm, but it does not appear that any lives were lost. The hail-stones are said to have been five inches in circumference².

It does not appear that Queen Elizabeth ever visited Chester, but her two great favourites, the Earls of Leicester and Essex, the former in 1583³, the latter in 1598, were received with almost regal honours. The Earl of Essex was at Chester both on his road to Ireland and on his return. About this time the influx of soldiers passing and re-passing to and from Ireland was so great, that the city was not able to contain them, and many riots and disorders ensued⁴. The Earl of Tyrone, who had so long maintained a rebellion against the Queen, was brought through Chester in 1603, and lodged at the mayor's house⁵.

The Chester annalists have recorded, among the remarkable events of the seventeenth century, the arrival of "a stranger and his wife, in 1606, who both danced on a rope tied overthwart the street at the High-Cross, and showed strange feats of activity⁶"; and of an Italian in 1649, "who never ate meat but stones, but he took tobacco, and drank wine or strong drink till he could neither go nor stand⁷". This must have been Francis Bataglia, of whom there is an engraved portrait, by Hollar.

On the 21st of August, 1617, King James I. with a great retinue came to Chester, where he was received by the citizens with all the magnificence they could devise, and entertained with a sumptuous banquet at the Pentice. The mayor, Mr. Edward Button, presented his Majesty with 100*l.* in a gold cup, and was offered knighthood, but refused. The King went the same night to Vale-Royal⁸.

^o Harl. MSS. No. 1980. f. 185. b.
at Bretton. Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

¹ One Fulke Ducker was drowned, with six children
King's Vale-Royal.

² A meeting of the corporation was held on the 13th of May, 1583, to settle how the Earl of Leicester should be entertained; it was proposed that there should be a banquet, and that for the present supply of money, all members of the corporation should lend from 20*s.* to 6*s.* 8*d.* according to their degree. This intention was afterwards given up, and it was determined to present the earl with forty angels of gold, in a cup valued at 18*l.* Harl. MSS. No. 1989. f. 392.

³ Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

⁴ Ibid. In King's Vale-Royal it is said to have been in 1603.

⁵ King's Vale-Royal, p. 211, and Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

⁶ Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

⁷ Extract from the Register of the parish of Whitegate.—"A. D. 1617, the 21st daye of August, the same daye being Thursdaye, King James came to Vale-Royal, and there kept his court until Monday next after."

On the 18th of September 1630, we are told that the Duchess of Tremouille^p mother-in-law of Lord Strange, was received at Chester even with greater state than King James; she was met at Hoole-heath by at least six hundred horsemen, the corporation, the gentlemen of the artillery, &c. A banquet was prepared for her at the Pentice, and the annalist observes that it was said, that there never were so many knights, esquires, and gentlemen, assembled together in Chester before^q.

One of the Cheshire annalists has recorded, that on the 28th of March 1640, the wife of John Owen, taylor, was brought to bed in the Castle-lane of four children, all alive and christened; "they were all females, and died the day after;" the annalist observes, that this prognosticated the troubles and sickness which after ensued^r.

The first interruption of the peace, which happened at Chester, after the commencement of the war between king Charles I. and his Parliament, was on the 18th of August 1642, when a drum was beaten for the Parliament by order of Sir William Brereton: the loyal citizens, who appear to have composed by far the more numerous party, rose in consequence in arms, and Sir William Brereton, who was afterwards commander-in-chief of the parliamentary forces in this county, and to whose repeated assaults the city, after a long siege, was at length compelled to yield, was, at the intercession of the mayor, (William Ince Esq.,) with much difficulty saved from the fury of the populace^s: not long after this the king went to Chester for the purpose of securing that city in his interest, and was staying there when Sir Richard Crane came from Prince Rupert with tidings of some successes obtained by his forces before Worcester, and presented to him the colours taken on that occasion^t. The King and the Prince remained at the bishop's palace^u at Chester, from the 23d to the 27th of September; when, having given orders for fortifying the city, he returned through North-Wales to Shrewsbury. The corporation presented the King with 200*l.*, and the Prince with 100*l.*, and attended him on his road towards Wrexham^v. The beginning of the next summer by "the advice of Colonel Ellis, Major Sydney, and other skilful engineers, a trench was cut, and mud-walls made from Dee-side, without the bars, to Dee-side at the New-Tower; the walls repaired and lined with earth; the New-gate and New-tower-gate, mured up; divers pieces of cannon placed in convenient places, both for offence and defence, draw-bridges

^p Wife of Claude de la Tremouille, Duke of Thouars, Prince of Palmont, and mother of Charlotte, Lady Strange, afterwards Countess of Derby, celebrated for her brave defence of Latham-house.

^q Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.
Harl. MSS. N^o 2155. f. 97.

^r *Ibid.*

^s Randal Holme's Narrative of the Siege of Chester.

^t Clarendon's History of the Rebellion, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 34.

^u Harl. MSS. N 2125.

^v *Ibid.*

at the North-gate, East-gate bridge, and castle, made; and turnpikes at all the outworks, as bars, Cow-lane-end, without the North-gate, and at the mount at Dee-lane-end, by Little-St.-John's; besides several mounts, pit-falls, and other devices, to secure the out-works, and annoy the enemy's approach to the city."

The out-works are described as beginning "about the middle of that part of the city walls, which lies between the New-tower (looking towards Hawarden) and the North-gate, and proceeding towards the stone-bridge, leading towards Blacon; inclining then to the north-east, and taking in the utmost limits of the further North-gate-street, then turning eastward, near Flooker's-brook, and encompassing Horn-lane, the justing-croft, and all that part of the town to Boughton; from whence the works were carried to the brink of the river."

Sir Nicholas Byron was sent by the King to be colonel-general of Cheshire, and governor of Chester^a; in which situation he appears to have continued till he was taken prisoner by the parliamentary forces, between Chester and Nantwich, in Jan. 1644^b: it appears nevertheless that Sir Abraham Shipman acted as governor of Chester in November and December 1643; Sir William Legge, lieutenant-general of the ordnance, was made governor of Chester in May 1644, and continued in that situation in the month of August following^c; in the latter month Colonel Marrow either succeeded Sir William Legge, or acted as lieutenant-governor. During the latter part of the siege Lord Byron, son of Sir Nicholas, had the government of the garrison.

On the 18th of July Sir William Brereton came with his forces before Chester, and on the 20th made a violent assault on the works, but was repulsed^d: soon afterwards Spital-Boughton-chapel was pulled down, and several houses and barns in the neighbourhood, to prevent their affording harbour to the besiegers. In the month of November following, Sir William Brereton, being then at Hawarden, and renewing his threats against the city, the suburbs of Handbridge, Over-Legh-Hall, Bache-Hall, and Flooker's-brook-Hall, were burnt down by order of the governor, for the same purpose^e. In Feb. 1644-5, Great-Boughton

^a Randal Holme's Narrative. ^b MS. Narrative of the Siege of Chester, from which Mr. Broster's printed History of the Siege is chiefly taken. See p. 468. ^c Clarendon, ii. 145, 8vo. ^d Whitlocke, p. 76. ^e Harl. MSS. N^o 2135. f. 22. and 60. ^f Narrative of the Siege of Chester.

^g Besides these, Brewer's-Hall, on the other side of the Dee; Nun's-Hall, Sir William Brereton's; Dutton-Hall, in upper North-gate-street, Mr. Jolly's; Hoole-Hall, Mr. Bunbury's; Lord Chomondeley's-Hall, in St. John's church-yard; and the houses of Mr. Gamul and Mr. Werden, were all destroyed; some by the besiegers, but mostly by the besieged, for the purpose above-mentioned: the cathedral and St. John's church sustained great injury, the whole damage being estimated at 200,000*l*. The burning of Handbridge, as Randal Holme observed, caused the ruin of some hundreds of people. Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

shared the same fate, and the hospital and chapel of St. John without the North-gate were rased to the ground^c, a party of the parliamentary forces being then stationed at Christleton. Prince Rupert having been appointed generalissimo of Cheshire and Lancashire, arrived at Chester on the 11th of March, being received with much joy, and entertained with public feasts: in the month of June following, the city works were much improved by the Prince's engineers, the mud-walls were heightened, several new mounts made, and trenches cut^d. On the 18th of Aug. Colonel Marrow, then governor, received his death's-wound in a skirmish with a party of Sir William Brereton's forces: Prince Rupert was then in the garrison, and the next day made an unsuccessful sally, with two regiments of horse^e. In the month of October 1644, Chester was blockaded by Sir William Brereton^h. Prince Maurice was at Chester in the months of February and March 1645, and caused a protestation or test, to be tendered to the inhabitants: after the prince was gone the parliamentary army came again from Wales, and fixing their quarters so near to the city, as Nether-Legh, made an attack upon it from Handbridge, but were repulsed. After this attack Handbridge was again burnt by the citizens, together with all the glovers' houses, under the walls, and the houses without Water-gateⁱ. On the 20th of May 1645, Sir William Brereton drew off his forces from Chester; on the 22d the siege was raised, and the town relieved by the King's forces.

On the 19th of September, Colonel Jones having drawn off a large party of his forces from the siege of Beeston castle, marched by night to Chester, and stormed the out-works before day-break. The attack was so sudden, that they not only possessed themselves of Boughton, but St. John's church, the steeple of which they turned into a battery^k; and a great part of the suburbs, with the mayor's house, (where they seized the sword and mace), before the garrison were well prepared for their defence; but no impression was made on the city itself, before the King, who was on his march thither, when he heard of Colonel Jones's success, arrived at Chester, on the 23d of September. His Majesty lodged at Sir Francis Gamul's house, near the bridge: on the 25th, the battle of Rowton-heath was fought, between Sir Marmaduke Langdale, who had the command of the forces which accompanied the King for the relief of Chester, and major Poyntz, who came to the relief of the besiegers. This battle, which proved so fatal to his cause, the King had the mortification of seeing, first from the leads of the Phoenix-tower, and afterwards from St. Werburgh's steeple,

^c Randal Holme's Narrative.^d Ibid.^e Whitlocke.^h Ibid.^f Randal Holme's Narrative.^k Ibid.

where a shot from some of the assailants' works killed an officer with whom he was conversing by his side¹. His Majesty was attended by the mayor, Sir Francis Gamul, and alderman Cowper: he remained that night at Chester, and on the morrow, not without some danger, escaped with five hundred horse to Denbigh castle, whither he was attended by Mr. Cowper and Sir Francis Gamul.

The King, before he quitted Chester, commissioned Lord Byron to surrender the garrison, if he saw no hopes of assistance within eight days; the brave governor defended it nevertheless for more than four months. The besiegers now re-possessed themselves of the suburbs, and on the 29th made a breach in the walls near the New-gate, but were prevented from forcing an entrance. From the first to the ninth of October, the besiegers made various unsuccessful attempts upon the walls; on that day Sir William Mainwaring and Captain Adlington were killed in the street².

“By this time,” (says Randal Holme,) “our women are all on fire, striving through a gallant emulation to out-do our men, and will make good our yielding walls, or lose their lives to shew they dare attempt it. The work goes forwards, and they, like so many valiant Amazons, do outface death and dare danger, though it lurke in every basket; seven are shot, and three slain; yet they scorn to leave their matchless undertaking, and thus they continue for ten days space, possessing the beholders that they are immortal. Our ladies likewise, like so many exemplary goddesses, create a matchless forwardness in the meaner forts by their dirty undertakings, that he who saw them would have thought a hundred suns eclipsed, at least ways clouded with our loyal dust, had he been in that place, which they wipe off with such a pleasing smile, that they seem rather silent sollicitors of a new deformity, than willing partners with that purchased honour³.” About this time the besiegers made a bridge of boats, which the citizens made several ineffectual attempts to destroy; the Dee-mills and the water-tower, were several times attacked by the besiegers, and the citizens were kept in perpetual alarm by renewed assaults, and by the explosion of hand-granadoes, the effects of which are minutely described by Randal Holme⁴.

On

¹ Randal Holme.

² See Whitlocke, 185; and Randal Holme's Narrative.

³ Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

⁴ Some of his descriptions are expressed in a very whimsical manner, ill according with the nature of the scenes which he describes: the following may serve for a specimen: speaking of the mischief caused by the bursting of some granadoes December 10, he says, “Two houses in the Water-gate-street skip joint from joint, and create an earthquake, the main-posts jostle each other, while the frightened casements fly for fear; in a word, the whole fabrick is a perfect chaos, lively set forth in this metamorphosis; the grand-mother, mother, and three children, are struck starke dead and buried in
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On the 10th of December, Colonel Booth, with the Lancashire forces, joined Sir William Brereton in his blockade of Chester, when such dispositions were made, "that the city was quite encompassed, nor was ever any place more straitly beleagued^p," so that the town and garrison were obliged to feed on horses, dogs, and cats; notwithstanding this distress, they refused nine several summonses, nor did they answer the tenth, till they had received undoubted assurance that there was no hope of any succours. No shot was fired after the 25th of December^q; a treaty was then set on foot, which was carried on for several weeks by commissioners on each side: the result was that the city and castle were surrendered on the third of February 1646, upon terms equally honourable to the besiegers, and to the besieged^r. Sir William Brereton immediately took possession of the castle, with its ordnance and arms, the county-palatine seal, sword, and records: pursuant to one of the articles of the treaty, two thousand stand of arms, and five hundred and twenty head-pieces were brought into the castle-court; the sword and mace were restored to the city, but contrary to the terms of the treaty, the parliamentary army pulled down the high cross; defaced the choir of the cathedral; destroyed the organ; broke the painted glass in all the church-windows, and demolished all the fonts^s.

In the month of May 1648, some attempts being then on foot in the north for restoring the King's power, the fortifications at Chester were put in complete repair^t. In the month of August following, Captain Oldham formed a plan for seizing the city and castle, for the use of the King, but the design being discovered, they both suffered death^u. In July 1649, Colonel Robert Dukensfield was appointed governor of Chester^v: in 1651, the Earls of Derby and

the ruins of this humble edifice."—"About midnight they shoot seven more; one of these lights in an old man's bed-chamber, almost dead with age, and sends him some days sooner to his grave, than perhaps was given him:—the next day, (December 11,) six more breake in upon us, one of which persuades an old woman to bear the old man company to heaven, because the times were evil." Harl. MSS N^o 2155. f. 112.

^p MS. Narrative of the Siege.

^q Randal Holme.

^r The governor, Lord Byron, was to march with due attendance, and to have two coaches and four for his lady and other ladies and gentlemen in his suit; to take eighty of his books, and all his deeds and evidences, and MSS.; all other noblemen and officers, according to their ranks, to have a proportionate attendance, and to be allowed to take a limited sum of money; the citizens to be secured in their persons, goods, and liberties; no churches, or any evidences, or writings belonging to them to be injured; the castle without any injury to be delivered up to Sir William Brereton, with all the ordnance, arms, records, &c. also the horses, arms, &c. not to be taken away from the garrison, but to be brought into the castle-court, &c. &c.

^s Randal Holme.

^t Whitlocke.

^u MS. Narrative of the Siege of Chester.

^v Perfect Diurnal.

Lauderdale, were prisoners in the castle ^y. When Sir George Booth put himself at the head of a formidable insurrection against the then ruling powers, in the year 1659, he took possession of Chester, and appointed Colonel Croxton governor, who after Sir George's defeat at Northwich, on the 16th of August, surrendered it to General Lambert, on his first summons ^z.

In the month of November 1688, Lord Molineux and Lord Aston, two Roman catholic peers, seized Chester for King James ^a. Upon the approach of the rebels from the north in the year 1745, this city was garrisoned with several regiments of soldiers, commanded by the Earl of Cholmondeley, and his brother the general; the walls were lined with guards day and night; the gates were secured, and no one allowed to go in or out without a pass-port: the engineer had prepared a plan for extending the works of the garrison, but it was not carried into execution.

Chester having been the metropolis of the little sovereignty, with which Hugh Lupus and his successors were invested by King William the Conqueror, the castle, built by that monarch, became their palace; the ancient hall, which stood in the lower-ward, and had of late years been used as the shire-hall ^b, bore Hugh Lupus's name ^c; the court of Exchequer, adjoining to the end of the great hall, was said to have been the room ^d in which the Earls held their parliament. A survey of the castle of Chester, made in 1624, states that the shire-hall was much decayed, and the chapel much more ruinous than before. Among rooms mentioned in this survey, are the Great-chamber, the Prince's-chamber, and the hall to the Prince's chamber ^e.

Most of the ancient buildings of the castle were begun to be taken down in the year 1789, for the purpose of erecting a new county gaol ^f, shire-hall, &c. The county gaol, (called the gaol of the castle of Chester,) the shire-hall, the

^y Perfection Diurnal, September 29, 1651.

^z See Lord Clarendon, and Heath.

^a Howell's Medul. Hist. Ang.

^b There appears to have been formerly a shire-hall without the castle walls. In 1581, the citizens having obtained from the queen a grant of the old shire-hall for the sum of 40*l.*; removed it from the side of the castle, to North-gate-street; the upper part was then made a store-house for the stowage of corn and other provisions of the queen, for the service of Ireland; the lower part was used by the city for a butcher's shambles. Harl. MSS. N^o 2020. f. 421. & N^o 2125.

^c Pennant describes this hall as about ninety-nine feet in length, and forty-five in breadth; the height very awful; the roof supported by wood-work, in a bold style, carved; and placed on the sides, resting on stout brackets. Tour in Wales, i. 165.

^d Pennant describes this room as having two seats at the upper end, with Gothic arches, for the earl and the abbot, and eight on one side for the eight barons. Tour in Wales, i. 166

^e Harl. MSS. N^o 2091. f. 310.

^f The act for taking down and re-building the gaol at Chester passed in 1788; and an act to grant farther powers for this purpose in 1807.

prothonotary's-office, and record-rooms, now occupy the south-east side of the ancient lower-ward. The gaol, a spacious and commodious structure, was completed and opened in the year 1798. The shire-hall, situated in the centre of the lower-ward, is a magnificent structure; each of the columns of the portico, being twelve in number, is formed of one stone, twenty-three feet in height, from the Manley quarry; there are also twelve columns within the hall, each of one stone, nineteen feet in height, besides the capital; these are of the Ionic order, those of the portico, of the Doric; the hall is eighty feet by fifty, and forty-four feet in height; the south-east side is semi-circular. On the south-west side of the lower-ward is an armory, completed in the year 1807, capable of containing thirty-thousand stand of arms^s. All these buildings have been erected from the designs, and under the superintendance of Mr. Harrison; the armory at the joint expence of the crown and county; the others at the sole expence of the county, having been defrayed out of the revenues of the Weever navigation. The north-east and north-west sides of the area were occupied by the barracks, which are now in part taken down, and an exchequer-court, to be used occasionally as a sessions-house; new-barracks are begun to be erected near the same site. All the upper-ward, or *Ballium* of the castle^h, remains, except the gate-way which separated the two wards: at the south-east angle is the ancient building, called Julius Cæsar's-tower, now used as a magazine for gun-powder. A new magazine is now erecting in a more secure place, in the fosse under the battery, on the south-west side of the upper-ward; in the same ward are store-rooms, and apartments belonging to the governor, which are occupied by the officers of the fort and barracks, except during the assizes, when the judges reside in the castle, of which the chief justice has then the custody, and gives the watch-word.

The castle is usually garrisoned by two companies of invalidsⁱ, and is under the command of a governor, lieutenant-governor, and constable. The constable has the charge of the prisoners, both criminals and debtors, the sheriff not having any authority over either: he holds his office for life by patent from the crown, his fee being 18*l.* *per ann.* Mr. Matthew Hudson is the present constable. When the city of Chester was made a county of itself, in the reign of Henry VII., the castle, with its precincts, was excepted, and still continues attached to the shire, being extra-parochial.

^s See the annexed plan of these buildings, with which we have been favoured by Mr. Harrison, the architect.

^h See the more ancient parts described under the head of Castles, &c. in the introduction, p. 455, where will be found an ancient plan, &c. of the castle, and a view of Hugh Lupus's Hall, &c.

ⁱ In time of war generally by a detachment of regulars, or the militia.

In the township of Glovers-stone, adjoining the castle, the bodies of convicts left for execution are delivered by the constable, or his deputy, to the city-sheriffs, whose office it has been from time immemorial to see the sentence of the law fulfilled within their own limits. There have been various unsatisfactory conjectures respecting the origin of this custom, which is sufficiently elucidated by some ancient records of the corporation. It is stated in an inquisition taken in the year 1321, for the purpose of ascertaining the tolls payable at each of the city gates, that the mayor and citizens, as keepers of the north-gate, had a right to certain tolls, for which privilege they were bound to watch the said gate, and the prisoners in the prison of the Earl there imprisoned, to keep the key of the felons' gallows; to hang up the condemned criminals; to execute the sentence of pillory; proclaim the ban of the Earl within the city^k, &c. &c. Another record, entitled, "the claims of the citizens of Chester," after reciting their claim to various privileges and immunities, states that there were certain customary tenants of the city, sixteen in number, who by their tenure were bound to watch the city three nights in the year, which are specified, and also to watch and bring up felons and thieves condemned, as well in the court of the justiciary of Chester in the county there, as before the mayor of Chester in full crown-mote, as far as the gallows, for their safe conduct and charge, under the penalty which thereto attaches; for which services the said customary tenants had certain privileges and exemptions^l. This record is without date, but from the names of Sir Hugh Hulfe and some others, to whom the houses to which these services were attached belonged, it appears to have been about the year 1400. Some houses, held by this tenure, still pay a composition of five shillings each, called Execution Rents, in lieu of the service above-mentioned, which is performed by the sheriffs.

The most ancient religious house in Chester was that of St. Peter and St. Paul, which formerly occupied the site of what was afterwards the abbey of St. Werburgh. Some writers have asserted that a nunnery was founded at Chester, by Wulphere, King of Mercia, and that his daughter Werburgh, afterwards canonized, was the abbess; but for this there is no authority. It is better ascertained that about two hundred years after Wulphere's time, there was a monastery at Chester, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, and that the bones of St. Werburgh were removed thither for security, during an invasion of the Danes in 875^m.

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^k Black book of the city of Chester, p. 20.

^l Ibid. p. 27.

^m Henry Bradshaw, in his life of this saint gives an account of her shrine being received at Chester with great solemnity, and being deposited in the old church of St. Peter and St. Paul. He relates many legendary tales of the miraculous preservation of the city, by the interposition of St. Werburgh,

It is not certainly known of what sex the religious of this convent were, but we learn that having fallen into a state of decay, it was rebuilt and enlarged in the reign of King Athelstan, by Ethelfleda countess of Mercia, who placed in it secular canons, and altered the patron saints from St. Peter and St. Paul, to St. Oswald, and St. Werburghⁱ. Leofric Earl of Mercia is said to have been a great benefactor to this convent, and to have repaired its decayed buildings. In the year 1093, Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, having expelled the secular canons, founded an abbey of Benedictine monks^k, under the direction of the celebrated Anselm, afterwards archbishop of Canterbury, whom he invited over to England for that purpose. The founder ended his days in this monastery, in the year 1101, having been professed a monk, as it is said, three days before his decease^l. This monastery, which was munificently endowed by Hugh Lupus, and enriched by the donations of numerous benefactors, continued in opulence and splendour till the general dissolution of religious houses in the reign of Henry VIII., when its revenues were estimated at 1003*l* 5*s*. 11*d*. clear yearly income. There are now scarcely any other remains of the abbey than the refectory, which is occupied as a grammar-school, and the gateway: the abbot's hall was standing in 1649^m.

About three years after the dissolution, the King changed the conventual into a cathedral-church, to be called the cathedral-church of Christ, and the blessed Virgin Mary; and placed in it a dean, and six prebendaries; Thomas Clerk, the last abbot, became the first dean; Henry Man, the second dean, afterwards bishop of Sodor and Man, had been a Carthusian monk at Sion. Chester was at the same time made a bishop's see, and John Bird, who had been provincial of the Carmelites, and afterwards bishop of Bangor, was appointed the first bishopⁿ. Ample endowments consisting of manors, rectories, advowsons, &c. which had belonged to the dissolved monastery of St. Werburgh, were given to the bishop,

particularly in one instance, where he tells us that the army of Griffin King of Wales, then besieging the city, was stricken with blindness, in consequence of the saint's shrine being placed on the walls. ⁱ Henry Bradshaw's Life of St. Werburgh. ^k Henry Bradshaw speaking of

Hugh Lupus's foundation says,

“ The founder also buylded within the monasterie,
 Many mighty places convenient for religion,
 Compas'd with stronge walles on the west partie,
 And on the other syde, with walles of the towne,
 Clos'd at every ende with a sure postron.
 In south part the cimiterie environed rounde aboute,
 For a sure defence enemies to holde oute.”

^l Ordericus Vitalis inter Hist. Norman. Scrip. p. 787. ^m See Willis's Cathedrals. A more particular account of the present state of the abbey buildings will be found in p. 452, 453.

ⁿ He was deprived by queen Mary for being married, and died in 1556.

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and to the dean and chapter. By some unfortunate circumstances, which occurred not long afterwards, the dean and chapter lost the estates^o, which had been intended by King Henry for their endowment, getting in lieu of them only certain fee-farm rents issuing out of the same manors, which were incapable of improvement^p. The appointment of the prebendaries as well as of the dean was originally in the crown, but in the reign of Philip and Mary the appointment of the prebendaries was given to the bishop and his successors. The bishop's palace was wholly rebuilt at the expence of 2200*l.* by bishop Keene soon after his promotion to the see in 1752^q.

^o The original grant comprised the manors of Bromborough, Barnshaw, Tilston-Fernall, Huntington, Ince, Ireby, Salughton, Sutton in Wirrall, and Upton; the great tithes of St. Oswald in Chester, Bromborough, Ince, Neston, Prestbury, Shotwick, Sutton, West-Kirkby, Upton, and Willaston in Cheshire, and Campden in Gloucestershire; and the advowsons of St. Mary's and St. Peter's in Chester, Ashbury, Bebington, Christleton, Coddington, Dodleston, Eastham, Handley, Neston, Northenden, Prestbury, Thurstaston, and Well-Kirkby in Cheshire, and Campden in Gloucestershire.

^p Sir Richard Cotton, comptroller of the household to King Edward VI., having procured the imprisonment of dean Cliffe, and two of the prebendaries of Chester in the Fleet-prison, wrought upon them by intimidation to convey almost the whole of their estates to him, reserving only a yearly rent of 603*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* to the chapter. The two succeeding deans endeavoured to set aside this bargain as extorted by compulsion, and at length the chapter having discovered that the original grant to their predecessors, by King Henry VIII., was null in consequence of the accidental omission of the word *Cesurie*, in the description of the grantees, made this circumstance known in a petition to the queen, wherein they prayed that as, in consequence of this flaw, the right was vested in the crown, she would grant these estates which had been illegally obtained by Sir Richard Cotton, to them, pursuant to her royal father's intention. Sir Richard it should be observed, doubting the legality of his proceedings, had sold the estates in question some years before, to several Cheshire gentlemen for small prices. In consequence of this petition the matter was argued in the exchequer, by serjeant Popham for the crown, and Mr. Egerton, (afterwards lord chancellor,) for the fee-farmers, who were in possession of the lands, and a second time, by serjeant Gaudye for the crown, and Mr. Plowden for the fee-farmers. The latter, finding that they were likely to lose their cause, engaged the Earl of Leicester in their interest, by giving him six years' rent of the land; the Earl in consequence procured the law proceedings to be stopped, and a commission to be issued for hearing the matter before himself and other lords of the privy council. The event was, that both parties surrendered all the estates in question to the queen, who, in the year 1579, granted them to the several fee-farmers, subject to certain rents payable out of each, which at the same time she granted to the dean and chapter; these rents form the principal part of their present endowment. See a full account of all the proceedings among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, N^o 2060. p. 90—113; and N^o 2071. f. 166, 167.

Several of the manors, and other lands, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester, and were included in King Henry's charter, were claimed by Peter and Edw. Grey, under a general grant of concealed lands in Cheshire, made to them by Queen Elizabeth. Their interest in these estates was conveyed to Bostock and Hitchcock, and became vested in the latter, as the survivor: most of the fee-farmers of the several estates purchased Hitchcock's interest in them, to make their titles the more secure. Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 166, 167.

^q Coles MSS. Brit. Museum. Vol. xxix. fol. 33, 34, 35.

It appears that the cathedral church of St. Werburgh suffered great injury during the civil war, and continued in a very dilapidated state in 1656^r. The present state of its buildings having been already described, we shall here only observe in addition that the length from east to west is three hundred and forty-eight feet, and the width of the choir and nave seventy-four feet six inches, and make mention of the more remarkable monuments and monumental inscriptions. Among those whose memory is here recorded, may be enumerated the names of Dr. George Hall^r (1668), Dr. Nicholas Stratford (1707), and Dr. Samuel Peploe (1752), bishops of Chester; Sir William Mainwaring, who lost his life during the siege of Chester in 1644^s; Dr. James Arderne, dean of Chester, 1688^s; Mrs. Barbara Dod, 1703ⁿ; Laurence Fogg, S. T. P. 1718ⁿ; Lieutenant-Gen.

^r Lee's Chronicon Cestriense, Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 46.

^r Bishop Hall's monument has lately been removed from the east end of the choir to the west end of the nave.

^s On Sir William Mainwaring's monument, which has lately been removed from the east end of the choir to the west end of the nave, is the following inscription:—"To the perpetual memory of the eminently loyal Sir William Mainwaring knight, eldest son of Edmund Mainwaring Esq. chancellor of the county-palatine of Chester, of the ancient family of the Mainwariogs of Peover, in the said county, who died in the service of his prince and country, in the defence of the city of Chester, wherein he merited singular honour for his fidelity, courage, and conduct. He left by Hester his lady, (daughter and heiress unto Christopher Wase, in the county of Bucks Esq.,) four sons and two daughters. His eldest daughter Judith married unto Sir John Busby of Addington, in the county of Bucks, Knight; his youngest daughter Hester unto Sir Grobham How, of Kempley in the county of Gloucester, Knight. He died honourably but immaturity in the 29th year of his age, October 9, 1644. His lady relict erected this monument of her everlasting love, and his never dying honour. October 25, 1671."

^s Dean Arderne, who was author of "Directions concerning the matter and style of sermons," and other works, is said to have been designed by King James II. for the bishoprick of Chester on the death of Bishop Cartwright, which happened on the eve of the Revolution; and it is farther said, that in consequence of his attachment to that monarch, he received several affronts and indignities from the populace (A. Wood's Athen. Oxon.). The dean gave his whole estate by will "to the glory of God and the service of the cathedral church of Chester, and more particularly for the founding a library of books, to be set up in the chapter-house there, and as a stock for defending the rights and privileges of the dean and chapter, and to be disposed of as should be most conducive to the welfare of the cathedral," and appointed the dean and chapter his executors. This disposition of his property is spoken of in his epitaph as follows: "he gave the substance of his bequeathable estate to the cathedral, which gift, his will was, should be mentioned, that clergymen may consider whether it be not a sort of sacrilege to sweep away all from the church and charity, into the possession of their lay kindred who are not needy." Upon a partition of the estates of the Done family, which had descended to the Ardernes under a decree of chancery in 1725, one-sixth part of the manors of Tarporley, Utlington, &c. and of the advowson of the church of Tarporley, was apportioned to the dean and chapter, and has been from time to time applied by them according to the donor's will.

ⁿ This lady devised her lands in Boughton and Childer-Thornton to the six minor canons of Chester cathedral, which circumstance is recorded in her epitaph.

ⁿ Author of "Treatises on the Christian Religion," and other theological works.

Whitley, 1771; Samuel-Peploe, LL.D.^y chancellor of Chester and warden of Manchester, 1781; John Hamilton Esq. M.P. secretary of the war department in Ireland, and only son of Sir Robert Hamilton of Silverton-Hall, Bart. 1781; William Smith, D.D. dean of Chester, 1787^z; Sir Charles Levinge Bart. 1796; and the Rev. George Travis, archdeacon of Chester, 1797^a. In Webb's Itinerary, printed in King's Vale-Royal, are the epitaphs of Dr. William Downham bishop of Chester, who died in 1577; Dr. George Lloyd, bishop of Chester, 1615; Dr. John Lloyd, an eminent civilian, 1607, and some others, which have been either removed or obliterated. Many brass plates with effigies of abbots and other ecclesiastics had been removed before Webb's account was written^b.

In the fourth aisle of the cathedral is an altar-tomb, which by a tradition, destitute, as we have already shewn^c, of any foundation, has long been said to be that of Henry IV., Emperor of Germany^d. It appears by some notes of the third Randal Holme, written about the middle of the 17th century, that there was at that time the figure of an emperor in his robes and crown, painted in oil colours on the top-stone of this tomb^e. This had been done probably at no very remote period, by order of one of the abbots who believed in the tradition. The lady's chapel, at the east end of the cathedral, was formerly used as the consistory court, where bishop Coates sat for the trial of heretics in the reign of Queen Mary, and gave judgment on George Marsh^f. The south transept of the cathedral, which forms the church of the parish of St. Oswald, will be elsewhere spoken of.

The Benedictine nunnery of St. Mary at Chester, has been generally supposed to have been founded by Randal, second Earl of Chester; but his charter, which seems to have been erroneously printed in the *Monasticon*, as a foundation charter, appears on perusal to be a grant to the priores and nuns of a piece of ground to build

^y His monument is by Nollekens.

^z Dr. Smith's monument, which is by Banks, has the following inscription; "Sacred to the memory of William Smith, D. D. dean of this cathedral, and rector of West-Kirkby and Handley in this county, who died the 12th of January 1787, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. As a scholar his reputation is perpetuated by his valuable publications, particularly his correct and elegant translations of Longinus, Thucydides, and Xenophon; as a preacher he was admired and esteemed by his respective auditories, and as a man his memory remains inscribed in the hearts of his friends."

^a Archdeacon Travis's monument is ornamented with a medallion of the deceased, by Turner, and has the following inscription.—"Sacred to the memory of the Rev. George Travis, M. A. late archdeacon of Chester and vicar of Eastham in this county, who departed this life February 24, 1797: he was a man whose extensive learning, active mind, and generous heart, were assiduously exercised in the service of religion, his country, and neighbour. His loss will be long regretted, and his virtues ever revered. Reader, this eulogy is no flattery, but the sincere testimony of a surviving friend."

^b See Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 36 and 53.

^d See p. 448; and the matter more largely discussed, p. 558.

^e Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 37.

^f See p. 448; and the matter more largely discussed, p. 558.

^g Harl. MSS. N° 2111. f. 56.

^h Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 33.

their new church upon; which is a clear proof that the monastery had existed at an earlier period; and there can be no doubt that it was the same monastery of St. Mary which is spoken of in the Survey of Domesday, as being situated near the church of St. John. The learned editor of bishop Tanner's *Notitia* makes a query, whether the monastery of St. Mary, mentioned in the Domesday Survey, might not be some remains of an ancient nunnery which occupied the site of St. Werburgh's; but it may be observed, that the secular canons of St. Werburgh are mentioned in the same page; and indeed, there is no very good evidence that the convent of St. Werburgh, or, as it was originally called, St. Peter and St. Paul, was ever occupied by nuns. The origin of the nunnery of St. Mary cannot be traced: it is probably the same monastery of St. Mary which is mentioned in the Survey of Domesday, as being near the church of St. John's, and that it was removed to a new site by Randal Earl of Chester, who has been generally deemed the founder: this nunnery continued till the dissolution of the smaller monasteries, when, though its revenues, according to Dugdale, did not exceed *66l. 18s. 4d. per ann.* clear income, its community seem not to have been small, for it appears, that in the year 1553 nearly twenty years after the surrender of the convent, there were thirteen of the nuns living and enjoying pensions. The site of this nunnery^f was granted in 1541 to Urian Brereton the elder, and Urian Brereton the younger.

Nuns-Hall continued to be a seat of the Breretons till the reign of Charles I., when it was destroyed during the siege of the city^g. The site which is now occupied as a garden exhibits scarcely any remains of buildings; it is the property of E. O. Wrench Esq., except a small part which he has lately sold to the county as a convenient space adjoining to the new buildings erecting at the castle. A mansion now called Nuns-Hall, built probably soon after the civil war, stands near the east end of the Nuns' garden, but not on its site, or connected with it. This house was the property and residence of the Holmes, the Cheshire antiquaries, and belongs now to Mrs. Fairclough of Knutsford. It appears by a record in the exchequer at Chester, that, in the year 1350, Cecil de Compton was seized of a house in Northgate-street, which had been the residence of a prioress and nuns^h.

The three principal orders of friars had establishments in Chester. The monastery of White-friars or Carmelites, was founded in 1279, by Thomas Stadhamⁱ; the foundation of the others is uncertain; the sites of all three were granted by King Henry VIII. to John Cokke^k, but soon passed into

^f See a plan of the buildings of this monastery, p. 453.

^g History of the siege.

^h Esch. 23 Edw. III.

ⁱ Speed.

^k Bishop Tanner.

different hands. The monastery of White-friers, which was in the parish of St. Martin, became the property of the lord-keeper Sir Thomas Egerton, by whom the church, with its fine spire, which had been built only a century¹, was taken down. One of the Chester annalists observes, that "in 1597 the White-freeres steeple, curiously wrought, was taken downe and a faire house built there by Sir Thomas Egerton, Knight, lord-keeper: a great pitie that the steeple was put away, being a great ornament to the citie. This curious spire steeple might still have stood for grace to the city, had not private benefit, the devourer of antiquitie, pulled it down with the church, and erected a house for more commodity, which since hath been of little use, so that the city lost so goodly an ornament that tymes hereafter may more talk of it, being the only sea-mark for direction over the bar of Chester^m." Sir Thomas Egerton's house stood between White-friers-street and Common-hall-lane; the site is now occupied by dwelling-houses and gardens belonging to various persons; in one of the houses some of the old walls are still visible; a building, supposed to have been a chapel, was taken down about the year 1795. A part of Sir Thomas Egerton's mansion, facing Common-Hall, which was standing in 1772, proved the scene of a most dreadful calamity. This building was then occupied by a poor family, and the first floor had been let out to a puppet-show man, "and at the moment he was exhibiting to a very full audienceⁿ, by some unknown accident, eight hundred pounds weight of gunpowder, which was lodged in a warehouse beneath, then in the occupation of a grocer, took fire, and blew up three stories: twenty-three people perished, and eighty-three were much burnt and bruised^o."

The site of the Black-friers, which was also in St. Martin's parish, became the seat of Sir Peter Warburton one of the justices of the Common Pleas, and descended to his grandson Sir Thomas Stanley^p; it stood on the north side of the west end of Nicholas-street, formerly called Black-friers-lane, where part of an ancient mansion is to be seen with the date 1591; this site still belongs to the Stanley family; the greater part has recently been granted out on building leases: the vaults, spoken of by Mr. Pennant, have been built on and walled up.

The Grey-friers, which stood in the parish of the Holy Trinity, was some time the property and seat of Sir Thomas Smith of Hatherton^q; the ground, which extends some way north of the west end of Water-gate-street, including Stanley-

¹ In the Vale-Royal, p. 190. the steeple of the White-friers is said to have been built in 1496; other annalists say 1495. Harl. MSS. N^o 2125. and Archdeacon Rogers's MS. ^m Harl. MSS.

N^o 2125. ⁿ About 140. ^o Pennant's Wales, vol. i. p. 176. In the 8vo History of Cheshire it is said, that twenty-six persons were killed on the spot, and that six afterwards died of their wounds. ^p Archdeacon Rogers's MSS. ^q Ibid.

place, was formerly called Grey-friers-croft; but it is more probable, that the convent stood on the south side of Water-gate-street, where, in the map of Chester in Braun's "*Civitates Orbis terrarum*," bearing date 1574, a large mansion is represented, which we suppose to be that of Sir Thomas Smith, built on the site of the Grey-friers: there are no remains of this mansion.

With respect to the monastery of St. Michael's in Chester, and the college of the Holy Cross, we know nothing of their foundation, history, or establishment; no records relating to either being extant. The existence of such religious houses is ascertained by their being mentioned in records relating to other monasteries^s. The monastery of St. Michael which was confirmed to the prior and convent of Norton by King Henry III. is supposed to have been in Bridge-street.

Some lands, which now form part of the endowment of Witton school, are said to have belonged to the *monastery* of St. Anne in Chester^t; a manuscript in the Harleian collection speaks of the *church* of St. Anne in Chester, as ruined and not to be found, but adds, that the lands were remaining^u, and the new houses of St. Anne's in the Northgate-street are mentioned as a boundary of the debtors' walks in the reign of Henry VIII.^x All these, no doubt, allude to the hospital of St. Anne, in St. John's church-yard^y: there are no records of any other religious house in Chester dedicated to that saint.

The foundation and establishment of the collegiate church of St. John will be more particularly noticed when we come to speak of that parish.

It appears by the record of Domesday, that in the eleventh century the immediate government of the city of Chester was vested in twelve judges, selected from the vassals of the King, the Earl, and the Bishop, who, as being severally entitled to the penalties paid for various offences, were each interested in the decisions of a court of judicature: the particulars of the fines paid for each offence, and to whom they were payable, are stated in the record. As the criminal laws by which these penalties were regulated appear to have been local, some of the most remarkable will be mentioned in the note^z.

^s See Bishop Tanner. ^t Harl. MSS. 2176. f. 97. ^u Ibid. 2125. f. 267. ^x See p. 301, note (p).

^y It appears that the hospital of St. Anne had certain messuages in Northgate-street as above mentioned. See a rental of that hospital, Harl. MSS. N^o 2159. f. 112.

^z The fine for bloodshed on certain holidays, which are specified, was 20s. and on other days 10s.; for murder in a house, the forfeiture of lands and goods, and the party to be deemed an out-law; for manslaughter on those days 4l., on other days 40s.; unchastity in a widow, 20s.; in an unmarried woman 10s.; for a rape, if committed in a house, for robbery or insurrection, 40s.; the making false measure, 4s.; making bad ale, the punishment of the tumbrel, or a fine of 4s. In case of a fire, the person in whose house it broke out was subject to a fine, besides a payment of 2s. to his next-door neighbour.

Randal, the first Earl of Chester of that name, who died in 1128, granted to the citizens the privilege of an exclusive trade, except at the two fairs; and this privilege was confirmed by the succeeding Earls. The chief citizens had established themselves into a gild mercatorial, of which the principal officer was called a mayor, as early as the year 1242. King Edward I., by his charter bearing date 1300, granted the city to the citizens in fee-farm, subject to an annual rent of 100*l.*; and the better to enable them to raise that sum, gave them certain waste places to build on. This charter, among other privileges, empowered the mayor and bailiffs to hold common pleas of the crown; the charter of Edward the Black Prince granted some valuable privileges, and appropriated the North-gate as a prison for the city^a. King Henry VII. in the first year of his reign, remitted for ever to the citizens of Chester the sum of 80*l. per ann.* being parcel of their fee-farm rent; the remaining 20*l.* is still paid. The same monarch, by his charter of the year 1506, made the city of Chester a county of itself, and incorporated the citizens by the name and style of the Mayor and Citizens of Chester, the body corporate to consist of a mayor, recorder, two sheriffs, twenty-four aldermen (including the mayor and recorder) and forty common-council men, to be chosen by the commonalty of the said city; the election of officers to be yearly, on the Friday after St. Dennis's-day; the sheriffs to be chosen, one by the majority of the mayor, aldermen, and sheriffs then present, the other by the citizens at large; the mayor to be chosen by the mayor, aldermen, and sheriffs, out of two persons (not having served the office of sheriff for three years), who should be nominated by the citizens and commonalty. This charter also granted various privileges to the mayor and corporation, among which was the jurisdiction of the river Dee, from Iron-bridge to Arnold's-eye (now called the Red-stones), near Hoyle lake. King James the First, in the first year of his reign, granted to the mayor and citizens of Chester for ever the privilege of all wines brought into the port of Chester, or any of the creeks thereof; it had been before leased to Robert Singleton for thirty years^b.

On the 17th of September, 1659, the charter of the city of Chester was taken away, and the corporation dissolved by a vote of Parliament, which on the 17th of the ensuing February was declared null and void^c. In 1664 King Charles II.

^a It appears by the inquisition spoken of in p. 571, that in the preceding reign it was a prison belonging to the Earl of Chester. ^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2003. f. 746. ^c Mercurius Politicus, March 1, 1660.

confirmed the charter of Henry VII. with all the privileges belonging to the city, but declared, that no recorder or town-clerk should be elected or appointed, without being previously approved by the crown. In the same reign, the King having seized the franchises of the city into his own hands, granted the citizens a new charter in the year 168 $\frac{4}{7}$, with very ample privileges, accompanied with a grant of the hospitals of St. John and St. Giles, but reserving to the crown the power of removing, at pleasure, by order and under seal of the privy-council, any or all of the corporate officers; which power appears to have been exercised by King James, who displaced the mayor, recorder, and some other members of the corporation. This monarch at the eve of the Revolution^d restored all the rights and privileges of the corporation, which had been granted to them by King Henry VII., and confirmed by Queen Elizabeth.

The present mode of electing the officers of the corporation varies very little from that prescribed by the charter of Henry VII.; the principal difference is, that the first sheriff is nominated by the newly-elected mayor: the recorder is chosen by the mayor, aldermen, and common-council, as are the town-clerks and the inferior officers of the corporation. A question has frequently been agitated, whether the aldermen should be elected, as they now are, by the corporation; or by the citizens at large, pursuant to the charter of King Henry VII. This controversy appears to have arisen as early as the year 1572, when the citizens made an unsuccessful attempt to recover the right of election as described in King Henry's charter, continual usage having even then been in favour of the other mode^e, under a bye-law made in the year 1518. In 1693, the right of election by the citizens at large was again brought forwards, and Roger Whitley, who was then mayor (in which office he continued three years), being favourable to it, this mode of election was consented to by the corporation, and continued till 1698, when at a general assembly the old mode of election was confirmed^f. In the year 1732, a *quo warranto* was brought by certain of the citizens to try this long contested right; the cause was heard in 1735, before Mr. Justice Verney, when the corporation pleaded ancient custom and their bye-laws, and proved successful. In 1784 a similar proceeding took place, on which occasion the corporation grounded their right on the second charter of King Charles II., and gained their cause at the Shrewsbury assizes; but it was after-

^d His charter bears date the 26th of October, in the 4th year of his reign.
corporation in the Town-clerk's office.

^e Records of the

^f Ibid.

wards determined by the House of Lords, that this charter of Charles II. having been only partially acted upon by the corporation for two or three years immediately after it was granted, could not be considered as accepted. The corporation, however, relying as it seems, on the validity of their bye-laws and the ancient custom, which had been confirmed in 1735, have continued to elect their own members, and the matter has not been since called in question.

Two of the common-council of this corporation are by the mayor annually appointed leave-lookers. In ancient times, before the name or office of mayor existed in this city, the leave-lookers are supposed to have been its chief officers. Their office now is to inspect the markets, to see that the customs and duties belonging to the corporation are duly paid, and that no strangers exercise their trade within the limits of the city. Another ancient office is that of the murengers, whose duty it is to receive the murage duties, and superintend their expenditure in the repair of the walls: two murengers, generally the two senior aldermen, are annually appointed by the mayor and other city magistrates. Two of the aldermen also are annually appointed coroners and treasurers: these offices are generally held together by the two aldermen next in rotation to serve the office of mayor.

By very ancient usage^e confirmed by the charter of King Henry VII. the mayor has a crown-mote and a port-mote^h, that is, the right of holding courts for the trial of all criminals except traitors, and the determination of civil actions. These courts are held before the mayor, assisted by the recorder, who passes sentence of death, and respites at his pleasure. Another court, denominated the Pentice-court, supposed to have been more ancient than the others, although the first roll now preserved bears date a few years laterⁱ, is held before the sheriffs, and has cognizance by plaint of all personal actions to any amount; but its jurisdiction does not extend on the river Dee: suits from this court are removable to the portmote-court by order of the mayor or petition of the suitors. There is also a court called the Passage-court, for trial of causes brought to issue in the Pentice-court, and anciently, trials for petty assaults and misdemeanours were had in it, but these have been long disused. Sessions of the peace for the city have been held ever since the year 1347.

^e A roll of these courts is preserved for the year 1277, and it appears that they had then been held from time immemorial. ^h In this portmote-court recoveries for assurances of land are suffered by immemorial usage by plaint, without writ; and fines are levied on writs of covenant from the court of exchequer at Chester, by virtue of an act of parliament, 43 Elizabeth. The jurisdiction of these courts extends throughout the city and its liberties, and on the river Dee within high-water mark, (to the Red-stones, formerly called Arnold's-eye), near Hoyle-lake, including Hilbree island.

ⁱ A^o. 1282.

An ancient building called the Pentice, situated at the junction of the North and East-gate-streets, called in some old charters the *Appentice*¹, was formerly the place in which the sheriffs' courts were held, and banquets given to such royal and noble guests as honoured the city with their presence. The north side of this building, which had been erected in 1498^k, was taken down about the year 1780 for the purpose of widening the south end of Northgate-street, and in 1805 the remainder of this ancient edifice was taken down for the purpose of a similar improvement in East-gate-street. The sheriffs' court, with its records and the offices belonging to it, have been removed to the exchange, a part of which has been commodiously fitted up for that purpose. The exchange was built at the close of the seventeenth century^l, for the purpose of holding the mayor's courts, public meetings of the corporation, and transacting various city business; a handsome room, thirty-nine feet by twenty-six and a half, is appropriated for the corporation entertainments, assemblies, &c. In the court-room are portraits of several persons of the families of Grosvenor, Bunbury, Egerton, Cholmondeley, and others, who have been recorders, or otherwise connected with the city. In the room where the special sessions and corporate meetings are held, is a whole length portrait of his present Majesty in his robes, given to the corporation by Earl Grosvenor in 1808. Before the building of the exchange the corporation held their common hall in St. Nicholas's chapel, which was fitted up for that purpose in the year 1545^m, having been purchased by the corporation, and held under the dean and chapter. At an earlier period the common-hall of the city was in the lane which is still called Common-hall-lane: this building afterwards became the property of the Smiths' and Cutlers' company, whose hall it was for some time; after which it was occupied as a conventicle: the present proprietor, a carpenter, of the name of Golding, has recently (in 1806) fitted it up as a dwelling-house. A very commodious gaol for the use of the city was built near the Water-gate, in the year 1807; the old gaol at the North-gate was taken down in the year 1808.

¹ *Appentitium* is defined in the glossaries to be a smaller building annexed to a larger one: the name probably was given to this building as descriptive of its situation with respect to St. Peter's church.

^k King's Vale Royal, part ii. p. 190.

^l It was begun in 1695, and finished in 1698. On the 14th of October in the latter year, an order was made for removing the place of election of the mayor and other officers, the courts of crown-mote, port-mote, and the general quarter-sessions, from the ancient common-hall, then decayed and unfit for use, to the new common-hall lately built in the North-gate-street. The site of the chapel of St. Nicholas is now occupied by a theatre.

^m King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 196.

There have been in Chester, from a very early period, certain gilds or incorporated companies, (now twenty-five in number,^a) for the regulation of trade; twenty-one of which are governed by aldermen and stewards, three by masters and wardens, and one by wardens only; these governors are chosen annually at various times of the year at the companies' meetings. These companies have from time immemorial done homage to the mayor, by their governors walking before him with banners, annually to St. Oswald's church. This ceremony was formerly observed with great pageantry^o on Midsummer-day, which, since the Restoration, has been changed to the 29th of May.

^a The number has formerly somewhat varied.

^o "The watch, or show, on Midsummer-eve, instituted in 1497^{*}, or in 1498[†], appears to have been composed of processions of the different companies attended by various pageants and devices. Among the Harleian MSS. ‡, is an agreement between Sir Lawrence Smith, mayor of Chester §, and two artists, "for the annual painting of the city's four giants; one unicorn, one dromedarye, one luce, one camel, one asse, one dragon, six hobby-horses, and sixteen naked boys."

In 1599, Henry Hardware being mayor, "caused the giants in the Midsummer-show not to go; the devil in his feathers not to ride for the butchers, but a boy as the others, and the cuppes, and cannes, and dragon, and naked boy, to be put away; but caused a man in complete armour to go before the showe in their stead ||."

The next mayor restored all the old pageants, most of which continued till the final abolition of the show.

" Payments for the Show, 1628.

" To four men that carried the two beasts	- - - - -	4s. 8d.
To the five men that held the boys that ridd	- - - - -	2s. 6d.
For painting the beasts and hobby-horses	- - - - -	43s. 0."

During the government of the puritans, all shows and pageants were of course suspended, and the giants and hobby-horses all fell a prey to the worms and the moths. In 1657, it was determined to revive, "the ancient and laudable custom of the Midsummer-show ¶, by the late obstructive times much injured," and an estimate was then made for a set of new pageants, a copy of which, as here subjoined, is among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum.

" Estimate of new-making the city mount, called the Mayor's Mount, as anciently it was, and for hiring of bayes for the same, and men to carry it - - - - - 3l. 6s. 8d.

For making a-new the marchant mount, as aunciently it was, with a shippe to turne, hyring of bayes, and five men to carry it - - - - - 4l. — —

" For

* Harl. MSS. No. 2125

† King's Vale-Royal part ii. p. 160.

‡ No. 1968.

§ He was mayor in 1558, 1563, and 1570.

|| Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

¶ Harl. MSS. No. 2150.

the date was procured from the Corporation Records.

The following account of other shows and pastimes, which were annually exhibited by the various companies, under the superintendance of the corporation, appears to have been drawn up by a son of the Rev. Robert Rogers, archdeacon of Chester, who died in 1595^u; it contains many curious particulars which have never been published, respecting these ancient customs long since abolished, and of the races on the Rood-eye, which are to this day continued.

* The manuscript referred to, is the property of William Nicholls Esq. of Chester, and is entitled, "Certayne collections of anchiante times concerninge the anchant and famous cittie of Chester, collected by that Reverend man of God, Mr. Robert Rogers, bachelior of divinitie, archdeacon of Chester, parfons of Goofeworth, and preband in the cathedral of Chester; being but in scatered notes, and by his son reduced into these chapters following."

" For finding all the materials, with the workmanship of the four great giants, all to be made new, as neer as may be, like as they were before, at 5 <i>l.</i> a giant, the least that can be, in all	20 <i>l.</i> — —
For four men to carry them	20 <i>s.</i> —
For making a-new the elephant and castell, and Cupitt to look out of it, and two men to carry it	56 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>
For making a-new the four beafts for the leave-lookers, called the unicorn, the antelop, the flower de luce, and the camell, at 33 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> a-piece	6 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>
For eight men to carry them	— 16 <i>s.</i> —
For four hobby-horses, at 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> a-piece, and four boys to carry them	— 26 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>
For the two hance-staves, (hand-staves probably,) for the boys that ride for the sheriffs	6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>
For six garlands for Mr. Maior's halberts, 23 <i>s.</i> and 4 <i>d.</i> a-peece, and for Mr. Sheriff's at 20 <i>d.</i> a-peece.	
For balls, for the Maior and Sheriffs burches	— 10 <i>s.</i> —
For the making new the dragon 5 <i>s.</i> , and for six naked boys to beat at it	— 6 <i>s.</i> —
For the morris-dancers, and tabrett, and pipe	— 20 <i>s.</i> — ²
The whole expence amounted to 45 <i>l.</i> 9 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> , part of which was paid by the mayor, part by the sheriffs, and part by the leave-lookers. (Harl. MSS. N ^o 2150.—374.)	

In 1666 it was ordered that all who were of the common-council, of what company soever they were, should accompany the leave lookers from the bars, all the time of the show, according to ancient custom, upon pain of forfeiting 10*s.* a-piece, and that all others who were members of any company should attend their company decently, upon pain of forfeiting 5*s.* a-peice. In 1670, it was ordered, that the show usually held at Midsummer, should be observed on Whit-Tuesday, (as the most convenient time), and that any person making default, without a reasonable excuse to be allowed by the mayor, should pay 5*s.*, and that every company failing to put forth their boy and horse, should pay 5*l.* to the city. In the year 1678 this ancient custom was finally abolished, by an order of the corporation; the companies nevertheless still attend the mayor in procession, on the 29th of May, to St. Oswald's church.

“ *Of the laudable Exercises yearly used within the Cittie of Chester.*”

Mem. “ That whereas the companie and corporation of shoemakers within the cittie of Chester, did yearely, time out of memory of man, upon Tewsday, commonly called Shrove-Tuesday, or otherwise *Goteddesse* day at afternoon, at the cros upon the Roode-Dee, before the mayor of the same cittie, offer unto the Company of Drapers of the same cittie a ball of leather, called a foote-ball, of the value of 3*s.* 4*d.*, or thereabouts: and by reason of greate strife which did arise among the younge persons of the same cittie, (while diverse partes were taken with force and stronge hande to bringe the said ball to one of these three houses, that is to say to the mayor’s house, or any one of the two sheriffs’ houses of the time being); much harme was done, some in the great thronge fallinge into a trance, some having their bodies brused and crushed; some their arms, heades, or legges broken, and some otherwise maimed, or in perill of life; to avoyd the said inconveniences, and also to torne and converte the saide homage to a better use; it was thought good by the mayor of the saide cittie, and the rest of the common-council, to exchange of the said foote-ball as followeth: that in place thereof, there be offered by the shoemakers to the drapers, six gleaves^x of silver, the which gleaves they appoynted to be rewards unto such men as would come, and the same day and place, passe and overrunne on foote all others; and the said gleaves were presently delivered according to the runninge of every one; and this exchange was made in the time when Henry Gee was mayor of Chester^y, A. D. 1539, and in the thirty-firste yeare of Kinge Henry the Eighth.”

“ Alfoe,

^x An obsolete word for a hand-dart.

^y The following is a copy of the order for the above-mentioned change, extracted from “ The Orders and Acts of Assembly, of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of Chester, in the Town-clerk’s Office.

10 Jan. 3 Hen. VIII. Henry Gee Mayor.

After reciting the ancient use of archery and shooting in the long-bow, for the honour and defence of the realm, and that the same is much decayed, and other unlawful games more in use, “ Ordered by the mayor, aldermen, and common-council, with the consent of the whole occupation of drapers, sadlers, and shoemakers, that the said occupation of shoemakers, (which always have, time out of mind, given and delivered yearly, on Shrove-Tuesday in the afternoon, unto the drapers, before the mayor, at the cros on the Roodee, one ball of leather, called a foot-ball, of the value of 3*s.* 4*d.*, or above, to play at from thence to the common-hall of the said city, and further at the pleasure of the evil-disposed persons; whereof hath arisen great inconveniences), shall give and deliver yearly to the said drapers, before the mayor at the said time and place, six silver gleaves, each of the value of 27*d.*, or above, to be disposed of at the pleasure of the said mayor and

“ Alfoe, whereas the companie and occupation of the fadlers within the cittie of Chester did yearely by custome, time out of memorie of man, the same day, hour, and place, before the mayor, offer upon a truncheon, staffe, or speare, a certain homage to the drapers of the cittie of Chester, called the fadler’s ball, profitable for few uses or purposes, as it was, beinge a ball of filke of the bigness of a bowle, was torned into a silver bell, weighing about two ozs., as is supposed, of silver: the which faide silver bell was ordayned to be the rewarde for that horse, which with speedy runninge, then should rune before all others, and there presently should be given the daye and place. This alteration was made the same time, and by the same mayor, like as the shoemakers foote-ball was before exchanged into fixe silver gleaves.

“ Alfoe, whereas of an anchant custom, whereof man’s memorie nowe livinge cannot remember the original and beginninge, the same daye, hower, and place, before the mayor, for the time beinge, every person which is married within the liberties of the faide cittie, dwelling wheresoever without, and all those that dwelle within the faide cittie, for one yeare before; and marye elfewhere, did offer likewise a homage to the said companie of drapers before the mayor, a ball of filke, of the like bigness of a bowle; the same mayor torned the same balls into silver arrowes, the which arrowes they tooke order should be given to those which did shoote the longest shoote, with divers kinds of arrowes: this exchange was made as before is mentioned of the shoemakers’ foote-ball, and the fadlers’ ball.

drapers, to him that shall win a foot-race before them, that or any other day; and that the fadlers, (who have time out of mind given and delivered yearly, at the same time and place, every maker of them, unto the drapers, before the mayor, one painted ball of wood, with flowers and arms, upon the point of a spear, being goodly arrayed upon horseback accordingly), shall henceforth give and deliver to the said drapers, before the mayor, at the same time and place upon horseback, a ball of silver, to the value of 3s. 4d., to be disposed of at the discretion of the mayor and drapers, to him that shall get the horse-race on that day; and that every man that hath been married in the said city, since Shrove-Tuesday, then last past, shall then and there also deliver to the said drapers before the mayor, an arrow of silver, to the value of 5s. or above, instead of such ball of filk and velvet, which such married men ought then to have given and delivered by the ancient custom of the said city (used time out of mind), which silver arrow shall be disposed of by the mayor and drapers, for the preferment of the said feat and exercise of shooting in the long-bow, for avoiding the said inconveniences, any use or prescription to the contrary notwithstanding: and also, the said drapers and their successors, shall keep yearly their recreation and drinking, as they have used to do, time out of mind, and that the shoemakers and fadlers, and persons hereafter to be married, shall observe this order, upon pain of 10*l.* for every offence, *toties quoties*, to be forfeited to the drapers according to ancient custom.”

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“ In which exchanges there appeared greate wisdom, anchent and sage fenators, whoe had great studye and regarde to torne the foresaide thinges unto foe profitable uses and exercises: so that there is three of the most cominendable exercises and practises of war-like feates, as running of men on foote, runninge of horses, and shootinge of the broade arrowe, the flighte, and the butt-shafte, in the long bowe, are yearly there used; which is done in very few (if in any) citties of England, foe farr as I understand.”

“ *Of the Sherriffes’ Breakefaste.*”

“ There is an anchant custome in this cittie of Chester, the memory of man now livinge not knowinge the original^a, that upon Monday in Easter-weeke, yearly, commonly called Black Monday^a, the two sheriffes of the cittie doe shoote for a breakfaste of calves-heades and bacon, comonly called the sheriffes’ breakfaste^b, the maner beinge thus: the daye before the drum fowndeth through the cittie with a proclamation for all gentelmen, yeomen, and good fellowes, that will come with their bowes and arrowes to take parte with one sherriff or the other, and upon Monday-morning, on the Rode-dee, the mayor, shreeves, aldermen, and any other gentelmen, that wol be there, the one sherife chosing one, and the other sherife chosing another, and foe of the archers; then one sherife shoteth, and the other sherife he shoteth to *shode* him, beinge at length some twelve score: foe all the archers on one side to shote till it be *shode*, and foe till three shutes be wonne, and then all the winers’ side goe up together firste with arrowes in their handes, and all the loofers with bowes in their hands together, to the common-hall of the cittie, where the mayor, aldermen, and gentlemen, and the reste take parte together of the faide breakfaste in loving manner; this is yearly done, it beinge a comendable exercise, a good recreation, and a lovinge assemblie.”

^a By some MS. annals, quoted in another part of archdeacon Rogers’s book, it appears to have been begun in 1511.

^b So called from remarkably dark and inclement weather, which happened on an Easter Monday, when King Edward the Third lay with his army before Paris, and proved fatal to many of his troops. See How’s Chronicle.

^c In the year 1640, the sheriffs gave a piece of plate to be run for, instead of the calves-head breakfast. In 1674 a resolution was entered in the corporation Journals, that the calves-head feast was held by ancient custome and usage, and was not to be at the pleasure of the sheriffs and leave-lookers. In the month of March 1676-7, the sheriffs and leave-lookers were fined 10*l.* for not keeping the calves-head feast. The sheriffs of late years have given an annual *dinner*, but not on any fixed day.

“ *Of St. George’s Race, of late time invented, and when alter’d.*”

“ In A. D. 1609^c, Mr. William Lester^d, mercer, beinge mayor of Chester, one Mr. Robert Amerye, ironmonger, sometime sherife of Chester, (A. D. 1608,) he, with the assente of the mayor and cittie, at his own coste chiefly, as I conceive, caused three silver cupps of good value to be made, the whiche saide silver cuppes were, upon St. George’s daye, for ever to be thus disposed: all gentlemen that woulde bringe their horses to the Rood-dee that daye, and there rune, that horse which with spede did over-rune the reste, shoulde have the beste cuppe there presently delivered, and that horse which came seconde, nexte the firste, before the reste, had the second cuppe there also delivered: and for the third cuppe it was to be rune for at the ringe, by any gentleman that woulde rune for the same, upon the said Rood-dee, and upon St. George’s daye; being thus decreed, that every horse putt in soe much money as made the value of the cupps or bells^e, and had the money, which horses did winne the same, and the use of the cupps, till that daye twelve month, being in bond to deliver in the cupps that daye; soe also for the cuppe for the ringe, which was yearely continued accordingly untill the yeare of our Lord 1623; John Brereton, inn-holder, being mayor of Chester, he altered the same after this manner, and caused the three cupps to be fould, and caused more money to be gathered and added, soe that the intereste thereof woulde make one faire silver cuppe, of the value of 8 *l.*, as I suppose, it maye be more worth^f, and the race to be altered, *viz.* from beyondè the New-tower a great distance, and soe to rune five times from that place rownd about the Rood-dee, and he that overcame all the rest the last course, to have the cuppe freely for ever, then and there delivered, which is continued to this daye. But here I must not omitt the charge, and the solemnitie made, the first St. George’s-daye; he had a poet, one Mr. Davies, whoe made speeches and poeticale verses, which were delivered at the high-crosse, before the mayor and aldermen, with shewes of his

^c In Mr. Amerye’s own account, it says 1610. See the next page.

^d Leicester.

^e Among the corporation records are some old articles of a race for two bells, and likewise for a cup to be run for at the ring: the bell appears to have been first given as a prize at the horse-races at Chester in 1512, see p. 586. From this custom of running for a bell as a prize, arose, it is probable, the proverb, “to bear the bell.”

^f In the year 1629 the companies contributed to St. George’s Race, to make up a sum of money; in 1640 the sheriffs gave a piece of plate of 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* value, to be run for on Easter-Tuesday, in lieu of the sheriffs’ breakfast. Corporation Records, and Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

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invention^s, which booke was imprinted and presented to that famous Prince Henry, eldest sonne to the blessed King James, of famous memorie. Alfoe, he caused a man to goe upon the spire of St. Peter's-steeple in Chester, and by the fane, at the same time he sowned a drum, and displayed a baner upon the top

^s The following description of this show, written, as it appears, by Mr. Amorye himself, is copied from some Cheshire Collections, among the Harleian MSS. N^o 2150. f. 356. It appears, that instead of three cups, as stated by Mr. Rogers, the prizes that year were two bells and one cup.

"The maner of the showe, that is, if God spare life and health, shall be seene by all the beholders upon St. George's day next, being the 23d of April 1610, and the same with more addytions to continue, being for the Kyng's crowne and dignitie, and the homage to the Kyng and Prynce, with that noble victor St. George, to be continued for ever.—God save the Kyng."

"Item. Two men in greene liveries, set with worke upon their other habet, with blacke beare, and blacke beards, very ugly to behoulde, and garlands upon their heads, with fir-works to scatter abroad, to maintaine way for the rest of the showe.

It. One on horsebacke, with the buckler and head-peece of St. George, and three men to guide him, with a drum before him, for the honor of Englande.

It. One on horsebacke, calld Fame, with a trumpet in his hand, and three men to guide him, and he to make an oration, with his habit in pompe.

It. One call'd Mercury, to descend from above in a cloude; his wings, and all other matters, in pompe, and heavenly musicke with him; and after bis oration spoken, to ryde on horsebacke, with his musicke before hym.

It. One called Chester, with an oration, and drums before him, his habit in pompe.

It. One on horsebacke, with the Kyng's armes upon a shield, in pompe.

It. One on horsebacke, conteening the Kinge's crowne and dignity, with an oration, in pompe.

It. One on horseback, with a *bell*, dedicated to the Kyng, being double-gilt, with the Kyng's armes upon it, carried upon a septer, in pompe, and before him a noise of trumpets, in pompe.

It. One on horseback with an oration for the Prynce, in pompe.

It. One on horseback with the bell, dedicated to the Prynce, his armes upon it, in pompe, and to be carried on a septer, and before the bell, a noyse of trumpets.

It. One on horseback with the cup for St. George, carried upon a septer, in pompe.

It. One on horseback with an oration for St. George, in pompe.

It. St. George himselfe on horseback, in complete armor, with his flag and buckler, in pompe, and before him a noyse of drums.

It. One on horseback, called Peace, with an oration, in pompe.

It. One on horseback, calld Plentye, with an oration, in pompe.

It. One on horseback, calld Envy, with an oration, whom Love will comfort, in pompe.

It. One on horseback, calld Love, with an oration to maintaine all, in pompe."

"It. The maior, and his brethren, at the pentes of this citye with ther best apparell, and in scarlet; and all the orations to be made before him, and seene at the high-crosse, as they passe to the Roodye, wher by Gent. shall be runne for by thirr horses; for the two bells on a double staffe, and the

top of the same spire. And this was the original of St. George's-race, with the change thereof, as it is now used.

“ Also the said Mr. Robert Amorye caused the jacks, or boyes, which strike quarterly at St. Peter's at High-crosse, to be made and erected in A. D. 16 . . .^h.”

“ *Nowe of the Playes of Chester, called the Whitfun Playes.*”

“ These playes were the worke of one Randall Higden, a monke in Chester-abbeyeⁱ, whoe in a good devotion translated the Bible into several partes and playes,

cup to be runne for at the ryng in the same place by Gent. and with a greater mater of the shoue by armes, and shott, and with more than I can recyte, with a banket after in the Pentis to make welcome the Gent.; and when all is done, then judge what you have seene, and so speak on your mynd, as you fynd—the

Actor for the presente,”

“ Robert Amorye.”

“ Amor is love, and Amorye is his name,
That did begin this pompe and princelye game;
The charge is great to him that all begun,
Who now is satisfied to see all so well done.”

Notwithstanding Mr. Amorye had entertained the citizens so well in 1610, it was ordered in 1612, “that the sports and recreations used on St. George's day, should in future be done by the direction of the mayor and citizens, and not of any private person.” — Corporation Records.

^h The date is not perfect in the MS.; it was 1612.

ⁱ In the following proclamation among the Harleian MSS., these plays are attributed to Sir Henry Francis, a monk of St. Werburgh; but a marginal note in another hand, asserts that they were written by Randal Higden, to whom they are generally ascribed. It is probable, that Sir Henry Francis only procured the pardons mentioned in the proclamation. It is said in a note prefixed to a copy of these plays in the British Museum, Harl. MSS. N^o 2124., that Higden was thrice at Rome before he could obtain leave of the pope, to have them represented in the English tongue.

“ The proclamation for Whitfun playes, made by William Newall, clerk of the Pentice, 24 Hen. VIII., William Snead, second time mayor.”

“ Forasmuch as of ould tyme, not only for the augmentation and increase of the Holy Catholic Faith of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and to exhort the minds of common people to good devotion, and holfome doctrine thereof, but also for the comonwelth and prosperity of this city, a play and declaration of divers storyes of the Bible, beginning with the creation and fall of Lucifer, and ending with the general judgment of the world, to be declared and played in the Whitfun weeke, was devised and made by one Sir Henry Francis, sometyme monke of this monasterye dissolved, who obtayned and gat of Clement the bushop of Rome a thousand dayes of pardon, and of the bushop of Cheiter, at that tyme, forty dayes of pardon, graunted from thenceforth to every person resortinge in peaceable manner with good devotion, to heare and see the sayd playes, from tyme to tyme, as oft as they

playes, foe as the comon people might learne the fame by their playinge; and also by action in their fighte, and the first time they were acted, or played, was in the time of Sir John Arnewaye, about the firste yeare of his maroltie, aboute A. D. 1328; we must judge this monke had no evil intention, but secreet devotion therein, foe alsoe the ciizens, that did acte and practise the fame, to their great coste. Here I must show the maner of the performinge of these anchent playes, (which was) all those companies and occupations, which were joyned together to acte, or performe their severall partes, had pagents, which was a building of a great height, with a lower and higher rowme, beinge all open, and set upon fower wheels, and drawne from place to place, where they played. The firste place where they begane, was at the abbeye gates, where the monks and churche mighte have the first fighte; and then it was drawne to the high crosse before the mayor and aldermen, and foe from streete to streete, and when one pagent was ended another came in the place thereof, till all that were appoynted for the daye was ended; thus of the maner of the playes, all beinge at the citizens' charge, yet profitable for them; for all, both far and near, came to see them."

"Now follow what occupations bring forth at their charges the playes of Chester, and on what dayes they are played yearly. These playes were sett forth, when they were played upon Mondaye, Tuesdaye, and Wenfedaye in the Whitfun weke."

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| 1. | "The Barkers and Tanners | bringe forth | The falling of Lucifer. |
| 2. | Drapers and Hofiers | - - - | The Creation of the World. |
| 3. | Drawers of Dec, and Water-leaders | - - - | Noe and his Shippe. |
| 4. | Barbers, Wax-chandlers, and Leeches | - - - | Abraham and Ifacke. |

they shall be played within the sayd cittie (and that every person or persons disturbing the said playes, in any maner-wise, to be accursed by the authority of the sayd pope Clement's bulls, untill such tyme as he or they bee absolved thereof); which playes were devised to the honor of God, by John Arnway, then maior of this citty of Chester, his brethren, and whole cominalty thereof, to be brought forth, declared, and played, at the coste and charges of the craftsmen and occupations of the said cittie, hitherto have, from tyme to tyme, used and performed the same accordingly: wherefore Mr. Maior, in the King's name, streatly chargeth, that every person and persons, of what estate, degree, or condition foe-ever, he or they be, resortynge to the sayd playes, do use themselves peaceable, without making any assault, affray, or other disturbance, whereby the same playes shall be disturbed, and that no manor of person or persons, whosoever he or they be, do use, or weare any unlawful weapons within the precinct of the sayd citty, duringe the tyme of the sayd playes, (not only upon payne of cursing by the authority of the sayd pope Clement's bulls, but also) upon payne of imprifonment of their bodyes, and making fine to the Kyng at Mr. Maior's pleasure."

5. Cappers, Wire-drawers, and Pinners, bring forth King Balak, and Balam, with Mofes.
 6. Wrights, Slaters, Tylers, Daubers, }
and Thatchers - - - - - } - - - The Nativity of our Lcrd.
 7. Paynters, Brotherers, and Glaziers - - - The Sheppards'-Offering.
 8. Vintners and Merchants - - - King Herod and the Mounte Victorial.
 9. Mercers and Spifers - - - The Three Kings of Coline.
- “ These Nine Pagents above-written, be played on the Firſte Daye.”

1. Gouldſmiths and Maſons - bring forth The ſlayinge of the Children by Herod.
 2. Smithes, Forbers, and Pewterers - - - Purification of our Ladye.
 3. Bouchers - - - - - The Pinackle with the Woman of Canaan.
 4. Glovers and Parchment-makers - - - The ariſinge of Lazarus from death to life.
 5. Corvefers and Shoemakers - - - The coming of Chriſte to Jeruſalem.
 6. Bakers and Millners - - - Chriſte's Maundy, with his Diſciples.
 7. Boyers, Fletchers, Stringers,
Cowpers and Torners - } - - - The ſcourginge of Chriſte.
 8. Ironmongers, and Ropers - - - The crucifeinge of Chriſte.
 9. Cookes, Tapſters, Hoſlers, and
Inn-keepers - - - } - - - The harrowinge of Hell.
- “ Theſe Nine Pagentes above-written, be played upon the Second Daye, being Tueſdaye in Whitſon Weke.”

1. Skynners, Cardmakers, Hatters, }
Poynters and Girdlers } bring forth The Reſurrection.
 2. Saddlers and Fuſters - - - The Caſtell of Emmaus, and the Apoſtles.
 3. The Taylors - - - - - Aſcenſion of Chriſte.
 4. Fiſhmongers - - - - - Whitſonday—the making of the Crede.
 5. Shermen - - - - - Profetts afore the Day of Dome.
 6. Hewſters and Bell-founders - - - Antechriſte.
 7. Weavers and Walkers - - - Domeſday.”
- “ Theſe Seven Pagents above-written, were played upon the Thirde Daye, beinge Wenſedaye in Whitſon Weke.”

“ Theſe Whitſun playes were played in AD. 1574, Sir John Savage Knight beinge mayor of Cheſter, which was the laſte time they were played, and we may praiſe God, and praye that we ſee not the like profanation of Holy Scripture; but O the mercie of God for the time of our ignorance: God, he regards it not, as well in every man's particular as alſo in general cauſes.”

Theſe plays, abounding with popiſh ſuperſtitions, were ſeldom performed after the reformation: they were brought forward in 1560, 1566, 1567^k, and in 1571; the laſt-mentioned year an inhibition was ſent from the archbiſhop of York to

^k Archdeacon Rogers's MS. and Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

suppress them, but it came too late. In 1574, Sir John Savage being mayor, the corporation, “ to the great dislike of many, as is said^b, because the plague was then in the city, ordered the Whitfun plays to be set forth and played in such orderly manner and sort as had been accustomed, and with such correction and amendment as should be thought convenient by the said mayor, and the charge thereof to be borne by the inhabitants of the city, as had been before used^c.” By such corrections, which it is probable were nothing more than an omission of such passages as were most obnoxious to the reformed church, it seems they expected to conciliate the archbishop; but the matter was nevertheless further prosecuted both against Sir John Savage, Mr. Hankey, who had been mayor in 1571, and several of the citizens who had performed in the plays^d; and Mr. Rogers, who wrote about the year 1623, positively asserts that they were never afterwards repeated. There is a MS. copy of these Whitfun plays extant in the British museum, written by George Bellin, with a prologue, or, as it is called, “ a Banes, reade before the beginning of the playes of Chester, June 14th, 1600.” This circumstance has led Mr. Pennant to assert, that the Chester plays were acted in the year 1600, but as it is impossible that Mr. Rogers could have been ignorant of a fact which is in direct contradiction to his assertion, it is much more probable that the date refers merely to the transcribing of the plays^e, and that the alterations alluded to in the prologue were then made by order of the corporation in 1574. A copy of the prologue, with specimens of some of the dramas from the MSS. in the British museum, will be found in the note^f.

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^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

^c Corporation records.

^d See King's Vale Royal, p. 88.

^e The date of 1600 appears at the end of almost every play, thus, “ *Finis Deo gratias, per me George Bellin, 1600,*” it may be observed that the 14th of June never happened in the Whitfun week, when the plays were always acted, it is probable, therefore, that the date of June 14, which occurs but once in the MS. merely relates to the day on which Bellin began his transcript. It may be further observed, that the many Chester annalists who have all recorded the abolition of the Whitfun plays in 1574, would scarcely have omitted to notice their revival, if they had been revived in 1600.

^f “ The banes which are reade beefore the beginnige of the playes of Chester.”—14 June, 1600.

“ Reverende lordes and ladyes all

That at this time here assembled bee,

By this messauge understand you shall

That sometymes there was mayor of this citie

Sir John Arnwaye knighte, who most worthilye

Contented hymfelse to sett out in playe

The devise of one Done Rondall moonke of Chester Abbey.

This moonke, moonke-like, in scriptures well seene

Besides the Whitfun plays, both sacred and profane dramas appear to have been occasionally performed by the citizens of Chester. The "Assumption of our Lady,"

In storyes travilled with the best forte,
 In pagentes set fourth apparently to all eyne
 The old and new testament with lively comforth,
 Interminlinge therewith only to make sporte,
 Som things not warranted by any writt;
 Which to glad the hearers he woulde men to take yt.
 This matter he abbrevited into playes twenty-foure,
 And every play of the matter gave but a taste;
 Leaving for better learninge the circumstance to accomplishe,
 For all his proceedinges maye appeare to be in haste.
 Yet all together unprofitable, his labours he did not waste;
 For at this day and ever he deserveth the fame
 Which all monkes deserves professinge that name.
 These storyes of the testamente at this time you knowe,
 In a comon Englishe tongue never read nor harde;
 Yet thereof in thes pagentes to make open shewe,
 This moonke and moonke was nothing asfcrayde,
 With feare of hanginge, brenninge or cuttinge off heade,
 To fet out that all maye differne and see,
 And parte good be lefte beleve you mee.
 As in this citie divers yeares the have bene sete out,
 Soe at this tyme of Penticofte, called Whitfontyde,
 Although to all the citie follow labour and coste,
 Yet God giving leave, that tyme shall you in playe,
 For three dayes together, begynnyng on Mondaye,
 See these pagentes played to the best of their skill;
 Where to supple all wantes, shall be noe wante of goodwill
 As all that shall see them shall most welcome be,
 Soe all that here them wee most humblie praye
 Not to compare this matter or storie
 With the age or tyme wherein we presently stay;
 But in the tyme of ignorance wherein we did straye;
 Then doe I compare that this lande throughout,
 Non had the like, nor the like dose sett oute.
 If the same belikeinge to the comens* all,
 Then our desier is to satisfie, for that is all our gaine;
 Yf noe matter or shewe thereof speciall
 Doe not please, but mislike the most of the trayne;
 Goe backe I faye to the first tyme againe;

* See Orig. in another copy it is commons.

Lady," was played before Lord Strange at the High-crofs in 1488^z, and Prince Arthur, at the Abbey-gate, in the month of Auguft 1498^h; it was

^s Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

^h King's Vale-Royal, p. 190.

again

Then fhall you fynde the fyne witt at this day aboundinge,
 At that day and that age had verye fmall beinge.
 Condepne not our matter where groffe wordes you here,
 Which ymporte at this daye fmall fence or underftandynge,
 As fome tyme *poſſie lewtie*, in good manner or in feare,
 With fuch like will be uttered in their ſpeeches ſpeakinge,
 At this tyme thoſe ſpeeches carried good likinge,
 Tho at this tyme, you take them ſpoken at that tyme,
 As well matter as wordes, then all is well and fyne.
 This worthy knighte Arnwaye then mayor of this cittie,
 This order toke, as declare to you I fhall,
 That by twenty-fower occupations, artes, craftes or miſteries,
 Theſe pagentes ſhould be played after briefe rehearfall;
 For every pagente a cariage to be provided withall:
 In which fort we purpoſe this Whitfontyde,
 Our pageants into three partes to devyde.
 Now you worſhipful Tanners that of cuſtom old,
 The fall of Lucifer did ſet out, &c. &c.
 ————— therefore be bould
 Luſtely to play the fame to all the rowtte;
 And yf any therof ſtande in any doubtte,
 Your author his author hath your ſhewe let be,
 Good ſpeech, fyne players, with apparell comelye," &c.

The following ſhort extracts will ſerve as a ſpecimen; (a few lines here and there are purpoſely omitted.)

“ From “ NOE and his SHIPPE.”

“ Then Noe ſhall goe into the arke with all his familye his wife except, the arke muſt be borded rounde aboute and upon the bordes all the beaſtes and fowles hereafter rehearſed muſt be painted that there wordes may agree with the pictures.”

NOE.

“ Wife come in, why ſtandes thou there
 Thou arte ever frowarde I dare well ſweare.”

NOE'S Wiffe.

“ Yea fir, ſet up your ſayle
 And row forth with cvill haile,
 For withouten faile I will not out
 Out of this towne;

again played in 1515, together with the "Shepherd's Play" in St. John's church-yardⁱ. In 1529, the play of "Robert Cicell^k," was performed at the High-crofs :

ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

^k Ibid. This was the play of Robert King of Sicily, or as he was called Robert le Diable, from the French Morality. See Pennant's Wales.

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But I have my goffippes every eich one,
 One foote further I will not gone;
 The shall not drowne by St. John,
 And I maye save there life;
 But thou wylt let them into that cheift,
 Elfe rowe forth Noe where thou list,
 And get thee a new wife."

The good Goffipps.

" The flood comes flitting in full fast;
 One every syde that spreadeth full farr;
 For feare of drowning I ame agaste,
 Good goffippes let us drawe neere;
 And let us drinke or we departe,
 For oft-tymes we have done foe,
 For at a draught thou drinks a quarte,
 And foe will I doe or I goe;
 Here is a pottell full of Malmefeye gode and stronge,
 Yt will rejoyce both hart and tonge;
 Though Noe thinke us never so longe,
 Yet we will drinke alike."

JAPHAT.

" Mother we pray you all together,
 For we are here your owne children;
 Come into the shipp for feare of the weather."

NOE'S Wiffe.

" That will I not for all your call,
 But I have my goffipes all."

SEM.

" In fayth mother yet thou shalt
 Whether thou wylt or not."

NOE.

" Welcome wife into this boat."

WIFE.

on the Sunday after Midsummer-day 1563¹, the "History of Æneas and Queen Dido" was played on the Rood-eye, fet out by one William Crofton, gentleman,

¹ King's Vale-Royal, 194. In Harl. MSS. N^o 2125., it is 1564.

and

WIFE.

"Have thou that for thy note
(*et dat alapam* *.)

NOE.

"Ha! ha! marye, this is hott,
It is good for to be still;
A! children methinkes my boate remeves,
Our taryng here highly me greeves;
Over the lande the water spreades,
God doe as he will."

Extract from "KING BALACK AND BALAAM," with the prologue.

"Cappers and lynnendrapers, see that you fourth bring
In well decked order, that worthy storee
Of Balaam and his affe and of Balacke the kinge;
Make the affe to speake and fet yt out livelye."

ASINA.

"Master thou doest evill sickerly,
Soe good an affe as me to nye;
Nowe thou halt beaten me here thrye,
That bare thee thus aboute."

BALAAM.

"Burnell, why begylest thou me
When I have most nede of thee."

ASINA.

"That fighte that before me I see,
Maketh me downe to lowte:
Am not I, master, thyne own affe
To beare thee whether thou wilte passe,
And many winters ready was,
To smyte me it is shame.
Thou wottest well, master, pardye
Thou hadest never non lyke to me,
Ney never yet soe served I thee,
Now ame I not to blame."

* She gives him a box on the ear.

and one Mr. Man, Master of Arts, “on which triumph there was made two forts and shipping on the water, besides many horsemen well armed and appointed.” In 1577, the “Shepherds’ Play” was performed before the Earl of Derby at the High-crofs, and other triumphs on the Rood-eye°. In 1589 a play was performed at the High-crofs, called the story of “Kinge Ebranke with all his sonnes”.

^a King’s Vale-Royal 199. ^o Archdeacon Rogers’s MS. ^p Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.
Ebrank was one of the early British kings, whose history, if they ever existed, is much involved in fable. Ebrank is said to have had twenty-one wives, and fifty-nine children, of whom twenty were sons; his sons are said to have invaded and subdued Germany. Ebrank is said to have built York and Edinburgh. See Holinshed.

From “THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.”

“Then God taketh Adam by the hand and causeth him to lye downe and taketh a rybb out of his side & sayth —”, &c. &c.

“Then God doth make the woman of the ribb of Adam; then Adam wakinge speaketh unto God as followeth.

ADAM.

“I see well Lorde through thy grace,
Bone of my bone thou here make,
And fleshe of my fleshe she hafe;
And my shape through thy sawe,
Wherefore she shall be called, I wyffe,
Virago, nothing amisse,
For out of man taken she is,
And to man shall she drawe.”

“Then Adam and Eve shall stande naked and shall not be asnamed*;—then the serpent shall come up out of a hole and the divill walking shall say,

“That of woman is forbidden to doo,
For any thinge they will there too;
Therefore that tree she shall come to,
And assaye what yt is:
A manner of an edder is in this place,
That winges like a bird she hafe,
Fete as an edder, a mayden’s face,
Her kinde I will take:
And of the tree of paradise
She shall eate through my contyse;
For women they be full licorise,
That will not she forfake.”

There are two copies of these Whitfun plays in the British museum, Harl. MSS. N^o 2013 and 2124.

* In one of the copies the minstrels are afterwards directed to play whilst Adam and Eve are adjusting their sig-leaves.

St. George's races at Chester, which as it appears may be traced as far back as the year 1512¹, are still held in the week within which St. George's-day O. S. happens; on that day the city or St. George's plate is run² for, being now a purse of 65*l.*: a purse of one hundred guineas is given by the Earl of Chester; a purse of 65*l.* by Earl Grosvenor, and one of the same value by the city members.

Among the ancient pastimes sanctioned by the corporation of Chester, was one not mentioned by Mr. Rogers, but properly enough omitted among those which he has termed "laudable," that of bull-baiting, a cruel, and in all places a dangerous amusement; but more particularly so in the centre of a populous city. Mr. Hardware, the active and spirited magistrate before-mentioned, not only caused this ancient but mischievous practice to be discontinued in his mayoralty (1599), but with a view to its total suppression, ordered the bull-ring to be taken up. It does not appear that he succeeded in his good intentions beyond his own year of office, and it was not till the year 1754, in the mayoralty of Dr. William Cowper, that the corporation withdrew their sanction, by absenting themselves from this cruel diversion. An ineffectual attempt having been made to abolish it altogether in the mayoralty of Mr. Brodhurst, it continued till the year 1803, when it was suppressed under the powers of an act of parliament then passed³.

The following curious extracts from "the orders and acts of assembly of the mayor, aldermen, and common-council," show that in former times the authority of that worshipful body was not confined to those matters only with which it is now conversant, but was exercised also on various other occasions; not only respecting the morals and decorous behaviour of the inhabitants in general, but even, in some instances, regulating the dresses of the fair sex.

"21 Nov. 3 Hen. VIII. (1512) Henry Gee, mayor.—For avoiding of idleness, all children of six years old or upwards, shall on week days be set to school, or some virtuous labour, whereby they may hereafter get an honest living, and on Sundays and holydays they shall resort to their parish churches, and there abide during the time of divine service, and in the afternoon all the said male children shall be exercised in shooting with bows and arrows for pins and points only, and that their parents furnish them with bows and arrows, pins and points, for that purpose, according to the statute lately made for maintenance of shooting in long bows and artillery, being the ancient defence of the kingdom."

¹ See p. 586. ² It was an act to amend a former act for lighting and cleansing the streets of Chester, and for preventing nuisances and annoyances in the streets, rows, and passages of the said city, and for other purposes.

" 12 May,

“ 12 May, 32 Hen. VIII. (1540), Henry Gee, mayor.—Whereas all the taverns and alehouses of this city be used to be kept by young women otherwise than is used in any other place of this realme, whereat all strangers greatly marvel and think it inconvenient, whereby great slander and dishonest report of this city hath and doth run abroad: in avoiding whereof as also to eschew such great occasions of wantonness, brawls, frays, and other inconveniences as thereby doth and may arise among youth and light-disposed persons, as also damages to their masters, owners of the taverns and alehouses, ordered, that after the 9th of June next, there shall be no tavern or alehouse kept in the said city by any woman between fourteen and forty years of age, under pain of 40*l.* forfeiture for him or her that kepeth any such servant.”

“ In 1581 (23 Eliz. Oct. 26.) there was an order that no wife, widow, or maid, should keep any tavern, ale or beer-cellar in Chester.”

“ May 12, 32 Henry VIII. Henry Gee, mayor.—Whereas great expence and superfluous charge hath been and doth grow by reason of costly dish-meals and drinks, brought unto women lying in childbed, and by them likewise to the other recompenced at their churchings, whereby such as are of mean substance strain themselves to more charge than they can well sustain; order'd, that henceforth no such dish-meals nor wines be brought to women in childbed, or at churchings; and that no women (except the midwife, mother, sisters and sisters-in-law of the woman church'd) shall go into the house of her that is church'd, but bring her to the door and so depart, on pain of 6*s.* 8*d.* upon the owner of the house, and 3*s.* 4*d.* upon every person offending *toties quoties.*”

“ 32 Hen. VIII. Henry Gee, mayor.—To distinguish the head-dresses of married women from unmarried; no unmarried woman to wear white or other coloured caps; and no woman to wear any hat unless when she rides or goes abroad into the country, (except sick or aged persons,) on pain of 3*s.* 4*d.*”

“ 3 and 4 Ph. and Mar. John Webster, mayor.—The breakfasts used on Christmas-day to be laid aside, that men may apply themselves to religious duties.”

“ 3 and 4 Ph. and Mar.—Ale to be no more than a penny a quart, and *it* to be full.”—“ All mummings and disguises to be left off at Christmas time.”

“ 20th Oct. 13 Jac. (1616), Thomas Thorpe, mayor.—No players to be allowed to act in the common-hall^u, and further, that for avoyding several incon-

^u Yet we find that in 1567, Richard Dutton being then mayor, is said “ to have kepte a very worthy howse for all comers duringe all the tyme of Christmas with a lorde of mis-rule and other pastymes,” of which mummings were generally a principal part. Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

^v The site of what was then the common-hall is now that of the theatre; the remarkable change of hours it will be unnecessary to make any observation upon.

veniences, ordered that they shall not act in any place within the liberties of the city *after six in the evening*.

“ In 1606 there was a controversy about the right of carrying the city sword with the point upwards in the cathedral, which had been resisted by one of the prebendaries; it was terminated in favour of the corporation, the charter of King Henry VII. having granted them the privilege of having their sword carried with the point upwards upon all occasions, and in all places, except in the royal presence.

“ In 1619 it was determined, by Segar, Garter, and St. George, Norroy king of arms, (and is recorded in the Corporation Journals,) that Mr. Gamull being an alderman and justice of peace in the city, had right of precedence over Mr. Roger Hurlestone, a young gentleman commorant within the same.”

It appears that in the reign of Queen Elizabeth there was a custom (then called an ancient one) for the aldermen and justices, sheriffs and leave-lookers, to meet every Sunday in the Inner Pentice to have a *shot* or a drinking, and every man to spend a penny. In 1657 the mayor sat every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, for the administration of justice.

Chester, having been, as before-mentioned, the metropolis of a little sovereignty, did not send burgesses to parliament till some time after the privileges of the county-palatine had been abridged. In the year 1541 an act of parliament passed, by which it was provided, that from the end of the then session the county palatine should have two knights, and the city two burgesses, to represent them in all future parliaments. The right of election is in the mayor, aldermen, and council-men, whether commorant in the city or elsewhere, and the rest of the freemen who have been resident therein for one year immediately preceding the election. At a contested election in 1690, the number of voters who polled was somewhat more than 900: they are now about 1300.

In the reign of Henry VIII. Chester was by act of parliament made one of the sanctuaries for term of life for all persons guilty of minor offences, but in consequence of a petition from some of the principal inhabitants, Stafford was substituted in its stead*. The privilege of sanctuary was wholly abolished in the reign of James I.

In the reign of Edward the Confessor there were 431 houses in Chester which paid tax to the king, and fifty-six others which paid tax to the bishop; but it is by no means certain that these numbers included the whole population of the city, as there might have been houses exempt from paying taxes either to the king or bishop. It appears from the survey, that when Hugh

* See more particulars, p. 301, 302.

Lupus received the city of Chester from the hands of William the Conqueror, its value was much diminished from what it had been in the reign of King Edward, 205 houses out of 431, which had formerly paid taxes, being then in ruins, none having been re-built when the survey was taken. We have no intermediate accounts of the population of Chester till the year 1774, when the inhabitants of Chester having been numbered under the superintendance of Dr. Haygarth of Bath, then resident in this city, they were found to be 14,713. Dr. Haygarth, in his observations on the population and diseases of Chester in that year, has shewn, that it was in a very extraordinary degree more healthy than most other large towns and cities^y, and that during a period of ten years preceding, the proportion of deaths had been only one in forty, and within the walls, exclusively of the suburbs, only one in fifty-eight. It appears by the returns made under the act for ascertaining the population of the kingdom in 1801, that there were then 3194 houses in Chester, of which 3109 were inhabited, and that the total number of inhabitants was 15,152, of which 6492 were males and 8560 females.

The sweating-sickness and the plague, those dreadful scourges of the human race in the days of our ancestors, appear to have been more than usually destructive in this city. In 1507 ninety-one householders are said to have died in three days of the sweating-sickness, of which only four were widows^z: in 1517 there was so great a plague in Chester that the grass is said to have grown in the streets a foot high^a: the sweating-sickness was again fatal in 1550^b. The plague continued in Chester from September 1602 till the month of February 1605; it was very fatal during the years 1603 and 1604: six hundred and fifty persons died in the former year, nine hundred and eighty-six in the latter; at one period about fifty-five died weekly: during this dreadful visitation the fairs were not held, the court of exchequer was kept at Tarvin, the assizes at Nantwich.

^y It appears by a table at the end of these observations, that the proportion of deaths in London is 1 in 20 $\frac{3}{4}$; in Edinburgh 1 in 20 $\frac{1}{2}$; in Dublin 1 in 22; in Liverpool 1 in 27 $\frac{1}{2}$; and in Manchester 1 in 28. Dr. Haygarth attributes the healthiness of Chester to its elevated situation; its being built on a loose rock which quickly absorbs moisture; and its being surrounded by the Dee. He observes also that the air is uncommonly clear, there having been but six foggy, and thirty-two hazy mornings during the four years then preceding; and he considers the opportunities for taking air and exercise, afforded even to invalids by the rows and walls, well adapted to preserve and restore health. Dr. Aikin in his History of the country round Manchester truly observes, "that the small proportion of deaths, when compared with the number of inhabitants at Chester, is in part owing to the much less proportion of the lowest class of poor than that in manufacturing towns."

^z King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 191. The account in the Annals of Chester, Harl. MSS. N^o 2125. is somewhat different, stating that the sweating-sickness in 1506 carried off in one day threescore and eleven householders, of whom only five were women. ^a Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 193.

^b Ibid. p. 197.

Most of the principal citizens fled into the country, but Edward Dutton Esq. the mayor, to his eternal honour, although his own house was infected, and some of his children and servants died, stood to his post, and continued his exertions by removing the sick from those who were not infected, to endeavour to lessen this dreadful calamity, and check its progress: cabbins were made for the poor in the quarries without the walls^c. We have no account of this dreadful malady being particularly destructive at Chester in 1625 or 1665; in the former year we have some intimation that the city was by extraordinary care kept free from infection^d. In 1631 there was no fair held at Chester by reason of the infection in the adjacent country^e. In 1647 the plague was more fatal than at any former period, 1906 persons dying between the 22d of June and the 21st of October^f: in 1661 there was no Michaelmas fair by reason of the infection^g.

Two weekly markets have been held at Chester on Wednesday and Saturday, from time immemorial; they are spoken of in an ancient record among the privileges which the city claimed by prescription. These markets are plentifully supplied with fish, butchers' meat, and other provisions, and they were formerly considerable markets for corn, but of late years little trade has been carried on in that article: the corn market was removed from the East-gate-street to the North-gate-street in the reign of Edward I. In 1655 it was determined, that a horse-market should be kept every Wednesday in North-gate-street, between the gate leading to the corn-market and the Abbey gate^h.

There are three annual fairs at Chester; at Midsummer, Michaelmas, and on the last Thursday in February; the latter called Horn and Hoof fair, is of modern date, having been granted by King Charles II.; it is principally for the sale of horses and cattle: the others are of great antiquity, being recognized as established fairs by the charter of Hugh Lupus earl of Chester, who granted to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh the extraordinary privilege, that no criminals resorting to their fairs at Chester should be arrested for any crime whatever, except such as they might have committed during their stay in this city. The origin of the jurisdiction of the Dutton family over the Cheshire minstrels, already spoken ofⁱ, is attributed to a circumstance which happened at the Midsummer fair in the time of Ranulph de Blundeville, Earl of Chester. It is said, that this earl being besieged by the Welsh in his castle of Rhuddlan, John Lacy, constable of Chester, by the aid of certain minstrels then at the fair, collected together a great number of disorderly people, whom the protection before-mentioned had drawn together from all parts, and sent them under the command of Hugh Dutton his steward

^c Annals of Chester, Harl. MSS. N^o 2125.

^d Ibid.

^e Corporation Records.

^f History of Cheshire, 8vo. 1778. Vol. ii. p. 949.

^g Corporation Records.

^h Corporation Records.

ⁱ See p. 523—527.

to the Earl's relief, which was instantaneously effected; for the Welsh seeing their numbers, and not being aware of their want of arms and discipline, immediately raised the siege. The Earl, in gratitude for his delivery, is said to have granted to the constable the jurisdiction before-mentioned, which was immediately conveyed by him to Hugh Dutton and his heirs. It was customary until the middle of the last century for the minstrels of Cheshire to accompany the lord of Dutton or his steward to St. John's church on Midsummer-day, with music playing, and from thence after divine service to the place where he kept his court; the last procession of minstrels was in 1756^k. The citizens of Chester appear to have possessed a prescriptive right with respect to the two ancient fairs of St. Werburgh and St. John, collateral with that of the abbot and convent. The grant to the convent, of a fair on the festival of St. Werburgh is in Hugh Lupus's charter, and confirmed by a charter of Ranulph de Blundeville^l: after much litigation, the right of holding fairs was adjudged, not long before the Reformation, to be vested in the citizens solely^m. These fairs, which are still continued, are great

^k See p. 527. ^l Ranulph de Blundeville earl of Chester granted permission to the abbot and monks of St. Werburgh to hold their fairs and markets before the Abbey gates. Dugdale's Monast. Vol. i. p. 40. Henry Bradshaw in his Life of St. Werburgh speaks of this as a grant of Hugh Lupus.

“ The erle gave the place many grete freedoms
 Within Cheshire cite whiche ben knownen of olde,
 With singular privileges and auncient customs,
 Saynte Werburghe faire*with profites manyfolde.
 That no marchandise shoulde be bought ne solde
 Enduryng the faire dayes in writyng as we finde,
 But afore the Abbay-gate, to have and to holde.”

Nothing of this appears in Hugh Lupus's charter; only the grant of a fair for three days, with its tolls.

^m It appears that in the reign of Edward IV. the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh claimed tolls at the fair of St. Werburgh for two days and a half; they claimed also to have the fair of St. John held before the gates of the abbey; the mayor and citizens on the contrary contended, that they had a right to expose their merchandize any where within the city. By an agreement then made between the parties, the abbot and convent retained their right to tolls; the citizens were allowed to build booths in the Abbey-green, but not so as to obstruct the passage to the Abbey; and the abbot and convent agreed not to let their houses near the fair whilst the citizens' booths remained unoccupied, but afterwards they were to let them either to citizens or strangers. (Harl. MSS. N^o 2072. f. 28.) Notwithstanding this agreement litigations still continued between the convent and the city, till the year 1513, when an award was made by Sir Charles Booth and others on several matters in dispute between the parties; by this award it was determined, that for the future the abbot should have no longer any interest in the fair of St. Werburgh; their claim as to the fair of St. John the Baptist appears to have been settled by the former agreement: the award of 1 Henry VIII. is copied at length in Randal Holme's collections; (Harl. MSS. N^o 2159. f. 95. &c. &c.) By his answer to a *quo warranto* in the reign of Henry VII. it appears that the abbot then claimed a fair for three days at the festival of St. Werburgh; the privilege of arresting transgressors during the fair, and committing them to his own prison; of trying criminals for felony to be executed at the Earl's gallows, and that no thief should be taken up by the Earl's bailiff, or by the mayor. (Harl. MSS. 2060. p. 81.)

marts for the sale of various sorts of goods, particularly Irish linensⁿ, muslins, and other articles manufactured in Lancashire; woollen cloths from Yorkshire; flannel from Wales and Lancashire; hardware from Sheffield and Birmingham; hops, &c.: on the two first days there is a great sale of horses and other cattle. There is little appearance of business in the principal streets; the shops of most of the tradesmen who resort to the fair being arranged in rows within halls appointed for that purpose. In 1663 the linen-cloth market was ordered to be removed from the East-gate-street, to the rows in Water-gate-street, where it had been anciently held^o; in 1755, the dean and chapter built a linen cloth hall, between the cathedral and North-gate-street: the present Irish linen-hall, situated a little to the north of Water-gate-street, is a spacious brick structure of a quadrangular form, built in the year 1778, at the expence of some of the principal linen merchants; it contains thirty-six double and twenty-four single shops: the old linen-hall above-mentioned is now occupied, during the fairs, by shops for Yorkshire cloths, Scotch manufactures, hardware, &c.: the Manchester hall in East-gate-street, is principally for the manufactures of that populous town: the shops for coarse Welsh linen, flannels, &c. are in the exchange, and there are many temporary shops and standings in the rows for woollen cloths, flannels, muslins, &c. &c. A large commercial hall, called the Union-hall, is now erecting in Fore-gate-street; it is intended principally for Yorkshire woollen cloths and Manchester goods, and is to contain sixty single and ten double shops, besides a covered space large enough for eighty stalls: the building is one hundred and sixty-eight feet long and ninety-two wide. Courts of piepowder are held by the sheriffs at each of the fairs. In 1615 there was a lottery of silver-plate and jewels. at the Talbot,

ⁿ Mr. Pennant informs us, that the linen trade at Chester began in the year 1736, in which year 449,654 yards were imported; he says, that the importation regularly increased till the last year of the then late war, from which time till the date of his Tour in Wales (the preface of which is dated 1778), it continued at a par. He states the annual importation at 1300 boxes and packs, including 300 boxes and packs imported into Liverpool, and sent across the Mersey to Chester; and he calculates the annual importation by the yard at two millions of yards, or one million at each fair. This latter part of the calculation appears to be much under-rated, but the exact quantity cannot be ascertained, as the number of packs and that of boxes are not distinguished. In 1786, when the trade appears to have been at its greatest height, there were 1684 packs and 788 boxes brought into the port of Chester, exclusively of such linens as had been imported to Liverpool, making about five millions and a half of yards. Since this time the linen trade at Chester has been on the decline; in 1796 only 582 packs and 808 boxes were imported into Chester, and in 1806 only 327 packs and 936 boxes. The quantity of bye-goods, which are linens imported at Liverpool, or such as have been previously purchased at Chester and conveyed back again for sale, from Manchester and other places, have considerably increased since the date of Mr. Pennant's Tour, and may be averaged at about 60 packs and 740 boxes each year, which will make the whole quantity of linen now brought into Chester annually for sale about three millions and a half of yards.

^o Corporation Records.

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near the East-gate, at the Midsummer fair; "the box was kept by sheriff Holme, and every day brought thither by a trumpet, and the mottoes delivered by the sheriff's son^o." It appears that at an early period William Wistaston held the manor of Wistaston, and lands in Rope, Willaston, &c. by the service of finding a man and horse to keep the fairs at Chester twice a year, according to the custom of the fairs^o. A glove is hung out at St. Peter's church fourteen days before the commencement of each fair, and till its conclusion, being twenty-nine days, during which time non-freemen are allowed to trade within the city, but little business is transacted before the commencement of the fairs. It is not improbable, that the glove might allude originally to what was considered as the staple trade of the city; in corroboration of which it may be observed, that at the Midsummer show a glove was formerly delivered by the wet-glovers to the mayor, as a part of their homage, and to this day it is not unusual for the glovers to present the mayor with a pair of gloves on his election.

From its situation on the estuary of the Dee, Chester has always been a seaport of some consequence. It has been supposed, that in the time of the Saxons horses and slaves were among the chief articles of exportation from this county, and that the prisoners taken in their frequent skirmishes with their neighbours the Welsh, furnished its inhabitants with the chief supply for the latter^t. It appears by the Domesday survey, that martin-skins formed one of the chief articles of commerce about the time of the conquest. Cheese, for which this county has been celebrated from time immemorial, was one of the principal exports many centuries ago, and wine appears to have been in the twelfth century^s, as till of late years it continued to be, the most considerable foreign import. Among the chief imports of the present day, are linen in considerable quantities from Ireland^u, skins from

^o Harl. MSS. N^o 2125. ^t Woodnoth's Collections, f. 237. b. There is no date to the record, but it appears to have been in or about the reign of Edward I. ^s See Pennant's Tour in Wales, Vol. i. p. 133, 134, where a description of the sale of slaves at Bristol is quoted from Malmesbury's Life of Bishop Wulfstan.

^u Lucian, a monk, who lived in that century, speaks of their having wine in plenty and profusion at Chester, from the copious vintages of foreign countries. See Camden. Henry Bradshaw, in his Life of St. Werburgh, speaking of Chester, says,

" There is great merchandise, shyps, and wynes strong,
With all thyngs of pleasure the citezens among."

^v Irish linen and skins were among the principal articles of importation about the year 1430, as appears by the following extract from a poem published in Hakluyt, Vol. i. p. 199.

" Irish wooll, and linen cloth, faldinge,
And martens good be her merchandie,
Hertes hides and other of venerie,
Skins of otter, squirrel, and Irish hare,
Of sheep, lambe and foxe is her chaffare,
Felles of kiddes and conies great plentie."

Leghorn,

Leghorn, timber, hemp, and flax: the principal exports are lead, lead-ore, and coals: oak-bark was formerly a considerable article of exportation, principally to Ireland. The trade of Chester, injured by its vicinity to the flourishing port of Liverpool, and by the impediments^u which, notwithstanding all that has been done, still exist in the channel of the Dee, has been gradually declining, and the duties now amount to scarcely more than one-fifth of what they produced twenty years ago^x. The Custom-house at Chester was built in 1633; the present quay was constructed in the year 1768^y.

Ship-building has been carried on at Chester for many centuries, but not to so great an extent as of late years; there are now more ships built here than at Liverpool, they being in great estimation among the merchants at that and other principal sea-ports of England and Scotland, as particularly well founded, and in the mariner's phrase, *sea-worthy*. The Swan sloop, built about the year 1740, is the only ship of war built at this port.

^u See an account of the improvements of the river Dee, p. 418, 419, and of the Chester Canals and others communicating with it, p. 423. ^x The comparative state of the trade of Chester for the last thirty years may be seen from the following Table.

TRADE OF CHESTER.	1776.	1786.	1796.	1806.		
Coasting Vessels entered inwards	208	241	206	149	} considered foreign.	
D ^o d ^o outwards	619	454	402	350		
Ireland inwards	140	48	32	195		
D ^o outwards	104	103	51	329		
America inwards	2					
D ^o outwards	5	2				
Isle of Man, and other foreign parts, outwards.	3	13	1	9		
D ^o inwards	4	23	15	1		
Exported to foreign Parts,						} belonging to this port.
Chaldrons of Coals	2877	2616	272	16519		
Tons of Lead	1184	1410	160	11		
— Ore	168	245				
— Bark	18	370	695	16		
Exported coastways,						
Tons of Lead	2813	1058	1163	2200		
— Ore	431	309	376	490		
Number of Ships in foreign trade	22	8	6	13		
— coasting trade	13	25	17	14		
Amount of duties or murage *	£159 19 8	£293	£122 0 10	£61 4 9		

* A small duty paid by all merchandize imported into Chester, for the purpose of keeping the walls in repair.

The manufacture of gloves was formerly carried on in this city to a great extent. Mr. Pennant speaks of it as the only manufacture, and they were considered as the staple commodity of the place: but this trade has much declined, and there are now not more than two or three hundred persons, mostly women, employed in it. The tanners and skinners still carry on a considerable trade, but not so extensive as formerly².

There was formerly a very extensive manufacture of tobacco-pipes at Chester, established nearly two centuries ago; the pipes were esteemed the best in Europe, and about thirty years ago, were exported in great quantities to foreign countries; pipes of a peculiar sort, called hog-pipes, being shorter than those in common use, were made for the Guinea trade: the home trade now only remains, and that in a diminished state: the clay now used in this manufacture is procured from Devonshire. The editors of the *Magna Britannia*, published in 1720, speak of the trade of Chester, as having been much augmented by the industry and ingenuity of a colony of Dutch, who had then lately settled there. We cannot find any trace of such a circumstance, nor do any Dutch names appear in the parochial records of that period. It is not improbable that the Palatines were meant, for it appears that many of those distressed foreigners who sought a refuge in England in the year 1709 remained in this kingdom, and some of them are known to have resided at Chester, in St. John's parish. The most considerable manufactures of the present day, besides those already mentioned, are tobacco, snuff, needles, white lead, iron, and patent shot.

The Dee mills, situated near the bridge in the parish of St. Mary, belong to Edward Ommany Wrench Esq., and are let, chiefly for the purpose of grinding flour, to several tenants: they were in great part burnt down on the 27th of September 1789, and rebuilt upon a larger scale. These mills, which belonged formerly to the Earl of Chester and produced a considerable revenue, are of great antiquity; they were existing in 1119, and some of them were rebuilt by John Scot Earl of Chester, who died in 1237³. In the year 1284 they were leased by King Edward I. for twelve years, at the high rent of 200*l. per ann.*⁴ to Richard

² See p. 606. Queen Elizabeth granted a licence to Arthur Beliano, to export from Chester 6000 dickers of leather of calves-skins, annually for seven years; King James I. granted a licence to James Maxwell Esq., to export 18,000 annually for twenty-one years.—Harl. MSS. No. 2004, f. 735.

³ Harl. MSS. N^o 2003. f. 43.

⁴ Equal to 600*l. per ann.* of our present

money.

the Engineer^c: the Black Prince granted them for life to Sir Howell y Fwyall, in reward for his bravery at the battle of Poictiers, where he took the French King prisoner^d: King Edward VI. granted the Dee-mills with the fishery at Chester, in exchange for estates in Lincolnshire, to Sir Richard Cotton, of whose family they were purchased in 1587, subject to a reserved rent of 100*l.* *per ann.* by Thomas Gamul Esq., father of Sir Francis Gamul Bart. In 1646 it was ordered by parliament that the Dee-mills, (erroneously described as having been then lately held under the crown by Francis Gamul a delinquent,) and the causey, being a great annoyance and obstruction to the trade of the city, should be taken down and destroyed within four months^e; that within a year, new water-courses should be made for other mills to be erected upon the Rood-eye, or some other lands belonging to the corporation, employing the materials of the old mills and the causey; the profits of the new mills, over and above the fee-farm-rent and other outgoings, to be for the use and benefit of the city^f. This order appears never to have been carried into execution. In 1652 it was again in contemplation to pull down the Dee-mills, and to destroy the dam across the river, for the purpose of making a harbour^g. The Dee-mills were inherited by Sir Francis Gamul's five co-heiresses, the husband of one of whom having purchased two of the other shares, three-fifths passed by inheritance and devise to the Slaws of Eltham in Kent, of whom they were purchased in 1742 by Mr. Edward Wrench, uncle of the present owner; who is now possessed of the whole of this valuable property; another share of which was purchased of the representatives of Sydney Gamul in 1753, by the late Mr. Wrench, and the remaining share, which had undergone several alienations, by E. O. Wrench Esq., the present proprietor, in 1808. The reserved rent was purchased of the assignees of the Cotton family in 1776.

It appears by the record of Domesday, that in the reign of Edward the Confessor there were seven mint-masters in Chester, who, when their mints were worked, paid 7*l.* to the King, over and above the accustomed rent. In the reign of King William III. Chester was one of the six cities in which mints were erected

^c *Ingeniatori Nostro*. Writ of Inquiry to ascertain the damages done to the mills by inundations, which damages were to be allowed out of the rent. Richard Lewgenor, *alias* Ingeniator, probably the lessee of the mills, was mayor of Chester in 1305. King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 169.

^d Pennant's Wales, Vol. i. p. 157.

^e Some such measure as this (at least as far as relates to the causey), had been in contemplation in 1608, and was then resisted by the Gamul family: the matter was referred to the privy-council, and by them to the judges, who decreed that the causey should remain. — Vale-Royal.

^f Corporation Records.

^g Several proceedings of Parliament, March 1652.

for recoining the silver of the kingdom ^h. By an act of Parliament passed in the year 1700 the goldsmiths of this city were incorporated into a company, who were to elect an assayer for the purpose of assaying all wrought plate of gold or silver.

The city of Chester, still surrounded by its ancient walls ⁱ, is divided into four principal streets, called Eastgate-street, Northgate-street, Bridge-street, and Watergate-street. The carriage road in these streets is on a level with the underground warehouses: over these are open galleries, called *rows*, for the accommodation of foot-passengers, which occupy the space between the front of the tradesmen's shops and the street; the upper rooms of the houses project over the rows, so as to be even with the warehouses beneath. The general appearance of these rows is as if the first stories in front of all the houses had been laid open, and made to communicate with each other, pillars only being left for the support of the superstructure: the foot passengers appear from the street as if they were walking along within the houses, up one pair of stairs. At the intersections of the streets there are flights of steps leading to the opposite rows. Some of the rows are so wide that the proprietors of the houses place stalls between the footway and the street, which they let out advantageously to other tradesmen, particularly during the fairs. Mr. Pennant thinks that he discerns in these rows the form of the ancient vestibules attached to the houses of the Romans who once possessed this city: many vestiges of their edifices have certainly been discovered at Chester, as we have already noticed ^k, but there seems to be little resemblance between the Chester rows, and the vestibules of the Romans, whose houses were constructed only of one story. Some have attributed the origin of the rows to the period when Chester was liable to frequent attacks from the Welsh, which induced the inhabitants to build their houses in this form, that when the enemy should at any time have forced an entrance, they might avoid the danger of the horsemen, and annoy their assailants as they passed through the streets ^l.

Elthelred and Ethelfleda, Earl and Countess of Mercia, are said to have re-built the walls of Chester about the year 608, and to have enlarged their circuit to double their former extent; but the fact of their enlargement is reasonably doubted by Mr. Pennant; their form being so entirely Roman, and Roman antiquities having been found every where within their circuit, seeming to

^h See the act of 12 & 13 William III. whose walls still remain entire; those of Conway are the most so, since the recent demolition of a great part of the walls of Carlisle. part ii. p. 20. & Harl. MSS. N^o 1989.

ⁱ There is no other city or town in the kingdom

^k See p. 428—431.

^l King's Vale-Royal,

denote clearly that they occupy the same site as those of the Roman town. The walls were repaired and strongly fortified by the Norman Earls; we first read of murage duties being granted to the citizens for their repair in 1307^m: by these duties the walls have been ever since kept in repair, under the management of certain officers, called murengers, chosen by the corporation as before-mentioned. The walls are somewhat more than a mile and three-quarters in circumference; on the top is a paved walk of sufficient width for two persons to walk a-breast, which in its circuit affords a great variety of pleasing prospects, in which the river Dee, Beeston-castle and rock, Broxton and Peckforton hills, and those of Flintshire and Denbighshire, with the castle and church of Hawarden, are prominent features.

There are four principal gates in the walls of Chester, besides posterns; the North-gate, East-gate, Bridge-gate, and Water-gate: all these, except the North-gateⁿ, of which the citizens had the charge^o, were kept by persons who held by serjeanty under the Earls of Chester, and were entitled to certain tolls, which are specified in an inquisition, taken in the year 1321^p. The custody of the gates, with the tolls payable at each, have at several times been purchased by the corporation. The custody of the Bridge-gate^q, with the serjeanty of Bridge-street, and the custody of the garden of the castle at Chester, belonged, in the reign of Edward III. to the Raby family^r, from whom they passed by co-heiresses to the Norris's of Speke in Lancashire and the Troutbecks; the moiety, which belonged to the Norris family was purchased by the corporation of Sir William Norris in 1624; the other moiety was purchased of the Earl of Shrewsbury, as representative of the Troutbecks in 1660, when a suite of rooms (still vested in the Shrewsbury family), was reserved to the use of the Earl and his heirs, in a house near the bridge, now belonging to John Cotgreave Esq. In an inquisition (20 Jac. I.) Sir William Troutbeck is said to have held the serjeanty of the Bridge-gate, and the custody of the castle-garden, by reason of his possessing the manors of Little-Neston and Hargrave, but it does not appear that the tenures were connected at an early period, or that the

^m King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 169. ⁿ The North-gate, which was taken down in 1808, is now re-building after a design of Mr. Harrison's, of the Doric order, at the expence of Earl Grosvenor.

^o See p. 571.

^p Entered in the Black-book of Chester, among the muniments of the corporation.

^q The inquisition of 1321 states that the keeper of this gate was bound to find locks and keys for the Bridge-gate, and the neighbouring postern, called Ship-gate, and a man to watch and open and shut the said gates.

^r Esch. 23 Edw. III. and 43 Edw. III., in the castle at Chester.

Rabys, from whom Sir William Troutbeck claimed, ever possessed those manors. Philip de Raby, in the reign of Edward III., together with the custody of the Bridge-gate, had that of the Earl's garden at the castle, for which service he was entitled to the fruit of a certain tree, called a "Restyng-tree," and to the fruit of the other trees in the garden, after the first shaking; and he was to furnish the Earl's household from the said garden, with colewort from Michaelmas to Lent, and with leeks during Lent. The old Bridge-gate had two round towers, on the westernmost of which was an octagonal tower, built^u for the purpose of the water-works; the gate and towers were taken down in the years 1780 and 1781; the gate was rebuilt in 1782.

The serjeanty of the East-gate, with the buildings and houses above and within, was given by King Edward I. to Henry Bradford, in exchange for the manor of Bradford in Delamere^v: it was afterwards in the Truffells, from whom it descended to the Veres Earls of Oxford, and passed to Sir Christopher Hatton, and the Crewes with Brewer's-Hall and other estates, which had belonged to the Bradfords and Truffells. The keeper of this gate was bound by his serjeanty to find a crannock and a bushell for measuring the salt brought in. The weights and measures of the city are still inspected by the serjeant of the East-gate. Sir Randal Crewe appears to have been in treaty with the city, about purchasing the tolls of the East-gate^w, but the business was not finally settled till 1662, when John Crewe Esq. released his right in these tolls to the corporation, in consideration of a rent-charge of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* on the Rood-eye: he reserved the custody of the gate, and the adjoining shops and buildings, with the appointment of the bailiff, or serjeant of the gate, and stipulated that his own cattle, carts, horses, &c. and those of his heirs, should be toll-free^x. The appointment of the serjeant is now vested in his descendant, Lord Crewe. On the site of the East-gate is an arch, built at the expence of Richard Lord Grosvenor^y.

^u Escheats in the castle at Chester, 24 Edw. III.

^v It appears to have been a part of the plan of the engineer of the water-works in 1583, to construct a circular tower on the Bridge-gate (Harl. MSS. N^o 2093.); but it is most probable the tower was not built till John Tyrer undertook the water-works in 1600, as Webb in his description of Chester (written in 1622), says, "the Bridge-gate has of late been beautified by a seemly water-work of stone, built steeple-wise, by the ingenious industry and charge of a late worthy member of the city, John Tyrer Gent."—Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 17.

^w Harl. MSS. N^o 2057, f. 147.

^x Ibid. N^o 2091. f. 241. b.

^y Corporation Records.

^z The corner-stone was laid in 1767; the centres were struck April 7, 1768. History of Chester, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 644.

The custody of the Water-gate belonged for several generations to the Earls of Derby, of whom it was purchased by the corporation about the year 1778. The ferjeant of this gate is bound to execute the mayor's processses on the river Dee. On the site of this gate a new and spacious arch was erected in 1788, the expence being defrayed out of the murage duties.

The principal postern gates were Cale-yard gate, obtained by the abbot and convent, in the reign of Edward I., as a passage to their kitchen-garden; New-gate, formerly called Woolfield or Woolf-gate (which was repaired and enlarged in 1608), leading to Pepper-street^b, and Ship-gate, leading to the passage over the Dee, still used as a foot-way: the arch of the latter is supposed to be of Roman architecture.

There were formerly several towers on the city-wall, built for the purpose of defence, and for annoying the enemy. The New-Tower, sometimes called the Water-Tower, projecting from the walls towards the Dee, twenty-four feet in height, was built by the citizens in 1322, at the expence of 100*l.*, according to the contract made with John Helpstone the architect. Large iron rings are attached to this tower for the purpose of fastening vessels, which before the harbour was choaked with sands, came up to the walls. A thoroughfare-tower, leading to the water-tower, was anciently called Bonewaldesthorne-tower. The Phoenix-tower, from which King Charles I. was a sad spectator of the defeat of his army on Rowton-heath, takes its name from the crest of the painters-stainers' company placed on the front, with the arms of other companies who held their meetings in the tower: it appears to have been formerly called Newton-tower^c. There are scarcely any remains of the Goblins tower, which was called also Pemberton's-tower; the lower part of it is arched over and fitted up with stone benches. The fadlers'-tower, where the company of fadlers held their meetings, was taken down about the year 1780.

At the interfection of the four principal streets was a cross, called the High-crofs^d, taken down in the year 1646^e, after the city had fallen into the hands of the parliamentary army; the ancient fonts in all the churches were at the same time destroyed.

^b This gate has been sometimes called Pepper-gate, as in the Chester proverb, "When the daughter is stolen, shut Pepper-gate," said to have originated from the circumstance of the daughter of a mayor of Chester having made her escape with her lover through this gate.

^c Rogers's MSS.

^d From a sketch of it in the Harleian Collection of MSS. No. 2073, it appears to have been a clumsy erection, of the age of King James I.

^e Harl. MSS. No. 2125.

The bridge over the Dee consists of seven stone arches : it is an erroneous opinion, that the present structure is of very remote antiquity, it was originally of timber, and we have two records of its total destruction, in consequence of an irruption of the sea in the thirteenth century^c. The south end of the present structure was newly built in the year 1500. The ancient gates, which stood one at each end of the bridge, were taken down in the years 1782 and 1784.

The black friers appear to have made an aqueduct for bringing water from Spital-Boughton to Chester, as early as the reign of Edward I^s. These works had gone to decay before the year 1537, when Dr. Wall began to make conduits at Boughton, for the purpose of bringing water to the Bridge-gate in pipes of lead : in 1583 a conduit was begun by the contrivance of an ingenious workman^b for conveying water to the High-cross at the expence of the citizens, to which the Offley family, Mr. Aldersey, and Mr. Withers, are said to have been principal contributors. In or about the year 1600, a new water-work at the bridge was begun by Mr. John Tyrer, for conveying water to most parts of the city : in 1622 Mr. Tyrer procured a grant of the Boughton water-works : in 1692 Tyrer's works having become decayed and ruinous, some new works were begun, but the scheme not answering, other water-works were begun in 1698 ; by these the city is still supplied with water, which is conveyed by six forcing pumps ; the greatest elevation is about twenty yards : the original undertaking was divided into six shares, each of which is now worth about 1700*l.* and produces nearly 80*l. per ann.* Tyrer's tower on the west side of the Bridge-gate, was taken down in the year 1780. An act of Parliament for lighting, paving, and cleansing the streets, rows, and passages in Chester, passed in the year 1761 ; this act was amended and altered, and its powers enlarged by an act passed in 1803.

^c Pons Cestriæ totus cecidit, 1227—Mare erupit, Pontem Cestriæ confregit et asportavit, 1279. See extracts from an ancient chronicle of Chester-abbey in Bishop Gasfrill's Notitia.

^b Bishop Tanner.

^a King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 202, 203.— In 1573, Richard Dutton, then mayor, made an agreement with Peter Morris for making a conduit from St. Giles's-well, at Spital-Boughton to the cross at St. Bride's-church, but this seems not to have taken effect : in 1583 William Styles being mayor, an agreement was made with John Sanderfon, for a conduit from Boughton to the High-cross ; and in 1584 another agreement was made, by Robert Brerewood then mayor, for making a stone house at the High-cross, for the cistern. Harl. MSS. N^o 2093. f. 205, & 207.

The city of Chester is divided into nine parishes and twelve wardsⁱ. The parishes are St. Oswald's, St. John's, St. Peter's, Trinity, St. Bridget's or St. Bride's, St. Michael's, St. Mary's, St. Olave's, and St. Martin's.

The parish of St. Oswald comprises the chapelry of *Brucra*, or Church-on-Heath, and several townships, extending into the hundreds of Broxton, Edisbury, and Wirral, some of them four or five miles from the city, and the little Isle of Hilbree, twenty miles distant, at the mouth of the Dee. That part of the parish of St. Oswald which is within the walls, contained in 1801 seven hundred and twenty-four houses, of which seven hundred and six were occupied, and 3377 inhabitants.

The ancient church of St. Oswald which gave name to the parish, is supposed to have occupied the site of the present church of that name; and it has been conjectured, that at an early period, the abbot and convent, wishing to attach it to the cathedral, built the chapel of St. Nicholas, at a little distance to the south-west, for the parishioners^k. The parish-church of St. Oswald was re-built in the reign of Henry VII., as appears by an agreement between the abbot of Chester and the parishioners of St. Oswald, bearing date 1488, concerning the proportion to be paid by each towards the expences: in this agreement it is called the New-church of St. Oswald, then lately edified at the end of the chapel, called St. Nicholas'-chapel, within the precincts of the monastery of St. Werburgh^l: it appears also by this agreement that the roof, battlements, &c. were to be finished in 1490. After this, the chapel of St. Nicholas having been suffered to go to decay, was, in 1545, sold to the corporation by whom it was repaired and used for some time as their common-hall: it was afterwards fitted up as a theatre.

In St. Oswald's church is the monument of Sir William Gerard, one of the justices of Wales, lord chancellor of Ireland, and recorder of Chester, who died in 1581: memorials for some of the Booth family, particularly Sir John Booth Knt., who died in 1678, and his son George Booth^m Esq. who died in 1719; the Farringtons
of

ⁱ According to a division of wards, which took place in 1533, they were then fifteen in number: viz. East-gate, St. Oswald's, Corn-market, North-gate, St. Thomas, St. Peter, St. Bridget, St. Michael, Beaf-market, St. Mary, St. Olave, St. Giles, St. John, St. Martin, and the Holy Trinity: the three last had two constables each, the others only one. The wards of St. Peter, the Corn-market, and the Beaf-market have been incorporated with some of the others.

^k See King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 39.

^l Harl. MSS. N^o 2103. f. 24.

^m George Booth son of Sir John Booth Knt., and grandson of Sir George Booth Bart. of Dunham-Massey, was many years prothonotary of Chester, and published a well-known law-book, on the
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of Chester, and several mayors and other members of the corporation, among whom may be particularized William Aldersey Esq., who died in 1577, and William Aldersey Esq. 1608, father and grandfather of William Aldersey, who was alderman, and twice mayor of Chester, and compiler of the annals of that city printed in King's Vale-Royal. When Webb wrote his description of Chester in 1622, the mayor and corporation usually attended divine service at St. Oswald's church in the forenoon, on Sundays and other festivals^a: in the afternoon, it appears they went to St. Peter's^o.

The manor of St. Thomas, called St. Thomas's-court, in the city of Chester^p, lying chiefly within the parish of St. Oswald, and formerly belonging to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, is now vested in the dean and chapter: to this manor, the manors of Great-Boughton and Bridge-Trafford pay suit and service, and their constables are elected at the court of the dean and chapter.

The townships of St. Oswald, exclusively of those in the chapelry of *Bruera*, are *Bach*, *Great-Boughton*, *Croughton*, *Huntington*, *Idinshaw*, *Newton*, and *Werwin*.

The township of *Bach*, containing only three houses, lies in the hundred of Broxton, a mile north from Chester. The family of Chauntrell were, for many generations, settled at Bach-Hall^q, and possessed of the manor, which before the reformation they held under the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, and afterwards under the dean and chapter^r: in the year 1606, it was purchased of the Chauntrells, by Robert Whitby Gent. From his family it passed, partly by

Nature and Practice of Real Actions, with some records of the county palatine of Chester; he published also a translation of Diodorus Siculus. Mr. Booth died at the age of eighty-four; Elizabeth, an unmarried sister, died in 1734, at the age of ninety six; his daughter, Catherine, who married James Howard Esq., nephew of the Earl of Berkshire, died in 1765, at the age of ninety-three.

^a Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 39.—The sermons at St. Oswald's were then preached by the bishop, dean, and prebendaries, or their substitutes; there was a seat for the corporation, and the bishop sat with the mayor: soon after this, the dean and chapter removed the sermons into the choir, but finding the congregation incommoded for want of room, they erected a new pulpit, and placed some seats at the west-end of the nave. There was a dispute on these and other matters, between the chapter and the corporation. See the case stated, and the opinion of the learned Selden, which was in favour of the corporation, in Harl. MSS. N^o 2103. f. 32, 33.

^o See the account of that parish.

^p St. Thomas's church, or chapel, is now the deanery-house.

^q As early as the reign of Henry VI. Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^r The paramount authority over this manor was among the estates of the dean and chapter, which Sir Richard Cotton obtained by a compulsory bargain. See p. 573, in the notes.

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purchase, and partly by marriage^s, to the Cromptons, and about 1716, by an heiress of the Cromptons, to the Morgans of Golden-Grove in the county of Flint. In 1800 it was purchased of Edward Morgan Esq. by Samuel Brodhurst Esq. the present proprietor: Bach, or Beach-Hall, is in the occupation of Hugh Hughes Esq. The Booths had a seat and lands in this township, which belonged afterwards to the family of Roberts, and have been lately purchased by Mr. Brodhurst.

Great-Boughton was given by Hugh Lupus to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, together with *Croughton* and *Huntington*^c; the two former in the reign of Edward VI. were obtained of the dean and chapter, (to whom they had been granted in the preceding reign,) by Sir Richard Cotton^d, who parcelled out *Great-Boughton* among several fee-farmers. The principal mansion with its demesne was, for several generations, in a younger branch of the Davenports, from whom it passed by female heirs^e to the present possessor, William Currie M. D.

The township of *Croughton*, containing only three houses, lies in the hundred of Wirral, about three miles and a half nearly north from Chester. The manor having been conveyed with *Great-Boughton* to Sir Richard Cotton, was sold by him in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to Richard Hurleston Esq.; a co-heiress of the Hurlestons brought it in marriage to John Leche Esq.^f of Carden, father of William Leche Esq. the present proprietor.

The township of *Huntington* lies in the hundred of Broxton, about three miles S. S. E. from Chester. After the dissolution, this manor, which had belonged (as before-mentioned) to the abbey of St. Werburgh, was granted by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter: having been conveyed in the reign of

^s William Crompton, alderman of Chester, married one of the co-heiresses of Whitby. — Harl. MSS. 2010.

^c It does not appear that the convent long continued to enjoy the above manors under this grant; Sir Philip Burnell having married an heiress of William Patrick, whose ancestor had possessed the manors of *Great-Boughton* and *Huntington* in the reign of Richard I., had in the following century a suit with the abbot and convent, which was terminated by their giving Sir Philip 200*l.* for a conveyance of those manors. Villare Cestriense. ^d See p. 573 in the notes.

^e Jane Davenport, the aunt and devisee of the last heir male of this branch, married Mr. Thomas Hand, whose son had two daughters, married to Thomas Sherwin Esq. (under-secretary of war in 1756,) and Hugh Fouikes Esq. Robert, son of Hugh Foulkes, purchased the other moiety of *Boughton-Hall*, and his only daughter and heir brought the whole in marriage to Dr. Currie.

^f On the death of Charles Hurleston Esq., the last heir male, it descended to the three daughters of his elder brother, and, on a partition of his estates, this manor became the property of Mary the second daughter, who married John Leche Esq.

Edward VI. to Sir Richard Cotton^a, his son, or grandson, sold it to Sir George Beverley: after Sir George's death it was purchased of his representatives, by Henry Harpur Esq., whose daughter brought it in marriage to the family of Spencer. Mrs. Margaret Spencer, widow of the great-grandson of the purchaser, having been possessed of this estate in fee, conveyed it by marriage to her second husband, the Rev. Richard Williams, rector of Hawarden, whose son sold it in 1772, to Thomas Brock Esq., uncle to John Brock Wood Esq., the present proprietor. The manor of Cheveley (a hamlet of this township) which had also been parcel of the possessions of the abbey and convent of St. Werburgh, now belongs to Earl Grosvenor; Cheveley-Hall is a farm-house.

The township of *Idinsharw*, or *Iddinshall*, containing only two houses, is situated about nine miles from Chester, and a mile and a half S. W. from Tarporley, detached from any other part of the parish of St. Oswald. The manor, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh^b, passed with Croughton to Richard Hurleston Esq., of whose family it was purchased, by Sir Peter Pindar: either this Sir Peter, or a son of the same name, was created a baronet in 1662; the title became extinct, by the death of Sir Paul Pindar about the year 1700, and this estate passed to Paul Williams Esq. of Pont-y-Groyddel in right of his mother, the representative of that family, and from the Williams's by female heirs to the Hydes and Giffords, successively of Nerquis in the county of Flint, being now the property of Miss Elizabeth Gifford, the elder of the two daughters of the late John Gifford Esq., who died in 1797. The site of the ancient hall is moated, occupying an area of four statute acres: the present hall is a farm-house.

The township of *Newton*, comprising the hamlet of *Flookerbrook*, is situated about two miles north from Chester. The manor which had been given to the abbey of St. Werburgh by William, constable of Chester, descended with Croughton, till after the death of Charles Hurleston Esq.^c, when it passed in marriage with Anne, the elder co-heiress of that family, to Henry John Needham, afterwards viscount Kilmorey, and is now the property of his son the present viscount. Newton-Hall, the property of Lord Kilmorey, is occupied by George Parker Esq. Flookerbrook was sold in the reign of Henry VI. by John Massey of Kelfall to John Bruen, from whom it passed successively to the Barrows and Sneyds: of the latter family it was purchased by the Smiths of the Hough. Flookerbrook-Hall, then-

^a See p. 573 in the notes.

^b One-third of this manor was given to the abbey by Hugh Lupus: the other parts are supposed to have been given by the family of Idinshall. Villare Cestrieuse.

^c He was sheriff of Cheshire in 1727.

the feat of Sir Thomas Smith, was destroyed during the siege of Chester, in 1644 or 1645. This property has since passed through various hands in a divided state.

The township of *Wervin* lies in the hundred of Broxton about five miles nearly N. E. from Chester. The manor, which had belonged to the abbey of St. Werburgh, passed with Broughton and Newton, till after the death of Mr. Hurlestone the last heir male of that family, when Elizabeth the younger co-heiress brought it to Trafford Barnston Esq. : Mrs. Barnston bequeathed it to her niece, Mary Leche, now the wife of Mr. Thomas Roberts, (who is in her right the present lord of the manor,) with remainder in moieties to the present Lord Kilmorey and Mr. Leche of Carden.

There was an ancient chapel at Wervin, the profits of which were given, among other revenues, by Roger, abbot of St. Werburgh, for augmenting the kitchen-stores, in order that the number of monks might be increased to forty; there are still some small remains of this chapel, which, before the civil war, had a font, and is therefore described by the third Randal Holme as a parochial-chapel^d.

At the extremity of the peninsula of Wirral, not far from the coast, is a small island, called Hilbree, or Hilbury, containing about ten statute acres^e, which, although twenty miles distant from Chester, is in the parish of St. Oswald: this connection is to be attributed to the circumstance of its having belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, who established there a small cell of monks, dedicated to the Virgin Mary: "thither," says Holinshed, "went a sort of superstitious fools in pilgrimage to our lady of Hilbery, by whose offerings the monks there were cherished and maintained." Henry Bradshaw, in his life of St. Werburgh, relates a legendary story of the sands at Hilbree becoming miraculously dry by the interposition of that saint, for the purpose of affording a passage to the army of William Fitz-Nigel, constable of Chester, then on his march to the rescue of Earl Richard, who had been way-laid by the Welsh at Basingwerk, on his return from a pilgrimage to St. Winifred; the tale concludes thus;

" And where the host passed over betwixt bondes,
To this day ben called the Constable Sondes."

The chapelry of *Bruera*, or *Church-on-beath*, contains the townships of *Church-on-beath*, *Lea-cum-Newbold*, and *Saigkton*.

^d Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 204.

^e Six acres of pasture-land, and four of rock.

The township of *Church-on-beath*, *Churchen-beath*, or *Churton-beath*, contains only one farm, on which there is a single dwelling-house, occupied by the owner, Mr. William Colley^f. It has not been of late years esteemed a manor, but it appears that in ancient times there was a manor of Church-on-heath, which in the reign of Edward I. passed from the family of Del-Heath to the Bulkeleyes^g.

The parochial chapel, or, as it is called in some ancient records, the church of *Bruera*, commonly called *Church-on-beath*, belonged at a very early period to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh. It stands about four miles S. E. by S. from Chester, and is served by a stipendiary curate appointed by the vicar of St. Oswald, who is presented to that vicarage with the chapel of Bruera annexed. In this chapel are two handsome mural monuments of white marble, in memory of Sir Ellis Cunliffe of Saighton Bart., who died in 1767, and his brother Sir Robert Cunliffe Bart., who died in 1778.

The township of *Lea-cum-Newbold*, lies nearly six miles S. S. E. from Chester: the manor belonged in ancient times to the Barons de Montalt. Robert de Morley, heir of Robert de Montalt, who died in the year 1277, conveyed it to Queen Isabella, with remainder to John of Eltham and King Edward III. That monarch, upon becoming possessed of the manor, granted it in or about the year 1337 to William Earl of Salisbury. Sir John Wingfield, who appears to have purchased this manor of the Earl of Salisbury, settled it in the year 1354 on his daughter Maud, wife of Kenrick de Calveley, and her younger son, Sir Hugh Calveley, the celebrated Cheshire hero, with remainder, in case of his dying without issue, to David his brother, another younger son of the said Maud, in whose posterity it continued till the death of Sir Hugh Calveley, the last heir male of the family in 1648: after the death of Dame Mary Calveley, which happened in 1714, fifty-seven years after that of her husband, it passed on a partition of the Calveley estates to Sir Thomas Cotton Bart. (whose grandfather had married one of the co-heiresses). In 1800, Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton Bart. sold it to Mr. Joseph White, the present owner.

Lea-Hall, an old timber mansion surrounded by a moat, was for many generations the chief seat of the Calveleys. In 1617 it was honoured with a visit by King James I. then on his progress through Cheshire, when its owner George Calveley, received the honour of knighthood^h: Lea-Hall is now inhabited by a farmer. The third Randal Holme speaks of the chapel at Lea-Hall as having

^f Churchen-beath passed with Saighton in 1604 from Henry Mainwaring to George Calveley. Harl. MSS. N^o 2090. f. 90.

^g Villare Cestriense.

^h King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 53.

been sumptuously repaired by the relict of the last Sir Hugh Calveley¹. *Newbold*, is a hamlet, and attached to the manor.

The township of *Saughton*, or *Saighton*, anciently called *Saltone*, *Salghton*, or *Salkton*, lies about five miles S. E. from Chester: the manor was given to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh by their founder Hugh Lupus. Since the dissolution it appears to have passed, for the most part^k, through the same hands as that of *Huntington*^l, and it is now the property of John Brock Wood Esq. *Saighton-Hall*, a castellated mansion, was the chief country-residence of the abbots of Chester; the large square tower now remaining^m was built by abbot Ripley, about the year 1489. The hall and demesnes, which had belonged for some generations to the Calveleys, were sold by the sequestrators during the interregnum in the seventeenth century, to Charles Walley of Chester, inn-keeper, whose great-grandson, Robert Walley Esq. dying without issue, they were purchased of his widow and executrix about the year 1755, by Foster Cunliffe Esq. grandfather of the present proprietor, Sir Foster Cunliffe Bart.: the hall is inhabited by a farmer.

The parish of St. John the Baptist is the most populous in Chester, containing according to the returns made in 1801, eight hundred and forty-seven houses, and three thousand eight hundred and thirty-one inhabitants. The church, which stands without the walls, was formerly collegiate. The college of St. John is said by some writersⁿ, to have been founded by King Ethelred in the seventh century, but bishop Tanner supposes rather that its founder was Ethelred Earl of Mercia, husband of the noble Ethelfleda, who repaired the city of Chester after it had been ruined by the Danes: with respect to its foundation by King Ethelred, there is a legendary tale that he was supernaturally directed to the site by the finding of a white hind; in memory of which, his statue with the hind by his side was placed on the side of the tower, where was formerly also the following inscription:

“ This churches antiquitie, the yeare of grace six hundred fouerscore and nyne, as sayth mine author, a Britaine, Giraldus; King Ethelred minding most the blisse of heaven, edified a colledge-church, notable and famous, in the suburbs of Chester, pleasant and beauteous; in the honour of God, and the Baptist St. John, with the help of Bushop Wulfrice“”

The re-building of the church of St. John is ascribed to Leofric Earl of Mercia who died in 1057^p.

¹ Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 204.

^k *Saighton* is said to have been conveyed in 1603 by

Henry Mainwaring to George Calveley Esq.. Harl. MSS. N^o 2090. f. 90.

^l See p. 617.

^m See a view of it, p. 457.

ⁿ See Giraldus Cambrensis.

^o Dugdale's Visitation of Cheshire in the Heralds' College.

^p Ralph Higden, Hist. Ang.

Scrip. (1691). Vol. iii. p. 182.

In the year 1075, Peter, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, whose diocese included this city, removed his see to Chester, and made St. John's church his cathedral. He is said to have established in it a dean and certain canons^a, and to have been buried within its walls. His immediate successor, Robert de Lindsey, in 1102 removed the see again to Coventry, but St. John's church remained collegiate till the Reformation, at which time it had a dean, eight canons or prebendaries^b, and ten vicars choral^c. The site of the bishop's palace is marked in a plan of St. John's church and its precincts, taken in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and now in the British museum; it stood on the south-west of the church-yard, and the deanery almost adjoining, to the north of it: the "petty canons" houses are described as being at the east end of the church, near St. Anne's chapel. The revenues of the college were estimated in the reign of Henry VIII. at 119*l.* 17*s.* clear yearly income^d, consisting chiefly of the impropriate tithes of this and some other parishes in the county, and lands which now form the endowment of Macclesfield school. The style of architecture of what remains of this venerable building has been elsewhere spoken of^e.

It appears by the corporation annals, that St. John's church was covered with lead in 1470^f, and it was probably about this time that the greater part of the choir was demolished by the fall of the old steeple, which stood between the nave and the chancel, and the agreement, recorded on a brass plate without date^g formerly fixed to the old steeple, and some time ago in the church-warden's possession, might have been made upon this occasion: by this agreement, the dean and canons, in consideration of the cost which the inhabitants had been at in building the steeple, allow them to have the use of the bells for all dirges and anniversaries, paying only a small fee to the clerk, and on condition that the bells should not be rung during divine service. It is evident that this must have been prior to the Reformation, and could not refer to the re-building of the present steeple after the fall of two of its sides in 1574, when it carried with it a great part of the west end of the church^h. In the year 1581, the parishioners of St. John's having procured a grant of the old church from the Queen, "began to build up some part of it again, and to cut off all the chapels above the choirⁱ."

^a Ang. Sac. I. 445. ^b In the reign of Richard II. the Brereton family had the advowson of a *prebend* in the church of St. John Baptist, called the Petit-Canonry. ^c Ibid.

^d See a note in Bishop Tanner's Not. Mon. ^e See p. 437, 438. ^f King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 74.

^g The inscription was communicated by the present vicar.

^h In King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 87., it is said, "this year, 1574, two quarters (the west and south sides) of St. John's steeple did fall down from the top to the bottom, and in the fall brake down a great part of the west end of the church." ⁱ Ibid. p. 202.

The remains of the choir, as it was then fitted up, with the nave, have ever since been used as the parish church.

In the north aisle are an unknown monument of a crusader, the ancient grave-stone of John Le Serjaun^k, and an altar-tomb without inscription, with the arms of Cotes and Sparkes^l. At the east end of the south aisle is a burial-place of the Warburtons, with several monuments of that family. There are memorials also in this church for the families of Aldersey, Bellot, Bird, Borlase^m, Bostock, Bunbury, Comberbach, Falconer, Fernyhough, Forbes, Gamul, Gowerⁿ, M. D., Hon. John Grey, Hay, M. D., Kenrick, Lee^o, Maddock, Nicholls, Perryn, Werden, and Wilcock. Archdeacon Rogers speaks of a celebrated rood, or wooden, cross in this church, at which great miracles were reported to be wrought^p. In St. John's church-yard, between the south side of the nave and the church-yard wall there stood formerly a church or chapel: in the old plan, taken in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, at which time it was used as a granary, this building is called St. James's chapel, or the old parish church. It was seventeen yards in length and ten yards in breadth; in 1662 St. James's chapel in St. John's church-yard is described as being then used as a stable, and much out of repair^q: it has long been entirely destroyed; remains of the foundation and stones with inscriptions are occasionally discovered in digging graves. Adjoining to the side of the church is a building now the property and residence of Mrs. Coupland, which in an old plan of the church is called "the chambers of the church's priests," being most probably what was formerly the habitation of the vicars choral^r. This probably is what was granted in 1562 to John Fortescue, under the name of the site of St. John's college^s.

In or about the year 1585, Queen Elizabeth granted the impropriate rectory and advowson of St. John the Baptist in Chester, to Sir Christopher Hatton, who imme-

^k See p. 415. ^l It was erected to the memory of Ursula, wife of Alexander Cotes, and had formerly their effigies, and those of Anne their daughter, and her husband John Sparkes.

^m Edmund and William, sons of Sir John Borlase, one of the Lords Justices of Ireland. Edmund, who was a physician in Chester, and published a History of the Irish Rebellion, some other historical tracts relating to that kingdom, and a treatise on Latham Spa, died in 1682.

ⁿ Father of Dr. Gower, who collected materials for a history of Cheshire. ^o Sister to General Lee the American officer.

^p The legend of this cross is, that having been originally erected at Hawarden, a man was accidentally killed by it, in consequence of which the men of Hawarden (who are said for this disrespect to the cross to have obtained the appellation of Harden Jews), threw it into the river; it wafted to Chester, and having been taken up at the Rood-eye was placed in St. John's church with great solemnity. After the Reformation this celebrated cross was converted into a block for the master of the grammar school to whip his scholars on, and after a time was committed to the flames. Archdeacon Rogers's MSS. ^q Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 205. ^r See the plan, p. 454.

^s Bishop Tanner.

diately conveyed them to Alexander King; from the latter they passed two years afterwards to Alexander Cotes^s. Urfula Cotes, the heiress of this family, who was one of the maids of honour to Queen Elizabeth, brought this estate in marriage to Mr. John Sparkes: it passed afterwards by successive female heirs to the families of Wood and Adams, in the latter of whom it is now vested. By a decree made in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, now in the Exchequer-court at Chester, it was ordered, that the impropiator should have the patronage of the vicarage, subject to the approbation of the bishop, that he should repair the choir or new chancel and its aisles, and that the nave and its aisles should be kept in repair by the parishioners.

On the south wall of the church-yard, overhanging the cliff, was an ancient building called the "Anchorite's cell"; at this place, which is said by tradition to be the spot whither Earl Harold retired, two skeletons were found about the year 1770, in coffin-shaped cavities scooped out of the rock; the old building was converted into a hall for some of the city companies: it afterwards passed into private hands, and having undergone several alienations, is now the property of Edward Vernon Esq., who has fitted it up as a dwelling-house for a servant.

A few yards to the north-east of St. John's church, as appears by the plan before-mentioned, stood the hospital of St. Anne, in which there was a gild or fraternity under the patronage of that saint, endowed with lands and houses^o, some of which now constitute the revenues of Northwich school; the chapel is in some deeds called the *monastery* of St. Anne; on the site of this chapel, as appears by the same plan, stood Cholmondeley-Hall, a seat of the Cholmondeley family, demolished during the siege of Chester in 1645.

The manor of Redclive, mentioned in the Domesday Survey, which was given by Hugh de Mara to the monks of St. Werburgh, is supposed to have been in the parish of St. John, and to have taken its name from the cliff on the south side of St. John's church-yard^x.

In Little John-street are four alms-houses for decayed families, built by Mrs. Dighton Salmon in 1738; they have no endowment.

^s The Cotes's then of Chester were of a younger branch of the family of Cotes of Woodcote, in the county of Salop, which had been for some time settled in Yorkshire.

^o Some MSS. suppose, but we think erroneously, that this was the chapel of St. James; it is certain that the building which stood between the church of St. John and the church-yard wall was a chapel distinct from this, and dedicated to St. James. ^o It appears by a rental of the hospital of St. Anne, that there were no fewer than thirty-eight houses and cottages in Chester belonging to this hospital. The whole rental amounted in the 16th century to 17*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* Harl. MSS. N^o 2159. f. 112.

^x Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities.

The extra-parochial township of Spital-Boughton, in the suburbs of Chester, containing fifteen houses, is locally situated within the parish of St. John; it took its name from an hospital for lepers, dedicated to St. Giles, founded by Randal de Blundeville, Earl of Chester. This hospital continued long after the Reformation; among the Harleian MSS. is a letter of King Charles I. in 1630, in favour of the brethren of this hospital, requiring that they should not be molested on account of murage. It is probable that it was destroyed during the civil war. King Charles II. in 1685 granted the site and the lands belonging to this hospital to the corporation, under whom they are now held by small rents. The site of the hospital is now a burying-ground; the adjacent lands, called the Spital-fields, belonged some time since to the Werdens, from whom they passed by inheritance to the family of Drummond, in which they are now vested.

The place of execution, which had been more anciently in Handbridge, was afterwards for a long series of years at Spital-Boughton. The gibbet was taken down in the year 1801, and the new mode of execution, by a drop attached to the city gaol, adopted. It was at the common place of execution at Spital-Boughton that George Marsh suffered martyrdom for his religion in the reign of Queen Mary.

The parish of Bridget or St. Bride, which in 1801 was returned as containing 153 houses, and 636 inhabitants, extends into Handbridge; the church, which contains nothing remarkable, stands in Bridge-street, at the south-west end of White-frier's-lane. The bishop of Chester is patron of the rectory. The alms-houses for freemen's widows in Common-hall-lane are situated in this parish, but there are no charitable institutions appropriated exclusively to its inhabitants.

The parish of St. Martin is in the south-west part of the city, and contained, according to the returns of 1801, one hundred and twenty-nine houses and five hundred and seventy-four inhabitants. The church stands at a place called Saint Martin's-Ash, between Nuns-lane and Nicholas-street. The benefice is a rectory in the gift of the bishop of Chester.

The parish of St. Mary extends into the country, and comprises the greater part of the suburb of Chester called Hand-bridge, the townships of *Claverton*, *Giswerstone*, *Marlston-cum-Lache*, *Mollington-Parva*, *Moston*, and *Upton*.

That part of the parish which is situated within the liberties of the city, contained in 1801, according to the returns made to Parliament, 436 houses and 2129 inhabitants. The church was called in ancient times *St. Mary de Castello*, either from its situation near the castle, or some connection it might have had with it as being the parish church, before it was given by Randal the second Earl

of Chester to the monks of St. Werburgh; its modern appellation is St. Mary on the Hill. In the north aisle of this church are the monuments of the Randal Holmes, from whose labours the antiquities of this country have received so much elucidation^y: Randal Holme the elder died in 1655; his son of the same name in 1659; his grandson Randal, author of "the Academie of Armoury," who was gentleman-usher to King Charles II., and deputy to Garter principal king of arms, died in 1699; and Randal Holme the younger, who was deputy to Norroy, king of arms, in 1707. In the same aisle is the monument of Philip Oldfield, Esq. of Bradwall, who died in 1616; with the effigies of the deceased, repaired in 1788, by Dr. Jackson, prebendary of Chester, representative of the Oldfields in the female line^z.

In the North or Troutbeck's chapel is the monument of Edward Gamul Esq., alderman of Chester, who died in 1616, and that of Thomas Gamul Esq. his son; the inscription on the latter, which has the recumbent effigies of the deceased and his lady is almost obliterated with dirt and dust, and in part concealed by a pew; it may be found in King's Vale-Royal, together with an account of the monuments of Sir Henry and Sir Adam Troutbeck and their ladies^a, long ago destroyed.

Among

^y Dr. Gower speaks of only three antiquaries of the name of Randal Holme, father, son, and grandson, but it appears that there were four in succession of that name, and there are collections of all four among the numerous volumes (above two hundred and fifty) among the Harleian MSS. which were purchased for the Earl of Oxford after the death of the last Randal Holme in 1707. The second and third Randal were the principal collectors, but there are some collections brought down by the last to the year 1704. The first of the name was sheriff of Chester in 1615, and mayor in 1633. It appears that he was fined 10*l.* for his contempt in not attending to receive the honour of knighthood at the coronation of King Charles I. according to the statute. (Harl. MSS. 2022. N^o 36.) It seems therefore that he was in better circumstances than his immediate descendants, who were by no means rich, and after the third descent very much reduced. They were of a respectable family of gentry, being descended from John Holme, who died 4 Henry VI., which John was son of Robert Holme, who in right of his wife (a co-heiress of Richard de Tranmol) was lord of a moiety of Tranmol; this moiety continued in the family of Holme for several generations. William Tranmol, father of Richard, married a co-heiress of Lymme.

^z Dr. Jackson's mother was daughter of William Oldfield Esq. the last heir male of that ancient family, which William was grandson of Philip above mentioned.

^a The Troutbeck aisle or chapel, which was built in the reign of Henry VI. by William Troutbeck and Joan his wife, fell down not many years after the publication of King's Vale-Royal, and destroyed the monuments of the Troutbecks and others: since the re-building of that aisle (which was given in 1690 by the Duke of Shrewsbury, as representative of the Troutbecks, to the parishioners), there has not been a trace of these monuments; yet all the modern printed accounts of Chester, relying on the authority of the Vale-Royal, speak of them as still existing. The third Randal Holme says, that for the fineness of the work the monuments of the Troutbecks were thought to exceed

Among other memorials now existing are those of the families of Birkenhead, Brock, Ellis^b, Wilbraham^c, and Worfleſley. Aſhmole mentions the monument of Sir Robert Brerewood, one of the juſtices of Common Pleas, who died in 1654^d.

The benefice of St. Mary is a rectory, the advowſon of which belonged formerly to the monks of St. Werburgh, and was granted by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter of Cheſter, which they loſt with the other donations enjoyed under their firſt charter^e: Richard Hurleſton purchaſed it of the Cottons about the year 1572^f; it was afterwards for many years in the Breretons, who were ſucceeded by the Wilbrahams of Dorfold; the preſent patron is the Rev. Robert Hill, M. A. of the Hough, in right of his wife, the daughter of the Rev. John Wilbraham.

The following entry occurs in the register of burials of this pariſh.

“ 1656.—Three witches hanged at Michaelmas aſſizes, buried in the corner by the caſtle ditch, in the church-yard, October 8.”

The townſhip of *Claverton* lies about a mile nearly ſouth from Cheſter, it is conſidered as a vill within the manor of Handbridge, a populous ſuburb in this pariſh, which lies within the liberties of the city, but is not itſelf eſteemed a townſhip. The manor or reputed manor of Claverton, was part of the Dutton eſtate, and deſcended to the Gerards; the whole, or nearly the whole of the townſhip is now the property of Earl Groſvenor. Handbridge was called by the Britons, *Treboeth*, or the Burnt Town, a fate it had often experienced during their hoſtile inroads, which were purſued to the very walls of the city. The manor of Handbridge belonged to the nuns of St. Mary in Cheſter: ever ſince the Reformation it has been veſted in the crown^g, and has paſſed through

exceed any thing of the kind in England. (Harl. MSS. N^o 2151. f. 16. b.) Webb in his deſcription of Cheſter in the Vale-Royal calls the 'Troutbecks' monuments as above-mentioned, thoſe of Sir Henry Troutbeck, and Sir Adam and their ladies, and ſays, that the lady of the latter appears from her coronet to have been a counteſs. There is no Sir Henry in the pedigrees of the family; probably the monuments were for Sir William Troutbeck who was ſlain at Blore-heath in 1459, and his ſon Sir Adam, who died in the reign of Henry VIII. Sir William Troutbeck married a daughter of Lord Stanley, who afterwards married Lord Grey of Codnor. Sir Adam Troutbeck married a Butler; his brother Sir William, who died without iſſue, a Molineux; Sir Adam's only daughter and heir married Sir John Talbot anceſtor of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

^b Matthew Ellis, one of the gentlemen of the body-guard to King Henry VIII., and grandfather of Julia Ellis, who brought Over-Legh to the Cowpers, ob. 1574.

^c Roger Wilbraham

Eſq ſome time of Dorfold, patron of St. Mary's church, ob. 1768.

^d Aſhmole's MSS.

N^o 854.

^e See p. 573.

^f Records in the Exchequer at Cheſter.

^g During the temporary alienation of the crown lands in the time of Oliver Cromwell, it was ſold to Robert Dukenfield and others.

the hands of several families as lessees: the lease was purchased of the family of Williams, by the late Earl Grosvenor, to whom it was renewed for twenty-one years in 1793; his son, the present Earl, is lessee for the remainder of that term. A court-leet, to which all Handbridge and Claverton pay suit and service, is regularly held for this manor. Saltney-Marsh, the whole of the uninclosed part of which lies within St. Mary's parish, is a common belonging to the manor of Handbridge. There was in ancient times a chapel in Handbridge dedicated to St. James; the site is not now known.

Within the liberties of the city, in this parish, but not attached to any township, stand the two ancient mansions of Brewer's-Hall and Over-Legh. Brewer's-Hall, in ancient records written Bruereshalgh and Bruardeshalgh, was, as early as the reign of Edward I. in the family of the Bradfords, who were succeeded by the Truffells; from the latter it passed by a female heir to the Veres, Earls of Oxford, who in virtue of the same alliance had the serjeanty of the east gate of the city. Edward Vere, Earl of Oxford, conveyed Brewer's-Hall in the year 1580 to Hugh Beeston; in 1597 it belonged to Sir Thomas Egerton; it was afterwards for several generations in the family of Wright^b, of whom it was purchased about the middle of the last century by William Hanmer Esq. of Ifcoyd, in the county of Flint. Brewer's-Hall, now a farm-house, is the property of Lord Viscount Curzon, whose first wife was daughter and sole heiress of Mr. Hanmer.

Over-Legh, or as it was sometimes called in old records Over-Lythe, was given by Robert, Baron de Montalt, in or about the reign of Henry III. to the abbot and convent of Basingwerk, who in 1460 leased it for 100 years to Ellis ap Dio ap Griffith, for four marks *per ann.* he keeping their chapel there in repair, and performing other conditions. After the Reformation a descendant of this lessee, Matthew Ellis, one of the King's body-guard, purchased the fee of Henry Andrews and John Howe, to whom it had been granted by the crownⁱ. Mr. Ellis's granddaughter Juliana married Thomas Cowper Esq. of Chester, whose family became possessed of Over-Legh, partly in consequence of this alliance, and partly by purchase. The old mansion and the chapel were destroyed during the siege of Chester; the house was rebuilt in the reign of Charles II., and is now the seat of Mrs. Cowper, relict of the late Thomas Cowper Esq. barrister at law, and recorder of Chester, who devised it after the death of his widow to his nephew Charles Cholmondeley Esq. next brother of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal,

^b In 1666 it is ascribed as the property of William Wright, alderman of Chester, and lately belonging to the Earl of Bridgewater. Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. ; Villare Cestriense.

M. P. and his heirs. At Over-Legh-Hall are some valuable portraits of Sir Oliver Cromwell, who died in 1655, and his family.

Nether-Lythie, or Legh, a tract of land near the river Dee, adjoining Over-Legh, was given among other estates by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Adam Dutton^k. From the Duttons it passed by grant to the Orrebies, and from the latter by marriage to the Fittons^l, who enjoyed it for many generations; it was afterwards in the Stanleys of Alderley, who sold it in the year 1735 to John Cotgreave, alderman of Chester: his son, by his will bearing date 1790, devised this estate to his brother John Cotgreave, with remainder, on default of issue, to the present proprietor John Johnson (son of a second cousin), who has assumed the name of Cotgreave. The family of Browne had for several generations a seat and estate at this place, which descended to the Reverend Dr. Symson^m, and was sold by his daughters in 1774 to John Bennet Esq. alderman of Chester, the present proprietor. The ancient mansion, which is within a moated site, is occupied by a farmer. Nether-Legh was fortified by Sir William Brereton in the month of February 1645; in April that general fixed his head-quarters thereⁿ.

The township of Gloverstone within the walls of this city, but exempt from its jurisdiction, contained in 1801, according to the returns then made to Parliament, thirty houses, chiefly inhabited by tradesmen who are not freemen.

The township of *Marlston-cum-Leach*, *Leche* or *Lache*, lies about two miles S. by W. from Chester: the manor belonged in the reign of Edward III. to the family of Blunt^o. At the time of the dissolution of monasteries the greater part of this township belonged to the nuns of St. Mary, and was granted to the Breretons, from whom it passed by sale to the Booths of Mottram-Andrew, and Colonel Roger Whitley. It was afterwards the property of Sir Thomas Mainwaring Bart. of Baddiley, whose widow and devisee, afterwards the wife of Edward Mainwaring Esq. of Whitmore in Staffordshire, bequeathed this and other estates to James Mainwaring Esq. of Chester, grandfather of James Mainwaring Esq. of Bromborough, the present proprietor.

Lache, or Leach-Hall, which was garrisoned by Sir William Brereton during the siege of Chester, was the seat of the late Peter Snow Esq.; his family pur-

^k See note (b) p. 485. ^l Villare Cestriense. ^m Rector of Stepney in Middlesex, and nephew of Francis Browne, Esq. the last heir male of the Nether-Legh family.

ⁿ Randal Holme's narrative of the Siege of Chester. Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

^o Esch.

chafed it of the Manleys, to whom it had belonged for several generations. Mr. Snow, who died in 1807, has bequeathed it to trustees for the benefit of his natural children. The manor of Marlston-cum-Lache is claimed by the Mainwarings and Snows.

The township of *Mollington-Parva*, which is situated about two miles N.W. from Chester, in the hundred of Wirral, contains only four houses. The manor was anciently called Mollington-Banester or Banaster, from a family of that name, who possessed it in the reign of Edward III.¹ In the reign of Henry VI. it was in the Houghtons, who acquired it by marriage with an heiress of the Lee family²; from this time we learn nothing of it till the early part of the last century, when it was purchased by Mr. Samuel Jarvis, alderman of Chester³; it is now the property of Miss Dob, grand-daughter of Hamnet Dob gentleman, Mr. Jarvis's heir at law.

The township of *Moston*, called in old records *Moreston*, in the hundred of Broxton, which lies two miles N. from Chester, contains only two houses. The manor was given by Richard Crue, about the year 1125, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, under whom an estate was held here at an early period, by a family who took their name from the township. After the Reformation the manor was granted by Queen Elizabeth in fee-farm, in moieties, to Rogerson and Aston. Both these moieties became by purchase the property of John Morgell Esq., registrar of the diocese of Chester, in whose family it continued till the year 1718, when Elizabeth, sister and heiress of William Morgell Esq. sold it to Methusalem Jones gentleman. In 1722 it was purchased by Henry Bennet Esq. whose representatives sold it in 1790 to the late William Maffey Esq.; it is now, under Mr. Maffey's will, the property of his natural son, an officer in the army. Moston-Hall, built by Mr. Morgell, who purchased the estate in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is now uninhabited.

The township of *Upton* lies about a mile and a half N. from Chester; the manor was given to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh by Hugh Lupus, and confirmed by Ranulph de Meschines, Earl of Chester. It was in the family of Brock as early as the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of William Brock Esq. the last heir male of this family, who was sheriff of the county in 1732, brought it in marriage to John Egerton Esq. It is now held in jointure by the widow of the late Philip Egerton Esq. of Oulton. Upton-Hall, which was

¹ Esch.
and mayor in 1742.

² Harl. MSS. 2155. Leigh's MSS.

³ He was sheriff in 1724,

garrisoned by Sir William Brereton during the siege of Chester, is occupied as a farm-house. The abbot of Chester had in ancient times a park at Upton¹.

The parish of St. Michael contained in 1801 one hundred and twenty-three houses and seven hundred and twenty-five inhabitants. The church is situated in Bridge-street, immediately opposite that of St. Bridget, and on the site as is supposed of the ancient monastery dedicated to St. Michael². The only monuments of any note are those of Dame Mary Delves, (relict of Sir Henry, and daughter of Randal Leycester Esq.), who died in 1690, and Elizabeth daughter of Sir Richard Wilbraham Bart. and late wife of Sir Humphrey Briggs Bart. 1659. The benefice is a perpetual curacy in the gift of the bishop of Chester. In this parish are the alms-houses founded by William Jones Esq. in 1658, but as they are not particularly appropriated to the parish, they will be spoken of elsewhere. In the year 1695 Robert Oldfield, M. D. devised lands in Dunham-on-the-Hill for the purpose of paying 20*l.* *per ann.* to the minister of St. Michael's, of binding every boy born in the parish apprentice, and bringing up and sending one or more poor boy or boys who shall be apt to learn, to the university. These lands, with the accumulating funds, (since proper objects do not offer every year,) produce at present an income of nearly 200*l.* *per ann.*

The parish of St. Olave, according to the returns then made, contained in 1801 one hundred and two houses and four hundred and thirty-eight inhabitants; the church, which is situated on the east side of Bridge-street, opposite Castle-street, contains nothing remarkable. This church was given to the monks of St. Werburgh by Robert Pincerna. The benefice is now considered as a curacy in the gift of the bishop³; it was augmented with Queen Anne's bounty in 1723. It appears by Bishop Gastrell's collections, that about the close of the 17th century this church had been for some time disused excepting for baptisms and burials, on which occasions the minister of St. Michael's officiated. In this parish are six alms-houses for poor people, founded about the latter end of the 17th century by Robert Harvey, alderman of Chester, and endowed with a fourth and an eighth part of the water-tower at the Bridge-gate. This property sold for 100*l.*, the interest of which is divided among the alms-people.

¹ See Henry Bradshaw's Life of St. Werburgh, where there is a legendary tale of the horses of some invaders, which had been turned loose into Upton-park, having been miraculously prevented by the interposition of that saint from destroying the corn which was then in sheaf.

² See p. 578. ³ In the Holme's MSS. the patronage of St. Olave is said to have been vested in Mr. Vawdrey, and to have been sold by him to Mr. Hugh Harvey in the early part of the 17th century. Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 204. *b.*

The parish of St. Peter contained in 1801, according to the returns then made to Parliament, one hundred and seventy-one houses and eight hundred and ten inhabitants. The church adjoins the site of the Pentice, at the corner of Northgate and Water-gate streets. Henry Bradshaw says that the church of St. Peter, formerly St. Peter and St. Paul, was removed to this site by Ethelfleda, or rather that she built a new church on this spot, and dedicated it to those saints, because she had deprived them of the patronage of the cathedral church and transferred it to St. Oswald and St. Werburgh¹. The annals of Chester record, that when the steeple of this church was pointed in 1479, the parson and other inhabitants ate a goose at the top of the spire, and threw the bones into the four streets; that a child was killed by the fall of a stone from this steeple in 1480; and that eighteen yards of the spire were rebuilt in 1580. About the year 1780 the spire having been injured by lightning, a great part of it was taken down and has never been rebuilt. In St. Peter's church are monuments of Thomas Cowper Esq. who died in 1642, and other ancestors of the late barrister of that name; those of the Dr. Tillsons, father and son, physicians, who died in 1746 and 1764, and memorials of the family of Bradshaw of Yorkshire. Ashmole describes a fair monument in this church, with alabaster figures, put up in 1602, pursuant to the will of William Osley, citizen of London, in memory of his father William Osley of Chester, who by his two wives had twenty-six children². It appears by the records of the corporation that the afternoon-preacher was formerly appointed by the mayor and aldermen, who resorted thither to hear the sermon³. This church was given in 1081, by Robert de Roelent one of the Earl of Chester's barons, to the abbot and convent of St. Ebrulf, at Utica, who not long afterwards quitted claim to the monks of St. Werburgh. The bishop of Chester is now patron of the benefice, which is a perpetual curacy.

In this parish, on the west side of the Northgate-street, has lately been erected, from the designs of Mr. Harrison, a handsome building of the Ionic order, containing a commercial coffee-room forty-five feet by twenty-six, a library, &c. with shops underneath.

The parish of the Holy Trinity, contained in 1801, according to the returns then made to Parliament, four hundred and fifty-two houses, and two thousand two hundred and sixty-four inhabitants. The church is situated on the north-side of the Water-gate-street, adjoining the custom-house; the upper part of its spire, which was damaged by storms in the years 1769 and 1770, was thrice re-

¹ See King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 25 and 32.

² Ashmole's MSS. N^o 854.

³ This is spoken of as having been an ancient usage in 1643.

built within eight years^b. In this church lie the remains of Parnell^c the poet, archdeacon of Clogher, who was buried October the 24th, 1718, as appears by an entry in the parish register; and those of Matthew Henry, an eminent divine, who many years presided over a congregation of Presbyterian dissenters established in this parish ever since the toleration act. There is a tablet in memory of the latter, with the following inscription: "Mattheus Henry, pietatis et ministerii officii strenuè perfunctus, per labores, S. S. literis scrutandis et explicandis impensus, confectum corpus huic dormitorio commisit 22^o die Junii 1714, Anno ætat. 52."

In King's Vale-Royal is an account of an ancient tomb, with an effigies in mail, and surcoat, in memory of Jonas de Wytymor, who died in 1474; the tombs of Thomas Wooton, who was mayor of Chester in 1433, Henry Gee, mayor (1545); and other monumental inscriptions, which are not now to be found in the church: Dugdale mentions a tablet in memory of Sir Peter Warburton, one of the justices of the King's Bench, who died in 1621^d. The Earl of Derby is patron of the rectory. In this parish is the Rood-eye already spoken of, the scene of the city sports; the name is frequently in old records written Roodee, but more properly Rood-eye: *eye* is a common ancient term for a meadow by the water-side, and this was called Rood-eye from an ancient cross, the base of which still remains. The Rood-eye was formerly let to the poorer inhabitants of the city as a cow-pasture, at a small rent, the city reserving the use of it for their games and races. This meadow, which contains one hundred and eighty-two statute acres, is still let as a common pasture, and is esteemed superior to any in the county: the ley is limited to forty horses, at 4*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* each, and sixty cows at 3*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* from the beginning of May till Michaelmas. The Rood-eye was determined to be tithe-free in 1401^e.

In the year 1674 Robert Fletcher founded alms-houses for four poor widows of this parish, and endowed them with 4*l.* *per ann.*, charged on a house in Bridge-street, the proprietor of which, now Mrs. Hunt, claims the appointment of the pensioners. These alms-houses are locally situated in a district called St. Martin's-in-the-fields, in the parish of St. Oswald. An alms-house for three poor widows, with an allowance of 1*l.* *per ann.* to each, was founded by James Mainwaring Esq. of Chester; the appointment of the pensioners is now vested in his grandson, James Mainwaring Esq. of Bromborough.

The township of *Blacon-cum-Crab-Hall*, containing only four houses, lies within this parish, about a mile to the west of Chester in the hundred of Wirral.

^b History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 645.
name many years settled at Congleton.

^c He was descended from a family of that

^d Visitation of Cheshire in the Heralds' College.

^e See Kings Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 180.

The manor of Blacon, or Blacon-Hall, appears to have been in the Mainwaring family at the time of the Domesday survey, and to have passed by successive female heirs to the Truffells, and the Veres Earls of Oxford: John, Earl of Oxford, died seized of it in 1562; Edward his son and successor sold it to Sir Christopher Hatton, and it has since passed with Barthomley and other estates to the present proprietor, Lord Crewe. Blacon-Hall is now a farm-house. *Crab-Hall*, which is now also a farm-house, was formerly the seat of a younger branch of the Gamul family, and is now the property of Samuel Farmer Esq. of Nonfuch-park in Surrey; one of their representatives in the female line^a.

The church of St. Thomas, which formerly stood on the site of the deanery, has been already mentioned. At the end of the *outer*, or farther North-gate-street was formerly a chapel, dedicated to the same saint: this chapel was converted into a dwelling-house, called Green-Hall, which belonged to alderman Dutton; it afterwards acquired the name of Jolly's-Hall from a subsequent proprietor, and was demolished during the siege of Chester in 1645. Mention is made in manuscript collections relating to this city, of St. Chad's church, which stood in the croft over against the Black-friers, on the north-side of Water-gate-street^b; of St. Nicholas church, which stood near the Black-friers, at the end of St. Nicholas-street; and St. Mary's church, or chapel, which stood in a field beyond the bridge^c.

In St. John's parish there are a Roman-catholic chapel, a Quakers' meeting-house, and one for the Independents: in Trinity-parish, a Presbyterian meeting-house, originally established under the direction of the celebrated Matthew Henry; in St. Bridget's parish an Anabaptist meeting-house, and in Trinity parish an Anabaptist and an Independents meeting-house: there are in Chester also five Methodist meeting-houses, besides one in the township of Great-Boughton: two of these, one in St. Peter's, and one in Trinity parish, are for the Welsh: the others are in the parishes of St. John, St. Oswald, and St. Peter.

Among the eminent natives of this city may be reckoned, according to common repute, Roger of Chester, and Ralph Higden, two ancient historians; and Henry Bradshaw, author of the "Life of St. Werburgh," and with more certainty, David Middleton, who settled the English trade at Bantam; his brother

^a William Gamul Esq. of Crab-Hall, the last heir male of this family, who died in 1750, devised this estate to three of his sisters, who all died without issue; the two last survivors devised Crab-Hall, to William Gamul Farmer Esq. the grandson of another sister, who, dying without issue, bequeathed it to his elder brother, Samuel Farmer Esq. above-mentioned.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2125. f. 267.

^c Ibid.

Sir Henry, who made a voyage to the Red-Sea^k, and discovered Middleton's Straights; John Downham, author of "the Christian Warfare," (son of Bishop Downham); Edward Breewood the mathematician, and first professor of Gresham College; Dr. Whittingham, dean of Durham, translator of the Geneva Bible, and versifier of those psalms in the old version, which have the signature W. W.; and Samuel Molyneux, an eminent astronomer, son of William Molyneux the natural philosopher, author of a "Treatise on Dioptrics," who, during the disturbances in Ireland in the early part of King William's reign, resided at Chester, where his son was born in the year 1689^l.

The Grammar-school at Chester was founded by King Henry VIII. in the year 1544, for 24 boys, who are appointed by the dean and chapter: they are not to be admitted under nine years of age, and to continue only four years, unless a year of grace be allowed by the dean. The master's salary is 22*l.* *per ann.* and the usher's 10*l.* charged by the founder upon the dean and chapter revenues, which are charged also with the maintenance of six alms-men. When the dean and chapter lands were seized by the Parliament, during the interregnum in the seveneenth century, they allowed the master a salary of 36*l.* the usher 9*l.* out of the dean and chapter lands, and ordered that the master, usher, and boys, should be appointed by the corporation; at the same time 470*l.* *per ann.* was charged by them upon the dean and chapter-lands, for the support of preaching ministers at St. Oswald's, St. Peter's, Trinity church, and St. John's.

The Blue-coat-school, which occupies part of the site of the ancient hospital, without the North-gate, was first established, principally at the instance of Bishop Stratford, in the year 1700: it was originally intended for the education of forty boys, who were in part clothed: in 1741 ten of the boys were boarded, and since that time a varying but increasing number have been boarded, clothed, and taught, for three years: the present number is twenty-five. In the year 1783, the income of the school having increased, so as to be capable of maintaining five more scholars, a very judicious, and as its effects have proved, a highly beneficial proposal was made by Dr. Haygarth, an eminent physician at Chester (since removed to Bath), "that, instead of five additional in-scholars, there should be one hundred and twenty out-scholars, who were to be taught to read, write, &c. in two vacant and convenient rooms of the hospital, by two masters; that when the out-scholars had received instruction for two years, fifteen, and generally more of them, who had been most diligent, and had made the best proficiency, should be

^k An account of the voyages of these travellers is printed in Purchas's Pilgrims.

^l Biograph. Brit.

electd in-scholars, which would entitle them to complete maintenance as well as instruction, for two more years, at a general meeting, and by an examination of the trustees, annually assembled for this purpose; that the in-scholars at the end of their term should be rewarded by an apprentice fee, when placed in the feather-service, husbandry, or some useful trade; the unsuccessful candidates were to remain two years longer as out-scholars; the subscribers to have the privilege of nominating the out-scholars in rotation as vacancies should occur^a.”

This institution, by the continued care and attention of the principal gentry and clergy of the city, has been attended with the most beneficial effects. There are now only seventy out-scholars, who, from their wearing green-caps, are called the green-cap boys; besides twenty-five others, who are placed for education only, under the care of the Blue-coat school-master, in addition to the twenty-five Blue-coat boys, who are boarded by him. The master of the Blue-coat-school has a salary of 57*l.* 10*s.* °, and ten guineas *per ann.* for each boy's board: the salary of the Green-coat school-master is 45*l.* *per ann.* These schools are now supported by a permanent income of 250*l.* *per ann.* arising from the rent of land, and interest of money^p, exclusively of annual subscriptions, parochial collections, &c. &c. The school-house was erected by subscription in 1717, on part of the ruins of St. John's hospital: in 1767 the corporation conveyed the school, and master's-house, &c. to trustees, to be for ever appropriated to its present use, under certain rules and regulations; the mayor, recorder, and the two senior aldermen, to have votes at all meetings respecting the charity, and the corporation to appoint five boys in rotation.

The Blue-girls-school was first established in the year 1750, when twenty girls were taught by subscription: there are now only twelve girls, who are taught, clothed, and maintained, for three years; the mistress's salary is 25*l.* 4*s.*: this school is supported by voluntary contributions and benefactions. Soon after the institution of Sunday-schools at Chester in the year 1787, a general school of industry for poor girls was established, under the auspices of Dr. Haygarth, and other benevolent persons: both these, and the Sunday schools, have for some time been on the decline, but an exertion is now making to restore them.

^a Letter of Dr. Haygarth to the bishop of London (1808), in which he proposes that the benefits of this useful establishment should be extended all over the kingdom. Dr. Haygarth calculates that the education and maintenance of one in-scholar was equal to that of the education of twenty out-scholars.

^o Twenty-five pound paid by the corporation, being a rent-charge, in consideration of 500*l.* paid to them by the trustees in 1706; and 32*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, by the trustees of the charity.

^p Mr. Peter Cotton who died in 1716, gave 200*l.* to the Blue-coat-school.

On an extra-parochial spot encircled by the parish of St. Oswald, just without the North-gate, stood the hospital of St. John the Baptist, founded by Randal de Blundeville Earl of Chester, for a master, three chaplains, and thirteen citizens of Chester, being either "poor and fillie, or poor and feeble persons". The mastership of this hospital was given to the prior of Birkenhead and his successors, by a charter of King Edward II. By the founder's ordinance the pensioners were each to have daily one good loaf; one great dish of pottage; one piece of flesh, or fish; and half a gallon of competent ale. It appears that in the reign of Edward III., only one chaplain and six poor widows were maintained in this hospital. In the reign of Henry VIII. the corporation remonstrated with the prior of Birkenhead for not maintaining three chaplains and thirteen poor persons, according to the founder's intention, but he made answer that the revenues were not sufficient. The style of this hospital, in the reign of Henry VIII. was the master, brethren, and sisters; in some ancient charters they are styled "*Prior, confratres, & sorores*".

The hospital and chapel, which had been destroyed during the siege of Chester, were re-built by Colonel Roger Whitley, to whom King Charles II. granted the hospital estate for life. When the city charter was renewed in 1685^s, the reversion was granted to the corporation^t, who have the patronage of the chapel. The present chapel was built in 1717^u, and augmented by Queen Ann's bounty in 1801. In the old chapel yard are six alms-houses, occupied by poor widows, called "the sisters," being the only remains of the old establishment: they are appointed by the corporation; their original pensions were 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each, and some perquisites. Joseph Crewe Esq. alderman of Chester, who died in 1801, bequeathed the sum of 30*l.* *per ann.* to be divided among them in equal portions. Besides those which have been already mentioned there are some alms-houses, and other charitable institutions in Chester, which have no immediate connection with any particular parish.

On the south side of Common-hall-lane, in the parish of St. Bridget, is the hospital of St. Ursula, founded in the year 1532, by Sir Thomas Smith and others, executors of Roger Smith deceased, for six poor decayed persons, who had been aldermen, or common-councilmen, or their widows, and in default of any such, for

⁹ Harl. MSS. No. 1989. f. 436, &c.
 bears date, February 4, 37 Cha. II.

¹ Ibid. No. 2057. f. 169.

² The charter

³ Col. Whitley died in 1697: the corporation obtained possession of the hospital in 1703.

^u Mr. Stones in his MSS. collections, speaks of it as having been then more magnificently re-built at the charge of the city, and says that "Sir Richard Grosvenor contributed to the ornaments thereof."

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other poor persons. In 1540 the master and wardens of the gild of St. Ursula gave 30*d.* *per ann.* to this hospital: it is now occupied by freemen's widows; the endowment is small, consisting only of a pension of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each, paid by the corporation.

In the year 1658 William Jones, citizen of London, founded an alms-house (situated in Pepper-street, in the parish of St. Michael) for ten poor single persons, four men and six women, old inhabitants of Chester*: this alms-house is under the management of seven trustees, one of whom must be an ancient orthodox minister, and the others, knights, esquires, aldermen, or attornies of the Exchequer, and all resident in Chester. The alms-house people, according to the founder's direction, were to have 2*l.* 12*s.* each *per ann.* at the least. This alms-house is endowed with lands and houses in the parish of Holt in Denbighshire, in Chester, and Handbridge: the revenue is now about 80*l.* *per ann.* Mrs. Elizabeth Potter in 1782 bequeathed a legacy of 40*l.* to the poor of this house.

In the year 1658, Owen Jones of Chester, butcher, gave some lands at Minera in Denbighshire, then valued at only 17*l.* *per ann.* to the poor brethren of the several city companies, to be given to each company annually in rotation: the lands are now let for 31*l.* 10*s.* In 1756 a lead mine was discovered on this estate, which between that year and 1777 cleared 12,606*l.*, the greater part of which was put out to interest, and the whole annual income of the charity is now above 400*l.* *per ann.* The trustees, who are the mayor and sheriffs, having found some difficulty in the application of this increased income, according to the donor's direction, (for in the year 1803 there was no poor brother, or object of charity in the company, then in the regular rotation to receive it,) applied to the court of chancery, concerning the application of this revenue, the undistributed arrears of which, in 1808, amounted to 1500*l.*, in consequence of which the distribution of these arrears, and of the future income of the charity, has been recently regulated by a decree of that court †.

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* They are to be above fifty-five years of age, "unmarried, decayed, and impotent persons, such as frequent the public worship of the church on the Lord's-day and holy-days, and are not guilty of any gross sin, as adultery, fornication, drunkenness, swearing, railing, or the like: the poor of St. Michael's parish to be preferred on any vacancy, unless there should be already two of that parish in the house."

† The regulations are as follow:

First, "That the income of the charity-funds, which became due in the year 1803, shall, as soon as the amount can be received from the bank of England on the certificate of the accountant-general, be paid to the several persons in such order named, consisting of ten members of the company
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In the year 1615, Mr. John Vernon, merchant of the staple, and citizen of London, left the sum of 800*l.* to purchase lands, out of which the sum of 4*l.* *per ann.* each, was to be paid to ten decayed freemen of the city of Chester, being sixty years of age, and a gown every three years: there are now thirty five decayed freemen, called gownsmen, who receive pensions from the above-mentioned benefaction of Mr. Vernon, and similar subsequent bequests, by Mr. Richard Harrison, Mr. Richard Bird, Mr. Richard Sneyd, Mr. John Lancaster, and the late alderman Crewe: the nine eldest men now receive 1*l.* each in addition.

Sir Thomas White, founder of St. John's college in Oxford, gave the sum of 100*l.* once in twenty-four years, to be lent without interest to industrious young trades-men of the city of Chester. Hugh Offley in 1594 gave 200*l.*, and Robert

of Inn-holders, Cooks and Victuallers; three members of the company of Felt-makers and Skinners; one member of the company of Sadlers, and one member of the company of Cloth-workers, Walkers and Masons, being considered the only poor brethren of those companies in the year 1803, who have not already been fully relieved.

The income of the charitable funds, which became due in the year 1804, having been properly distributed by the trustees of that year.

Secondly, " That the income of the said charity funds, which became due in the year 1805, shall (after distributing the income for 1803) be paid to the several persons in such order named, consisting of one member of the company of Dyers; three members of the company of Weavers; three members of the company of Tanners; one member of the company of Merchants, Drapers, and Hofiers; and two members of the company of Barbers, Surgeons, and Tallow-chandlers: the members of the last company, being the two first poor, the others being the only poor brethren in their respective companies in the year 1805.

Thirdly, " That the future annual income of the said charity-funds, after allowing to the said trustees the legacies given by the will of the said Owen Jones, and their reasonable expences of management of the trusts, and also allowing such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in any one year 20*l.*, which the trustees may think proper to advance for and towards enabling poor brothers to bear and draw with their respective companies, shall be distributed among the poor brothers of the several companies in the rotation pointed out by the testator's will, and in such sums and proportions, as the trustees shall think proper, according to their several necessities; and having regard to the circumstances of each poor brother and his family, but that no poor brother shall receive more than 40*l.* in any one year: and when there is not in the company first in rotation any poor brother, or not a sufficient number of poor brothers to exhaust the said annual income, when distributed according to the regulations above specified, that then the poor brothers in the company succeeding next in rotation one after another, shall be relieved in the like manner, so as to exhaust the said income, and that the income of the following year shall begin where it ended in the year preceding, and when the distribution has gone through all the companies, it shall begin again with the first company, and go through them in the same rotation and manner from year to year; - - - and,

Fourthly, " That an account of the application and distribution of the said charity-funds shall be kept in a book at the town-office, where any member of any of the companies shall, for one month after notice in one of the Chester newspapers, have the inspection of the said book; and that within one month after the distribution of the charity, an advertisement shall be inserted, in one, or both of the Chester newspapers, that the charity had been distributed, and specifying the amount of the monies distributed, and number, but not the names or objects thereby relieved.

Offley in 1596, 600*l.* for the same purpose. Foulke Aldersey Esq. in 1608 gave 800*l.* to be lent at a small interest, which interest he directed should be paid to the poor of the parishes of St. Michael and St. Oswald²: these ample benefactions of Mr. Aldersey and the Offleys, have long been lost.

The general infirmary, situated in St. Martin's parish, originated from a bequest of 300*l.* given in 1756, by Dr. Stratford, commissary of Richmond, towards the establishment of a public hospital in the city of Chester. A sum sufficient for the purposes of the building having been soon raised by subscription, the infirmary was completed within five years, having been opened on the 17th of March 1761: the average number of in-patients, exclusively of casualties, fever-patients³, and venereal patients, is from seventy to ninety. The number of in-patients admitted in 1808, was seven hundred and seventy-nine, of out-patients, one thousand three hundred and forty-three: the total number of patients admitted since the institution has been 80,973. The funded property of this charity in 1808, was 15,500*l.* 3 *per cent.*; the subscriptions of that year amounted to 1154*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* This infirmary is attended by three physicians and four surgeons.

The house of industry for the poor of the several parishes in Chester, which stands near the Roode-eye in Trinity parish, was built in 1757: it is regulated under an act of Parliament, passed in the year 1763.

Christleton, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, lies about three miles E. by S. from Chester: it contains five townships, *Church-Christleton*, *Cotton-Abbots*, *Cotton-Edmonds*, *Littleton*, and *Rowton*. During the civil war Christleton was fortified by the Parliament, and was for a considerable time the head-quarters of Sir William Brereton's army during the siege of Chester^b. After the temporary raising of the siege in February, 1645, Christleton was burnt by the citizens of Chester^c. The manor of Christleton appears to have been in

² Archdeacon Rogers's MSS.

³ There are two fever-wards, one for male, the other for female patients, containing ten beds each: patients are admitted into these wards, which were constructed in the year 1783, without recommendation. For this admirable improvement in the establishment of hospitals, the Public are indebted to Dr. Haygarth, then one of the physicians to the infirmary, who after much investigation into the nature of infectious fevers, was enabled to refute some popular errors respecting the extent of infectious atmosphere. On the rational principle that the progress of infection might be arrested by separation, cleanliness, and ventilation, he suggested the plan of the fever-wards, which, under divine Providence, have been the means of saving many lives to the community, not only at Chester, where they were first established, but in London also and other large towns, where they have been adopted. It was at Dr. Haygarth's suggestion also, that a society for preventing the casual small-pox and promoting general inoculation in Chester, was established in 1778: this society continued six years. For further particulars relating to these establishments, see Dr. Haygarth's Inquiry how to prevent the small-pox; his letter to Dr. Percival; his letter to the late bishop of London, and the Reports of the Society for bettering the condition of the poor.

^b Randle Holme's Narrative of the siege. Harl. MSS. 2175., and Burghall's Diary.—History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii.

^c Randle Holme.

family of Birmingham as early as the reign of King Edward I. it was afterwards the property of Sir Hugh Browe, who was originally an adherent of King Henry IV., and had in 1401 a grant of forfeited lands in Cheshire, but joining not long afterwards in Hotspur's rebellion, was attainted, and the manor of Christleton was granted in 1403^d to John Mainwaring Esq. In 1443 it was purchased of the Mainwaring family by Humphrey Stafford Earl of Buckingham; his descendant Henry Lord Stafford sold it in 1554 to Sir William Sneyd, from whose family it passed by purchase in 1617 to Sir John Harpur^e. In 1771 Sir Henry Harpur Bart. sold this manor to Thomas Brock Esq. uncle of John Brock Wood Esq. the present proprietor.

Christleton-Hall, an ancient mansion now pulled down, belonged with its demesnes for several generations to the Bavands: from this family it passed by marriage to John Nichols M. D. whose heir devised it to William Richards Esq. the present proprietor.

An ancient mansion in this village, the property of Mrs. Mary Widdens, one of the daughters and co-heirs of the late William Widdens Esq. was lately in the occupation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester. Another ancient mansion, formerly the seat of a younger branch of the Egertons, is now the property of Bell Ince Esq. and in the occupation of Robert Baxter Esq. A modern mansion, the property and seat of Townsend Ince Esq. was built by his maternal grandfather Robert Townsend Esq. late recorder of Chester, whose family had been long settled at Christleton.

The rectory of this parish, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, has been many years in the Mostyn family, and is now vested in Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart.

A school-house was built at Christleton in the year 1800, with the sum of 100*l.* bequeathed by John Hignet Esq., and other benefactions, on a piece of ground given in 1779 by Mr. John Sellers, who at the same time gave a croft of about three acres of land called Lower-Withway croft, for the education of poor children of this township and Littleton, the boys to be taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the girls reading, sewing, knitting, &c. Thirteen boys and eleven girls are now educated by the trustees of this charity, &c.

The township of Church-Christleton has been inclosed pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1791; the lands were not exonerated from tithes.

^d Villare Cestriense. In 1414 Robert son of Sir Hugh Browe conveyed the manor of Christleton to feoffees; probably for the purpose of confirming it to the Mainwarings.—Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

^e Villare Cestriense.

The township of *Cotton-Abbots*, which contains only two houses, lies about four miles E. by N. from Chester. The manor of this place, anciently called Cotes, and distinguished by the name of Ordrick's Cotes, was given by Robert Fitzhugh, Baron of Malpas, about the year 1093, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh. Some time after the dissolution it was the property of Sir Thomas Smith of the Hough, from whom, by successive sales, it is said to have passed to John Anderson, alderman of Chester, and Colonel Roger Whitley^f. One of the co-heiresses of Colonel Whitley having brought this manor into the Mainwaring family, it was sold by the trustees under the will of Martha, Lady Mainwaring (bearing date 1740) to Ralph Leycester Esq. of Toft, whose son George Leycester Esq. conveyed it in 1780 to the late Thomas Brock Esq. It is now the property of the eldest son of the late Colonel Clutton, of Kinnerley-castle in Herefordshire, who married a niece of Mr. Brock. The ancient hall of this manor is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Cotton-Edmunds* took its name from Edmund de Cotton, whose ancestor had been possessed of the manor in the reign of Henry III.; this Edmund married the heiress of the Redwares of Hempsted-Redware in Staffordshire, and his posterity in the male line were from that time called Cottons of Redware. Eleanor daughter of Richard de Cotton, the last heir-male of the elder branch, brought Cotton-Edmunds in marriage, in the reign of Henry VII. to William Venables, Baron of Kinderton: this manor having descended with the barony of Kinderton, was purchased of Lord Vernon by the late Mr. Brock, and has since passed with Cotton-Abbots. The Cottons of Connington in Huntingdonshire, and of Connington in Cambridgeshire, both extinct, were descended from a younger branch of the above-mentioned family.

The townships of *Row-Christleton*, or *Rowton*, and *Littleton*, are both within the manor of Church-Christleton; Rowton lies about three miles and a half S. E. by E. from Chester; Littleton about two miles and a half due East. At Littleton^h hill is the seat of Thomas Dixon Esq. and at Rowton that of John Hignet Esq. the latter belonged for several generations to the Broster family; it was sold in 1787 by the brother of the present alderman Broster to the late Mr. Hignet, and by his devise passed to his nephew John Litherland, who assumed the name of Hignet.

^f Villare Cestriense. Colonel Whitley granted a lease of this manor in 1695 for three lives to Joshua Horton, who in 1700 was attainted for high-treason, having been convicted of keeping a press and implements for coining. In consequence of the attainder, his interest in this estate became forfeited to the crown, and under a grant of Queen Anne the manor was for some time in the possession of Sir Salathiel Lovel, one of the barons of the Exchequer, and his son Henry Lovel Esq.

Rowton-heath is well known to have been the site of an important battle between the Parliamentary army and that of King Charles, which proved fatal to the brave earl of Lichfield, and most disastrous to his royal master. On the same spot was a great rendezvous of the Cheshire gentry, who declared for a free parliament at the time of Sir George Booth's premature attempt to restore King Charles II. in 1659^s. The heath was inclosed in 1630^h.

CODDINGTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Malpas, lies about nine miles S. S. E. from Chester; it contains three townships, *Coddington-cum-Bechin*, *Aldersey*, and *Chowley*. It appears that there was anciently a market at this place on Monday, and an annual fair on the eve and day of the exaltation of the Holy Crossⁱ. The manor of Coddington which had been parcel of the honour of Hawarden, was held under that honour at an early period by a family of the same name, which was succeeded by the Botilers before the year 1277. In or about the year 1440^k it was purchased of the Botilers by William Maffie, ancestor of the Rev. Richard Maffie^l, the present proprietor, who resides at the rectory. Coddington-Hall, except an ancient gate-way, which still remains, was pulled down about the year 1800. The Maffies of Coddington are descended from a younger branch of the Maffies of Puddington, who derive their descent from a younger branch of the Maffies, Barons of Dunham-Maffey, being perhaps the only remnant, in the direct male line, of the posterity of any of the Cheshire barons. Edward Maffie the Parliamentary general, of whom there is a portrait at the house of Mrs. Maffey at Dee-Bank near Chester, was third son of John Maffie Esq. of Coddington, who married a daughter of Richard Grosvenor Esq. of Eaton; his elder brother was a captain in the King's army.

The manor of Bechin, which had been in the Botilers and Maffies, was purchased of the latter in or about the year 1630, by Thomas Wilbraham, whose son sold it to Colonel Roger Whitley; having passed by marriage to the

^s Heath's Chronicle. ^h Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. ⁱ The market and fair were claimed by Hawise, relict of Ralph Botiler, 31 Edw. III. See Dr. Williamson's *Villare Cestrie*.

^k A^o 18 Henry VI.—It was purchased subject to an annual rent of twenty-five marks, which continued to be paid till the year 1700, when it was bought by the late Thomas Maffie Esq. of Palmer Botiler Esq. representative of the grantee. The above date of Mr. Maffie's purchase is taken from some MS. collections relating to the parish of Coddington, made by the Rev. John Stones, rector, and bequeathed by him to his successors, as appears by a note, which concludes thus, "If these collections shall chance to fall into any other hand, I charge the person to restore them to the right owner, the rector of Coddington for the time being, as he or she expects justice in this world, or hopes for mercy in another." J. S. ^l So the Coddington family spell their name.

Mainwarings it was purchased in 1747 of James Mainwaring Esq. devisee of Martha Lady Mainwaring, by the Rev. Thomas Ince, grandfather of Townsend Ince Esq. of Christleton, the present proprietor: the manor house is inhabited by a farmer.

The church of Coddington was given in 1093 by Hugh Fitz-Norman and Ralph his brother to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester; the dean and chapter are now patrons of the rectory. The rector has all the tithes of Coddington and Bechin, one-third of the tithes of Aldersey, and half of those of Chowley^m.

The township of *Aldersey*, which lies about eight miles S. E. by E. from Chester, is divided into three hamlets, Great-Aldersey, Little-Aldersey, and Crook-Aldersey. The manor was from a very early period divided into moieties, one of which, as early as the year 1308ⁿ, was in the ancestors of the present proprietor Samuel Aldersey Esq. who resides at Aldersey-Hall. The other moiety was successively in the Hattons, Vernons, and Duttons; the latter possessed it as late as the year 1582, it afterwards belonged to the Calveleys, from whom it descended to the late T. P. Legh Esq. of Lyme, but no manerial rights are exercised for this moiety.

The township of *Chowley* lies about nine miles S. E. by S. from Chester; the manor which is within the manor of Tattenhall was formerly divided into severalties, and an eighth part, which in the thirteenth century was in the Pulfords, passed to the Grosvenors of Hulme, but the greater part was successively in the Hattons, Vernons, and Duttons. About the year 1660, the manor of Chowley was sold by Peter Dutton Esq. to Thomas Nevitt; the latter conveyed it to Peter Calf of Tottenham High-crofs, whose son of the same name devised it to his kinsman Mr. Edward Donne of Shrewsbury. Josina, daughter and heiress of Mr. Donne, brought it in marriage to Thomas Gardiner, whose grandson conveyed it in 1786 to John Crewe Esq. of Boleworth-castle. In 1805 it was bought under a decree of the court of chancery by the present proprietor Thomas Tarlton Esq. of the trustees of Oswald Mofely Esq. who had purchased of Mr. Crewe. The greater part of the estate having been separated from the manor, is now (having been purchased under the decree above-mentioned) the property of Stephen Luke Esq. of Chester. A moiety of the tithes of the whole estate which had belonged to the Grosvenors, and had been purchased by Mr. Mofely in 1786, was included in Mr. Tarlton's and Mr. Luke's purchases according to their respective portions of the estate.

^m Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

ⁿ Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

COPPENHALL, in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich, contains two townships, *Church-Coppenhall* and *Monks-Coppenhall*; the parish church, which gives name to the former, stands about five miles N. E. from Nantwich, and the same distance S. W. from Sandbach.

The manor of *Church-Coppenhall* belonged soon after the conquest to the family of Wafchett; about the end of the thirteenth century it is supposed to have passed by gift or purchase to Foulke de Orreby, whose family continued to possess it about a century; it passed afterwards by female descent to the Corbets and Hulfes. Sir Thomas Vernon died seised of it in 1616^o; it was afterwards in the Ravenscrofts, and having passed in marriage with the only daughter of Hall Ravenscroft Esq. of Horsham in Suffex, to Sir Thomas Delves Bart. who died in 1713, is now, by inheritance, the property of the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.

In this township is the hall of Shaw, which was given at an early period by Sir Randal Mainwaring to Harry Hiccockson^p, from whom it passed by purchase to Thomas of the Shaw. This hall was for many years a seat of the Shaws^q, and afterwards of the Foulshurfts; it is now a farm-house within a moated site, the property of Miss Jackson of Nantwich, by whose family it was purchased of the Heathcotes of Derbyshire.

The bishop of Lichfield and Coventry is patron of the rectory: Coppenhall was given to that see in the reign of Henry III. by William de Wafchett; it was then a chapel to Wyhunbury^r. Robert Stretton, bishop of Lichfield, endowed it in the reign of Edward III. with the glebe and all tithes, except those of corn and hay, which have been since appropriated to the rectory.

It appears that *Monks-Coppenhall* was so called from having belonged at an early period to the monks of Combermere. In the reign of Edward I. Thomas Crue, lord of Crue, conveyed this manor to Robert Burnell, bishop of Bath and Wells, and the abbot and convent of Combermere^s quitted claim to him; from the bishop's collateral descendant it passed by marriage to the Lovels, in whom it continued till the attainder of Francis Lord Lovel in the reign of Henry VII. Sir Thomas Vernon died seised of it in 1616^t; it was afterwards in the Cholmondeley family, and was purchased of George James Earl of Cholmondeley by Mrs. Elcock of Poole, the present proprietor.

DAVENHAM, so called from its situation on the river Daven or Dane, in the hundred of Northwich and deanery of Middlewich, is situated about two

^p Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense, p. 44.

^q Ibid.

^r Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^s Smith's MS. Collections,

^t Ibid.

^u Ibid.

miles S. from Northwich and four miles N. by E. from Middlewich. It contains the townships of *Davenham*, *Bostock*, *Eaton*, *Leftwich*, *Moulton*, *Newhall*, *Shipbrooke*, *Shurlach*, *Stanthorne*, *Wharton*, *Whatcroft*, and the lordship of *Rudbeath*.

The parish-church, which has a handsome spire, built in the year 1680, stands within the township of Leftwich; the chancel was rebuilt about the year 1795 by Dr. Cotton, dean of Chester, then rector; a small chapel on the north side of the chancel belonged to the ancient hall of Leftwich. The advowson of the rectory belonged formerly to the priory of Birkenhead; in or about the year 1285 the prior sold it to the baron of Shipbrooke for seventy marks^u; after this it continued for several centuries attached to the manor of Shipbrooke, but was afterwards again separated and passed through several hands: the present patron is Henry Tomkinson Esq. of Dorfold. George Savage rector of Davenham, an illegitimate son of Sir John Savage who was slain at Boulogne, is recorded to have had seven illegitimate children by three different women. One of these by Elizabeth Frodsham was the celebrated Edmund Bonner bishop of London^x.

There is a school at Davenham which has been established more than a century; the master has a salary of about 20*l. per ann.* arising from a rent-charge on the Shipbrooke-hill farm, and the aggregate produce of sundry small benefactions.

The Vernons, barons of Shipbrooke, were capital lords of the township of *Davenham*, which has passed with Shipbrooke and other manors, parcel of that barony^y, to the present proprietor William Harper Esq.

The manors of Over and Nether-Davenham were possessed for three centuries by the Bretts, who held under the Vernons and Savages; the co-heiresses of the Bretts carried these estates into the families of Holford and De la Wyche, which were settled at Davenham for several generations. Allen Holford, the last heir-male of this branch of the Holfords, sold his estate at Davenham to his brother-in-law Thomas Highlord Ravenscroft Esq., after whose death in 1795 it was purchased of his trustees by William Harper Esq. of Liverpool and others: the widow of Mr. Ravenscroft resides in the ancient mansion, in which she has a life interest. The family of the Wyches or De la Wyches removed to Alderley; we have not found what became of their estate at Davenham; it is probable that it was purchased by the Holfords.

The township of *Bostock*, which lies about three miles N. W. by W. from Middlewich, gave name to an ancient family descended from Osmerus lord of

^u Villare Castellense.

^x Smith's Collections, fol. 43.

^y See p. 648, 649.

Bostock, in the reign of William the Conqueror, which possessed the manor for several generations^a; the heirs of the elder branch of the Bostocks^a brought this manor in the latter part of the 15th century to the Savages^b. About the year 1755 it was sold by Sir Thomas Whitmore of Apley, in the county of Salop, to William Tomkinson gent. whose nephew and devisee Edward Tomkinson Esq. (now Wetenhall) sold it to Thomas France Esq. Bostock-Hall, the seat of Mr. France, was built by the late owner about the year 1775: the ancient hall, a building of timber, surrounded by a moat, was pulled down in the year 1803. On Bostock-Green is an ancient oak, which is said to mark the centre of the county.

The township of *Eaton*, or as it was anciently written *Ayton*, lies nearly three miles S. by W. from Northwich; the manor was at an early period in moieties between the family of Praers (succeeded by the Mainwarings^c) and that of Bulkeley: in the reign of Henry VIII. Thomas Bulkeley sold his estate in Ayton to the Breretons^d, who seem eventually to have been possessed of the whole manor, which before the year 1672 had passed by successive sales to the families of Lindsey and Cholmondeley^e: it is now the property of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal, M. P. The Bulkeleys had a seat at Ayton: Bishop Gastrell mentions a monument (formerly in Davenham church) for William Bulkeley Esq. of Ayton, who died in the reign of Edward IV. Leland says, that the two Bulkeleys, that is, the Bulkeleys of Whatcroft and the Bulkeleys of Eaton, contended either to be the elder house of that name; he adds, "Bulke of Eitons Stok cam to a daughter, and Leftwich had her, but Sir Gul. of Breton^f brought Eyton^g."

The township of *Leftwich* is situated one mile from Northwich; the manor belonged in the reign of William the Conqueror to the Vernons, as parcel of the barony of Shipbrooke: in the 13th century Margaret sister and heir of Warin Vernon, brought it in marriage to Sir Richard Wilbraham, with whose daughter and co-heir Maud it passed to Robert de Winnington. Richard, son of this Robert, assumed the name of de Leftwich, and was ancestor of the Leftwiches, who continued to possess this manor for several generations: in the early part of

^a See Esch. Henry V. and Edward IV.

^a A younger branch of the Bostocks continued in this township, and is supposed to have been extinct about a century ago. The last Bostock of Bostock, who appears amongst the burials in the parish register, is Thomas Bostock, buried December 26, 1704.

^b It appears to have continued in the Savages in 1701, being then the property of Richard Savage, Earl Rivers. Villare Cestriense.

^c Esch. 17 Rich. II.

^d Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^e Harleian MSS. N^o 2010.

^f Sir William

Brereton.

^g Leland's Itin. Vol. vii. p. 34.

the 17th century, Elizabeth daughter and heir of Ralph Leftwich, married William Oldfield^h, whose descendant Mrs. Jane Oldfield, sister and co-heirⁱ of Bowyer Oldfield Esq. the last heir-male of that family, sold Leftwich about the year 1736 to the father of Thomas Highlord Ravenscroft Esq. of whom it was purchased about the year 1790 by the Hon. Booth Grey, father of Booth Grey Esq. the present proprietor. The old hall of this manor has been taken down, and a farm-house built on the site.

The hall and demesnes of *Moulton* belonged to a branch of the Bostocks; they have of late years passed with the manor of Bostock, and are now the property of Mr. France; the hall is occupied by a farmer.

The hall and demesnes of *Newhall* were held under the Savages in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by the family of Stockley; about a century afterwards they passed by purchase to the Whitakers; the hall, demesnes, and royalty of Newhall are now the property of Samuel Vernon Esq. of Chester, whose father married the heiress of the Whitakers: the hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Shipbrooke*, which was the seat of the Barons Vernon, lies about two miles S. E. from Northwich; Richard de Vernon, the first of the family who settled at Shipbrooke, was one of Hugh Lupus's barons; Warin Vernon, the fifth baron in succession, son of Warin, who had married one of the co-heiresses of the Baron of Wich-Malbank, left three daughters co-heiresses, married into the families of Wilbraham, Stafford, and Littlebury; Ralph Vernon, rector of Hanwell, younger brother of Warin, had a long suit with his nieces concerning the barony, and it was at last determined by award, that Ralph should have one half of the baronial estate, including Shipbrooke the seat of the barony, and the manor of Minshull-Vernon. This estate is said to have been settled by deed on his illegitimate son Sir Ralph^k, who lived to the age of 150, as appears by various law-proceedings respecting the Vernon estates; he is called in the pedigrees of the family, Sir Ralph Vernon, "the old," and "the old liver." This Sir Ralph had issue male by his wife Mary, daughter of the Lord Dacre, and by Maud Grosvenor (widow of John Hatton), who on one side was represented as his second wife, and on the other as his concubine^l. In the year 1325 he made a settlement upon the marriage of Sir Ralph his grandson, or as some pedigrees represent him his great-grandson, with Agnes, the daughter of Richard Damory, chief justice of Chester; by this deed, in the event of failure of male issue from Sir Ralph and Agnes, the Vernon estates

^h Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense. ⁱ The other co-heiresses married Bowyer Wynne Esq., and brought him part of this township, which was sold in parcels by his son.

^k Woodnoth's Collections, p. 15, and 78.

^l Ibid. p. 58, 59, 60, and 82.

were settled on Richard, eldest son of the above-mentioned Sir Ralph, "the old," by Maud Grosvenor, passing by Thomas a younger son, (by Lord Daere's daughter,) whose descendant James Vernon, some years afterwards, contested the validity of the deed, and after considerable litigation there seems to have been a compromise, for James Vernon and his posterity recovered Haslington^m; but Shipbrooke with its barony, or rather a moiety of the barony, passed to the descendants of Richard. On the death of Sir Ralph Vernon the youngerⁿ, who by his wife Agnes Damory left only a daughter, married to Hamo le Strange, Shipbrooke was inherited by Sir Ralph Vernon, son of Richard, on whom the estate had been entailed; this Sir Ralph leaving no male issue, Shipbrooke passed to his younger brother Sir Richard Vernon, who was slain at the battle of Shrewsbury, leaving two sons, Sir Richard, who died in France, and left an only daughter, married to Sir Robert Foulshurst, and Sir Ralph, who inherited Shipbrooke; Ralph Vernon, son of the last-mentioned Sir Ralph, left an only daughter and heir, Dorothy, married to Sir John Savage K. G.^o, who was slain at the siege of Boulogne in 1492. In consequence of this marriage the Savages inherited a moiety of the barony, with the manor of Shipbrooke, and the royalties of Davenham, Leftwich, Moulton, Shurlach, and Wharton, which were sold in the early part of the last century, either by John Savage, the last Earl Rivers, or his immediate predecessor, to Mr. Richard Vernon of Middlewich, and devised by him to Henry Vernon Esq. of Hilton in Staffordshire, one of the lineal descendants of Sir William Vernon, a grandson of Warin, the third baron of Shipbrooke. Mr. Vernon having procured an act of Parliament for the sale of this estate in 1764, it was purchased by William Tomkinson of Manchester, merchant, and by him devised to Edward Tomkinson Esq. (now Wetenhall), who sold it to William Harper Esq. of Liverpool, the present proprietor: there are no remains of the ancient seat of the Vernons.

The royalty of the townships of *Shurlach* and *Wharton* is attached to the barony of Shipbrooke as above-mentioned: the landed property is divided amongst several free-holders. The township of *Shurlach* lies one mile and a half E. S. E. from Northwich; *Wharton*, two miles and a half N. N. W. from Middlewich.

The township of *Stanthorne* lies nearly two miles W. N. W. from Middlewich; the manor, which in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries belonged to the Rahers^p,

^m Ibid. p. 82.

ⁿ This Sir Ralph and his father are described as of Mottram.

^o Smith's pedigrees, p. 126.

^p Woodnoth's Collections f. 180. The family of Dudfin appear to have been possessed at the same time of Little Stanthorne. Ibid.

and at a later period for many descents to the family of Whalley, or Walley¹, having been purchased by Sir John Byrne Bart., descended to his grandson Sir J. Fleming Leicester Bart. Mr. Richard Jones of Manchester has lately purchased this manor and the house at Stanthorne-hill, now in the occupation of Charles Leicester Esq. There is a farm-house on the site of the old mansion, which is surrounded by a moat.

The township of *Whatcroft* lies three miles S. E. from Northwich; the manor was for many generations in that branch of the Bulkeley family, from which the present Lord Viscount Bulkeley is descended. This branch of the family had removed into North-Wales, before Leland's time², but continued to possess Whatcroft till after the year 1756, when an act of Parliament having been obtained for the sale of this and other manors, which had belonged to James Lord Bulkeley, then deceased, Whatcroft was purchased by the family of Robinson: it is now the property and seat of James Topping Esq., Barrister at law, who married the daughter and sole heir of William Robinson Esq.

The lordship of *Rudheath* is a large district, principally in this parish, Middlewich and Sandbach, but extending also into that of Great-Budworth, and comprising several extensive freehold estates. The manors of Drakelow and Rudheath belonged anciently to the family of Drakelow, and having been forfeited by the attainder of John Drakelow³, were for a long period in the crown⁴; having been granted to the Portland family, they were purchased, together with some farms, of the present Duke of Portland by Thomas Marshall Esq. of Northwich, and are now the property of his sons, John Thomas, and James Marshall, Esquires, who appoint a game-keeper for Drakelow, as parcel of the lordship of Rudheath. A manor of Drakelow, distinct from this, was formerly in the Wilbrahams of Woodhey⁵, and afterwards successively in the families of Delves, Townsend, and Prescott⁶. It is now the property of Charles Watkin John Shakerley Esq., who purchased it in 1802 of Sir George William Prescott Bart. The hall, which is within a moated site, is occupied as a farm-house. An action took place on the 22d of February 1643, between King Charles's forces, and those of the Parliament, under the command of Sir William Brereton; it appears to have been a drawn battle⁷. Winsford-bridge is partly in this parish, and partly in Over⁸.

¹ Vale-Royal, ii. 83. ² Leland's Itin. Vol. vii. p. 33. ³ Woodnoth's Collections, p. 192. The date is not mentioned. ⁴ They were purchased during the sale of crown-lands in the seventeenth century by Thomas Mackworth and Richard Smith. — Records in the Augmentation-office. ⁵ Anno 1622.—Webb's Itinerary in King's Vale-Royal, part ii p. 84.

⁶ Sir Thomas Delves appointed a game-keeper for this manor in 1722; Robert Towasend Esq. in 1742; it was purchased by Thomas Prescott Esq. in 1750.

⁷ Burghall's Diary.—History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 907.

⁸ See the account of Over parish.

DODLESTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, lies four miles S. W. from Chester: it contains the townships of *Dodleston*, *Higher-Kinnerton*, and *Lower-Kinnerton*. The manor of *Dodleston* was, at an early period, the property of the Boydells, who had a castle here ^a, of which no traces now remain: this family became extinct in the male line about the reign of Henry V., after which, *Dodleston* passed by female heirs to the families of Reddish and Merbury ^b: in or about the year 1627 it was purchased of Thomas Merbury by the Ravenscrofts of Bretton in Flintshire; and about the year 1756—Powis Esq. of Lilford, whose father had married a co-heiress of the Ravenscroft family, sold it to Sir Robert Grosvenor Bart., grandfather of Robert Earl Grosvenor, the present proprietor. The old hall at *Dodleston*, which belonged for several generations to the Manleys, was sold by them to Sir Robert Lawley Bart. of whom it was purchased in 1807 by Earl Grosvenor: this old mansion has been since taken down, and a farm-house built on the site.

A considerable estate in *Dodleston*, which had been purchased of William Merbury by Thomas Grosvenor Esq., was sold by Richard Grosvenor, in or about the year 1582, to Sir Thomas Egerton, her Majesty's solicitor-general, together with the capital messuage, then lately in the occupation of Anthony Grosvenor deceased. Sir Thomas Egerton, (who afterwards became lord keeper of the great-seal, Lord Ellesmere, and Viscount Brackley,) occasionally resided at *Dodleston*: he died in London in the year 1617, and was buried on the 10th of April in *Dodleston*-church, where, on a flat stone, is the following short epitaph:

“ Anchora animæ, fides et spes in Christo—Orimur,—
Morimur. — Sequentur qui non præcesserint.”

The Lord keeper's first wife, Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Ravenscroft, was buried at *Dodleston* in 1588, and his son Sir Thomas Egerton, who died in Ireland in 1599 ^c, having with his younger brother John, afterwards Earl of Bridgewater, accompanied the Earl of Essex in his expedition to that kingdom. The Earl of Bridgewater, Lord Brackley's son, sold his estate at *Dodleston*, to Richard Kelfall Esq. of Trafford; it is now the property of John Glegg Esq. of Withington, who married Bridget, daughter and heiress of the late John Kelfall Esq. The hall, which was an ancient edifice, built chiefly of timber, was pulled down about the year 1788, and a farm-house built on the site.

^a Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

^c His funeral was solemnized at Chester, and the funeral dinner kept at the bishop's palace.—Harl MSS. N^o 2129. fol. 44.

One of the halls at Dodleston was fortified by Sir William Brereton in the month of February 1645, during the siege of Chester; that general fixed his headquarters at Dodleston on the 2d of December following^d.

The church of Dodleston was given by Alan de Boydell to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh: the rectory is now in the patronage of the dean and chapter. The townships of Dodleston and Kinnerton have been inclosed under an act of Parliament passed in the year 1791.

The township of *Lower-Kinnerton* lies about four miles S. W. by W. from Chester: the manor has always passed with that of Dodleston; the hall of this estate stands in Cheshire, the offices in Flintshire. *Higher-Kinnerton* is wholly in Flintshire, although in the parish of Dodleston.

EASTHAM, in the hundred and deanery of Wirrall, is situated nine miles north from Chester, and five miles east from Neston: it contains the townships of *Eastham-cum-Plimyard* and *Carlett*, *Hooton-cum-Roveacre*, *Over-Poole*, *Nether-Poole*, *Great-Sutton*, *Little-Sutton*, and *Childer-Thornton*; besides part of the township of *Whitby*.

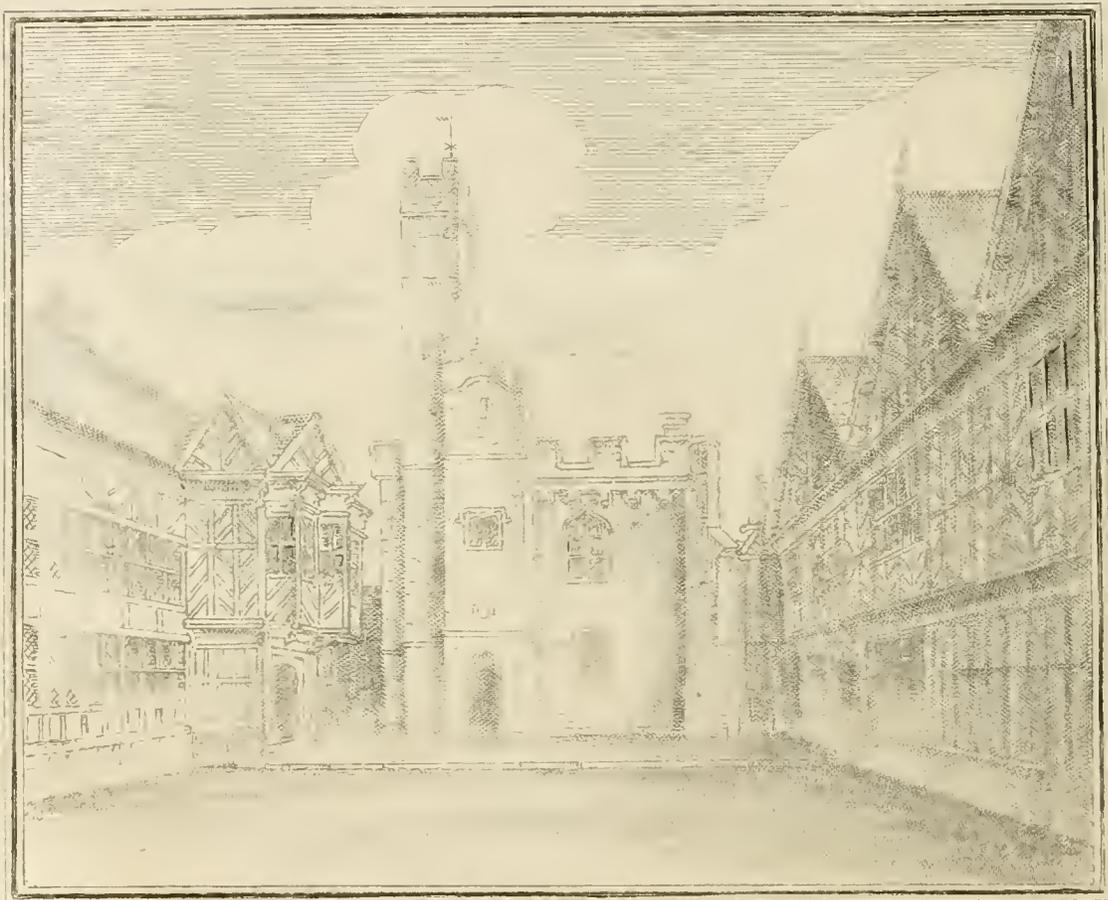
The manor of *Eastham* was given by Randal de Gernon Earl of Chester, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, as a compensation for the ills he had done that house, and by his charter he commanded all his subjects upon their allegiance, that this his donation, given for his health and absolution, should be as it ought, free and absolute; adding this imprecation, that if any of them or their heirs should diminish it in any thing, that God would lessen him; so lessened, destroy him; and so destroyed, condemn him with the devil^e. After the dissolution of monasteries, King Henry VIII. gave this manor to the dean and chapter of Chester, from whom this and other manors belonging to that body were obtained for certain annual rents, by Sir Richard Cotton^f, in or about the year 1553; Sir Richard's son, a few years afterwards, conveyed this manor to Sir Rowland Stanley, ancestor of Sir Thomas Stanley Massey Stanley Bart., the present proprietor. The manor of Plimyard was purchased in or about the year 1590 by the Stanleys of William Huntington: there is an old farm-house on the site of the manor, belonging to Sir T. S. M. Stanley Bart.

In the parish church of Eastham are some monuments of the Stanley family. This church was in ancient times a chapel to Bromborough: the tithes of Eastham were given by Hugh Lupus Earl of Chester to the abbot and con-

^d Randal Holme's Narrative of the siege of Chester. Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

^e Dr. Williamson's Villare Cestriense.

^f See p. 573, in the notes.



THE COURTYARD OF FOOTON HALL, CHESHIRE.

The ancient Seat of the Stanley Family, taken down in 1778.

From a Drawing in the Collection of the late W^m Nicholls, Esq. F. R. S.

vent of St. Werburgh : they now belong to several persons : Sir T. S. M. Stanley Bart. is impropiator of the townships of Eastham, Hooton, and Childer-Thornton ; Mr. Joseph White of Sutton-Parva ; the Rev. Thomas Edwards of Sutton-Magna ; the Rev. Sir Henry Poole Bart. of Over, and Nether-Poole ; and John Hignet Esq. of Whitby. The dean and chapter of Chester are patrons of the vicarage.

The township of *Hooton* lies about nine miles N. by W. from Chester ; this place was the property and seat of the ancient family of Hooton, or Hoton, which became extinct in the male line in the reign of Henry II., when it passed by marriage to the family of Wallensis, or Welshman, generally called, after this alliance, by the name of Hooton. About the year 1400, Margaret, daughter and heir of William Wallensis, or Hooton, brought Hooton in marriage to William de Stanley, from which time it has been the principal seat of the elder branch of this ancient family, from a younger branch of which are descended the Earl of Derby, the Stanleys of Alderley-Park, and the Stanleys of Cumberland. William Stanley of Hooton was created a baronet in the year 1661 ; the present baronet and proprietor of Hooton is Sir Thomas Stanley Maffey Stanley ³.

The ancient hall at Hooton was a large building chiefly of timber in the style of Little-Moreton-Hall ; it was taken down in the year 1778, and the present mansion built from a design of Mr. Samuel Wyatt : the stone is from the Storeton quarry. At Hooton are whole length figures of the Earl of Chester, and of Edric Silvester, ancestor of the Storetons, painted on board.

Roveacre, a hamlet of Hooton, belongs to Sir T. S. M. Stanley.

The townships of *Over* and *Nether-Poole*, lie at a short distance from each other, about eight miles N. by W. from Chester. The manor of Over-Poole has been held with Nether-Poole by the family of Poole, for more than three centuries ; but there appears to have been an estate distinct from this, called also the manor of Over-Poole, which was given by Catherine, wife of Hamelyn de Bardolph, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, and was granted by Queen Elizabeth in or about the year 1579 to William Glazier, or Glaseour, whose descendant continued to possess it in 1710 ; this also, we are informed, has been since united to Sir Henry Poole's estate. *Nether-Poole* belonged to the ancestors of the Rev. Sir Henry Poole Bart. as early as the year 1220, if not before ; it was then held under the family of Tyderington. Poole-Hall was for many generations the seat of the Pooles ; James Poole Esq. of Poole was created a baronet in 1677 : in consequence of a match with the Pelham family, his descendants have of late years resided in Sussex. The ancient hall, some parts of which exhibit traces of

³ See p. 367.

having been fitted up in or about the reign of Henry VIII., is still standing and occupied by the farmer who rents the demesne.

The township of *Great-Sutton* lies seven miles, and *Little-Sutton* seven miles and a half N. N. W. from Chester; the manors of both, which had belonged to the abbey of St. Werburgh, were acquired and held in fee-farm in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by Sir Hugh Cholmondeley¹: in 1798 they were purchased of Thomas Cholmondéley Esq. by Mr. Joseph White the present proprietor. The ancient mansion of Sutton-Hall has been taken down and a farm-house bearing the same name built on the site.

The township of *Childer-Thornton*, which lies eight miles N. N. W. from Chester, is divided between several freeholders who exercise manerial rights in rotation^k. In this township is a school for fourteen children, established about the middle of the seventeenth century: the school-house was built and is repaired at the charge of the parish; it has a small endowment (between four and five pounds *per ann.*) arising from sundry benefactions.

The township of *Whitby*, partly in this parish and partly in Stoak, lies somewhat more than six miles N. from Chester: the manor which had belonged to the abbey of Chester, was acquired in fee-farm in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by the family of Glaseour^l, from which it passed by purchase in 1706 to Thomas Bennet Esq. of Chester, whose representatives sold it, in 1805, to Robert Earl Grosvenor the present proprietor. Within this township, near the village of Whitby, the Ellesmere canal unites itself with the Mersey, at a place now called Ellesmere-Port, between which and Liverpool passage-boats and barges daily pass to and fro; there is another ferry at Eastham.

ECCLESTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, is situated nearly three miles S. from Chester; it contains two townships, *Eccleston-cum-Belgrave* and *Eaton*.

The manor of *Eccleston*, as parcel of the barony of Kinderton, was in the family of Venables from the time of the conquest till the death of Peter Venables, baron of Kinderton, the last heir-male, after which it passed by marriage to Montague Bertie, Lord Norris, and afterwards to the Vernons; it was purchased of the latter in 1758 by the father of Earl Grosvenor the present proprietor. The manor of *Belgrave*, a hamlet of Eccleston, which gives title of Viscount to Earl

¹ Harl. MSS. N° 2071. f. 162. b. See also p. 573.

^k The manor was parcel of the possessions of the abbey of St. Werburgh, which were intended for the dean and chapter, and which they afterwards lost. See p. 573. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth the manor was held in fee-farm by William Mayo, alia Baxter. Harl. MSS. N° 2071. f. 162. b.

^l See p. 573, and Harl. MSS. N° 2071. f. 162. b.

Grosvenor, has for many years passed with the manor of Eccleston^a; the advowson of the rectory has been attached also to that manor. Eccleston was occupied by Sir William Brereton's army in the year 1645, during the siege of Chester^b.

The parish church was rebuilt in 1808, from a design of Mr. Porden, at the sole expence of Earl Grosvenor. In the old church was a memorial for Elizabeth, relict of archdeacon Rogers, who made collections for the History of Chester (ob. 1617); in the Grosvenor chancel was an ancient monument of that family, and one of more modern date put up in 1624, in memory of Richard Grosvenor Esq. father of the first baronet, and his two wives, as well as the two wives of Sir Richard Grosvenor Bart.

The township of *Eaton*, called sometimes *Eaton-Boat*, lies about four miles S. from Chester: the manor was given by Leofric, earl of Mercia, to the monks of Coventry in the reign of Edward the Confessor. In the reign of Henry III. Hamon de Pulford being immediate lord of this place, settled half of it on his son Richard, who assumed the name of Eaton; his descendants appear to have been possessed of the whole manor, which in the reign of Henry V. passed in marriage with Joan, daughter and heir of John Eaton, to Ralph second son of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, who continued the male line of that family, and was immediate ancestor of Robert, Earl Grosvenor, the present proprietor. Sir Richard Grosvenor was created a baronet in 1622. Sir Richard the second baronet, who was an eminent royalist, was turned out of his house at Eaton by the Parliamentary army, and resided in a cottage belonging to a neighbouring gentleman till the restoration: his descendant Sir Richard, the seventh baronet, was created a peer in 1761, by the title of Baron Grosvenor of Eaton, and in 1784 he was advanced to an earldom, taking his second title of Viscount Belgrave, as above-mentioned, from Belgrave a hamlet of Eccleston.

There is a view of Eaton-Hall, (which was built by Sir Thomas Grosvenor in the reign of King William,) by Kip, in the *Nouveau Theatre de la Grande-Bretagne*: it was a large plain brick mansion, which has been lately fronted with stone; large Gothic windows have been introduced; a portico and wings added to it, and other extensive additions made by the present Earl Grosvenor, in an enriched Gothic style, from designs of Mr. Porden.

^a The Belgrave estate, which was esteemed a third part of Eccleston, was in the immediate possession of the Belgraves temp. Edward III., and having passed through other families was purchased by Sir Thomas Grosvenor long before the Grosvenor family was possessed of Eccleston.— Villare Cestriense.

^b Randal Holme's Narrative of the Siege of Chester. Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

Figden, now called *Figdale*, is a hamlet of Eaton, the property of Earl Grosvenor.

A brief account of this parish was published in 1774 by the Rev. Thomas Crane, then second master of the grammar school, now minister of St. Olave and vicar of Over.

FARNDON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, is situated on a hill which overlooks the Dee, about nine miles S. from Chester; it contains the townships of *Farndon*, *Barton*, *Churton*, *Clutton*, and *Crewe*. The manor of *Farn* or *Farndon* belonged from a very remote period to the fee of Lichfield and Coventry, under which it has been held for many generations by the Grosvenor family. Earl Grosvenor is lord of the manor, patron of the curacy, and improPRIATOR of the great tithes, which had in ancient times been appropriated to the dean and canons of St. John's church in Chester°. *Farndon* church, which is described by Webb in his Itinerary, written in the year 1622, as a fair new building^p, was made a garrison during the civil war^q, and is said to have been burnt during the siege of Holt-castle in 1645^r; it certainly sustained great injury, which was repaired in 1658, when the south window was decorated with the portraits in stained glass of Sir Francis Gamul the loyal mayor of Chester, Sir William Mainwaring, Roger Grosvenor Esq., Captain Barnston, and other officers of King Charles's army, with their coats of arms. In this church are some memorials of the Barnstons of Churton: William Barnston, who died in 1664, "ventured his life and fortune with King Charles I.; he was sent prisoner from Oxford to London where he continued till he paid his composition for his estate;" his son John, who died before him, married the sole heiress of Trafford of Bridge-Trafford. A chapel in the north aisle belongs to the Massies of Coddington; the south chapel belongs to the Barnstons. In this church were formerly the tombs of Sir Patrick de Barton and two other knights, with their effigies in armour, with large shields, round the edge of which their names were inscribed in Lombardic capitals; but only that of Sir Patrick de Barton (without date) was perfect when Randal Holme took his notes; on one of the other shields was a lion rampant, and on the third a wolf passant regardant, (the coat of Daresbury,) and an imperfect inscription; "*Hic jacet Madoc . . . Daur . . . or . . . pro eo*"^s.—Speed, the historian, was born at Farndon in the year 1552.

° Villare Cestriense.

^p King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 54.

^q Villare Cestriense.

^r See Gough's Camden. There is no mention of this circumstance in Burghall's Diary; an inscription in the church denotes, that having been much injured by fire in 1645, it was repaired, and the bells newly cast in 1658.

^s Harl. MSS. N^o 2151. f. 99.

A school-house was built at Farndon about the year 1629, and endowed with the rent of the croft on which it stands, which, with some other trifling emoluments, forms a salary of about 14*l. per ann.*; the master is nominated by the families of Barnston, Leche, and Massie.

Adjoining to Farndon, and bordering also upon some of the neighbouring townships, is an extra-parochial tract of land now called the township of *King's Marsh*. It was formerly called Over-Marsh, and was one of the spots set apart in ancient times for the reception of fugitive strangers of any county, who should come in time of war under the protection of the earls of Chester, and who were allowed to live there in booths for a year, none of the lords of the neighbouring manors being permitted to "approve, build, or make any commodity of any part of the said tract of land without the Earl's leave first obtained." King Richard III. granted Over-Marsh to Sir William Stanley: it is now the property of Thomas Spurstow Moulson Esq. in whose family it has been a considerable time.

The township of *Barton* lies about nine miles and a half S. S. E. from Chester; the manor was in ancient times held under the barony of Malpas by the family of Barton, some monuments of which family, with their effigies in armour, and their coats of arms on their shields, were formerly to be seen in Farndon-church^c, it was afterwards, for a considerable time, in the Earl of Cholmondeley's family, and was purchased in 1777 of George James Earl of Cholmondeley, by William Leche Esq. of Carden, who is the present proprietor.

The township of *Churton* lies about seven miles S. by E. from Chester; the manor, which belonged to the Barnstons as early as the reign of Richard II., is now vested in their lineal descendant Roger Barnston Esq. of Chester. Churton-Hall, for many generations the seat of the Barnstons, is now occupied by a farmer. The family of Hankey was seated in this township for several generations, the elder branch became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; a younger branch continued here in 1630ⁿ.

The township of *Clutton* lies about ten miles S. S. E. from Chester: the manor was anciently in the Cluttons, who continued to possess it from the reign of Henry III. to that of Henry VI.; it afterwards passed successively to the Massies and Bromleys, and was purchased of the latter by Richard Williamson Esq.^x, whose descendants sold it about the year 1725 to John Leche of Carden, ancestor of William Leche Esq. the present proprietor. Dr. Williamson the antiquary, whose manuscript History of the Cheshire manors we have had frequent occasion

^a Harl. MSS. N^o 2151.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2176. f. 77. See p. 375.

^c Villare Cestriense.

to quote, under the name of *Villare Cestriense*, was grandson of Richard Williamson above-mentioned, and born in this township.

The township of *Crewe* lies about ten miles S. by E. from Chester; the family of Crew or Crue, who took their name from this township, had considerable estates in Crewe, which, on the extinction of the male line of this family, passed by co-heiresses to the families of Bird and Dod: the grand-daughter of Thomas Bird, who married one of the co-heiresses, brought a moiety of these estates to the Stringers in the reign of Henry VIII.⁷ The royalty of the township of Crewe, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester, became vested after the dissolution in the Crewes, or Crues, of Holte, a younger branch of the Crewes of Crewe-Hall: in the latter part of the 17th century, Mr. Thomas Crue of Holte sold it to Sir John Crewe of Utkinton, of whose representative, now Lord Crewe of Crewe-Hall, it was purchased in the year 1802 by Mr. Ambrose Dutton the present proprietor.

FRODSHAM, which gives name to a deanery, is an ancient borough-town situated within the hundred of Edisbury, on the road from Chester to Manchester, at the distance of eleven miles from the former; the parish contains eleven townships, *Frodsham, Alvanley, Bradley, Helsby, Kingsley, Manley, Netherton, Newton, Norton, Overton, and Woodhouses*². Randal de Blundeville, Earl of Chester, granted the burgeses of Frodsham, being 110 in number, an exemption from all tolls except that of salt in the wiches, and that all pleas should be judged within the borough by the provost and vicinage, except those belonging to his sword³, reserving to himself also the resort of the burgeses to his mills and his oven^b. Frodsham is a market town by prescription, but, in consequence of its vicinity to Warrington, the market, which is on Saturday, is very inconsiderable: there are two small fairs, May the 15th and August the 21st; the latter being on the festival of St. Lawrence, is an ancient fair, as appears by the plea to a *quo warranto* in the reign of Henry VII.^c The Earl of Cholmondeley is entitled to the tolls at the market and fairs.

The manor of *Frodsham* belonged to the Earls of Chester, and afterwards to the kings of England. It was granted for life by King Edward I. (as Earl of Chester) to David brother of Llewellyn, king of Wales; by King Richard II. to Radegunda

⁷ Villare Cestriense.

² *Bradley, Netherton, Overton, and Woodhouses*, are by some considered only as hamlets within the lordship of Frodsham.

^a It does not appear that any such pleadings have been held for a long series of years, or that there is any record of other proceedings than those which are usual in courts-leet and courts-baron.

^c Villare Cestriense.

^d Harl. MSS. N^o 2115. f. 177.

Becket; by Henry VI. to Edmund Earl of Richmond^a; and afterwards to King Edward IV., then Duke of York^c. This manor was held for many generations under the earls of Chester and the crown by the ancient family of the Frodshams, who resided at Frodsham-castle, at the west end of the town, afterwards at Elton, and became extinct in the male line in the year 1766. The manor, which had been enfranchised and long ago alienated by the Frodshams, passed to the family of Savage, Earl Rivers, and by successive marriages to the Earl of Barrymore and general Cholmondeley^f, uncle of George James Earl of Cholmondeley, the present proprietor. A mansion called Frodsham-castle, which had been built on or near the site of the ancient castle^g, was burnt down October 10, 1654, on the day that the first Earl Rivers died there^h. A house called Park-place, which stands on or near the same site, is the property and residence of Daniel Ashley Esq.

The townships or hamlets of *Bradley*, *Netherton*, *Overton*, and *Woodhouses*, are within the lordship of Frodsham. The manor of Nether-Bradley, in the township of Bradley, was as early as the year 1315ⁱ, and continued for several generations in the Gerards of Crewood, and is now the property of their representatives the Leycesters of Toft.

The parish church is situated within the township of Overton, on a hill which overlooks Frodsham, nearly a mile from the town; the only monument for any family of note is that of the Hydes of Cattenhall: in the south aisle is a tablet for Peter Banner, a carpenter, who died October 21, 1749, aged fifty, having in thirty-three months been tapped for the dropsy fifty-eight times, and had 1032 quarts of water taken from him.

The following instances of longevity occur in the register of burials for this parish.

159²/₃ Feb. 12.—Thomas Hough, cuj. ætas CXXI.

————— 13.—Randle Wall, CIII.

1695 Apr. 13.—Margaret Knowles de Helleby, aged 107.

1791 Nov. 21.—Thomas Blean^k of Norley, aged 102.

The tithes of Frodsham were given by Hugh Lupus to the abbey of Chester^l, but this grant appears to have been resumed, for we find that King Edward I. gave the church of Frodsham to the abbot and convent of Dernhall (afterwards

^a Villare Cestriense.

^c Rot. Parl. Vol. v. p. 380.

^f See p. 499.

^g Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 100. In the first volume of Buck's Antiquities is a view of some small remains of Frodsham-castle.

^h See Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities of Bucklow hundred,

p. 236.

ⁱ Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

^k The name is spelt Blain on

his grave-stone.

^l Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. i. p. 201.

Vale-Royal^m) that the great tithes were appropriated to that convent to which they belonged at the dissolution of monasteries, when they were granted with the advowson of the vicarage to the dean and chapter of Christ's-church college in Oxford. The lease of the great tithes held under that college is vested in the trustees of the late William Maffey Esq. of Moston near Chester.

The vicarial tithes were estimated only at 90*l. per ann.* in bishop Gastrell's time, but have been much augmented in value of late years, in consequence of the increased culture of potatoesⁿ. Certain commons in the townships of Frodsham and Helsby were inclosed by act of Parliament in the year 1793.

A free-school was established at Frodsham about the middle of the seventeenth century, when the house was built by subscription, and a sum of money raised, which was laid out in the purchase of lands. The revenues of the school have been augmented from the interest of money given by fundry benefactors, and some rent-charges; one of these 5*l. per ann.*, left by Mr. Trafford, is subject to the condition of the master's being approved by the company of Apothecaries at Chester^o; the master has now a salary of 100*l. per ann.* On the hill above Frodsham was formerly a beacon^p.

The manor of *Alvanley*, or *Alvandley*, was held under the Fitz-Alans, Earls of Arundel^q, at an early period by Richard de Pierpoint and Robert de Alvanley, who sold it to Sir Philip de Orreby, father of Philip, whose daughter and heir, Agnes, brought this manor and other possessions, in the reign of Henry III., to Walkelin de Arderne^r, ancestor of John Arden^s Esq., the present proprietor. When the Right Hon. Sir Richard Pepper Arden, late master of the Rolls, and younger brother of John Arden Esq., was created a peer in 1801, he took the title of Lord Alvanley, which is now enjoyed by his son. A farm-house, called Alvanley-Hall, occupies the site of an ancient mansion, belonging to the Arden family, called by Webb, in 1622, "a very fine house, belonging to Henry Arderne Esq." In this township, which lies about three miles S. S. W. from Frodsham, is a chapel of ease, with a small endowment, in the patronage of the Arden family, but the income being not adequate to the maintenance of a minister, it has been disused since the year 1787: the chapel is in good repair, but the pews, pulpit, &c. have been removed; the inhabitants have the right of sepulture at Alvanley.

^m Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. i. p. 936.

ⁿ See p. 411.

^o Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^p Anno 1585, and 1622. Smith's and Webb's descriptions of Cheshire, in King's Vale-Royal.

^q The paramount royalty passed by purchase to the Troutbecks, and was inherited from them by the earls of Shrewsbury—Villare Cestriense.

^r Ibid.

^s The name has been so split by the family of late years.

^t Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 117.

The township of *Helsby* lies about three miles S. W. by W. from Frodsham; the manor was anciently in a family which took its name from the township; the heiress of the Helsbies, in the reign of Edward II., married Sir Peter Thornton, whose co-heiresses brought this manor in moieties into the families of Fitton and Beeston; Fitton's moiety passed by successive female heirs to Venables and Trafford; Beeston's moiety to Leighton and Savage. John Savage, the first Earl Rivers, having purchased the other moiety of Sir Henry Hobart¹, who, it is probable, had acquired it in the same manner of the Traffords, the whole descended with Frodsham, to George James, Earl of Cholmondeley, the present proprietor.

The township of *Kingsley*, lies about three miles S. E. from Frodsham: the lordship, which includes the townships of *Newton*, and *Norley*², was given by Randal Meschines Earl of Chester in the reign of Henry I. to Randal de Kingsley, whose grandson left four daughters, co-heiresses, Emma married to William Gerard, Agnes to William Lancelyn, Amicia to Randal Thornton, and Joan to Henry Done: the lordship was divided amongst these co-heiresses; Thornton's share soon passed (by purchase, probably, from the co-heiresses of Sir Peter Thornton, as there does not appear to have been any connection between the families) to the Rutters, who were for several generations of Kingsley; the Gerards having purchased Lancelyn's share about the year 1302³, a moiety of the manor continued in that family for more than three centuries. Done's share continued in his descendants till the middle of the seventeenth century, and passed by successive female heirs to the Crewes and Ardernes. Sir John Savage having purchased Gerard's moiety in the year 1561, and Thomas Earl Rivers having purchased Rutter's share in the latter part of the seventeenth century, the manor is now vested in the trustees of John Barry a minor, natural son of the late James Hugh Smith Barry Esq., whose grandfather, Richard Earl of Barrymore, married the heiress of Richard Savage, Earl Rivers: Kingsley-Hall is occupied by a farmer.

Within this township is the ancient manor of Cattenhall, in ancient times the property and residence of Ralph Venator, or the Hunter, who gave it to God, and St. Mary, and Sir Ivel the priest, and his successors; by which it seems that he established a kind of hermitage, afterwards vested in the abbot and convent of Chester, who conveyed it to William Gerard of Kingsley, and his heirs, subject to a payment of 30*s.* *per ann.*, and to the obligation of finding two chaplains in

¹ Villare Cestriense.
from Frodsham.

² *Newton* lies about two miles S. E. by S. *Norley* five miles S. E.
³ Villare Cestriense.

the chapel of Cattenhall, to pray for the souls of Sir Richard de Kingsley and his successors, Lords of Kingsley^a. Cattenhall was purchased of the Gerards in the reign of Edward III. by the Griffins, from whom it passed by a female heir to the Nuttals. In the reign of Charles I., the last of the Nuttal family^b sold it to certain persons, of whom, in the succeeding reign, it was purchased by Robert Hyde Esq.^c: from the Hydes it passed by marriage to the Giffords of Chillington in Shropshire, and is now the property of Miss Elizabeth Gifford of Norquis in the county of Flint: the old hall has been taken down. Crewood, or Crew-wood, formerly the seat of the Gerards, is partly in this township^d, in which also was Peele-Hall, a moated mansion, formerly a seat of the Ardernes, lately taken down for the purpose of building a farm-house on its site, now the property of George Whitley Esq.

In the reign of Edward III., Sir Laurence Dutton had a license from the Earl of Chester, to carry away the chapel of Kingsley within the forest of Delamere, formerly belonging to Sir Peter Thornton, whose daughter and co-heiress he had married.

Within the township of *Norley* was an ancient hall, belonging to the family of Hall, which was re-built in 1782, by the late William Hall Esq., and has passed by his will with the demesne to George Whitley Esq. his nephew, the present owner, who resides at Norley-Hall. It is probable that Norley-Hall was, at a remote period, the seat of the Norleys, whose heiress married Robert Legh, ancestor of the Leghs of Adlington. In this township also is Norley-bank, a modern mansion, the property of John Nuttal Esq.

The township of *Manley* lies about four miles S. S. W. from Frodsham; the manor was, as early as the reign of Henry III., in the Manleys, who held it under the fee of Kingsley. It was purchased of this family in 1574, by Richard Birkhead, recorder of Chester, whose son, Adam, sold it to the Rev. Gregory Turner, rector of Sefton in the county of Lancaster; Henry Legh Esq. of East-Hall, having married the heiress of Mr. Turner, sold it, about the year 1652, to William Davies Esq. of Ashton: on the death of Thomas Davenport Davies Esq. without issue, it passed by marriage with his sister to Sir Matthew Deane of Dromore in the county of Cork Bart., whose nephew, Lord Muskerry, sold it to

^a Villare Cæstriense. ^b So called by Dr. Williamson. John Nuttal Esq. of Norley-bank appears to be descended from another family.

^c Dr. Williamson's Villare Cæstriense. — In a *Villare* of Cheshire (1666). Harl. MSS. No. 2010. Cattenhall is described as Robert Hyde's, late Sir Arthur Aston's.

^d See the account of Waverham.

Thomas Lowten Esq, the present proprietor: a farm-house has been built on the site of the old hall. In this township is a quarry of excellent free-stone, from which most of the stone for the new-buildings at the castle of Chester, and Earl Grosvenor's seat at Eaton-Hall, has been obtained.

GAWSWORTH, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies about three miles S. W. from Macclesfield. It consists only of one township, divided into five parts, called Tidnor-end, Shallow-end, Stubbs-end, Mill-end, and Woodhouse-end: a few houses in the township of Marton are in this parish. The manor of Gawsworth was given by Randal de Mefchines Earl of Chester, in the twelfth century, to Hugh son of Bigod, who took the name of Gawsworth; his daughter Lucy brought it to the Orrebies, the heirs of which family, Isabel, married Thomas Fitton in the reign of Edward I. Sir Edward Fitton, their descendant, was created a baronet, in the year 1617; his grandson, who died in 1643, gave it by will to his nephew, Charles Gerard, afterwards Earl of Macclesfield^e: the niece and presumptive heirs of Fitton Gerard the last Earl having married Charles Lord Mohun, that nobleman became possessed, under Lord Macclesfield's will^f, of this manor and other estates in Cheshire, which he bequeathed to his second wife. Gawsworth is now the property of the Earl of Harrington, whose grandfather the Right Hon. William Stanhope, vice-chamberlain of the household, having married Anne Griffith, one of Lady Mohun's daughters by her first husband, purchased this manor and Bosley in 1727 of the trustees of his wife's marriage-settlement. This manor was held of the Aldfords and their successors the Ardernes, by the service of finding a foot-soldier with an haubergeon for the ward of Aldford-castle in time of war. Part of Gawsworth-Hall, the ancient seat of the Fittons, has been lately taken down; the remainder has been converted

^e Immediately on the death of Sir Edward Fitton, his four sisters, Penelope, wife of Sir Charles Gerard Knt.; Mary, wife of Sir John Brereton Knt.; Jane, wife of Thomas Minskell Esq., and Frances, wife of Henry Mainwaring Esq., entered on his estates as co-heirs; but after a long litigation were ejected by Mr. William Fitton, son of Alexander, second surviving son of Sir Edward Fitton, treasurer of Ireland, who claimed under a deed of Sir Edward Fitton, the last baronet, in favour of his next male heir. After the restoration, Sir Edward Fitton's will in favour of his nephew, Charles Gerard, was brought forwards and established.

^f In p. 483, Charles Mordaunt, should have been called *last*, instead of second husband of Lady Mohun: when that page was printed we had not discovered that Lady Mohun, who possessed Aldford and Gawsworth, was not Lord Macclesfield's niece. The fatal duel between Lord Mohun and the Duke of Hamilton, who married the two nieces of the last Earl of Macclesfield, is said to have originated from the circumstance of the Earl's bequest of his estates to the former. Tonkin's Cornish MSS., in the possession of Lord De Dunstanville (under the parish of Boconoc).

into two farm-houses. On the tower of the parish church, which is a handsome structure, ornamented with pinnacles, are the arms of Gawsworth, and those of Fitton, impaling Bechton, which match took place in the reign of Edward III., and corresponds with the appearance of the architecture of the tower.

In the church are some monuments of the Fittons; that of Sir Edward Fitton, the first baronet, who died in 1619, has some wretched verses, the last of which speaks of the deceased and his family as “Fitt-ons, to weare a heavenly diadem:” the monument of Sir Edward Fitton Bart., a very active officer in the army of King Charles ², “who was at the battles of Edge-hill, Banbury, Brentford, and Reading, and at the siege of Bristol; at which place, after the taking of that city by Prince Rupert, he was left in garrison, and died of a consumption in 1643,” has the effigies in armour of himself and his lady. There are memorials also for Sir Edward Fitton, great grandfather of the first baronet, who married a co-heiress of Sir Richard Harbottle, and Francis Fitton Esq. who married Catharine, countess dowager of Northumberland ^b. In the east window was formerly a portrait of Sir Richard Sutton, founder of Brâzen-nose college in Oxford, with the date 1505 ⁱ. The church of Gawsworth was anciently a chapel to Prestbury, but has been a distinct rectory for more than three centuries. The Earl of Harrington is patron. Adjoining to the church-yard is a school-house, built by Lord Mohun, but not otherwise endowed than with the interest of some small sums of money, left since by various persons.

GRAPPENHALL, GROPENHALL, or GROPPENHALL, in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, lies about two miles south from Warrington in Lancashire, and nine miles north from Knutsford; it comprises only two townships, *Grappenball* and *Lachford*.

The manor of *Grappenball* belonged in William the Conqueror's time to Osbern Fitz-Tezzon, ancestor of the Boydells of Doddleston: having been divided between the co-heiresses of Boydell, one moiety passed by a female heir, through the family of Daniel, about the year 1388, to the Leghs of Lyme, and is now vested in the executors of the late Thomas Peter Legh Esq. of that place. The other moiety passed with the co-heiress of Boydell to the family of Reddish, whose heiress

^a He raised a complete regiment of foot for the service of King Charles I. of which he was appointed colonel.

^b She was one of the four daughters and co-heirs of John Nevil Lord Latimer; married first to Henry Earl of Northumberland, who died in 1583; and afterwards, in 1588, to Francis Fitton Esq. She died in 1596.—Inscription on a portrait of Francis Fitton at Gawsworth-Hall.

ⁱ Ashmole's MSS. No. 854.

in or about the year 1556 married into the Marbury family: this moiety having been purchased with the other Marbury estates by the last Earl Rivers, is now vested in the trustees of John Barry, a minor, under the will of J. H. S. Barry Esq. Reddish-Hall, now a farm-house, is part of the Barry property.

In the parish church are some memorials of the family of Middlehurst of Latchford: there was formerly the tomb of William Boydell junior, with his effigies cross-legged, in mail and fur-coat^k. A school-house was built at the expence of the parish in 1712; Mr. Thomas Johnson endowed it with lands in Appleton, now let at 12*l.* 12*s.* *per ann.*

The township of *Lachford*, or *Latchford*, lies about a mile and a half S. E. from Warrington; the manor passed with one of the co-heiresses of William Boydell in the reign of Edward III., to Howell-ap-Owen Voil, whose son assumed the name of Boydell; Thomas Boydell, the grandson, had two daughters co-heirs, who carried this manor in moieties to the families of Reddish and Alburgham; the moiety, which belonged to the Reddishes, has passed in the same manner as their estate in Grappenhall: Alburgham's moiety was sub-divided between two co-heiresses, married to Byrom and Holt; Holt's share passed by successive sales to the families of Brooke and Ireland. Byrom's was sold in severalties^l. The Byroms were for many years patrons of the advowson of Grappenhall, now the property of the Rev. John Burnett Stuart, who is patron and incumbent. Two weekly markets at Latchford^m, to be held on Wednesday and Friday, and two fairs, one upon the fifth and sixth of May, and the other on the 17th and 18th of October, were granted in 1367 to Sir John Daniel, and his wife Joanⁿ.

A chapel of ease was consecrated at Lachford in 1781: the rector of Grappenhall is patron. The commons of Grappenhall and Latchford have been inclosed under an act of Parliament passed in 1773.

HANDLEY, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, lies seven miles and a half south from Chester, and eight miles west from Tarporley; it comprises the townships of *Handley* and *Golborne-David*. The manor of *Handley* was from the time of the Conquest till the reign of Edward III. in the Boydells^o, and having passed with the co-heiresses of that family to the Holfords, was sold by the latter in the year 1585 to Sir George Calveley. Dame Mary, relict of Sir

^k Harl. MSS. N^o 2151. Church-notes by Randal Holme.

^l Sir Peter Leycester.

^m Latchford was accidentally omitted among the places which had anciently charters for markets, in p. 328.

ⁿ Sir Peter Leycester, p. 301.

^o Villare Cestrieuse.

Hugh Calveley, the last heir male of this family, died in 1707, having survived her husband fifty-seven years. This manor having been upon a partition allotted to Peter Legh Esq. of Lyme, as one of the co-heirs of the Calveleys, descended to the late Thomas Peter Legh Esq., and is now by his bequest the property of his natural son, Thomas, a minor. Calveley-Hall, on Milton-green, formerly a seat of the Calveleys, is now a farm-house: the chapel, which was built by Dame Mary Calveley in 1690^p, has been taken down.

In the church is a memorial for Thomas Venables Esq., who died in 1572. The rectory of Handley, which belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester, is now in the patronage of the dean and chapter.

The manor of *Golborne-David* was given about the reign of King Stephen, by William Boydell to Thomas de Golborne^q, the heirs of whose family brought it, about the year 1400, to that of Venables, in which it continued as late as the reign of Charles II. The lands of this township are now possessed by a few freeholders, and it is esteemed to be parcel of the manor of Handley.

HARTHILL, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, comprising only one township, lies about nine miles S. by W. from Tarporley, and about eleven miles S. E. from Chester. From the reign of King John, to that of Edward III., the manor of Harthill was in a family of that name, from which it passed by successive female heirs to the Tattenhalls and Calveleys^r. The Cottons, who possessed this manor as co-heirs of the last-mentioned family, sold it to the late Oswald Mosley Esq. of whose devisees it was purchased in 1806 by Thomas Tarlton Esq., the present proprietor. In the parish church are some memorials of the Birds of Broxton. The advowson of the donative, or perpetual curacy, which is endowed with the great tithes, was anciently in the St. Pierres, from whom it passed by marriage to the Cokesys and Grevilles: it was afterwards in the Breretons, of whom it was purchased, in the reign of Charles II., by Sir William Drake, ancestor of T.D.T. Drake Esq. of Amersham in Buckinghamshire, the present patron.

HESWALL, or HESELWALL, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, comprises two townships, *Heswall-cum-Oldfield*, and *Gayton*. The township of *Heswall* lies three miles N. W. by N. from Great-Nelson; the manor was the ancient inheritance of a family of that name, which became extinct in the male line in the reign of Edward III. after which, one moiety of the manor passed successively

^p Notitia Cestriæ sive.
family of Malpas.

^q The Golbornes are said by Camden to have been a branch of the

^r Villare Cestriense.

to the Calveleys and Davenports, and is now the property of Davies Davenport Esq. ^a M. P., the other passed in marriage with the co-heiress of Hefelwall to the Egertons ^b, and by successive sales to the families of Brown and Whitmore ^c, it has since been divided into severalties, of which Charles Goodwin Esq. possesses one by purchase, the others are vested in the representatives of the late Mr. Whitmore.

The manor of Oldfield was given in marriage by Patrick de Hefelwall, with Alice his sister, to Guy of Provence, whose posterity took the name of Oldfield, and were ancestors of the Oldfields of Bradwell, Somerford, and Leftwich. This estate is said to have passed in moieties with two co-heiresses of Oldfield, to the families of Whitmore and Croxton; Whitmore's moiety has passed in the same manner as the Hefelwall estate; the other is now the property of ———Hough, whose father is said to have purchased from the Croxtons. In the parish church are monuments of Sir William Glegg, who died in 1706, and others of the Gleggs of Gayton; on the north wall are the arms of Hefelwall, a figure of St. Michael and the dragon, and this inscription, "*Sigillum Willielmi de Hefelwall.*" The advowson of the rectory has always been attached to the manor, the presentation having been for several years alternate.

The manor of *Gayton* was given by King Edward I. to Reginald de Tibermont of Normandy, who having soon after surrendered it into the king's hands, it was granted in 1277 to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal, who in 1312, with the king's licence, gave it to Stephen de Merton, together with Lach-on-Rudheath, in exchange for his manor of Merton in the forest of Delamere ^d. About the year 1330, Gayton passed in marriage with Joan, daughter and heir of Stephen de Merton, to Gilbert Glegg Esq. William Glegg Esq., the last heir male of this ancient family, died in 1758. This manor is now the property of John Glegg Esq., whose father John Baskervyle, the lineal descendant of the ancient family of Baskervyle of Old-Withington, assumed the name of Glegg, in consequence of his marriage with Mary, only daughter of Robert Glegg Esq. (brother of William), who, on the death of her uncle, became sole heiress of the Gayton estate. Gayton-Hall, the ancient seat of the Gleggs, is at present occupied by John Stanislaus Townshend Esq. King William III. slept at Gayton-Hall, previously to his embarking for Ireland, in the month of June 1689, on which occasion his host William Glegg Esq., received the honour of knighthood.

^a See p. 550.

^b A partition of this estate was made between the Calveleys and Egertons as co-heirs, 12 Edw. III. Woodnoth's Collections, p. 25.

^c Sold by Sir Richard

Egerton to Thomas Brown, 4 Eliz. Villare Cestriense.

^d Villare Cestriense.

INCE (anciently called Ynes), in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Chelster, comprising only one township, lies about five miles W. by S. from Chester. The manor, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester, was obtained soon after the dissolution by Sir Robert Cotton^a, and by him sold to the Cholmondeleys. In 1722 it was purchased of Charles Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal, by Sir George Wynne Bart.; after the death of his son-in-law Richard Hill Waring Esq., it passed to Mr. Waring's great-nephew and heir at law, John Scott Esq. who took the name of Waring in addition to his own, and in 1805 sold this manor to Edmund Yates Esq. and Robert Peele Esq. The whole is now the property of Mr. Yates, who is also patron of the donative, and impropiator of the great tithes.

In the first volume of Buck's Antiquities is a view of the ruins of an ancient Gothic building at Ince, now fitted up as a farm-house; as its site is on the demesnes of the manor, there can be little doubt that it was, according to the generally received opinion, a grange belonging to the monks of Chester, and probably a place of occasional retirement during the summer; the barn bears the appearance of having been a chapel.

The parish of WEST-KIRKBY, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, contains eight townships, *West-Kirkby*, *Caldey*, *Frankby*, *Grange*, *Greasby*, *Great-Meoles*, *Little-Meoles*, and *Newton-cum-Lorton*^a.

The township of *West Kirkby*, which lies eight miles N. W. from Great-Neston, and about eighteen from Chester, belongs to several freeholders, who are lords of the manor in rotation. The manor had formerly belonged to the abbot and convent of Basingwerk^b, and afterwards to the Earls of Derby^c. In the parish-church are some memorials of the Gleggs of Grange and Tranmore, and a monument for John Vanzalen gent. who died in 1689. The church of West-Kirkby, with a chapel on Hilbree-island were given by Robert de Rothlent, one of Hugh Lupus's barons, to the monks of St. Ebrulf in Normandy, who in the year 1287 conveyed them to the abbot and convent of Chester for a palfrey and nine marks: West-Kirkby is now in the patronage of the dean and chapter. A free-school was founded in this parish in the year 1636, by William Glegg Esq. of Caldey-Grange, and endowed with lands now producing 40*l. per ann.* Thomas Bennet, who died in 1676, gave a rent-charge of 30*l. per ann.* to this school; by the first enfeoffment the nomination of the master was vested in the bishop of

^a See p. 573, in the notes. ^b The whole parish is divided into four quarters, 1. *Kirkby*, *Grange*, and *Newton*; 2. *Caldey*; 3. *Frankby* and *Greasby*; and 4. *Great-Meoles* and *Little-Meoles*.

^c Elch. Edward I. and Edward III.

^d Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

Chester and Mr. Glegg's heirs; the remainder of the estate, given by Mr. Bennet, which now produces 17*ol. per ann.* is for the benefit of the poor of this parish, without any particular appropriation except 2*4l.* for clothing twenty-four poor persons.

The township of *Caldey*, sometimes called *Great-Caldey*, lies nearly seven miles N. W. by N. from Great-Neston; the manor having passed with that of Hefelwall^d, is now in severalties between the representatives of Whitmore and Mr. Goodwin.

The township of *Frankby* lies seven miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor having passed by marriage from the Orrebies to the Ardernes, was alienated by the latter in or about the year 1305, to John de Warwick, whose daughter and heir brought it to Bartholomew Bold: the descendant of the latter sold it in or about the year 1614 to Robert Davies^e; it passed soon afterwards by sale to the Days, in whom it continued for more than a century; having passed through several hands since 1780, when it was alienated by a representative of the Days; it is now the property of Mr. Peter Phillips, who purchased it in the year 1805.

The township of *Grange*, sometimes called *Little-Caldey*^f, lies about nine miles and a half N. W. by N. from Great-Neston; the manor of Grange-Hall was granted by King Edward VI. in 1552 to John Glegg Esq. of Gayton, together with a swannery on Newton-Carr, adjoining the said estate; John Clegg, son of the grantee, gave it to his second son, of his own name, and from him it descended to William Glegg Esq. who died in 1785: this estate was purchased some years ago under a decree in Chancery by John Leigh Esq. of Liverpool, the present owner. Grange-Hall, which was for several generations a seat of the Gleggs, is now occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Grasby* lies nearly eight miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor was given to the abbot and convent of Chester by Robert de Rullos^g. Not long after the dissolution of monasteries it was obtained by Sir Richard Cotton, and by him or his son was alienated to John Harpur Esq. being made subject to a fee-farm rent payable to the dean and chapter^h. John Glegg Esq. of Neston now claims the manor, but the freeholders contend that there is no manor, and it is so stated by Dr. Williamson in his *Villare Cestriense*.

^d See p. 667.

^e Villare Cestriense.

^f There was formerly a hundred of Little-Caldev, the profits of which were given by King Edward I. as Earl of Chester, to Randal de Sutton; the daughter and heir of this Randal married the ancestor of John Glegg Esq. who is still proprietor of certain lands near Chester, called the Earl's-eye, granted with the hundred of Caldey to Randal de Sutton above mentioned.

^g Dugdale's Monast. Vol. i. p. 987.

^h See p. 573.

in the notes.

The township of *Great-Meoles* lies nearly eleven miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor belonged to the family of Meoles from an early period till the latter part of the 17th centuryⁱ, when it passed by a co-heiress to the Houghs; it is now the property of Mr. John Ramsbottom of Liverpool, who married the daughter of Mr. William Hough.

The township of *Little-Meoles* lies about ten miles N. W. by N. from Great-Neston; the manor has been a considerable time in the Stanley family, and is now the property of Sir John T. Stanley Bart. whose father the late Sir J. T. Stanley, about the year 1795, erected near the sea-coast, at a place called Hoyle-Lake or Hyle-Lake, in this township, a large and commodious hotel; other buildings have since been added, and it is become a fashionable bathing-place. In the year 1690 Duke Schomberg encamped with his army at a place called the *Mels*, near Hyle-Lake, previous to their embarkation for Ireland^k.

The township of *Newton-cum-Larton* lies about eight miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor was for a considerable time divided between the families of Venables and Bold^l; it is now the property of the Rev. Roger Jackson, rector of Bebington, by inheritance from his maternal grandfather Mr. Samuel Anton.

This parish is noted for the culture of early potatoes, which are sold for a great price at the Liverpool market.

The manor or reputed manor of *Hoofe*, by some asserted to be an extra-parochial township^m, although locally situated within the parish of West-Kirkby, belongs to the Gleggs of Irby, and was devised by the late John Glegg Esq. of that place to his second son John Baskervyle Glegg Esq. the present owner.

KNUTSFORD, a considerable market-town in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, is situated on the great road from London to Liverpool, being one hundred and seventy-three miles from London, thirty from Liverpool, twenty-four from Chester, and fifteen from Manchester. It was formerly a chapelry within the parish of Rostherne, but was made a distinct parish by act of Parliament in the year 1741, and comprises the townships of *Over-Knutsford*, *Nether-Knutsford*, *Bexton*, *Ollerton*, and *Toft*.

William de Tabley, who was lord of both the Knutsfords, about the year 1292, granted a charter of privileges to his burgesses of Knutsford, which is printed in Sir Peter Leycester's History of Bucklow hundred: this William, about the same time procured a charter for a market on Saturday, which still continues, and a

ⁱ Bertram de Meoles died seized of it, 37 Henry III.
Cheshire, B. i. p. 29.

^l Esch. Rich. II.—Hen. VI.

^k Leigh's Natural History of

^m Perhaps therefore it ought to have been inserted separately in p. 336, instead of being included in West-Kirkby in p. 346.

fair for three days at the festival of St. Peter and St. Paul^a; the charter was confirmed to William Tabley the younger in 1332: this fair also is still continued^o; there is another on the 8th of November, and a third has been established within these few years on the 23d of April: none of them are noted as great marts for the sale of any particular commodities. A charter for a Wednesday's market at Over-Knutsford or Knutsford-Booths was granted in 1335 to Ellen Legh, with a fair on Tuesday and Wednesday in Whitsun-week: this market has been long discontinued, but the fair is still held.

Knutsford is not a corporate town, but it appears that its chief officer was called a mayor in the reign of Edward I.^p: it has now no peculiar government. The quarter-cessions for the county are held in this town at Midsummer and Michaelmas. In the year 1777, an account having been taken of the population of Knutsford, it was found, that there were 375 families and 1674 inhabitants: the annual average of deaths for the ten years then preceding, had been only one in forty^q, being about the same proportion as in the city of Chester, and very much below the usual average in towns^r. According to the returns made to parliament under the population act in 1801, there were there then 543 families in Over and Nether-Knutsford, and 2372 inhabitants, of whom 782 were employed in trade, manufactures, or handicraft. A manufacture of thread has been long established in this town; there is no cotton factory, but a great deal of cotton-spinning and weaving is done in private houses.

The manor of *Over-Knutsford*, alias *Knutsford-Booths*, together with Norbury-Booths, were purchased in the year 1300 of William de Tabley by John Legh Esq.^s, ancestor of Willoughby Legh Esq. the present proprietor. John Legh, founder of the family of the Leghs of Booths, was a younger son of William Venables Esq. of Bradwell, by Agnes his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Legh of West-hall in High-Legh; he assumed the name of his maternal grandfather, but retained the arms of Venables, which are still borne by his posterity. Booths, the seat of Willoughby Legh Esq. is situated about a mile S. E. from Knutsford.

The manor of *Nether-Knutsford* having been held by the Tableys under the Maffleys of Tatton, was divided by agreement between William Tabley and Sir John Maffey in the reign of Henry III.: on the death of his descendant of the same name in 1352, Tabley's moiety became divided among co-heirs, of whom and of the Maffleys the whole was eventually acquired in the early part of the

^a Sir Peter Leycester.

^o Now held on the 10th of July.

^p Sir Peter Leycester, p. 299.

^q History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 490, 491.

^r See p. 602, in the notes.

^s Sir Peter Leycester.

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succeeding century by Sir Hugh Hulfe¹: in the year 1590, it was sold by Hugh Hulfe Esq. to Richard Brereton Esq. of Tatton, from whom it passed to the Egertons², and is now the property of Wilbraham Egerton Esq. of Tatton.

Under the act of parliament above-mentioned, which passed in the year 1741, Knutsford was made a distinct parish and vicarage, and the ancient chapel in Nether-Knutsford taken down: the new parish-church then built in the Tentry-croft was consecrated in the year 1744, and dedicated to St. John the Baptist; the patronage is vested by the act in the lords of Over-Knutsford, Nether-Knutsford, and Ollerton³, Toft, and Bexton, who present in rotation.

There was a free-school at Nether-Knutsford before the Reformation, supported out of some chantry lands, which were granted, after the abolition of chantries to the Leghs of Booths, on condition of their paying the yearly sum of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to a schoolmaster: the school-house, which adjoined the ancient chapel in this town, was taken down under the act of Parliament above-mentioned, and a new building erected for that purpose, which is kept in repair by the inhabitants. Some land, then let at 3*l.* 4*s.* *per ann.* now at 25*l.* *per ann.* was given by the act to the school in lieu of 80*l.* stock which was used for the building. The master is appointed by Willoughby Legh Esq. of Booths.

The township of *Bexton* lies a mile S. S. E. from Nether-Knutsford; the manor was for many centuries in moieties, one of which passed from the Bextons to the Tableys, and from the latter, about the year 1361, to the Daniels⁴, who in 1699 purchased of Lord Cholmondeley the other moiety which had been long in severalties, and having been united in the possession of John Croxton Esq. in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was sold by his family to the Cholmondeleys. Sir Samuel Daniel, the last heir-male of that family, who died in 1727, left his estates to his great-nephew Samuel Duckenfield Esq.⁵ Bexton is now the property of Sir John F. Leicester Bart., by whose guardians it was purchased during his minority, about the year 1775, of John Astley Esq. who had married the widow of Sir William Duckenfield Daniel: the ancient hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Ollerton* or *Owlarton*, lies three miles S. E. from Nether-Knutsford; the manor was in the family of Massey of Tatton, as early as the reign of Edward I., and has passed with the Tatton estate to Wilbraham Egerton Esq. the present proprietor. A school-house was built by the inhabitants of this township above a century ago, the school is endowed with the interest of 100*l.* given by Mr. Samuel Legh.

¹ Sir Peter Leycester.

² See the account of Tatton in Rosethorne.

³ These two townships being vested in the same lord entitle him only to one presentation in four.

⁴ Sir Peter Leycester.

⁵ His father married Hewitt Parker, Sir Samuel Daniel's niece.

The township of *Toft* lies about one mile and a half S. from Nether-Knutsford; the manor belonged from an early period to the family of that name, which became extinct about the end of Henry the VIth's reign; this manor was inherited by Ralph, a younger brother of John Leycester Esq. of Tabley, who, married Joan, daughter and heir of Robert Toft^a, and was the immediate ancestor of the late George Leycester Esq. of Toft, who dying in 1809, was succeeded in this estate by his next brother Ralph. Toft-Hall is about to be altered and enlarged for the residence of the present proprietor.

LAWTON, in the hundred of Northwich and deanery of Namptwich, consisting only of one township, lies on the borders of Shropshire, about six miles S. W. from Congleton, and the same distance S. E. from Sandbach. The manor, which had been given by Hugh Fitz-Norman to the abbot and convent of Chester, was purchased of King Henry VIII. by William Lawton Esq., whose ancestors had been tenants to the abbey at least as early as the reign of Henry III., probably for some time before. Lawton is now the property and residence of John Lawton Esq. their lineal descendant.

In the parish church is the monument of J. Cartwright Esq. of Lee-Hall in this parish, who died in 1718: Lee-Hall, now a farm-house, is the property of his descendant Mr. Cartwright of Sandbach. Whitelock mentions^b a fatal accident which happened at Lawton-church, in the month of June 1652, when eleven persons were struck dead by lightning: Heath says^c, that it was at Congleton, but it appears by the diary of Edward Burghall, then vicar of Acton, that it happened at Lawton on the 20th of June^d. The advowson of the rectory of Lawton has always been annexed to the manor.

The parish of LYMM, or LIMME, which lies in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, seven miles N. W. from Knutsford, seven miles W. from Altrincham, and five miles E. from Warrington in Lancashire, consists only of one township, comprising the hamlets of *Brown-Edge*, *Heatley*, *Oughtrington*, *Reddish*, and *Statham*.

The manor of *Lymm* was held in moieties before the Norman conquest: one moiety, which at the time of the Domesday Survey was the property of Osbern, son of Tezzon, ancestor of the Boydells, was in the succeeding century vested in John Lacy, constable of Chester, who gave it to Adam de Dutton, ancestor

^a See Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*, p. 378.

^b See his *Memorials*, p. 512.

^c See his *Chronicle*, p. 315.

^d *History of Cheshire*, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 945.

of Sir Peter Warburton Bart. the present proprietor. The other moiety, which had belonged in the reign of William the Conqueror to Gilbert Venables, Baron of Kinderton, was settled by his namesake and descendant, who had assumed the name of Lymme, (and was the last heir-male of one branch of that family^e;) on Robert Dumbill and his heirs^f: the descendants of this Robert, who spelt their name Domville, continued to possess a moiety of Lymm till the death of William Domville Esq. in 1719, when it was divided between his sisters and co-heirs, Urfula, who married — Halsted Esq. and Anne who married William Massie Esq. This moiety is now the joint property of Thomas Taylor Esq. grandson of Henry Taylor Esq. who married the daughter and heir of Mr. Massie, and James Wilde Esq. who in 1795 purchased of the executors of Domville Poole Esq. grandson of Mr. Halsted above-mentioned. Lymm-Hall, anciently the seat of the Domvilles, is now the property and residence of Thomas Taylor Esq.

Oughtrington, the property and residence of Trafford Trafford Esq.^g eldest surviving son of the late John Leigh Esq., has been for nearly four centuries the seat of his ancestors, a younger branch of the Leighs of West-hall in High-Legh. There are two gentlemen's seats in this parish of more modern date, Dane-Beach, built by the late Domville Poole Esq. now the property and residence of James Wilde Esq. and one at Statham, the property of James Sedgwick Esq. and in the occupation of Edward Lloyd Esq.

The rectory of Lymm was in mediety before the time of the Norman conquest, and the patronage of each was attached to the respective moiety of the manor; one of them has so continued till the present time, being now vested in Sir Peter Warburton Bart., the other was separated from his moiety of the manor by Gilbert de Lymme, in the reign of Edward III., and settled on the Leighs of West-hall, in whom it has ever since continued; Egerton Leigh Esq. being the present patron. The duty is performed on alternate Sundays by the incumbents of the two medietyes. A free grammar-school was founded at Lymm in the year 1697; the endowment is now about 80*l.* *per ann.* consisting of the interest of money given by sundry benefactors, and the rent of a parcel of land taken from the common, and given about the beginning of the last century by the Leighs of Oughtrington. There is a mill at Lymm which was formerly used for splitting of iron, but it has not been applied to that purpose for many years.

^e Richard Lymme, uncle of this Gilbert, married the heiress of Leigh of West-hall, and was ancestor of Egerton Leigh Esq. now of that place. ^f Sir Peter Leycester, p. 311.

^g He took the name of Trafford in compliance with the will of his maternal uncle Richard Trafford Esq. the last male descendant of the Traffords of Swithenley in Staffordshire, who died in 1783.

Adjoining to this parish, although not deemed part of it, nor a parish of itself, is the township of *Warburton*, which lies nine miles and a half N.N.W. from Knutsford, and six miles and a half E. by N. from Warrington. There is little doubt that this township took its name from a monastery of Præmonstratensian canons, dedicated to St. Werburgh, which existed in the twelfth century, when Adam de Dutton gave by deed a moiety of the manor to the canons of St. Werburgh at Werburton, as it was then spelt^h. As we find nothing of this monastery in records of a later date, it is probable that it was not of long duration; the chapel seems to have been kept up for the use of the township: the above-mentioned deed of Adam de Dutton speaks of his son John being buried in the monastery of Werburtonⁱ. This Adam de Dutton possessed one moiety of the manor of Warburton by grant from John Lacy, constable of Chester in the twelfth century, and it appears by a deed printed in Sir Peter Leycester's history, that it was given on condition of his granting it to the prior and convent of St. John of Jerusalem, under whom it was held by him and his posterity; the other moiety he is said to have acquired in marriage with the co-heiress of Roger Fitz-Alured. This manor now belongs to Sir Peter Warburton of Arley Bart., the lineal descendant of the said Adam, and of Peter de Dutton, who in the reign of Edward II. settled at Warburton, and assumed that name from the place of his residence: they removed to Arley, the present seat of the family, in the reign of Henry VII.^k A part of the old hall at Warburton remains and has been fitted up as a farm-house. The free-chapel of St. Werburgh at Warburton is annexed to the mediety of Lymm, which is in the patronage of Sir Peter Warburton.

MALPAS is described in the Survey of Domesday by its ancient British name *Depenbach*, both words having the same signification, alluding to the badness of the roads in its neighbourhood^l; it is remarkable that even to this day there is

^h Sir Peter Leycester, p. 384.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. 226.

^l It may be observed, nevertheless, that the *Mala-Platea* spoken of by Giraldus Cambrensis, was not, as has been erroneously supposed, a road leading immediately to Malpas, but the road between Oswestry and Wenlock, as may be seen by a reference to the story frequently quoted from that writer, and the preceding chapter. The archdeacon is made to say, that his archdeaconry extended from *Mala-Platea* to *Malus-Passus*. Webb, in his translation of the story, speaks of the archdeacon of Malpas; Giraldus evidently means the archdeacon of Wenlock, but neither of the places ever gave name to an archdeaconry; the whole is a mere legendary tale. It may be found in Giraldus Cambrensis' *Itinerary of Wales*, and is quoted by Camden (Gough's edition, Vol. ii. p. 442.), and Webb (*Vale-Royal*, part ii. p. 57).

no turnpike road leading into the town in any direction^m, although that which leads from Chester to Whitchurch passes through the parish. Malpas lies in the hundred of Broxton, and the deanery to which it gives name, sixteen miles S. S. E. from Chester, and about one hundred and sixty-five N. W. from London. In 1281, King Edward I. granted a market at Malpas, to Philip Burnel and Isabel his wife, together with a fair for three days, at the festival of St. Oswald. The market, which is inconsiderable, is now held on Wednesdayⁿ; there are three fairs, April 5, July 26, and December 8; these fairs were formerly distinguished for a great sale of home-made-linen. The township of Malpas contained in 1801, according to the returns then made to Parliament, one hundred and ninety-four houses, and nine hundred and six inhabitants.

It appears that there was in the reign of Edward III. a small monastery at Malpas, which was a cell to the alien priory of Montacute in Somersetshire; it was then inhabited only by two monks^o.

The parish of Malpas comprises twenty-five townships, one of which, *Iscoyd*, is in Flintshire; the others are, *Malpas, Agden, Bickerton, Bickley, Bradley, Broxton, Bulkeley, Chidclough, Cholmondeley, Chorlton, Cuddington, Duckington, Edge, Egerton, Hampton, Larkton, or Larton, Maccfen, Newton, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Tushingham-cum-Grindley, Wichbough, or Wichalgh, and Wigland.*

Malpas was the property and seat of Robert Fitz-Hugh, one of Hugh Lupus's barons, who had a castle here, of which the keep remains, near the church. In the reign of Richard I. the barony of Malpas^p was in moieties, between Robert Patrick, and David le Clerk, in right of the co-heiresses of Robert Fitz-hugh, who died without male issue. The daughter, and eventually sole heiress of the last of the Patricks, brought one moiety into the Sutton family: on the death of William de Malpas, son of David le Clerk, his illegitimate son David possessed himself of the other moiety, which was inherited by the posterity of his two daughters, to the exclusion of the lawful heirs. Beatrice, one of these daughters, brought a fourth part of the barony in marriage to the Suttons, in whom nearly

^m It is said to have been in contemplation to make a turnpike road from Tarporley through Malpas to Wrexham.

ⁿ It was held on Monday under the original grant, and so continued in 1585. See King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 43.

^o Dugdale's Monast. Vol. i. p. 671.

^p The barony of Malpas comprises the townships of Malpas, Agden, Aldersey, Barton, Bradley, Burbury, Caldecote, Cholmondeley, Chorlton, Cuddington, Edge, Hampton, Horton, Larton, Overton, Shocklach, Tilton, Tushingham, and Wichalgh.

the whole appears to have been vested in the reign of Henry VII. ³; Edward Sutton Lord Dudley, having purchased large estates in Malpas of the Hortons, whose maternal ancestor, Urian St. Pierre, married the other daughter of David de Malpas above-mentioned. It appears nevertheless, that the Breretons, who claimed a moiety of the barony by descent from one of the daughters and eventually sole heiress of David de Malpas, the last male heir of that family, who died in 1362, had law-suits with the representatives of David, the bastard, and recovered part of the barony ⁴. In or about the year 1527, John Sutton Lord Dudley, conveyed the manor and castle of Malpas, and three-fourths of the barony, to George Robinson and others ⁵: in 1536 he alienated another portion of the barony and large estates in Malpas and elsewhere, to Sir Rowland Hill ⁶: in 1560, Sir Rowland settled a fourth part of the barony of Malpas, and large estates in this parish, on his niece, Alice Greetwood, who married Reginald Corbet, one of the justices of the common-pleas. Sir Richard Corbet his son sold this estate in 1587, to Sir Randal Brereton of Shocklach, whose daughter and heiress married Sir Richard Egerton: it now belongs to the Earl of Cholmondeley, whose ancestor purchased of the Egertons in 1636 ⁷: the remainder of the barony and large estates in Malpas became vested, partly perhaps by purchase ⁸, and partly by descent, in the Breretons of Brereton, of whom they were purchased in the reign of Charles II. by Sir William Drake, ancestor of Thomas Drake Tyrwhit Drake Esq., the present proprietor.

The barons of Malpas had the power of life and death at their courts, and it appears that criminals convicted of felony were punished by beheading, which,

³ It seems that the Suttons were long before considered as barons of Malpas, probably as possessing the castle and site of the barony. John Sutton is called Baron of Malpas, in an inquisition of the estates of Thomas de Crewe, anno 7 Hen. V.

⁴ The pleadings in these law-suits are preserved among the MSS. at the Herald's college, from whence the above account of the descent has been chiefly taken. It appears by a book of evidences belonging to the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., that as early as 37 Edw. III. Sir John Delves, who married Isabella, one of the daughters of David de Malpas above-mentioned, was adjudged to be entitled in right of his wife to a portion of the barony of Malpas. It appears also by records in the Exchequer at Chester, that Sir William Brereton was possessed as early as the year 1484 (2 Ric. III.) of a portion of the barony of Malpas, viz. a fourth of one moiety of the manor of Malpas, a moiety of another fourth, and the fourth turn of the presentation to one mediety of the rectory.

⁵ Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Cholmondeley evidences.

⁸ It is probable that the greater part of the barony was purchased in or about 1531 (22 Hen. VIII.) by Sir William Brereton, of George Robinson and others; for it appears that Bradley, which passed with the barony, and was parcel of it, was then purchased. — Villare Cestriense.

in a record of the reign of Edward II.¹ is spoken of as the custom of Cheshire: it appears also, that it was customary to present the heads of all felons that had been so executed at the castle of Chester. This power was exercised by the several possessors of the moiety and fourth parts of the barony of Malpas. In the sixth year of the reign of Edward II. David Bulkeley, serjeant of the peace to Richard Sutton, presented the heads of two felons, executed for burglary, and Hugh Cholmondeley, serjeant of the peace to John de St. Pierre, presented the head of Thomas Barnes, executed for theft; and had his fee, called the rudyng (riding) fee².

In the parish church of Malpas are monuments for the families of Brereton, Cholmondeley, and Dod. In a chapel at the east end of the south aisle, built by Sir Randal Brereton, is the tomb of one of the Breretons³ and his lady, with their effigies in alabaster, and a mutilated inscription, with the date 1522. In the Cholmondeley chapel, which is at the end of the north aisle, are the monuments of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley senior, who died in 1596 at the age of eighty-three, Sir Hugh, his son, who died in 1601, and that of Mary, Viscountess Malpas, (daughter of Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford,) who died at Aix-la-chapelle in 1731.

In the parish register is the following instance of longevity. "Burials—1797—May 26, Catherine Richardson, widow, of Malpas, aged 107 according to her friends' account."

The rectory of Malpas has been from time immemorial divided into medieties; to one of these, called the Higher Mediety, Lord Cholmondeley and Mr. Drake present alternately; Mr. Drake has the entire patronage of the other, called the Lower Mediety; there is an excellent parsonage-house and a glebe belonging to each.

A grammar-school was founded at Malpas about the latter end of the 17th century by subscription: Hugh, the first Lord Cholmondeley, who had given the sum of 200*l.* on condition that he and his heirs should nominate the master, in lieu of the money then raised, charged an estate in Malpas, called the Old-Hall, with the yearly payment of 25*l.* as a salary to the master, for whose use he gave also a house and school-room. This school is free only to children of the representatives of the original subscribers. The Blue-school for twelve boys was founded about the year 1680, by Richard Alport Esq., who devised a small farm in

¹ See Harl. MSS. N^o 2079. f. 133.

² Ibid. p. 124. & 131.

³ Most probably Sir Randal Brereton of Malpas, whose younger son Sir William Brereton was beheaded in 1535 for supposed familiarity with Queen Anne Bullen.

Overton, for the purpose of providing a salary for the master (now about 17*l.* *per ann.*), and clothing the children.

In 1721 Lord Cholmondeley rebuilt an alms-house of a more ancient foundation, for six poor women, five of whom receive 10*d.* a week, charged on an estate in Newton, now the property of T. D. T. Drake Esq.

The township of *Agden* lies about three miles N. W. from Whitchurch in Shropshire; the manor is the property of T. D. T. Drake Esq., whose ancestor, Sir William, purchased it as parcel of the barony of Malpas, in the reign of Charles II.

The manor of *Bickerton* was held in ancient times by the family of Bickerton, under the barony of Malpas; from the Bickertons it passed by marriage to the family of Malpas; David de Malpas, who died seised of it in 1432, left two sisters, co-heirs, one of whom is supposed to have brought this estate in marriage^b to the Egertons; John Egerton died seised of it in 1624; it is now the property of his descendant, John Egerton Esq. of Oulton, M. P.

The township of *Bickley* lies about five miles and a half N. by W. from Whitchurch in Shropshire; the manor, which was parcel of the barony of Malpas, passed by successive female heirs from David de Malpas^c to the St. Pierres, Cokeseys, and Grevilles; after the death of Sir Thomas Greville, *alias* Cokesey, in 1498, it devolved to his next heir, Roger Horton, and appears to have passed successively by sale, to the families of Sutton Lord Dudley^d, Hill, Robinson, and Cholmondeley. It is now the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley, whose ancestor Sir Hugh Cholmondeley died seised of it in 1596.

The township of *Bradley* lies about three miles and a half N. N. W. from Whitchurch in Shropshire; the manor was part of that portion of the barony of Malpas which belonged to the Suttons; it was sold by Edward Sutton, Lord Dudley, in 1527, to Rowland Hill, and having passed by sale to George Robinson in 1528, and in 1531, to Sir William Brereton^e, was purchased of the descendants of the latter in the reign of Charles II. by Sir William Drake ancestor of T. D. T. Drake Esq., the present proprietor.

The township of *Broxton*, which township gives name to the hundred, lies about eleven miles S. E. by S. from Chester; the manor was formerly in the Duttons of Hatton, and having passed by marriage to the Massies of Coddington, was sold by the late Thomas Massie Esq., (with the reserve of all minerals) to Philip Egerton Esq. of Oulton, and is now the property of John Egerton Esq. M. P. At a much

^b The other sister died unmarried. — Dr. Cowper's Collections.

^c See p. 677.

^d Edward Sutton Lord Dudley purchased of Roger Horton, 23 Hen. VII.

^e Villare Cestriease.

earlier period a younger branch of the Massies of Coddington had for several generations a feat, and an estate in this township, which were sold about the year 1700, by Hugh Massie Esq. to John Dod Esq. of the Lower-house in Broxton^f, descended from a younger branch of the Dods of Edge: on the death of John Herbert Dod Esq. without issue in 1719, this estate devolved to his sister, whose representatives sold it to Mr. Egerton's father. The Egertons more than a century before became possessed of Broxton-Hall, or the Higher-house in Broxton, with an estate, which in the reign of Edward III. had passed in marriage with the heiress of Bird to the Dods; Anne, the heiress of this branch of the Dods, brought Broxton-Hall in marriage to Edward Tannatt Esq. of whose grandson it was purchased about the middle of the seventeenth century by Sir Philip Egerton^g. This hall, sometime a feat of the Dods, afterwards successively of the Tannatts and Egertons, is now occupied by a farmer, as is the Lower-house, formerly the seat of the other branch of the Dods. From the terrace of Broxton-Hall there is a very rich and extensive prospect.

The manor, or reputed manor of *Bolesworth*, a hamlet of this township, belonged also to the Duttons, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, King James, and King Charles I.; it was afterwards in the family of Browne^h. About the middle of the last century a considerable part of this estate was purchased by James Tilson Esq. (sometime consul at Cadiz), who built thereon a mansion in the Gothic style, called Bolesworth-castle, situated on an eminence, and commanding a most beautiful prospect; he afterwards sold it to John Crewe Esq., father of the late Viscountess Falmouth, of whom it was purchased by Oswald Mosley Esq.; it is now the property and residence of Thomas Tarlton Esq., who purchased it in 1805 of the representatives of Mr. Mosley. Bolesworth-Hall and its demesne have been for several descents in the family of John Hampton Gent., the present proprietor.

The Oaks in this township gave name to a family, who possessed this estate in the reign of Henry III.: it passed afterwards to a branch of the Dods, and by female heirs successively to the families of Clayton, Stockton, and Thicknesse; Ralph Thicknesse Esq., having (by his will bearing date 1739) devised it to trustees for the purpose of sale, it was purchased a few years afterwards by Mr. Samuel Jervis, alderman of Chester; and having passed by inheritance to the family of Dobb, was sold in 1785 to Mr. Thomas Cotgreave, father of Miss Sarah Cotgreave, the present proprietor. In this township is Barn-hill, an eminence commanding a rich and

^f Villare Cestriense.

^g Ibid.

^h Anno 1662.—Mr. Thomas Browne's, late Peter Dutton's. — Harl. MSS. N^o 2030.

ⁱ Anno 1662.—Mr. Thomas Browne's, late Peter Dutton's.

extensive prospect, which is the half-way stage between Chester and Whitchurch, being ten miles distant from each.

The township of *Bulkeley*, or *Buckley*, lies about nine miles N. N. W. from Nantwich; the manor was the inheritance of an ancient family of that name, the elder branch of which became extinct in the fourteenth century; after this period we find two estates in this township, each called the manor of Bulkeley; one of these passed by marriage to Thomas Holford, esquire of the body to King Richard II. and is now the property of George James Earl of Cholmondeley, whose ancestor, Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, married the daughter and heir of Christopher Holford Esq.: The other passed by marriage, from the family of Bulkeley to that of Calveley, and was purchased by Lord Cholmondeley in 1659 of Lord and Lady Byron, having been conveyed by Sir Hugh Calveley to Lady Byron, then Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, in 1646. Robert Lord Cholmondeley, Thomas Bulkeley, and Edward Bressley, (or Brassley,) are described as joint lords of Bulkeley, in a MS. of 1662ⁱ; the Brassleys possessed their estate in Bulkeley, by marriage with the heiress of Hadleigh, about the beginning of the 15th century. Webb in his Itinerary, written in the year 1622^k, speaks of a fair new house in this township, then belonging to Thomas Brassley Gent.; this mansion and its demesne still belong to the Brassley family. Thomas Bulkeley, the last heir male of that ancient family, resided in the township of Bulkeley in a house now called Bulkeley-Hall (which had been built by his father) till his death, which happened in 1802, at the advanced age of ninety-eight; this mansion passed by his bequest to Mr. Thomas Orton, the present proprietor. Old Bulkeley-Hall, the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley, is occupied by a farmer.

The manor of *Chidlow* was held by the family of Chidlow, and afterwards by the Egertons, under the Warrens of Stretton and their heirs, the Mainwarings of Ightfield^l: it was purchased in 1799 of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton by Charles Goodwin Esq., the present proprietor.

The township of *Cholmondeley*, which lies about eight miles west from Nantwich, gave name to the noble family of Cholmondeley, descended from Robert, a younger brother of David de Malpas, who settled at Cholmondeley about the reign of King John, on becoming possessed of that estate by gift of his father: his son, Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, had a grant of manerial rights and privileges in Cholmondeley, from Randal de Blundeville Earl of Chester^m, and was immediate ancestor of George James Earl of Cholmondeleyⁿ, the present proprietor of this manor, who is chamberlain and vice-admiral of the county-palatine.

ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^k Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 58.

^l Villare Cestriense.

^m Harl. MSS. 2115. f. 189.

ⁿ See the account of the titles of the Cholmondeley family, p. 35.

Cholmondeley-house was a garrison during a great part of the civil war; it was first in possession of the royalists, and we read of an action between the parliamentary forces quartered at Nantwich, and the garrison from Cholmondeley, in the month of April 1643, in which the latter are said to have been driven back with lossⁿ. We do not find how, or when it changed its masters, but it appears to have been held by the parliament in November 1643^o, and to have been a royal garrison again before the 30th of June 1644, when we are told that "the Earl of Denbigh went before break of day with three or four pieces of ordnance and four cafes of drakes, summoned the garrison, and shot through the house several times; the besiegers at last beat the garrison out of the house into their works, where they defended themselves some time, but at length, about one in the afternoon, called for quarter, which was allowed; when the draw-bridge was let down, and the Earl of Denbigh and his forces entered and took the commander, and about sixty-six prisoners, with all their arms and provisions^p." Cholmondeley-Hall, which is described in Macky's Tour through England, (1724,) as a noble old seat with gardens, not inferior to any in England, was taken down in 1801, except one wing, which has been fitted up for the residence of Mr. James Stephens the Earl of Cholmondeley's steward. Cholmondeley-castle, the present seat of the Earl of Cholmondeley, situated about half a mile from the old hall, was begun in the year 1801, and finished in 1804, from a design of the Earl's. Near the old hall is a domestic chapel, which is said to have been most sumptuously repaired by Robert Lord Cholmondeley and Earl of Leinster in 1652^q. Divine service is performed in it twice in a month, by a chaplain appointed by the Earl of Cholmondeley. We find mention in Collins's Peerage of an ancient hospital at Cholmondeley, released by Robert Fitz-Nigel Baron of Halton to Robert de Cholmondeley, the first of the name; but it seems to rest on no authority, and to be wholly erroneous^r.

The township of *Chorlton* lies about eight miles N. W. from Whitchurch in Shropshire; the manor was held by the Birds, and afterwards by the Claytons or Cluttons^s, under the St. Pierres and their successors, in a portion of the Barony of Malpas;

ⁿ Burghall's Diary. History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. 911.

^o Ibid. p. 923.

^p Ibid. p. 935, 936.

^q Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 204.

^r There was no Robert Fitz-Nigel, Baron of Halton, unless, as some suppose, the first baron, who lived in the reign of William the Conqueror bore that name. His grandson, who assumed the name of Lacy, continued by his posterity, died about the middle of the twelfth century; Robert de Cholmondeley must have lived in or about the reign of King John.

^s John Bird, or Bryde, died seised of the manor of Chorlton in 1434, leaving four daughters, co-heirs, one of whom it is probable brought it in marriage to the Cluttons; David Clutton died seised of it in 1559. Villare Cestriense.

it is now the property of Thomas Chorlton Clutton Esq. The hall is in a state of dilapidation.

The manors of *Cuddington*, sometimes spelt *Kiddington*, *Duckington*, and *Edge*¹, now the property of T. D. T. Drake Esq., were purchased of the Breretons by his ancestor Sir William ; Webb in his Itinerary says, that a branch of the Breretons had a fine seat at Kiddington². The family of Edge held the hall of Edge and its demesne at a very early period, under the St. Pierres and their successors, in a portion of the barony of Malpas ; this estate passed by a female heir in the reign of Henry III. to the Dods, whose descendant, Thomas Crewe Dod Esq., is the present proprietor, and resides in the ancient hall ; his ancestor Edward Dod Esq. was baron of the Exchequer at Chester in the reign of James I.

Egerton, which lies about eight miles S. by W. from Tarporley, was the original seat and inheritance of the ancestors of a numerous and widely extended family, ennobled in more than one of its branches³, which took the name of Egerton in consequence of Philip, a younger son of David Baron of Malpas, fixing his residence in this township in the early part of the thirteenth century. Sir Rowland Egerton, who was created a baronet in 1617, devised this and other estates to his second son, Sir Philip Egerton Knt., ancestor of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton, M. P., the present proprietor. The old hall was taken down about the year 1760, and a farm-house built on the site : the ancient domestic chapel still remains, and is used as a barn.

The manor of *Hampton* was held under the barony of Malpas by the family of Malpas, in the reign of Henry VI. Hampton-Hall, and an estate parcel of the manor, passed by a co-heir of that family to the Bromleys⁴, and from them to the Dods, but the manor itself had been for several centuries in the Egertons, who continued to possess it till the year 1801, when it was sold to Ambrose Brook Esq., the present proprietor. William Dod, the last of that branch of the family, which possessed Hampton-Hall, devised his estate to his sister's son, Randle Hopley, who, in 1744, took the name of Dod. It is now the property of Lord Curzon, and occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Larkton*, or *Larton*, lies about eight miles and a half N. by W. from Whitchurch ; the manor is part of the ancient inheritance of the Cholmondeley family.

¹ *Cuddington* lies seven miles N. W. by W. from Whitchurch ; *Duckington* about eight miles N. N. W., and *Edge* nearly the same distance, and in the same direction.

² Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 55.

³ See a farther account of this family, p. 364, 365.

⁴ In the reign of James I., it was the seat of Hugh Bromley Esq., "learned in the law." King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 57.

The manors of *Macefen*^a and *Stockton*, which had been a considerable time in the Grosvenor family, were purchased about the year 1782, by the late Lord Kenyon, and are now the property of his son, the present Lord.

The manor of *Newton*, which township consists only of one farm, belongs to T. D. T. Drake Esq., having been purchased by his ancestor Sir William as parcel of the barony of Malpas.

The township of *Old castle*, which took its name from an ancient castle, built probably by the Barons of Malpas^b, lies about five miles N. W. by W. from Whitchurch. The manor was parcel of the barony of Malpas, belonged to the St. Pierres, and having passed with their portion of the barony to the Breretons, was sold to Sir William Drake; but an estate described as the manor of Old-castle was some time in the Allports, and is now the property of ——— Dod of Cleveley in the county of Salop, a minor. The castle, which gave name to this township, was wholly destroyed before the year 1585^c. A battle was fought at Old-castle-heath, on or about the 26th of August 1644, between the parliamentary forces from Nantwich, and some of the King's cavalry, in which the latter were defeated, and Colonel Vane and Colonel Conyers killed^d.

The manor of *Overton* passed for several centuries as parcel of the barony of Malpas; about the middle of the sixteenth century it was in the Golbornes^e, and afterwards in the Allports^f, who resided at the hall for two or three generations; it was sold by the last of the family, or his representatives, about the year 1725, to Herbert Lawrence Esq.; by a subsequent sale, it passed to William Cheshyre Esq. and by marriage to the Rawdons, by whom it was conveyed in 1749 to Thomas Prescott Esq. It is now the property of Matthew Gregson Esq. who purchased of Sir George Prescott Bart. in 1802^g.

The township of *Tustingham* lies two miles N. W. by N. from Whitchurch in Shropshire; the manor belonged formerly to the Grosvenors; in 1631 it was purchased

^a Philip de Cawarden conveyed Macefen to Roderic Griffin, 33 Edward I. Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

^b Webb in his *Itinerary* (Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 55.) supposes this castle to have belonged to the Orrebies and Ardernes, but he has mistaken it for Aldford-castle, which certainly belonged to those families.

^c King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 27.

^d Burghall's *Diary*. — *History of Cheshire*, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 937.

^e Records in the Exchequer at Chester. Temp. Ph. & Mar. & Eliz.

^f The Allports had both manors in 1671. (Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.) Richard Allport was of Overton in 1644.—Monumental inscriptions at Malpas.

^g From information obligingly communicated by Mr. Gregson.

of Sir Richard Grosvenor, by Sir Richard Brooke of Norton^b: in 1662 it belonged to the family of Nevett^c; it is now the property of Josiah Boydell Esq. whose father acquired it by purchase. John Egerton Esq. of Oulton has the paramount lordship, and the freeholders pay suit and service to his court only. Within this township, which has been inclosed by an act of Parliament passed in 1794, is a chapel of ease, dedicated to St. Chad, called in Webb's Itinerary Chad-wick chapel, probably of very ancient date, for the chapel-field and the chapel-meadow at Tushingham, are mentioned in a deed of 1349^k: the present structure was built in the year 1689, principally with a benefaction given by the will of Mr. John Dod mercer and citizen of London: it is served by a stipendiary curate, appointed by the rectors of Malpas.—*Grindley* is a hamlet of Tushingham.

The township of *Wichalgh* lies about five miles and a half N. W. from Whitchurch: the manor, which had been part of the ancient possessions of the Egertons of Oulton, was sold in 1799, to Samuel Brodhurst of Bach, the present proprietor.

The township of *Wigland* lies four miles N. W. by N. from Whitchurch; the manor in the reign of Edward IV. belonged to the Bostocks^l; and in that of Queen Elizabeth, to the Breretons^m; it has been for a considerable time in the family of Wicksted, and is now the property of Thomas Wicksted Esq. of Nantwich. The manors of Higher and Lower Fulwich, *alias* Dirtwich, which have long passed with the barony of Malpas, and are now the property of T. D. T. Drake Esq., are in this township: the brine-pits at Dirtwich have been already spoken of.ⁿ

MARBURY, in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich, lies eight miles from Nantwich, and three from Whitchurch in Shropshire: it is deemed a separate parish, but its chapel is dependent on Whitchurch: it comprises two townships, *Marbury-cum-Quoisley*, and *Norbury*.

The manor of *Marbury*, described as *Marbury-cum-Quoisley*, belonged in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries to the Earls of Shrewsbury^o: it is now the property of the Earl of Bridgewater, in whose family it has been considerably more than a century. A separate manor of Coyslèy, *alias* Quoisley, belonged formerly to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and is said now to owe suit and service

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2002. f. 32.

^c Ibid. N^o 2010.

^k Woodnoth's Collections, p. 22.

^l Esch.

^m Records in the Exchequer at Chester, 39 Eliz.

ⁿ See p. 416.

^o Esch. Edw. IV. and other records in the Exchequer at Chester.

to the court which still bears their name^o: in 1655 it was sold by Thomas Nevett, to Peter Calfe Esq. of Tottenham in Middlesex, after the death of whose grandson, about the year 1714, it passed (by devise) to his kinsman, Edward Donne Gent.: it is now the property of John Knight Esq., whose father purchased it in 1758 of Mr. Donne's representatives.

Marley-Hall in Marbury, now a farm-house, was for two centuries the seat of a branch of the Poole family^p, which became extinct by the death of Charles Poole Gent.; his daughter and heir (married to Thomas Tatton of Marley Green^q) died in 1731: Marley-Hall was sold by the Tattons, to Robert Heath Esq. of Hanley in Norbury, who devised it to his cousin, the Rev. Cudworth Poole, of Great-Woolden in the county of Lancaster: it passed by Mr. Poole's bequest to Domville Halsted Esq. who took the name of Poole, and was father of Domville Halsted Poole Esq. the present owner. Hadley-Hall, in the hamlet of Quoifley, was about the year 1600, and for several generations afterwards, a seat of the Breretons; it is now occupied as a farm-house, the property of the Rev. Charles Ethelston, by inheritance from his grandfather Simon Ethelston Esq.

The Wicksted family had an estate and a seat at Marbury during a great part of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. A branch of the Bickertons resided at *Townley* and *Horfall* in Marbury: and a branch of the Bulkeleyes at *Hollyburst*^r. A school-house was built at the expence of the inhabitants of this parish in 1688, but the school has no endowment, except the interest of a small sum given by Mrs. Margaret Bickerton^s.

The manors of *Norbury* and *Althurst* were granted by King Henry VIII. in 1543 to Sir Richard Gresham^t: they appear to have been almost immediately conveyed to Hugh Cholmondeley, who was knighted at Leith in 1544: Sir Hugh resided at Althurst, now called Altridge-Hall, in that year, and it continued for many years to be one of the seats of the Cholmondeley family^u; but has been long ago taken down, and a farm-house built on the site: the manors of *Norbury* and *Althurst* have de-

^o This manor does not appear in the long list of donations to the Templars, (granted afterwards to the knights of St. John,) in Dugdale's Monasticon, but it is probable that it was included in the donations (not specified) to the preceptory of that order at Iweley in Derbyshire, to which several estates in Cheshire belonged. The courts of St. John of Jerusalem for suits and services formerly due to this preceptory, are now held by the Duke of Leeds.

^p A seat of the Pooles in Marbury is spoken of in Webb's Itinerary (Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 61.), and it appears by the parish register that they were settled at Marley before the middle of the preceding century.

^q Marley-green, or Lodge, belonged to the family of Edgley, and afterwards to the Tattons.

^r Parish register. ^s Bishop Gastrell's Notitia. ^t Record in the Augmentation-office.

^u Parish register.

scended to the present Earl of Cholmondeley. A younger branch of the Bromley family, now extinct, were settled for a considerable time at a mansion called the Lower-house in Norbury, and are said to have been possessed of a third part of the manor in 1662*. Roger, a younger son of William Bulkeley, having settled at Norbury, upon an estate given him by his father, about the latter end of the thirteenth century, took the name of Norbury. Sir John Norbury, lord treasurer of England, whose posterity removed into Surrey, was the son of a younger brother of David Norbury; the daughter and heir of this David brought the Norbury estate to Sir William Hulfe, whose descendants continued to reside in this township for several generations; they afterwards settled at Astley in Quoisley. Thomas Hulfe Esq., who is described in the pedigree of the family as of Norbury and Astley, had a numerous issue by two wives; he was buried at Marbury in 1588: a daughter of Hugh his elder son was baptized at Marbury in 1591, after which there is no trace of the family in the register: it is probable therefore that they removed from the parish about that time. Sir Hugh Hulfe, justice of the King's-bench, one of the five judges made by King Richard II., when he took upon himself the administration of government in 1389, was son of a younger brother of Sir William above-mentioned: the grand-daughter and heir of Sir Hugh Hulfe, who had large possessions in Cheshire, married Sir William Troutbeck.

Hanley-Park in Norbury belonged for more than a century to the family of Heath^y, and since the death of Robert Heath Esq. in 1766, has passed with the Marley-Hall estate. *Swanwick* in this township was for several generations the seat of a family of that name, who had a residence also in the neighbouring township of Wirfwall, and became extinct about the year 1600.

The township of *Wirfball*, or *Wirfwall*, in the parish of Whitchurch, and in the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, is within the county of Chester; the manor belongs to Sir R. S. Cotton Bart.

MIDDLEWICH, in the hundred of Northwich, is a considerable market town, which gives name to a deanery: it is situated on the conflux of the Croco and the Dane, about a hundred and sixty-seven miles from London, about five from Sandbach, and about six from Northwich. We have found no record of the grant of either the markets or fairs at Middlewich^z; the markets are now held twice

* Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^y Parish register.

^z Smith in his brief description of Cheshire, written about the year 1585, (King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 46.) says, "Middlewich is no market town, yet it hath a small market of flesh and other things every Saturday, and yearly two fairs, on Ascension-day and St. Luke's-day." A marginal note, written as the work went through the press (1656), adds, "now of late made a market-town, and hath a market every Tuesday."

a-week, on Tuesdays and Fridays; that on Tuesday is merely for butchers' meat and provisions; the fairs are now held on Holy Thursday, and the 25th of July. There have been salt-works in this town from a very early period: there are valuable brine-springs in the townships of Middlewich and Newton.

Vicars, in his Parliamentary Chronicle, gives an account of a battle fought at Middlewich, between some of the King's forces under Sir Thomas Aston, and a detached party of the Parliamentary army under Sir William Brereton, in which the former were defeated; he tells us that Sir Thomas Aston made his escape by way of Kinderton, the only retreat which was not blocked up; some of Sir Thomas Aston's party took refuge in the church, where Sir Edward Mosley, Captain Hurlston, Captain Massie of Codrington, Captain Starkey of Stretton, and others, were taken prisoners^a. Burghall in his Diary says, that Sir Thomas Aston entered the town on the tenth of March; and that his soldiers committed great plunder, that Sir William Brereton appeared before the town, and discharged some shots at it on Sunday the 12th, and that the battle was fought the next day^b. There was an action at Booth-Lane, near Middlewich, on the 26th of Dec. 1643, between Lord Byron's forces and the Parliamentary army, in which the latter were defeated^c.

The parish of Middlewich comprises fifteen townships, viz. *Middlewich, Byley-cum-Tatchouse, Clive, Croxton, Kinderton-cum-Hulme, Minshul-Vernon, Morebarrow-cum-Parme, Newton, Occleston, Ravencroft, Sproston, Stublach, Sutton, Weever, and Wimboldsley-cum-Lea-Hall.*

The town of Middlewich, (about half of which is within the township of Kinderton,) was held for many years with the office of chamberlain, the markets, &c. on lease under the crown, by the Venables family: in 1756 a lease was granted to George Venables Vernon, afterwards Lord Vernon^d: the present lessee is Thomas Wright Gent.

In the parish church are two chapels, which belonged to the Barons of Kinderton, one fitted up in 1615, the other in 1632, ornamented with the arms and quarterings of that family: in the north-east chapel, which was purchased of Sir Richard Bulkeley in 1589^e, are several memorials of the families of Venables^f, and Leveson; Peter Venables, the last heir male, and the last baron of Kinderton of that family, was buried here in 1679. In Middlewich church

^a Vicars, p. 291.

^b History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 907, 908.

^c Ibid. p. 926.

^d The lease which was granted August 10, 1792, is for fifty years, to commence from October 10, 1791.

^e Bishop Galtrell's Notitia.

^f Among others is a monument with kneeling figures, for Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Venables, Baron of Kinderton, and daughter of Sir William Brereton, who died in 1591.

is a monument for the Rev. John Hulfe of Elworth-Hall in Sandbach, founder of the Hulfean prize and the office of Christian-advocate in the university of Cambridge, who died in the year 1790: in the church-yard was an ancient chapel belonging to the Weevers of Weever, of which there are no remains.

The church of Middlewich was appropriated in 1504 to the monastery of Leuton in Nottinghamshire; after the dissolution the impropriate rectory was in the Breretons, by whom the tithes were sold to several persons, but the patronage of the vicarage reserved; the advowson is now vested in Mrs. Jane Wood of Newton, widow, by devise from her uncle the Rev. Robert Moreton ⁶.

“ Thomas Wood, of Middlewich parish, had a child born on St. Martin’s-day in the morninge, and christened about noone, called Anne, which had on either hande one thumbe and five fingers, and upon the right foote five toes and on the left foote six toes; and it had a greate eye and a small, and lived eight hours after it was christened, and buried at Middlewich the same day, 7^o Edward VI. 1553. ^h”

A grammar-school was founded at Middlewich about the latter end of the 17th century; Mr. Ralph Lowndes gave the school-house; it has only an endowment of 11*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* for the master, who is nominated by Sir J. F. Leiceſter Bart. This school is free for eleven boys of the parish of Middlewich.

The township of *Byley-cum-Tatchouſe* lies somewhat more than a mile N. E. by N. from Middlewich; the manor of Bively or Byley was given by Richard de Aldford to the abbey of Pulton, afterwards removed to Dieulacres in Staffordshire, the abbot of which monastery had a grange at Byley: after the dissolution of religious houses this manor was purchased of the crown by Geoffrey Shakerleyⁱ Esq. ancestor of C. W. J. Shakerley Esq. the present proprietor; Byley-Hall is now a farm-house.

The township of *Clive* lies two miles W. by S. from Northwich; the manor was the ancient inheritance and feat of the family of Clive or Cliffe, of this place, and afterwards of Huxley: Rachel, daughter and heir of John Clive of Huxley, brought this manor, or a part of it, to Roger Wilbraham Esq. of the Towns-end near Nantwich, whose descendant, George Wilbraham Esq. of Delamere-Lodge, is the present proprietor. An estate, parcel of this manor, passed by marriage at an early period from the Clives to the family of Congleton, and was conveyed to the Weevers. Sir Thomas Stanley, as representative of the Weevers, was seized of a moiety of the manor in 1607; it is probable that this was purchased by the Wilbrahams. The Hulſes, who had an estate in Clive through an alliance with the

⁶ It passed from Lady Brereton to Robert Lowe Esq. and from him by devise to the Moretons.

^h Extract from an ancient register of the parish (not now extant) taken by Sir Peter Leyceſter, and annexed to Wharton’s *Calendarium Eccleſiaſticum*, 1657.

ⁱ Villare Cestriense.

Clives^c, resided at Clive-Hall, and afterwards removed to Elworth. Clive-Hall, now a farm-house, belongs, under the will of the Rev. John Hulfe, to the university of Cambridge^d. Webb speaks of a fair old house called the Nun's-house, near Clive, with a demesne which had belonged to Sir Thomas Holcroft, and afterwards to Thomas Marbury^e. This house, which stands near Winsford-bridge, belonged probably to the nuns of Chester; it is now a farm-house, the property of Messrs. Salmon.

The township of *Croxton* lies one mile N. by W. from Middlewich; the manor having been the ancient inheritance of the Croxton family, who possessed it for eleven descents, passed by female heirs to an illegitimate branch of the Mainwarings, who settled in this township in or about the reign of King Henry VI., and from them in like manner to the Oldfields in the reign of Charles I. Mainwaring Oldfield Esq.^f sold this manor to Roger Wilbraham Esq. of Dorfold, of whose descendant it was purchased about the year 1760, by James Tomkinson Esq. father of Henry Tomkinson Esq. the present proprietor. The ancient hall is now occupied as a farm-house; this estate is esteemed some of the best dairy land in the county.

The village of *Kinderton* lies about one mile and a half from Middlewich, a considerable part of which town is within that township. *Kinderton* was the ancient seat of the barony^g, which was given by Hugh Lupus to Gilbert de Venables his kinsman. The Venables family produced a race of warriors: Sir Roger Venables fought on the side of King Henry III. during the barons' wars; his son Sir William distinguished himself in the wars of King Edward I.; Sir Hugh, grandson of Sir William; was a commander under the Black Prince; Sir Hugh's grandson and namesake was constable of Cheshire, and acquired great renown in the wars against the Scots; his son Sir Richard was slain at Shrewsbury, on the side of Mortimer; Sir Hugh Venables, great grandson of Sir Richard, was slain at Blore-heath in 1459; dying without issue male, the manor and barony of Kinderton passed to his aunts and co-heirs, who married into the families of Bostock and Cotton: Sir Thomas Venables, the heir male of this ancient family, became

^c In the reign of Edward IV. Joan, daughter and heir of John Clive, married into the family of Hulfe.—Villare Cestriense.

^d See the account of Elworth in Sandbach.

^e King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 7.

^f Son of Michael Oldfield, who married

the heiress of Mainwaring.

^g The following townships are stated to be within the barony of Kinderton, Alpraham, Arclid, Astbury, Blakenhall, half Bollington, Bradwell, Brereton, Bridgemere, Castle-Northwich, Checkley, Davenport, Doddington, Eccleston, Hartford-cum-Horton, Hunsterton, Kinderton, High-Legh, Lea, half Lymm, Marston, Mere, Morebarrow-cum-Parne, Moreton-Alcumlowe, Newbold, Peover, Picmere, Radnor, Rostherne, Somersford, Sproston, Stanthorne, Tarpoley, Utkinton, Wetenhall, Wincham, and Witton.—Harl. MSS. N^o 1967. f. 104.

re-possessed of the barony, partly by the marriage of his father with a co-heiress of the Cottons, and partly by agreement, after a long litigation with Sir John Savage's representatives the Bostocks. The manor and barony continued in his descendants who were called Barons of Kinderton, though the honour had become merely nominal after the ancient privileges of the county palatine had ceased, till the death of Peter Venables the last baron of Kinderton in 1679, when the Kinderton estate passed in marriage with his only daughter to Montague Earl of Abingdon; the Earl dying without issue, it devolved to Henry Vernon Esq. whose mother was sister of Peter Venables above mentioned. It is now the property of George Venables, Lord Vernon, whose father was in 1762 created Baron Vernon of Kinderton. The ancient hall of Kinderton was taken down before the year 1760; the Lodge, which was the seat of the last baron of Kinderton, is now occupied by Samuel Hill Esq. The power of life and death, enjoyed by the Cheshire barons, is said to have been exercised by the barons of Kinderton as lately as the year 1597, when Hugh Stringer was executed for murder^h.

The township of *Minshull-Vernon* lies nearly four miles S. S. W. from Middlewich; the manor belonged anciently to the Vernons, from whom it passed to the family of Aldeton, sometimes called Oldington and Oulton; having passed by female heirs it was afterwards divided between the Starkies, Newtons, and Minshulls; in the reign of Queen Elizabeth the whole was purchased of Thomas Aston Esq. of Astonⁱ, whose descendant Sir Willoughby Aston Bart. was possessed of it in 1701; after this it became the property of Henry Newport Earl of Bradford, who by his will made in 1736, in the event of the decease of John Harrison, then an infant, without issue, bequeathed his estates to Mrs. Ann Smith of Berkeley-square; by her devise they passed to William Pulteney Earl of Bath, whose brother and heir, Lieutenant-general Pulteney, died in 1767, having devised the Bradford estates to William Pulteney Esq. (afterwards Sir William Pulteney Bart.) and on his death without issue male in 1806, the manor of Minshull-Vernon passed under the general's will to the Earl of Darlington, who is the present proprietor.

The manors of *Erdswick* and *Hulgrave*, hamlets of this township, are said to have been brought in marriage with the heiress of Reginald Baillot, about the reign of William Rufus, to Hugh de Vernon the second baron of Shipbrooke^k, whose younger son Matthew settling at Hulgrave, took the name of Hulgrave; Richard, a younger son of the grandson of this Matthew being possessed of Erdswick by the gift of his father, took his name from that place, and was ancestor of the Erd-

^h See Pennant's Wales, Vol. i. p. 131.
Peerage and Pedigrees of the family.

ⁱ Villare Cestriense.

^k Collins's

wicks of Cheshire and Staffordshire¹. In the year 1328 Thomas de Erdswick gave Erdswick to the Oultons in exchange for Leighton, and it became divided between the Starkies and Minshulls. Erdswick-Hall, with its demesne, was purchased of the latter by Mr. Richard Vernon of Middlewich, and by him bequeathed to a namesake, not related to him, who was mercer to Queen Anne: this gentleman, from political attachment, devised his estate at Erdswick to William Murray Esq. afterwards Earl of Mansfield, and it is now the property of his great nephew the present earl: the ancient hall, a venerable mansion partly in ruins, is occupied as a farm-house. Hulgrave-Hall and demesne belonged to the Aston family as early as the reign of Henry VIII. and are now vested in H. C. H. Aston, a minor.

The manor of *Morefbarrow*, or *Moosfbarrow-cum-Parme*, which had been given by King Edward I. to the abbey of Vale-Royal, was granted by King Edward VI. to Thomas Browne; it passed afterwards by successive sales to the Brookes of Norton^m, and the Venables family. Lord Vernon, who inherited the Venables estates, sold the manor of Morefbarrow, with the whole of the hamlet of Parme, in or about 1792, to — Perrin of Warrington, under whose will it is now the property of his nephew Joseph Perrin Esq. his daughter Sarah having been dis-inherited by her father if she married a native of Scotland, or one born of Scottish parents, an event which afterwards took place: the will was contested in 1807 by the son-in-law, but its validity was established. Morefbarrow-Hall and demesne belonged formerly to the Whittinghams, who in a *Villare* of 1662ⁿ, are described as lords of the place; this estate passed by sale from the Whittinghams to John Symkin, whose daughter Mrs. Darell devised it to the father of Daniel Vawdrey Esq. the present proprietor. The site of the old hall is surrounded by a moat.

The township of *Newton* lies a little to the W. of Middlewich; the manor was for a considerable time in the family of Crewe, and has been lately sold to John Roylance Esq. the present owner, who has built a mansion on the estate for his own residence, called the Manor-hall.

The township of *Occleston* lies about three miles and a half S. S. W. from Middlewich; the manor belonged anciently to a family of the same name, who in or about the year 1370 sold it to Sir Hugh Calveley; Sir Hugh gave it in exchange to David de Bunbury for the advowson of Bunbury church^o, and it continued in the Bunbury family till the year 1614; it then passed by purchase to William Moreton Esq. who not long afterwards sold it to John Davenport Esq. of Daven-

¹ Pedigrees.^m Villare Cestriense.ⁿ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.^o Villare Cestriense.
port;

port^e; after this it was for a considerable time in the Whitmores of Apley in the county of Salop, of whom it was purchased in 1758 by Mr. Ralph Vernon, grandfather of Edward Vernon Esq. of Chester, the present proprietor.

The township of *Ravenscroft*, which contains only one house, lies a little more than a mile N. from Middlewich; the manor was given in exchange for Byley, by the abbot of Dieulacres to Warren de Byley, who removing his residence to this township assumed the name of Ravenscroft, and was ancestor of the Ravenscrofts of Cheshire, Flintshire, and Denbighshire; the elder branch, which was settled at Ravenscroft, became extinct in the male line in the fourteenth century, when the manor of Ravenscroft passed by a female heir to the Croxtons, who continued there for several descents; in the year 1704 it was sold by the sisters and co-heirs of Thomas Croxton Esq. the last heir-male to Peter Yate; in 1761 it was purchased of Thomas Yate M. D. by Mr. John Leaman of Middlewich, whose son sold it in 1808 to Daniel Vawdrey Esq. the present proprietor; the ancient hall at Ravenscroft is, or was lately, occupied by Peter Wetenhall Esq.

The township of *Sproston* lies a little more than two miles E. from Middlewich; the manor, as parcel of the barony of Kinderton, has passed through the same hands as Kinderton, and is now the property of Lord Vernon; Sproston-Hall, the property of Mrs. Wood, is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Stublach* lies three miles N. from Middlewich; the manor which had been in the family of Delves was sold by Lady Delves to Thomas Farrington Esq. and by the latter in 1756 to Thomas Precot Esq. of whose nephew Sir George Precot Bart. it was purchased in 1802 by William Harper Esq. of Everton near Liverpool, the present proprietor.

The township of *Sutton* lies about a mile and a half S. from Middlewich; the manor belonged for many generations to the family of Venables, as parcel of the barony of Kinderton, afterwards to the Vernons of Middlewich, from whom it passed by devise to Thomas Yate, M. D. Daniel Carbonel Esq. purchased it of Dr. Yate in 1760, and in 1805 sold it to John Roylance Esq. the present proprietor. The hall is occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Weever* lies somewhat more than three miles W. S. W. from Middlewich; the manor was held at an early period by the Weever family under the lords of Aldford, by the service of finding two men to guard Aldford-castle for forty days in time of war: in the reign of Henry VI. it passed in marriage with Elizabeth the daughter, and eventually sole heir of Thomas Weever, to John

Stanley, ancestor of the Stanleys of Alderley-park, by whom it was sold about a century ago to the ancestor of George Wilbraham Esq. of Delamere-Lodge, the present proprietor: the old hall has been taken down and a farm-house built on its site.

The manor of *Wimberley*, or *Wimbaldeley*, with the Hall of *Lee*, *Ley* or *Lea*, belonged anciently to the family of Wimbaldeley; it was afterwards for several generations in the family of Holt, and appears to have passed about the year 1495 to the Cottons, who in 1545 sold it to the Breretons of Ashley^r; it was afterwards for several descents in the family of Lowndes; in 1758 it was purchased of the devisees of Robert Lowndes Esq. by the trustees of Sir Peter Leicester Bart. father of Sir J. F. Leicester Bart. the present proprietor. The hall of Lea, which is the principal mansion on this estate, was for some time the residence of Dr. Fothergill, the celebrated physician: it is now occupied by a farmer.

MINSHULL, in the hundred and deanery of Namptwich, lies about six miles N. by E. from the town of that name, and five miles S. from Middlewich. It is a small parish consisting only of one township called *Church-Minshull*, to distinguish it from Minshull-Vernon in Middlewich. The manor of Church-Minshull belonged at an early period to the family of Minshull, the elder branch of which terminated in an heiress, who in the reign of Edward III. brought Church-Minshull to the Duttons; after the death of Lawrence Dutton Esq. without male issue in 1526, this was one of the manors allotted by award to the heirs female. In consequence of this award Minshull became the inheritance of the Cholmondeley family; a younger branch of the Minshulls continued the male line, and resided at Minshull till the death of John Minshull Esq. in 1654; his estate also passed to the Cholmondeley family, by the marriage of his only daughter and heir with Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal, whose descendant sold the manor of Church-Minshull, with the impropriate rectory and advowson of the donative, to the late Sir Richard Brooke, of Norton, Bart.; it is now the property of his son the present baronet. The hall is occupied by a farmer.

Lea-Green-hall in this township belonged to Mr. Richard Vernon, of Middlewich, who devised it to Dr. Randal Crewe, rector of Warmincham; it was purchased of Dr. Crewe by Mr. Prescott of Chester, whose nephew Sir George Prescott Bart. sold it to Mr. John Done of Tarporley, the present owner: the hall is now a farm-house.

Minshull was in ancient times part of the parish of Acton, of which it was a chapelry, but is now a distinct parish and benefice: the rectory of Minshull, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of Combermere, was granted some time after the dissolution in fee-farm to John Daniel^s, and afterwards became attached to the manor.

The following remarkable instance of longevity occurs in the register of this parish. "Thomas Damme of Leighton, buried the 20th of Februarie, 1649, being of the age of seven score and fourteene." Leighton is a township of Nantwich, in which there are some crofts still called Damme's crofts.

The Rev. Christopher Minshull in the year 1614¹ gave by will the interest of 200*l.* for the support of a school; Mr. Wilbraham of Dorfold gave the interest of 100*l.* for the same purpose²: a school-house was built by subscription in the year 1785, before which time the children were taught in the church.

MOBBERLEY, in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Macclesfield, lies about three miles E. by N. from Knutsford: the parish contains only one township. About the year 1206, in the beginning of King John's reign, Patrick de Mobberley founded a priory of Augustine canons at this place, and endowed it with half the rectory, and, as it is supposed, half the manor; but it is probable, that this monastery, of which we have no mention in records of later date, did not long continue, for it was proved, that Patrick de Mobberley the founder, had only a life-interest (under his brother's grant) in the Mobberley estate, which consisted of a moiety of the manor and the advowson, and continued in the descendants of his elder brother till the reign of Edward III., when Sir Ralph Mobberley settled this estate on his nephew John Leycester Esq. of Tabley; by a subsequent agreement between John Leycester and the Domvilles, this moiety was settled on John Domville and Cecily his wife (sister of Sir Ralph Mobberley), on condition that after their death one-third of the moiety should descend to Ralph Leycester, younger brother of John and his heirs; this Ralph was ancestor of Ralph Leycester Esq. of Toft, the present possessor of this portion of the manor. The other two-thirds of the moiety above-mentioned, passed with the advowson of the rectory by successive female heirs from the Domvilles to the Hulfes, Troutbecks, and Talbots³. This estate is now the property of the Rev. John Holdsworth Mallory, who is patron of the rectory; it was purchased by his ancestor the Rev. Thomas Mallory, dean of Chester, in the reigns of James I. and Charles I.⁴

¹ Fee-farm roll in the Augmentation-office.

² Harl. MSS. N^o 2103. f. 66. b.

³ Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

⁴ Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities of the hundred of Bucklow.

⁵ Ibid.

The other moiety of Mobberley was granted by Sir John Arderne of Aldford, who was lord paramount of the whole, in the year 1303, to John Legh of Booths, on condition that his daughter Maul should marry the son of the said John^a, from the Leghs it passed by a female heir to the Radcliffes, who in the year 1606 sold it to the Robinsons; about the latter end of the same century the Wrights became possessed of this moiety, now the property of Lawrence Wright Esq. of Mottram-Andrew.

The tower of the parish-church was built in the year 1533, at the expence of Sir John Tatbot and Margaret his wife, the heiress of Troutbeck, as appears by an inscription still to be seen, wherein it is said that the master-mason, was Richard Plat. In this church was formerly a grave-stone with the brass figure, in armour, of William Harrison Esq. who died in 1490; he is said to have been drowned in crossing the Mersey^a. A free-grammar-school was founded at Mobberley in the year 1659 by the Rev. William Griffith, and endowed by him with the interest of 200*l.*

MOTTRAM, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies on the borders of Yorkshire, about seven miles N. E. by E. from Stockport; the parish contains eight townships, *Mottram, Godley, Hatterfley, Hollinworth, or Hollingworth, Longden, or Tingetwiffel, Matley, Newton, and Staley.*

The great lordship of *Longden-dale, Tingetwiffel, or Tintwistle*, which gives name to the district in which *Mottram* is situated, comprises that township as well as *Longden* and *Hollingworth*; it was formerly esteemed the paramount lordship of the whole parish. The manor of Longden-dale, with its appendages, belonged at an early period to the family of de Burgo or Burroughs. In the year 1311 Sir Thomas Burroughs gave it to the Earl of Lancaster^b, on whose attainder it was granted to Sir Robert Holland; it continued in the Hollands and their representatives the Lovells, till the attainder of Francis Lord Lovell in 1486. It was afterwards for many generations in the Wilbrahams of Woodhey, and is now the property of their representative Wilbraham, earl of Dyfart. The manors of Micklehurst and Arnfield are appendages of this estate.

The parish-church of Mottram, which is a handsome Gothic structure, was built about the year 1487^c. In the chancel is the monument of Reginald Bretland, serjeant at law, 1703, with a recumbent figure of the deceased in a gown holding a roll of papers. In the south aisle of the chancel, which belongs to the Earl of Stamford

^a Collections of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart., from deeds in the possession of L. Wright Esq.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2151.—Church-notes taken in 1595.

^c Villare Cetrifense.

^d Sir Edmund Shaa by his will bearing that date, bequeathed a sum of money towards the structure.

as representative of the Staleys, is the monument of a knight and his lady^d, without arms or inscription, most probably one of the family of Staveley or Staley, which became extinct in the reign of Edward IV^e. In the church-yard are some tombs of the Bulkeleys.

The rectory of Mottram, the advowson of which had been annexed to the manor of Longdendale, came to the crown on the attainder of Lord Lovell, and was granted by King Henry VIII. to the bishop of Chester, and appropriated to the fee; the present lessee under the bishop is Dame Frances, relict of the Rev. Sir Ulithorn Wray Bart.: the bishop of Chester is patron of the vicarage. Woodhead an ancient chapel of ease in the township of Longden, six miles from the parish-church, on the borders of Yorkshire, was founded by Sir Edmund Shaa, lord-mayor of London at the time of Richard's usurpation, and endowed by him with 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*^f: this chapel was in a state of decay in 1662^g; in the last century it was augmented with Queen Anne's bounty. In the township of Longden is a meeting-house of the Independents, which has been many years established.

The free-school at Mottram was founded in 1612 by Mr. Robert Garfide of Northwich, who gave the sum of 100*l.* towards its endowment; Sir Richard Wilbraham also gave 100*l.* for the same purpose, with which two sums lands at Haughton in the parish of Bunbury were purchased, now let at 25*l.* *per ann.* Some houses in Manchester, now let at 14*l.* 10*s.* were purchased with the produce of timber cut down on the Haughton estate in 1751^h: Robert Hyde Esq. gave a rent-charge of 5*l.* *per ann.* to this school.

The ancient family of Hollingworth held a manor in *Hollingworth* for many generations under the Lovellsⁱ, and afterwards under the Wilbrahams. This estate having been afterwards divided, became two reputed manors; Hollingworth-Hall, which has been many years in the family of the present owner and occupier Daniel Whittle Esq. whose ancestor purchased of the Hollingworths; and the old hall, which continued in the Hollingworth family till the year 1800,

^d See p. 448.

^e The current tradition of the place for nearly two centuries has been, that it is the monument of the Roes of Staley, but it does not appear that the family of Roe had any connection with Staley, which passed from the Staleys by female heirs to the Ashtons and Booths.

^f Extract from Sir Edmund Shaa's will, bearing date 1487:—"I woll have two honest preestes, soon of them to syng his mass and faye his other divine service in a chapel that I have made in Longdendale, (in another part of the will this is called Woodhead-chapel,) in the countie of Chester, and pray especially for my soule and for the soules, &c.—and I woll that he have for his salarie yerely, for evermore, the some of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*"

^g Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 199.

^h About the year 1720 the Haughton estate was valued at 14*l.* *per ann.* and the timber on it at 135*l.*—Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

ⁱ As early as 19 Edw. II.

when it was sold to Mr. George Hadfield the present proprietor, who resides at the hall. The earl of Dyfart, representative of the Wilbrahams, deputed a game-keeper for the manor of Hollingworth as lord paramount. Thorncliffe, another reputed manor in this township, belonged for many years¹ to the Bretlands, and is now the property of Thomas William Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw, having been purchased by his ancestor, together with some considerable estates in Stockport, after the death of George Bretland Esq. in the early part of the last century. Thorncliffe-Hall, the ancient seat of the Bretlands, is occupied by a farmer.

The manor of *Godley* was held formerly under the manor of Longden, by the family of Godelegh, or Godley^k; and afterwards successively by the Baguleys, who purchased of the Godleys in 1319, the Maffey of Sale^l, and the Newtons; no manerial rights are claimed except by the Earl of Dyfart as lord paramount: the demesne has passed with Newton in the same manner as the Dukensfield estate.

The township of *Hattersley* lies six miles N. E. by E. from Stockport; the manor belonged before the reign of Henry III. to a family of the name of Hattersley, by one of whom it was conveyed to Sir Roger de Stockport; after continuing in the Stockports about a century, it became the property of the Carringtons^m, from whom it passed by a female heir to the Booths, and having descended with Dunham-Maffey, belongs now to the Earl of Stamford. Bothom-Hall, or Bottom-Hall, the capital mansion of this manor, is occupied by a farmer.

The manor of *Matley* having passed with Hattersley is the property of the Earl of Stamford.

The manor of *Newton* was acquired in the year 1302 by Thomas de Newton, in marriage with the daughter and heir of Thomas de Davenportⁿ; it was purchased of the representatives of Alexander Newton, the last heir-male of that ancient family, who died about the year 1690, by Sir Charles Dukensfield Bart. and has since passed with the Dukensfield estate.

The manor of *Staley*, or *Staveley*, held under the manor of Longden, was conveyed to Robert de Staveley by Robert de Hough in 1318^o; from the Staveleys it passed by a female heir about the year 1471 to the Ashtons, whose co-heiress having conveyed it to the Booths^p, it has since passed with Matley and other estates in this parish to the Earl of Stamford. Staley-Hall is spoken of by Webb in his Itinerary of 1622, as "a fine old manor belonging to Sir George Booth;" it is now a farm-house^q.

¹ As early as the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

^k As early as 2 Edward II.

^l Villare Cestriense.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Pedigrees.

^o Records in the Exchequer

at Chester.

^p Villare Cestriense.

^q King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 91.

NANTWICH, or NAMPTWICH, in the deanery and hundred of that name, is a considerable market-town lying on the high road from London to Chester, about one hundred and seventy miles from the former and twenty from the latter.

The Saxon word *Vic*, which we write *Wich*, is usually translated *Vicus*, and is common to numerous places in England as well as to Nantwich, Northwich, and Middlewich; we cannot learn that the word *Wich* has ever been defined as having any meaning connected with the circumstance of brine being found at these places, and at others with the same termination, yet on account, it should seem, of the termination being common to several places where brine is found, they are sometimes called, in an abbreviated way, the Wiches, and the term has been sometimes applied to the salt-pits^r. *Nant* is the British word for a brook, but the most usual distinction of this town in history and record, for some centuries after the conquest, was Wich-Malbank, from the ancient family of Malbank, whose ancestor was one of Hugh Lupus's barons.

The earliest mention that we find of this town is in the reign of William the Conqueror, when a battle between the English and Welsh is said to have taken place in its vicinity^s; in 1133 the town was laid waste by the Welsh^t: in 1146 having committed great devastations in Cheshire, they were cut off at Nantwich on their return^u. King Edward I. being at Nantwich in 1282, granted protections to several persons that their corn and other provisions should not be seized on account of the approach of the Welsh army^v. From this time we hear nothing further of it in history till the period of the unhappy civil war in the seventeenth century. It was first occupied by the Parliament and esteemed an important garrison. In the month of October 1642, Lord Grandison took possession of it by a *coup de main*, but soon afterwards evacuated the garrison and joined the King at Edgehill^w. Sir William Brereton having received intimation that Sir Thomas Aston and Sir Vincent Corbet purposed to take possession of Nantwich for the King, marched into the town and garrisoned it again for the Parliament, fortifying it with mud-walls and ditches. Sir Thomas made several unsuccessful attempts after this to gain the town; at length having been defeated in an action with Sir William Brereton's forces, he fled with his troops to Whitchurch^x.

^r They are so called in the Survey of Domesday.

^s See Collins's Peerage, edit. 1768.

Vol. vii. p. 504.

^t Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. ii. p. 33.

^u Harl. MSS.

N^o 2155. f. 59.

^v Rot. Wall. 10 Edward I.

^w Partridge's History of Nantwich.

^x Vicar's Parliamentary Chronicle, and "Cheshire Successes," (1642). It is said in the latter pamphlet, that Sir Vincent Corbet fled on foot and bare-headed to Over, and that Capt. Cholmondeley, Capt. Bridgman, and 120 men were taken prisoners. This action is said to have happened on the 28th of January, 1643.

On the 3d of August 1643, Lord Capel encamped with an army of 3000 men at Ravenmore near Nantwich, and made an attack on the town the next day, but was repulsed^a. From this time Nantwich continued in the possession of the Parliament till the end of the war, but sustained a severe siege in the month of January 1644 from Lord Byron. The town had been strongly fortified, for it appears that the labour of the earthworks cost the sum of 335*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*^b: the siege commenced the first week in January^c, and was carried on with much vigour; it is said that on the 17th of that month a hundred shots were fired into the town from one mount only. On the 18th there was a general assault from five different quarters, but the besiegers were every where repulsed with loss^d. Within a few days after this, Sir Thomas Fairfax's army having joined Sir William Brereton's scattered forces, engaged with and defeated Lord Byron beneath the walls of Nantwich. Lord Byron retired to Chester, and the siege of Nantwich was raised on the 25th of January, which day was for many years distinguished by the name of the holly Holy-day, the townsmen celebrating it annually with much festivity, and appearing with sprigs of holly in their hats^e. Nantwich church having been made a prison during the siege, the thanksgiving which took place a few days after it was raised, on the 30th of January, was held in some houses fitted up for that purpose, because the church had not then been cleansed: on the 13th of February there was a solemn thanksgiving in the church^f. Nantwich

^a Burghall's Diary. Hist. of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 921.

^b Partridge's History of Nantwich.

^c Burghall says, "on the 13th of December, and that from that time the town was wholly without a supply of provisions, for that no markets could be kept."

^d History of Nantwich. Burghall in his Diary says, "Thursday morning at break of day they strongly attacked the town on every side, and the soldiers and townsmen as stoutly defended themselves for an hour or more; very great valour was shewn on both sides, but at last the enemy fled away as fast as they could, leaving the scaling-ladders and wooden kids they had brought with them, some arms, and a hundred dead bodies behind, whereof Captain Sandford was one." History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 928. This captain Sandford, who appears to have done much execution in Ireland with his musquetiers, or, as he called them, his firelocks, addressed letters to the garrisons at Hawarden and Nantwich, in which he attempted to intimidate them with the terror of his name. In the letter addressed to the garrison at Nantwich, he says, "You now see my battery is fixed, from whence fire shall eternally visit you day and night, to the terror of your old and females, and the consumption of your thatched houses; believe me gentlemen, I have laid by my former delays, and am now resolved to batter, burn, and storm you; my firelocks you know have done great feats, both by day and night; and hourly we will not fail of our private visits to you; you have not as yet received any alarms, wherefore expect suddenly to hear from my battery and approaches, before the Welsh-Row." History of Nantwich, p. 69. Captain Sandford's letter to the governor of Hawarden-castle is printed in Mr. Pennant's Tour to Wales, Vol. i. p. 101.

^e Partridge.

^f Burghall's Diary. History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 945.

was disgarrisoned by the Parliament on the 15th of January 1646^g. After the defeat of the Scottish army under the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke fled with 3050 horse to Nantwich^h. Colonel Harrison, a celebrated officer in the Parliament army, and one of the regicides, was the son of a butcher in this town.

Nantwich has been more than once the victim of fire and pestilence. In 1438 we are told that this town was lamentably consumed by fireⁱ: a similar calamity befel it in 1583, in which year, on the 10th of December, “chaunced,” as it is expressed in the parish register, “a most terrible and vehement fyre, beginninge at the water-lode, about six of the clock at nighte in a kitchen by brewinge. The wynde beinge very boysterouse, encreased the said fire, whiche verie vehementlie burned and consumed in the space of fifteen houres six hundred bayes of buyldinges, and coulde not be stayed neither by laboure nor pollice, which I thoughte good to comende unto the posteritie as a favoureable punishment of the Almightye in destroyinge the buyldinges and goodes onelie, but spareinge the lyves of manye people, which, consideringe the tyme, space, and perill, were in great jopardie, yet by God’s mercie but onelie two persones that perished by fyre.”

“By Allen Wrighte, whoe sawe the said fire and wrote this.” The damage was computed at 30,000^k. In 1585, we find the following entry: “This yeare passed, oure moste noble Queen Elizabeth, (whome God longe preserve,) of her royalle and princilie bountie graunted a commission, under her owne hande, to make a general collection throughout all her realme of Englande, for the redifyinge agayne off this towne of Namptwich, whiche liberalitie was collected in the yeare above-saide, and in this yeare followinge.” On the 23d of December 1586, was buried John Masterfon Gent. “one of the four commissioners for collection:” the epitaph of this gentleman, who was of a very ancient and respectable family in Nantwich^l, attributes the success of the collection, and the speedy building of the town, almost wholly to his exertions^m. Many of the edifices.

^g Burghall’s Diary, Vol. ii. p. 932.
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^h Heath’s Chronicle.

ⁱ Partridge’s History of

^k Ibid.

^l See p. 710.

^m The following lines are extracted from the epitaph.

“ This dismal day canicular one this teenth of December,
Your towne was burnde, your frende did die, that was your chieftest membre,
Your extreame losse he did repaire, he wyp’t your teares away,
But now youre glorie and your gaine shall be no more your stay,
When this pore towne to ashes felle, devour’d with fire flame,
By pittie moved, he found the way howe to repaire the same,

edifices then erected remain to this day, and give the town a singular and rather gloomy appearance; the timber, which is intermixed with lath and plaster in various patterns, being painted black.

In 1587, as appears by an entry in the parish register, the town of Nantwich was visited "with a kynde of frenzie, or madde ague, of which diseafe there dyed the yeare aforefaide about seavenscore and odde perfoncs." In 1596 was a great mortality, "introduced by George Fallowes, late come from Cales in Spain, with the Earl of Essex; he was the first who died in the town." In 1604 the plague carried off between four and five hundred of the inhabitants; this town, nevertheless, was free from infection sooner than Chester, on which account the assizes were adjourned hither.

The only royal visit with which Nantwich is known to have been honoured, was from King James I., who was entertained by Mr. Wilbraham of the Towns- end in 1617. He arrived on the 25th of August, on which day he visited the brine-pits, and saw the process of making salt; next day being Sunday, he heard a sermon from Mr. Dod, archdeacon of Richmond, whom he appointed one of his chaplains in ordinary, and an oration from one of the scholars of the school^a.

The market at Nantwich has been held from time immemorial; the market-day is Saturday; it has of late years been difused as a corn-market, but is abundantly supplied with provisions^o; and from Candlemas to July, has a good show of cows and pigs. The Earl of Cholmondeley is entitled to the toll of cattle, roots, and fruit; and Lord Crewe to the toll of corn and fish, as attached to their respective rights in the manor. In the year 1282, Robert Burnell, bishop of Bath and Wells,

Whoe by the grace of our good Queene, and nobles of the land,
 This poore towne was builte up againe in state as it dothe stande;
 The timber had els growing in woods, which nowe sweet dwellings are,
 Soe had the featts and plotts of ground, remained to this day bare:
 Had he not bin, this towne had bin, no towne, as now it is,
 That which he had he did procure, the travaille all was his:
 The livinge and the unborne tow, and all that shall succede,
 The roofs, and walls, shall blafe his fame, for this his worthy deede:
 His endlefs labour in this case deserves an endleffe crowne,
 With goulden garlands of great thanke^s, and wreaths of high renown."

^a Webb's Itinerary in King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 70.

^o It appears that the market at Nantwich was in a very declining state in the reign of Henry VIII. Leland, after enumerating Nantwich among the market towns of Cheshire, adds, "it is *no* market." Itin. VII. p. 30.

had a grant of a fair for three days, in his manor of Nantwich[†], on the festival of St. Bartholomew, which is still held; and there are two other fairs, March 26th, and December 15th.

The town of Nantwich is governed by constables and other officers, as leave-lookers, whose office it is to inspect the markets; ale-tasters, fire-lookers, and channel-lookers: the wallers, whose office it was to regulate the salt-works, have been disused since that manufacture has been on the decline.

The brine-pits at this place are of great antiquity, and for many centuries were a source of very extensive commerce[‡]. King Henry III., to distress the Welsh, who carried on a great traffic in this article, ordered the brine-pits to be filled up, which proved a temporary check to the trade of the town: on the return of peace they were again opened, and continued for many years to be the increasing source of wealth and employment to the inhabitants[†]. In the reign of Henry VIII. there were, according to Leland[§], three hundred salt-works; in the early part of Queen Elizabeth's reign they were reduced to two hundred and sixteen; some of these belonged to the crown, some to the Earl of Derby, some to the Wilbrahams, Egertons, Masterfons, and other principal families of the town and county. In 1624 they appear to have been farther reduced in number, nearly one-half: in consequence of pits of a stronger quality having been discovered in other parts of the county, where the advantage of water-carriage has been superior, the salt-manufacture has from time to time been declining, and there is now only one salt-work in the place.

In 1734 an act of Parliament was obtained for making the river Weever navigable to Nantwich, but it was never carried into execution. The Chester canal, which was completed in 1778, comes within a quarter of a mile of the town.

[†] Harl. MSS. 2038. f. 149. b. See p. 706.

[‡] Hugh de Malbank in his charter to the monks of Combermere grants them the tithe of his salt, of his own salt-pits, and those which belonged to others; and the salt of Blessed Mary the Virgin; and salt on Friday, and salt for the abbot's table, as freely as he had it at his own board. See King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 64.

[†] Mr. Partridge in his History of Nantwich says, "Enriched by the profits, and gratefully sensible of the benefits accruing from the saline springs, which so copiously flow around Nantwich, every Ascension-day our pious ancestors sung a hymn of thanksgiving for the *bleffing of the brine*. That ancient salt-pit, called the Old *Biat*, (ever held in great veneration by the towns-people,) was on that day bedecked and adorned with green boughs, flowers and ribbands, and the young people had music and danced round it; which custom of dancing, and adorning the pit, continued till a very few years ago." History of Nantwich, 1774, p. 59, 60.

[§] Itin. V. p. 92.

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According to the returns made to Parliament, under the population act in 1801, there were then eight hundred and twenty-four houses in the town of Nantwich, of which sixty-six were uninhabited †; the number of inhabitants was three thousand four hundred and sixty-three, of whom one thousand four hundred and thirty-four are stated to have been employed in trade, manufactures, or handicraft. There are now not more than six persons employed in the salt works: there is an extensive cotton-manufacture belonging to Mr. Bott, which employs a great number of hands; exclusively of these, the principal mechanic employment of the labouring class is the making gloves and shoes for exportation. The inhabitants of Nantwich are exempt from serving on juries out of the town, or in the town, if associated with strangers: this privilege was proved in the reign of Edward the Third to have been possessed from time immemorial ‡.

The quarter-sessions for the county were formerly held once a-year at Nantwich: in 1720 a town-hall, with a sessions-room over was built; towards the expence of which King George II., being then prince of Wales, contributed 600*l.*, but it was so badly constructed that a great part of it fell down in 1737 on a market-day, “by which accident nine or ten persons lost their lives, and many others were terribly bruised and hurt.” Some years afterwards, whilst the justices were holding their sessions, the court was alarmed with a sudden crash, and the fabric being expected every moment to fall, many persons were much hurt amid the hurry and confusion in which they quitted the hall. These accidents and alarms are said to have been the occasion of the removal of the sessions from Nantwich to Knutsford, which took place about the year 1760^x.

The parish of Nantwich is divided into five townships, *Nantwich, Alvaaston, Leighton, Willaston,* and *Wolstanwood*.

The manor of Nantwich was given by Hugh Lupus, with several others, to his relation William de Maldebeng, or Malbank, whom he made one of his barons. Having fixed his chief seat in this town, where he built a castle, his barony was called that of Wich-Malbank: Hugh de Malbank, the second baron, gave a fourth part of the whole barony (comprehending a fourth part of the manor of Nantwich, and several other manors) to the abbey of Combermere, of which he was founder. William de Malbank, the third baron, died in the reign of Edward I., without issue male, leaving three daughters, Philippa, Auda, and Eleanor, between whom

† There are now scarcely any unoccupied.

‡ Partridge's History of Nantwich.

§ Ibid.
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the barony was divided^a. Philippa the elder married Thomas Lord Basset of Hedington, by whom she had three daughters, Philippa, Joan, and Alice; Philippa married Henry Newburgh Earl of Warwick, and died without issue; her portion of the barony, called to this day the Countess of Warwick's fee, or the serjeancy of the Countess of Warwick, to which the castle was attached^b, came to the crown, and was granted by King Edward I. in 1277, to Randal de Merton, who having the same year conveyed it to the family of Praers^c, it passed with other estates by female heirs to the Foulshursts. Joan, second daughter of Thomas Lord Basset, married Reginald Valletort, and afterwards William de Courteney, but died without issue; she gave her portion of the barony to the family of Samford, or Sandford^b. Alice, third daughter of Thomas Lord Basset, married John Lord Bisset^c; her portion of the barony, partly by gift, and partly by pur-

^a The portion of the barony allotted to Philippa, consisted of one-third of the manor of Wick-Malbank, or Nantwich, with the castle; one-third of Newhall, Aston-juxta-Hurleston, Acton, Haslington, Coole, and Wollstanwood; besides rents and services in Barthomley, Crewe, Leighton, Aston-Mondrem, Cholmondeston, Stoke, Landecan; two parts of Tranmoll, Buer-ton, Alva-ton, Church-Minshull, Wistaston, Rope, Willalton, White-Poole, Norbury, Wirfwall, Rowe-Shotwick, and Thingwall. This portion of the barony became sub-divided among the daughters and co-heiresses of the said Philippa; the elder daughter, Philippa, who married Henry Earl of Warwick, had the castle.

The portion of Auda, the second daughter of William de Malbank, consisted of one-third of Nantwich, Coole, and Wollstanwood, Hurleston, and Acton, and two parts of Haslington: besides rents and services in Audlem, Hankelow, Tittenley, Marbury, Baddley, Fadiley, Briedley, Buland, Edlaston, Barrets-Poole, Stapeley, Weston, Wybunbury, Hough, Shavington, Walgherton, Church-Coppenhall, Henhull, Alfager, Wigster-ton, Penby, and one-third of Chorlton: this portion also was subdivided between co-heiresses.

Eleanor, the younger daughter of William de Malbank, had for her portion of the barony, one-third of Coole and Wollstanwood; two parts of Newhall, Aston juxta-Hurleston, Acton, and Hurleston; besides rents and services in Bechton, Hassall, Worleston, Wrenbury, Chorley, Barksford, Monk's-Coppenhall, Over-Bebington, two parts of Barnston, Badington, Bromhull, Sound, Allanton, Bartherton, Chorlton, Teverton, and one-half of Wardhull.

^b It seems that the castle was at a later period purchased by the Lovells, and attached to their share of the barony, since it appears that it was alienated by Lord Paget to William Fletcher, with that part of the barony which had belonged to the Lovells; See p. 707.

^c This was proved in the plea to a *quo warranto*, Temp. Hen. VII. See Harl. MSS. N^o 2115. f. 186. It appears that in the sixteenth year of Edw. I., Thomas de Crewe had a third part of the serjeancy which had belonged to the countess of Warwick, consisting of one knight's fee. Woodnoth's Collections, p. 28. & f. 265. b. This afterwards passed to the Praers family by marriage.

^b Dodsworth's Collections, Bodl. Lib. xxxix. f. 157. Some MSS. make Alice Basset marry Sir John Sandford, but this appears to be erroneous; others suppose the Sandfords to have possessed their share of the barony by gift from Philippa, Countess of Warwick. (See Woodnoth's Collections, f. 262. b.); but this is directly contrary to the best evidences, and is partly corrected in the same collections, f. 265, 266.

^c Dugdale's Baronage, I. 632.

chafe from her representatives ^d, became the property of Robert Burnell, bishop of Bath and Wells, and was inherited by the Lovells ^e, who purchased another portion of the barony ^f, which had passed by marriage from the Sandfords to the family of Browning ^g. On the attainder of Francis Viscount Lovell, his share of this barony was granted to Sir William Stanley, and having been again forfeited to the crown by his attainder, was granted in tail male to Sir Anthony Browne, and afterwards to William Lord Paget ^h.

Auda, the second daughter of William de Malbank, married Warin de Vernon, Baron of Shipbrooke; their son, Warin, left a son of the same name, who died without issue, and three daughters, between whom this portion of the barony was subdivided: Margaret, the elder daughter, left two co-heiresses, one of these brought a small share of the barony to the Leftwich family, who possessed it many years; the other daughter's share passed again into the Vernon family, and from them by marriage to the Savages; Auda, second daughter of Warin Vernon above-mentioned, married William Stafford, whose son sold his portion of the barony to the St. Pierres ⁱ; this portion was afterwards in the Mainwarings of Carincham: Rose, younger daughter of Warin Vernon, married John Littlebury, whose son sold his share of the barony of Nantwich to John de Wetenhall ^k; this share became again sub-divided between two co-heiresses of Wetenhall, one of whom brought her share to the Ardernes ^l, the other, successively to the Bromhalls and Davenports ^m.

Eleanor, the younger daughter of William de Malbank, who died unmarried, conveyed her share of the barony of Nantwich to Henry de Audley, Hugh de Pascy, and others ⁿ, in trust as it appears for Audley and his heirs. This share became sub-divided between the co-heirs of the Audley family, and passed to the families of Touchet, (afterwards Barons Audley,) and Fitz-Warren; the portion which

^d Alice Basset is said to have had three daughters, Ela, who married John Wotton, and had her portion in Worcestershire, but no share of the Cheshire estates; Margaret married to John de Riparis, and Isabel married to Hugh de Plesitis. (Woodnoth's Collections, f. 262. b.) John de Riparis, and Philip de Plesitis conveyed estates, parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, to Robert Burnell, bishop of Bath and Wells. (Ibid. f. 263, 264.)

^e Matilda, daughter and eventually sole heiress of Sir Philip Burnell, who inherited the bishop's estates, married John Lovell.

^f It was conveyed by William Browning of Melbury in Dorsetshire to the Lovells, in exchange for a reit-charge on a manor in Wiltshire. Dodsworth's Collections, Bodl. Lib. xxxix. f. 157.

^g Sir Lawrence Sandford, who died without male issue, seized of a portion of the barony of Wich Malbank, left an only daughter, married, first to John Maltravers and afterwards to Alexander de Venables; by her first husband she had two daughters, co-heiresses, one of whom married Sir Alan Cheney, and died without issue; the other married William Browning. Dodsworth's Collections, and Harl. MSS. N^o 2038.

^h Harl. MSS. N^o 1967., and Records in the Augmentation-office.

ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2038. f. 140. b. ^k Ibid. ^l Ibid. ^m Ibid. ⁿ Harl. MSS. N^o 2038.

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belonged to the latter, passed in marriage to the Bouchiers, Lords Fitz-Warren, and Earls of Bath.

In the year 1597, Sir Hugh Cholmondeley died seised of the greater part of the barony of Nantwich^o; he had purchased the castle and site of the barony in 1556 of Robert Fletcher, to whom it had been conveyed by Lord Paget^r; he had purchased Audley fee, and the Countess of Warwick's fee, of Robert Foulshurst in 1574; a part of what had belonged to the Vernons, the same year of Thomas Stanley, to whom it had been conveyed just before by Sir John Savage; and a small portion the following year of Ralph Leftwich^a: in 1619, Sir Robert Cholmondeley purchased that part of the barony, which had been inherited by the Fitz-Warrens and Bouchiers, of William Bouchier, Earl of Bath, and in 1624 a part of what had formerly been in the Vernons, of Sir William Davenport of Bramhall^r. All these estates, except Audley fee, and the Countess of Warwick's fee, which have been long in the Crewe family, and are now the property of Lord Crewe, have continued in the Cholmondeley family, and are now the property of George James Earl of Cholmondeley, whose collateral ancestors, Sir Robert Cholmondeley and Hugh Cholmondeley Esq. were severally created barons of Wich-Malbank in 1645 and 1689; the last creation was with remainder to the patentee's brother, George, great grand-father of the present Earl of Cholmondeley, and Baron of Wich-Malbank^s.

There are now no remains of the castle at Nantwich, which stood near the Welsh-bridge; it had been in ruins before the reign of Henry VII. when the stones were removed, and made use of for the purpose of enlarging the south transept of the parish church, called Kingsley's aisle, to which Lord Audley, then one of the lords of the manor, is said to have been a benefactor^t. The site of the castle is the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley.

The fourth part of the barony of Wich-Malbank, which had been given by the barons of Wich-Malbank, to the abbot and convent of Combermere^u, remained annexed to that monastery, till its dissolution, and not long afterwards passed, either by grant or purchase, to the Wilbrahams of Woodhey: it is called the abbot's fee, and is now, by inheritance from the Wilbrahams, the property of the Earl of Dyfart.

^o It is stated in the inquisition, that he died seised of Lovell's share of the barony, Audley's, Savage's, Foulshurst's, Leftwich's, and Mainwaring's of Carincham: this last mentioned portion, being one-eighteenth of the barony, had belonged to Thomas Stafford and Isabella his wife, daughter of Sir William Bagot, to whom it appears to have been conveyed by the Lovells. (Habl. MSS. N^o 2077. f. 40). Sir Hugh Cholmondeley had thirty parts out of thirty-six of the barony; the other six parts, (which were afterwards purchased as stated above, by Sir Robert Cholmondeley), belonged then to the Earl of Bath, and Mr. Davenport of Bramhall.

^p Harl. MSS. N^o 1967.

^q Ibid.

^r Ibid.

^s See a farther account

of the titles of the Cholmondeley family, p. 351.

^t Partridge.

^u See p. 704.

An estate within this barony, called St. John of Jerufalem's fee, having belonged to the knights hospitallers of St. John of Jerufalem, was for some time in the family of Wilbraham ^a, afterwards in the Leghs of Booths, and belongs now to Sir John Chetwode Bart.

The Barony of Wich-Malbank appears to have had a very wide jurisdiction, extending not only into many neighbouring townships, but also into several of those in the parish of Bunbury, and some in the hundred of Wirral ^x.

The church, which is a spacious and beautiful Gothic structure ^y, is built in the form of a cross, and has a handsome octagonal tower, with battlements, and pinnacles. In the chancel is the tomb of John Masterfon (before-mentioned); with the effigies of himself and his lady, cut on stone; in the nave, a wooden tablet of Thomas Church Gent., who died in 1634, with portraits of himself and his wife, painted on board; in the south transept, memorials of the Wilbrahams, and a mutilated effigy, in mail armour, said to have been that of Sir David Cradock ^z. In the north transept is the burial-place of the Wicksted family, and a neat tablet in memory of Samuel Stanton, manager of a company of comedians, who died in 1797. There are memorials also in the two transepts and in the nave, for the families of Davenport, Minshull, Wetenhall, and Wright. There was formerly a grave-stone with a brass figure of Sir John Griffin, who died in 1490 ^a. Mr. Partridge mentions the monument of John Crewe of Nantwich Gent. ^b, father of Sir Randle Crewe, which was taken down when the south gallery was erected: over the porch is a parochial library, consisting chiefly of books of divinity, and ecclesiastical history.

It has been matter of doubt how long Nantwich has been esteemed a separate parish, independent of Acton; Sir Peter Leycester calls it a parochial chapel, but Mr. Partridge contends that it was from a very early period esteemed a parish church: he says that in a deed prior to the reign of Richard II. it is called,

^a Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. ^x Ibid. N^o 1967.—The barony of Wich-Malbank is stated to have comprised the townships of Acton, Alfager, Alstanton, Alvalton, Alton, Aston-in-Mondrem, Audlem, Baddiley, Badington, Bartherton, Barthomley, Basford, Over-Babington, Beeton, Brindley, Bromball, Buerton, Bunbury, Burland, two-thirds of Chettleton, Cholmondeston, Chorley, Church-Coppenhall, Monk's-Coppenhall, Coole, Crewe, Edlaston, Fadiley, Hankelow, Haslington, Hassall, Hatherton, Henhull, Hough, Hurleston, Leighton, Wich-Malbank, Marbury, Church-Minshull, Newhall, Norbury, Barret's-Poole, White-Poole, Rowe-Shotwick, Shavington, Soond, Stapeley, Stoke, two-thirds of Teverton, Thingwall, Tittenley, two-thirds of Tranmol, Weston, Wirrwall, Wistaston, Woolstanwood, Workston, Wrenbury, and half of Wardle.

^y See farther mention of it, p. 440.

^z Partridge's History of Nantwich.

^a Harl. MSS. N^o 2151.

^b The inscription is preserved in Dugdale's Visitation; he is described to be descended from the ancient family of Crewe of Crewe, and to have married Alice Mainwaring.

Ecclesia de Vico Malbanco, and that the words *totius parochia* occur in the same deed, and that another deed (of 1461) mentions the church of our blessed Lady of Wich-Malbank ^c. It is certain that in the endowment of Acton-church ^d, bearing date 1285, it is expressly described as a chapel dependent upon Acton, the vicar of which parish was obliged to support the chaplain at his own expence; and we have no evidence of any change having taken place in its constitution; on the contrary, it is certain that Nantwich was never presented to as a parish-church, until the year 1677, which was after the publication of Sir Peter Leycester's work; Gabriel Stringer was then instituted to the parish-church of Nantwich, and admitted perpetual curate of the same, on the donation of John Crewe Esq. of Crewe, then patron. Some years before this, in 1639, Mrs. Margaret Woodnoth and Mrs. Elizabeth Davenport gave by deed several small tithes ^e for the use of a preaching minister at Nantwich. In the year 1719 the sum of 400*l.* having been obtained by subscription and Queen Anne's bounty, the corn tithes of Alvaston and Nantwich-Willaston were purchased as an augmentation of the benefice ^f. These tithes produced in 1778 only 40*l. per ann.* but have been somewhat improved by the inclosure of Beam-heath.

There was formerly a chapel in Welsh-row near the bridge, dedicated to St. Anne, of which there are now no remains ^g. The Quakers, Methodists, and Presbyterians have meeting-houses at Nantwich; a large chapel was built by the Methodists in the late Mr. Wesley's connection in 1808.

Mr. Webb in his Itinerary of Cheshire (written in the year 1622, and printed in King's Vale-Royal) remarks that at each of the five entrances of Nantwich there was a gentleman's seat; in Welsh-row that of the Wilbraham family; in Beam-street one that had belonged to the Mainwarings ^h, and was then the seat of Sir Dudley Norton; in Hospital-street that of Mr. Randal Church; in Pillory-street that of the Masterfon family; and in Barker or Mill-street that of the Wrights ⁱ. Town's-end, the seat of the Wilbrahams, still belongs to George Wilbraham Esq. of Delamere, who is the representative of that branch of the

^c There is a deed of this date of the stewards of the gild in St. Mary's church at Nantwich, among the Harleian MSS N^o 2074. f. 166.

^d In the registry at Lichfield.

^e By a return of Mr. George Smith, then rector of Nantwich, to Bishop Gastrell in 1717, these tithes appear to have been of very small value; the whole benefice was then but about 27*l. per ann.*

^f In 1690 Peter Lancaster was instituted to this benefice as a rectory, which style has been continued in succeeding institutions, and the incumbents have been ever since called rectors of Nantwich.

^g Partridge's History of Nantwich, p. 11. and Harl. MSS. N^o 2074. f. 166.

^h The Mainwarings of Nantwich were an illegitimate branch of the Mainwarings of Peover.

ⁱ Part ii. p. 71.

family;

family; it is now in a state of dilapidation. The mansion which had been Sir Dudley Norton's, was afterwards a house of correction^d; it was purchased some years ago by John Crewe Esq. (now Lord Crewe), who pulled it down and built almshouses on the site. Mr. Church's mansion belongs to his representative, Church Norcop Esq. of Tunstall in Shropshire, and is in the occupation of Mr. John Berks. Mr. Masterfon's house has been taken down by Mr. Capper the present proprietor of the site, and rebuilt.

The ancient family of Masterfon, or Maisterfon, may be traced by their pedigree to have been resident at Nantwich as early as the reign of Edward I. Thomas Masterfon distinguished himself by his military prowess in the reign of Edward III.; he accompanied the Black Prince in his expedition into Spain; at the battle of Shrewsbury he fought on the King's side, and so far distinguished himself, that his house at Nantwich was in revenge plundered by the Percys, and after a long suit he at length obtained from King Henry V. a pension of 10*l.* per ann. for his losses and services: he attained a great age, and died in the reign of Henry VI.^e; his son Richard was steward to the Duke of Exeter. Thomas Masterfon, great grandson of Richard, was slain at Flodden-field, and his eldest son at the same time taken prisoner. Mrs. Frances Masterfon, a maiden lady, was buried at Nantwich in 1799, at the age of ninety-six: the present male representative of the family resides in London. A younger branch of the Crewes of Soond; a branch of the Wetenhalls; the Haffalls; the Walthalls^f; the Wrights, most of which are now extinct, were settled at Nantwich for several generations. Henry Mainwaring Wetenhall, Esq. a lineal descendant of the family of that name, lately resident at Nantwich, took the name of Mainwaring on succeeding to the estate of the Mainwarings of Peover, and has been recently created a baronet^g.

There was an ancient hospital in Nantwich, with a free chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas^h, founded by the Lovell family, in whom the advowson was vestedⁱ: it is probable that this was the chapel, for which, in 1404, a licence was obtained. Mr. Partridge speaks of a hospital for lepers, dedicated to St. Lawrence^k, and a priory, which was a cell to the abbey of Combermere, both in the Welsh-row;

^d After Lady Norton's death it belonged to the Dods of Edge, of whom it was purchased by Robert Wright, the latter was the possessor of it in 1666.—Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^e Harl. MSS. N^o 2119. f. 84. *b.* ^f New-hall, the seat of the Walthalls, was destroyed during the siege of Nantwich.—Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. ^g See p. 354, and p. 368.

^h There is an institution to the hospital or free chapel of St. Nicholas at Nantwich, in the bishop of Lichfield's registry, bearing date 1506. ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2074. f. 166. and N^o 2038. f. 137.

^k See also Harl. MSS. N^o 2074. and N^o 2038. f. 137. where we find from the inquisition taken after the death of Fr. Lord Lovell, that his family had one-third of the advowson of this hospital.

but he says that some suppose them to be the same¹, and he acknowledges that the arms of Nantwich-Priory, as given in King's Vale-Royal, (two crutches in saltier,) seem to allude to an hospital.

Sir Roger Wilbraham in 1613 founded an alms-house in Welsh-row for six poor men, four of Nantwich and two of Acton, and endowed it with a rent-charge of 20*l.* *per ann.* to which 4*l.* was afterwards added, issuing out of certain leads-walling, or salt works, which being not long afterwards dissolved, his daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Sir Thomas Wilbraham Bart., gave a meadow in the township of Heabull, containing about nine acres of land, for its better support. The alms-men receive 2*l.* *per ann.* each, have shoes every year, and gowns and caps once in two years.

Sir Edmund Wright, alderman of London^m, founded in the year 1637 an alms-house or hospital, for six poor men, not to be admitted under fifty-six years of age, to receive 4*l.* *per ann.* each, and a warm grey gown faced with red, every other year, to be members of the church of England, and preference to be given to the name of Wright, if natives of Nantwich; this hospital was endowed by the founder with 32*l.* *per ann.* payable out of a farm in the parish of Hillingdon in Middlesex. Mrs. Chorlton, one of the daughters of Sir Edmund Wright, gave in the year 1703 the sum of 100*l.*, and in 1704 a farther sum of 100*l.* for the purpose of increasing the number of pensioners in this alms-house. With this money and 30*l.* added by the town, a fieldⁿ was purchased, now let at 38*l.* *per ann.* In consequence of this benefaction four widows were added to this establishment in 1713, and a fifth in 1784. It is remarkable, that in the year 1661 the six alms-men contributed two shillings each to Margaret Salmon, the founder's niece, to relieve her necessities, and agreed to give her a further allowance of five shillings a quarter.

An alms-house for seven poor persons, situated in Beam-street, was built in the year 1767, pursuant to the intentions of Sir Thomas Crewe, Serjeant at law, who died in 1633, and Sir John Crewe of Utkinton, who died in 1711, the former having given certain rent-charges for the purpose of such a foundation,

¹ One of Mr. Partridge's reasons for supposing them to have been distinct, namely, that a priory and a lazar-house are different things (See History of Nantwich, p. 13.), is by no means conclusive: the superior of a hospital for lepers is frequently styled in ancient charters the prior, and the existence of such hospital has in many instances caused traditions of monasteries where there was never any foundation of the kind.

^m He was made lord-mayor of London by the Parliament in 1641, after they had displaced Sir William Acton; Sir Edmund's son-in-law, Sir James Harrington, was one of the judges of King Charles I.

ⁿ Containing about eight statute acres.

and the latter having augmented the endowment with the bequest of lands in Wardle, called the Park-ridings, which in 1710 were of the yearly value of 10*l.* or upwards: the pensioners in this alms-house receive 6*l. per ann.* each.

An alms-house in Welsh-row for six widows was founded in 1676 by Roger Wilbraham Esq. and endowed with 24*l. per ann.* The same Roger Wilbraham in the year 1705 founded another alms-house, situated also in the Welsh-row, for two old maids, and endowed it with lands and money producing in 1786, 6*l. per ann.*^o Randle Wilbraham Esq. in 1721 gave an augmentation of 3*l. per ann.* to the widows' alms-house, and 13*s. 4d.* to that of the old maids. The pensioners in both the last mentioned alms-houses now receive the same allowance, 17*s.* a quarter each, gowns, and a certain proportion of fuel.

Mrs. Ermine Delves, by deed bearing date September 5, 1722, gave some houses in Barker-street, and two houses and a barn in Love-lane, for the purpose of erecting and endowing an hospital for four poor men, natives of Nantwich, and their wives, who are respectively to be of the age of fifty years or upwards, of honest life and conversation, and members of the church of England, to be governed by the same rules and orders as Sir Edmund Wright's hospital, except what related to the name and kindred of Wright. The same lady by her will bearing date 1728, gave a rent-charge of 3*l. per ann.* to a poor single woman, being a native of Nantwich, of the age of forty years at the least, and otherwise qualified as the pensioners of her hospital. Mr. Matthew Meakin, by his will bearing date April 19, 1738, gave the sum of 200*l.* to the trustees of Sir Edmund Wright's hospital, for the purpose of maintaining a poor man and his wife. Some fields were purchased with this money, now let at 27*l. 5s. per ann.* In consequence of some former arrears of this charity, and that of Mrs. Delves, which have been consolidated, the trustees have been enabled to purchase six dwelling-houses in Love-lane for the residence of poor men and their wives, and to allow to the pensioners of each house the annual sum of 5*l.* In the year 1794, Miss Walker gave the sum of 850*l.* to this parish, out of the interest of which 5*l. per ann.* each is to be paid to six old maids.

John and Thomas Thrush of London, wool-packers, founded a school at Nantwich in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; the school-house, which is said to have been the hall of St. Mary's gild, was purchased of the queen^p. There is an en-

^o Returns of charitable donations in that year to the house of commons.

^p The sum of 50*l.* out of the estates of Mr. Ralph Wilbraham, given for charitable purposes in 1661, was appropriated to the grammar-school. Stephen Wilbraham Esq. gave 50*l.* to the grammar school: William Fithian 20*l.* Mary Maisterfon 20*l.* Thomas Burfcoe 5*l.* Thomas Wetenhall Esq. gave 2*l. per ann.* to this school.

ment of 9*l.* 14*s.* for which six boys are taught *gratis*. There is also a charity-school for forty boys, called the Blue-cap school, principally endowed by the benefactions of the Wilbraham family⁹. Mrs. Crewe gave 5*l.* *per ann.* to this school, and it has been augmented with some other small donations^r.

The township of *Alvaston* contains only three houses; the manor was anciently in the Bromley family^s, but no manor has been known to exist in this township for many years; the principal estate consisting of an old mansion and demesne, formerly the property of Richard Vernon gent. was sold in 1788 by Charles Clowes Esq. to the present possessors and occupiers, Mr. William and Mr. Thomas Foster, and their deceased brother. In this township is the common called the *Croach*, or Beam-heath, which in the year 1285 was given by Richard Alvaston, clerk, and others, “to the men of the whole community of the town of Wich-Malbank, to be for ever free common and pasture for all and all manner of cattle, the donors declaring that neither they, their heirs, or assigns, should inclose it, but that it should for ever lie in common.” It being deemed, nevertheless, that it would be more for the benefit of the persons interested in this donation that it should be inclosed, an act of Parliament was, with their consent, obtained for its inclosure in the year 1803. By this act a certain portion of the heath, not exceeding 200 acres, is to be in tillage; thirty acres are to be cropped with potatoes for the benefit of poor householders; a certain part of the common is set apart annually as “an outlet, or boozey pasture;” the inhabitant householders of Nantwich to have a certain number of leys in the common, and the profit of the land in tillage (after defraying the necessary expences), to be divided among the householders entitled to leys. The land in tillage remains subject to tithes to the rector of Nantwich.

The township of *Leighton* lies about five miles N. E. by N. from Nantwich: the manor belonged anciently to a family which took its name from the township. At an early period William de Leighton, by a deed without date, conveyed it to Randle de Aldington or Oulton^t. In or about the year 1328 Thomas Erdswick acquired this estate by an exchange with the Oultons; his posterity continued in possession, and appear to have had an occasional residence at Leighton, when Webb wrote his Itinerary of Cheshire in the year 1622. In 1625, Richard

⁹ Randle Wilbraham about the year 1721 gave the sum of 163*l.* to the charity-school; Stephen Wilbraham Esq. gave 500*l.*—Return of Charitable Donations.

^r Catherine Mauwaring gave 27*l.*; Jane Edgley 10*l.*; James Broomhall Esq. in 1733 gave 64*l.* The sum of 5*l.* *per ann.* is given to the master of this school out of lands now producing about 62*l.* *per ann.* given in 1680 by Mr. William Hodgkins for the purpose of apprenticing children.

^s Villare Cestriense.

^t Esch. Hen.V. and VI.

Erdwick appears to have sold it to Lawrence Eyton^u. Henry Stych Esq. was lord of the manor in 1662^x. It is now, by inheritance from the Werdens, the property of George Harley Drummond Esq.; the great tithes were purchased of the Wilbraham family by the late Mr. Drummond. Leighton-Hall is occupied as a farm-house.

The ancient family of Brooke or Del Brooke, from a younger branch of which the Brookes of Norton are descended, had a feat and demesne at Leighton as early as the reign of Edward I. On the failure of male issue in this branch about the reign of Queen Elizabeth, this estate was purchased by the Cholmondeleys^y.

William Sneyd Esq. is the principal landholder in the township of *Nantwich-Willaston*; the corn-tithes of this township now belong (as before-mentioned) to the rector of Nantwich; the tithes of hay are the property of Miss Windsor of Shrewsbury, as heiress of the Wilbrahams of Rees-heath.

The manor of *Wolstan-Wood*, which was parcel of the barony of Wich-Malbank, passed by a female heir in the reign of Henry VI. from the Bulkeleyes of Wolstan-wood to the Brindleys^z; it was purchased a few years ago of the Earl of Cholmondeley by Mrs. Ann Elcock of Poole. A considerable estate in this township, which formerly belonged to the Griffins, was lately purchased of the Rev. Sir Thomas Boughton Bart. by Thomas Wicksted Esq. of Nantwich. The tithes of this township belong to George Drummond Esq. having been alienated by the Wilbrahams with those of Leighton.

NESTON, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, is a small market town, nearly eleven miles N. W. from Chester. The market, which is merely for butchers' meat and other provisions, is held on Friday; there are three fairs, February 2, May 1, and September 29.^a

The parish of Neston contains seven townships^b, *Great-Neston*, *Little-Neston*, *Ledsham*, *Leighton*, *Nesse*, *Thornton-Hough*, and *Willaston*.

The manor of *Great-Neston* was at an earlier period in the family of Montalt; in the reign of Edward III. Robert de Montalt having no issue gave it to Queen

^u Villare Cestriense.

^x Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^y King's Vale-Royal,

part ii. p. 74.

^z Esch. 5 H. VI.

^a We do not find any charter for the market

and fairs; they are probably of no great antiquity. Neston is not enumerated among the market-towns either by Leland or in Smith's Description of Cheshire in King's Vale-Royal. Among the records of the corporation of Chester is a petition to the king (without date) against the holding of a market or fairs at Neston.

^b The parish is divided into four quarters, one of which comprises Great-Neston only; another, Leighton, Thornton, and Raby; a third Ledsham and Willaston; and the fourth, Little-Neston and Nesse.

Ifabel, with remainder to John of Eltham, and to the king, who in the year 1337 granted it to William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury^c. Having reverted to the crown by attainder, King Henry IV. gave it to Sir John Stanley^d, whose descendant (one of the Earls of Derby) conveyed it to William Whitmore of Leighton; from the Whitmores it passed by female heirs to the Savages and Mostyns, and is now the property of Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart. The manor of Ashfield in Neston, which belongs to Sir Henry Poole Bart. was purchased by his ancestor Roger de Pall of the Duttons in 1317.

In the church-yard at Neston is the tomb of John Hancock, a farmer, who died December 4, 1775, at the age of 112^e. The church of Neston was given to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh by Ralph de Montalt; the vicarage is now in the gift of the dean and chapter, who, under their first charter, were for a while possessed of the impropriation^f. The great tithes of the townships of Leighton, Raby, and Thornton, now constitute part of the endowment of the vicarage; those of Ledsham, Nefse, and Willaston, belong to Sir Thomas S. M. Stanley Bart. and those of Great and Little-Neston to Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart.

The greater part of Park-gate, on the estuary of the Dee, from whence the packets sail to Ireland, is within this township^g; it contains above 130 houses, and is frequented in the summer as a bathing place.

The township of *Little-Neston* lies a mile S. E. from Great-Neston: John Blount died seised of the manor in 1367, leaving several co-heirs^h. The manor eventually became divided into five parts; in 1467 Roger Booth died seised of two parts in right of his wife Katherine, daughter and heir of Richard Hatton, and heiress also of John de Eulowe, which John married the heiress of Robert de Strangeways, one of the co-heirs of John Blount above-mentionedⁱ; one of the parts probably had passed by purchase or inheritance from another of the co-heirs. The two parts above-mentioned have been for 200 years in the family of the present proprietor Thomas Cottingham Esq. of Little-Neston, whose ancestor purchased of Sir John Mordaunt of Oakley in Bedfordshire: the other three parts of the manor became vested at an early period, partly perhaps by inheritance from one of Blount's co-heirs, and partly by purchase, in the Troutbecks, from whom they have passed with other estates to the Earl of Shrewsbury.

^c Villare Cestriense.

^d Pat. 1 Hen. IV. part 8.

^e We are informed that at

the age of 104 he was in the habit of walking half a mile to a public house; his wife survived him twenty-four years, being at the time of her death in 1799 only seventy-three years of age, so that there must have been sixty-three years difference between their ages.

^f See p. 573, in the notes.

^g The remainder is in the township of Leighton.

^h Esch. 41 Edw. III. in the exchequer

at Chester. ⁱ See Collins's Peerage, edit. 1768, Vol. vii. p. 70. Esch. 7 Edward IV. Esch. 6 Hen. V., and Esch. 8 Hen. V. in the Exchequer at Chester.

The hamlet of *Hargrave* in this township has passed with the manor of Little-Neston.

The township of *Ledsham* lies about six miles N. W. by N. from Chester: that of *Nesse*, a little more than a mile S. S. E. from Great-Neston: the manor of Ledsham was formerly in the Gerards^h, that of Nesse for several generations in the Duttonsⁱ; about the middle of the 17th century they were both in the Maffleys of Puddington^k, from whom they have descended to the present proprietor Sir Thomas Maffey Stanley Maffey Bart. Ledsham-Hall is now a farm-house.

The manors of *Leighton*^l, and *Thornton-Mayewe*^m, or *Mayes*, now generally called *Thornton-Hough*, passed by successive female heirs from the Leightons to the Thorntons and Houghsⁿ, who had a park at Thornton^o. Alice daughter and heir of William Hough, brought these manors in marriage about the year 1579 to a younger branch of the Whitmores of Thurstafton, from whom they passed by female heirs, with Great-Neston, to the Savages and Mostyns; they are now the property of Sir Thomas Mostyn Bart. Leighton-hall has been taken down and a small farm-house built on the site; Thornton-Grange belongs to the Earl of Shrewsbury.

The township of *Raby* lies about two miles and a half N. E. from Great-Neston; the manor formerly belonged to the Troutbecks, and it is probable that they inherited it by the same title as the serjeancy of the Bridge-gate from the family of Raby; it now belongs to the Earl of Shrewsbury as representative of the Troutbecks.

The township of *Willaston* or *Wollafton* lies three miles E. from Great-Neston; the manor was at an early period in the Mainwarings, from whom it passed by female heirs to the Truffells and Veres. John Vere, Earl of Oxford, was seized of it in 1562; not long afterwards it was sold to the freeholders, whose successors are lords of the manor by turns: it is divided into twenty-one severalties, of which John Bennet Esq. of Willaston-Hall has four^p; the Bennets have possessed an estate at Willaston considerably more than two centuries; the hall, now occupied by a farmer, was built by one of their ancestors in 1558, and was for several generations the residence of their family. This township in ancient times gave name to the hundred now called the hundred of Wirral.

^h Esch. Hen. VI.

ⁱ Esch. Rich. II.—Hen. VI.

^k Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^l *Leighton* lies a little to the N. N. E. of Park-gate.

^m This township is two miles and a half N. N. E. from Great-Neston.

ⁿ Richard Hough, temp. Edw. III. married Elen daughter and heir of Thorntor, of Thornton-in-the-Hough, by whom he had Leighton and Thornton.

Villare Celtiense.

^o Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

^p The other principal land-owners are Joseph Lyon Esq. of Neston; Arthur Heywood Esq. of Liverpool, and Mr. Thomas Ashbrook.

NORTHEN, or NORTHENDEN, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies about four miles west from Stockport; it comprises the township of *Northenden*, part of *Baguley*, and part of *Etebells*. The manor of Northenden, which had been in the Mainwarings from the time of the Conquest, passed by marriage to the Truffells¹, about the reign of Edward II. It is now the property of Thomas William Tatton Esq., whose family has possessed it for several generations.

Withenshaw, in this parish, now the seat of Mr. Tatton, was acquired at an early period by his ancestor Robert Tatton, in marriage with Alice, daughter and heir of William de Withenshaw. The present possessor is younger brother of Wilbraham Egerton Esq.; he inherits under the will of his father, the late William Egerton Esq., who had assumed that name on succeeding to the estates of Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton. Withenshaw-Hall was garrisoned for the King in the civil war, and was taken for the Parliament after a long siege, on the 25th of February 1644, by Colonel Dukenfield, "there being then in the house only Mr. Tatton, some few gentlemen, and but a few soldiers, who had quarter for life²." "Captayn Adams, slayne at Withenshaw, on Sunday the 25th, was buried (at Stockport) the 27th day of February 1643-4.³" Six skeletons were found not long ago in the garden at Withenshaw, lying by the side of each other.

There are several monuments and other memorials of the Tatton family in the Withenshaw chapel, adjoining the chancel of Northenden church: William Tatton Esq., who died in 1776, married the sister and sole heiress of Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton: after her husband's death she re-assumed the name of Egerton, in compliance with her brother's will; her son, the late William Egerton Esq. of Tatton, who assumed his mother's maiden name, died in 1806.

Kenworthy, in this township, now called Kennedy, became in the reign of Edward I. the property of Robert, a younger son of Sir Alan de Tatton, Lord of Tatton, by marriage with the heiress of Kenworthy⁴, the posterity of this Robert removed afterwards to Withenshaw, as before-mentioned. T. W. Tatton Esq. has still an estate in this hamlet, and there are two other estates which pay chief rents to him; one of these has been held for at least a hundred and fifty years by the family of Shelmerdine⁵. The church of Northenden was given by Hamo de

¹ Maud Mainwaring, who married Sir William Truffell, was daughter and heir of Sir Warren Mainwaring, who was living in the reign of Edw. II. and was grandson of Sir Ralph Mainwaring, justice of Chester. Smith's Collection of Pedigrees

² Burghail's Diary printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 933.

³ Documents in the possession of the Tatton family.

⁴ Stockport

⁵ See Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

Mafley, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester; the dean and chapter are now patrons.

The manor of *Etbells* ^e, partly in this parish, and partly in Stockport ^f, now the property of Wilbraham Egerton Esq., was purchased by his ancestor Robert Tatton Esq. about the middle of the sixteenth century; it was anciently in the Stockports, from whom it passed by female heirs to the Ardernes and Stanleys: on the attainder of Sir William Stanley it became vested in the crown, and after some temporary grants was sold by King Philip and Queen Mary ^g. The tenants of this manor are exempt from attendance at the hundred courts by a grant from King Henry VII. The history of *Baguley* has been given under Bowden.

OVER, in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Middlewich, is a small decayed market town, lying about five miles from Middlewich, and one hundred and sixty-eight miles from London. The market, which was held on Wednesday, has been disused nearly a century: it was granted by King Edward I. in the year 1280 to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal ^h, which, before the parish of Whitegate was taken out of it by act of Parliament, was within the limits of this parish. The same charter granted a fair to be held for three days, at the festival of the exaltation of the holy-crofs, commonly called Holy-rood-day; there are now two fairs, May 15, and Sept. 25.

The town, or as it is called in ancient records, the borough of Over, has been from time immemorial under the jurisdiction of a mayor, who is chosen annually in the following manner, at the court of the lord of the manor of Over, held in October; two juries are impannelled, one for the borough, called the grand jury, the other for the subordinate townships, called the county-jury; the grand jury return six persons inhabitants of the lordship of Over to the lord of the manor, one of whom at an adjourned court, held fourteen days afterwards, he nominates as mayor for the year ensuing. During his year of office, the mayor has the power and exercises all the functions of a justice of peace within the borough and lordship, including the parishes of Over and Whitegate, and he has a sworn serjeant, who executes all processes within his jurisdiction: when out of office he assumes the title of alderman, but is no longer vested with any powers.

^e *Etbells* lies four miles W. S. W. from Stockport.

^f Separate overseers are appointed for that part which is in the parish of Northenden, and that which is in the parish of Stockport, and separate assessments are made for the relief of the poor.

^g The purchase of this and other estates was made jointly by Sir Edward Fitton and Robert Tatton Esq.; on a division, *Etbells* became the property of the latter. The temporary grants were the same with those of Nether-Alderley. See p. 480.

^h Cart. 9 Edw. I.

The fairs above-mentioned are proclaimed in the name, and in the presence of the mayor by the steward of the lord of the manor.

The parish of Over comprises the townships of *Oulton-Lowe*, *Swanlow*, and *Wetenhall*, and part of the township of *Over*¹: the manor of Over, which had been parcel of the possessions the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal, was granted by King Henry VIII. in the year 1546 to Sir Thomas Holcroft^k, it is now the property of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal M. P., whose ancestor of the same name purchased it of the Pershall, or Peshall family, about the middle of the 17th century^l. Woodford-Hall and demesne, in the township of Over, which had been before in the Starkeys^m, was purchased of the Maisterfons of Nantwich, by Sir John Booth, youngest son of Sir George Boothⁿ, the first baronet of Dunham-Massey; his son, George Booth Esq., the translator of Diodorus Siculus, left Woodford-Hall to his daughter Catherine, who married James Howard, grandson of the Earl of Berkshire: the Woodford-Hall estate is now the property of Mr. Richard Dutton of Waverton, by purchase from the Percots, who bought it of one of Mr. Howard's co-heiresses. Woodford-Hall has been taken down and a farm-house built on the site.

In the parish church, which stands about half a mile east of the town, is the monument of Hugh Starkey gentleman-usher to King Henry VIII., who re-built the church of Over, in the year 1543, and died in 1555^o; his portrait, painted on glass, with his arms and initials, is to be seen in good preservation, in a window of the south aisle; in the same aisle is the tomb of his brother James, who married a daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas. The church of Over belonged to the nunnery of St. Mary at Chester^p. The bishop is now impropriator and patron of the vicarage: Lord Harwood is lessee of the great tithes, under the bishop. In the year 1689, Mrs. Elizabeth Venables, and her son Thomas Lee Esq., founded a free grammar-school at Darnhall, in the adjoining parish of Whitegate, for children of the parishes of Over and Whitegate, and the township of Weever, and endowed it with lands, in the parish of Tattenhall, now let at 53*l. per ann.* The school was removed into this parish near the church in the year 1803.

In the township of Over is Winsford-bridge, over the Weever, between the parishes of Over and Davenham. In consequence of the extension of the salt trade,

¹ The remainder is in the parish of Whitegate.

^k Records in the Augmentation-office.

^l Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^m 38 Eliz. Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

ⁿ Harl.

MSS. N^o 2010.

^o The date which was left a blank on the monument has never been supplied.

^p See Tanner's Notitia. We cannot account for the expression in the *Magna Britannia* of 1720, that Over is remarkable for a church that is *laevalefs*; we do not find that it was ever exempt from the bishop's jurisdiction, that it had the privilege of sanctuary, or any other remarkable privileges or immunities.

several houses have been built on each side of the bridge, principally in Over parish: an annual fair is held on the Davenham side of the bridge on the 8th of May, and of late years there has also been, on the Davenham side, a market for provisions on Saturday: there are brine-pits in this neighbourhood on both sides of the Weever.

The manor of *Oulton-Lowe* belonged at an early period to the family of Aldington or Oulton, from whom it passed by a female heir to the Starkeys², about the reign of Richard II. The Egertons purchased it about a century ago, and it is now the property of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton in Little-Budworth. Darley-Hall in this township, the ancient seat of the Starkeys, was taken down by the late Mr. Egerton: a farm-house has been built on the outside of the moat.

The township of *Swanlow* is within the jurisdiction of the mayor of Over: The principal landed property belongs to Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal.

The township of *Wetenball*, or *Wettenball*, lies nearly seven miles N. N. W. from Nantwich: the manor was from a very early period the inheritance of the Wetenhalls³, whose co-heiresses brought it in moieties about the beginning of the fifteenth century to the Manleys and Bostocks⁴. Randle Brereton of Eccleston, who died in the year 1537, was seized of one moiety of Wetenhall, which he had purchased of the Manleys; the Breretons afterwards became possessed of the whole, and had a seat at Wetenhall, which estate, about the middle of the seventeenth century, was sold by John Brereton Esq. to Roger Wilbraham of Dorford-Hall near Acton⁵: it is now the property of Henry Tomkinson Esq. of the same place, by purchase from the Wilbrahams. Wetenhall-Hall is now a farm-house, near which is a chapel of ease, situated about two miles from the parish church. It has a small endowment, and has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty: the minister is appointed by the vicar of Over.

² Of this family were Sir Humphry Starkey lord-chief-baron of the exchequer in the reign of Richard III., and Ralph Starkey of London, merchant, who made Heraldic Collections for Cheshire, in the reign of James I. Dr. Gower in his Sketch of the materials for a history of Cheshire, mentions one of the Stretton family, as a contemporary and name-fake, a great collector of the antiquities of Cheshire, whose papers were seized by order of King James I., on suspicion of his being concerned in some practices inimical to the state, and he gives a quotation from an historical poem, signed *Infortunio*, which he supposes to be written by him, but has by some been conjectured to be Spenser's. A copy of it, Dr. Gower says, is extant in Starkey's hand-writing, with a variety of alterations and additions. We can find no Ralph Starkey in the pedigrees of the Stretton family about this time, and cannot but suppose that the whole applies to the same person, Ralph Starkey, merchant of London, second son of John Starkey Esq. of Darley-Hall in Oulton, who died in 1611.

³ Adam de Wetenhall of this family was made keeper of Carnarvon-castle in 1289. Rot. Wal. in Turr. Lond. 18 Edw. I.

⁴ Villare Castellense.

⁵ Ibid.

OVER-CHURCH, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies seven miles north from Neston, and seventeen north-west from Chester: it contains only one township, called *Upton*, which had formerly a weekly market, not discontinued in 1662¹; and two fairs. The manor of Upton was held in the reign of Edw. I. by the Ardernes, under the family of Praers²: in or about the year 1310, Sir John Arderne gave it in marriage with his daughter Maud, to John de Warwick, whose daughter and heir brought it to the Bolds³. Upton continued in this family till about the early part of the seventeenth century, when it was sold to Robert Davies, and of him purchased by the Stanleys Earls of Derby⁴: it was afterwards in the Cunliffes, from whom it passed by sale to the Clarkes, and from the latter to John Webster Esq. of Poulton in Wallazey, the present proprietor. The ancient hall, which was the seat of the Bolds, has long ago been taken down.

The parish-church, called Over-church, stands alone, about half a mile from the town of Upton; the rectory belonged formerly to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester, and was granted to the dean and chapter, but they soon afterwards lost it, with their other estates⁵. The Rev. Simson Jacson is now impropiator of the tithes, and patron of the curacy.

The parish of PLEMONDSTALL, or PLEMSTALL, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, comprises four townships, *Hoole*, *Picton*, *Bridge-Trafford*, and *Mickle-Trafford*; the last-mentioned township, in which the church is situated, lies on the Frodsham road, about three miles N. E. from Chester: the manor appears to have been formerly in the Fitz-Alans Earls of Arundel⁶; it now belongs to the Earl of Shrewsbury, in whose family it has been for a considerable time. Trafford-Hall in this township, of which there are no remains, belonged to the Trafford family, and afterwards to the Savages⁷.

In the parish church of Plemstall⁸, are some monuments of the Hurlestone family, and that of Alice, sole heiress of Thomas Trafford Esq.⁹, who married first John Barnston Esq. of Churton, and afterwards the Hon. John Savage,

¹ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

² Villare Cestriense.

³ Pedigrees and records in the

Exchequer at Chester.

⁴ Villare Cestriense. The manor is said to have been purchased by William Earl of Derby, and the hall by Charles Earl of Derby, his grandson.

⁵ See p. 573 in the notes.

⁶ The Fitz-Alans appear to have been possessed of it before 23 Henry III. See Dugdale's Baronage, I. 315. The Earl of Arundel died seized of it 3 Henry V. Esch.

⁷ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

⁸ The church stands at a considerable distance from the village of *Mickle-Trafford*, and is about four miles and a half N. E. from Chester.

⁹ She died in 1666.

by whom she was mother of John Earl Rivers. The church of Plumstall belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester; the impropriation and advowson of the vicarage having passed through several hands after the dissolution, were purchased in the seventeenth century by bishop Bridgman, in whose descendant the right honourable Lord Bradford they are now vested. There is a school-house in this township erected by contribution, rather more than a century ago: a considerable part of the endowment, which was given in money, having been lost, there remains now only *3l. per ann.*

The township of *Bridge-Trafford* lies four miles and a half from Chester, on the Frodsham road; the manor belongs to the dean and chapter of Chester. Mardley-Hall, (now called Morley-Hall,) in this township, was a seat of the Traffords, and afterwards of the Savages; it is now a farm-house, which, with its demesne, is held on lease under the Earl of Cholmondeley, by Mrs. Fairclough of Knutsford. At one of the Traffords a garrison was placed by Sir William Brereton, during the siege of Chester ^c.

The township of *Hoole* lies two miles N. E. from Chester; the manor was at an early period in a family of that name, afterwards in the Troutbecks, from whom it descended with several other Cheshire manors, to the present Earl of Shrewsbury. Hoole-Lodge, the manor-house, is occupied by Charles Hamilton Esq. Hoole-old-hall, now a farm-house, is said to have been the abbot of Chester's grange: it is certain that the abbot had an estate here, which he purchased of John de Hoole, Lord of Hoole, in the reign of Edward II.; but it may be observed that Hoole-old-hall, now the property of Dr. Peploe Ward, was bought of Sir William Bunbury, whose ancestor David de Bunbury purchased of the Calveleys certain lands, which had been the property of John de Hoole above-mentioned ^f. Webb in his Itinerary, written in the year 1662, speaks of the pleasant and sweet seat of Sir Henry Bunbury at Hoole ^g. There are also in this township two modern mansions, called Hoole-Hall, and Hoole-house, the former is the property and residence of Mr. John Oliver, the latter is the property of Mr. Hamilton, and in the occupation of Brigadier-General Broughton.

Hoole-heath in this township was one of the waste places appointed in ancient times as sanctuaries for such fugitive strangers as sought protection from the Earls of Chester ^h in the time of war. An inquisition bearing date 13 Edw. III. states that during the time of war with Wales, all persons being in the peace of the King of England and the Earl of Chester were wont to have refuge and

^c Randal Holme's Narrative of the Siege. Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.

^f Villare Cestriense.

^g King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 59, 60.

^h See p. 299, 300.

receipt on Hoole-heath, with their goods, necessaries, and beasts, for a year and a dayⁱ.

The township of *Picton* lies nearly five miles N. N. E. from Chester; the manor was held at the time of the Domesday survey by Richard de Vernon, whose descendants appear to have possessed a moiety of it for several generations^k. At the time of the dissolution the whole was vested in the abbot and convent of Chester, and in the reign of Queen Elizabeth became the property of the Hurlestons^l, from whom it has descended in the same manner as Croughton^m, to William Leche Esq. of Carden, the present proprietor.

PRESTBURY, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, is the most extensive parish in the county, containing in the whole thirty-two townships, nine of which are in the chapelry of Macclesfield: the others are *Prestbury*, *Adlington*, *Birtles*, *Bollington*, *Bosley*, *Butley*, *Capesthorpe*, *Chelford*, *Falibroom*, *Henbury*, *Lyme-Handley*, *Marton*, *Mottram-Andrew*, *Newton*, *Poynton*, *North-Rode*, *Siddington*, *Tytherington*, *Upton*, *Old-Withington*, *Lower-Withington*, *Woodford*, and *Worth*.

Prestbury lies nearly three miles N. N. W. from Macclesfield: the manor, rectory, and advowson of the vicarage formerly belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester: they were held in fee-farm of the dean and chapter by the Leghs of Adlington, as early as the reign of Queen Elizabethⁿ, and are now the property of Richard Cross Legh Esq. of that place. *Prestbury-Hall* is in the occupation of Thomas Hope Esq.

In the parish church are memorials for the families of Warren of Poynton^o; Booth of Mottram-Andrew, Worth of Tytherington^p, Swettenham of Swettenham, and Legh of Adlington: there is a chapel for the burial of the Leghs in the north-aisle; a monument of an older date, with a cross flory for one of that family, (Reginald Legh Esq., who died in 1482) is in the chancel: Bishop Gastrell mentions the monument of Robert Downes Esq., who died in

ⁱ Harl. MSS. N^o 2057. f. 123.

^k Esch. Hen. IV. & V. at Chester.

^l Most probably it was granted to the dean and chapter of Chester, and acquired with the rest of their estates by Sir Richard Cotton, as described in p. 573 in the notes.

^m See p. 617.

ⁿ Harl. MSS. N^o 2071. f. 162. See also p. 573 of this volume.

^o On the north wall of the chancel is a figure (engraved on the stone) of Sir Edward Warren, who died in 1558.

^p There is a flat-stone with figures engraved on it, now placed against the wall of the south-aisle, in memory of Jasper Worth Esq., who died in 1572, and his lady.

1495ⁿ. In the church-yard was formerly the following inscription upon a grave-stone:

“ Those goods I had whilst I did live;
Unto four monkes I freely give
To eate, and drinke, and make good cheere,
And keep my *obite* once a yeare.”^o

In the church-yard, at some distance from the church, is an ancient chapel of Saxon architecture^p, which being in a very ruinous state, was in 1747 repaired, by Sir William Meredith Bart. of Henbury, and made a burial-place for his family; there is a memorial in it for his son, Amos Meredith Esq., who died in 1745.

A school-house was built at Prestbury in 1720, chiefly at the expence of John Legh Esq. of Adlington, whose heirs have had the nomination of the master. Mrs. Anne Whitaker endowed it with the interest of 100*l.* for teaching ten poor children of this township, “ from the primer to the Bible^q.”

The township of *Adlington* lies five miles N. by W. from Macclesfield: the manor belonged at an early period to the family of De Coronâ, the heirefs of which brought it in the early part of the fourteenth century, through the Baguleys to the Leghs^r. Robert Legh, the first of that family who settled at Adlington, was a younger son of John Legh, the first of the name who possessed Booths; which John was son of William Venables, by Agnes, heirefs of Richard Legh of West-Hall in High-Legh, and younger brother (of the half-blood) of Thomas Legh, immediate ancestor of the present Egerton Leigh^s Esq. of West-Hall. On the death of the late Charles Legh Esq. of Adlington in 1781, this ancient branch of the Legh family became extinct in the male line: after the death of his widow in 1806^t, Adlington devolved, pursuant to the late Mr. Legh's will to his cousin, Richard Cross Esq., who has taken the name of Legh in addition to his own, and resides at Adlington-Hall. This hall having been garrisoned for the King during the civil war, was surrendered on the 14th of February 1645, after a fortnight's siege: “ a younger son of Mr. Legh's, and one hundred and fifty soldiers had all fair quarter and leave to depart, leaving seven

^a Notit. Cest.

^c Dugdale's Visitation of Cheshire.

^p See p. 438, 439.

^v Bishop Galtrell's Notit. Cest.

^r It was entailed on Edw. III. on John Legh and his wife Ellen after the death of Thomas de Corona: this Ellen was daughter of William de Baguley, and grand-daughter of Thomas de Corona.

^s So the West-Hall family spell their name.

^t Then the wife of ——— Rowlls Esq.

hundred arms, and fifteen barrels of powder^a." Near Adlington-Hall is a domestic chapel, the minister of which is appointed by the family of Legh.

The township of *Birtles* lies two miles and a half W. by N. from Macclesfield; *Bollington* two miles and a half N. by E. The land-owners in both these townships are copy-holders under the crown. *Birtles-Hall* and demefne belonged for many generations to the ancient family of *Birtles* or *Birchels*, descended from John, a younger son of Adam de Astul or Astle, who took the name of *Birchels* upon settling on an estate in this township, granted to him about the year 1324 by Randal de Rodyerth, then lord paramount of the manor^x. A co-heiress^y of the elder branch of the *Birtles* family^z, brought *Birtles-Hall* about the middle of the seventeenth century to the Swettenhams of Swettenham, of whom it was purchased by the Hibbert family. *Birtles-Hall*, a modern mansion, is the residence of Robert Hibbert Esq., the present proprietor. In the township of *Bollington* are some cotton-works, collieries, and a water-mill for grinding bark.

The township of *Boseley*, formerly called *Bosley*, and *Lea*, or *Lee-Bosley*, lies nearly five miles E. N. E. from Congleton; the manor was antiently in the family of Montalt, the last of which sold the reversion of all his lands to King Edward III. The King, by his charter bearing date 1337, gave it to William, Earl of Salisbury. Having reverted to the crown by forfeiture, it was granted to the Stanleys, in which family it continued till about the year 1597, when the Earl of Derby sold it to Sir Edward Fitton^a: it has since passed with Gawsworth, and is now the property of the Earl of Harrington. *Boseley*, which is situated on the borders of Staffordshire, six miles from the parish-church, has a chapel of ease, with a small endowment: the minister is appointed by the vicar of Prestbury. In this township are three mills, formerly used as brass-battery mills, and another formerly used for rolling and hammering copper: these mills have been lately advertised for sale.

The township of *Butley* or *Butleigh* lies three miles N. by W. from Macclesfield; the manor in the reign of Henry III., and probably at an earlier period, belonged to the Pigots^b: it is now the property of Richard Cross Legh Esq. of Adlington, having been bought at several times in portions, by his ancestors the

^a Burghall's Diary—History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 932.

^x From the information of David Browne Esq. of Macclesfield.

^y The other co-heiress married into the family of Kinsey. ^z A younger branch, which continued the male line, remained in the neighbourhood, and became extinct by the death of Thomas *Birtles* Esq., who left an only daughter about the middle of the last century.

^a Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

Leghs, of persons who had purchased of the Pigots, or the representatives of that family ^c. Butley-Hall, which formerly belonged to the Davenports, and afterwards to the family of Hobson ^d, is now the property of the Rev. John Rowlls Browne vicar of Prestbury. Foxwist-Hall in this township, for several generations the seat of the ancient family of Duncalfe, has been for nearly two centuries in the Leghs of Adlington ^e: it is at present occupied by a cottager: the lands now form part of Adlington-park. Willet-Hall in this township belonged to the Willets, from whom it passed by successive female heirs to the Mottersheds and Malbons ^f: it is now the property of Lawrence Wright Esq. having been purchased by his father of Peter Brooke Esq. of Mere. Thomas Newton, a learned writer of the sixteenth century, author of a history of the Saracens, eminent as a Latin poet, editor and joint translator of Seneca's Tragedies, was a native of Butley; in the early part of his life he practised physic, and kept a school at Macclesfield; he was afterwards rector of Little-Ilford in Essex, where he died in 1607 ^g.

The township of *Capesthorne*, which lies five miles W. by S. from Macclesfield, gave name to a family which possessed the manor for several generations: Sarah, sole heiress of Randal de Capesthorne, brought it in marriage in or about the reign of Edward III. to John Le Ward ^h: it is now the property of Davies Davenport Esq. one of the knights of the shire, his grandfather having married the daughter and only child of John Ward Esq. the last heir male of that family, who died in the year 1748 ⁱ. Capesthorne chapel was built by John Ward Esq. above-mentioned, and endowed by him with the tithes of the township; it has since been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty: Mr. Davenport appoints the minister.

The township of *Chelford* lies nearly seven miles W. from Macclesfield: the manor was given in 1264 by Robert Pigot to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester, on condition of their finding a chaplain to say mass in Chelford chapel three days in the week, and the other four days at St. Michael's altar in Prestbury church: not many years after the dissolution it became the property of Henry Mainwaring Esq. ^k of Carincham, and now belongs to Sir Henry Mainwaring Mainwaring Bart. Thomas Parker Esq. of Aftle has an estate in Chelford, purchased by his father of the representatives of the family of Smallwood, which was for several generations settled in that township. *Aftle*, a

^c A part of the manor is stated to have remained in the male line of the Pigots as late as 1662. Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^d Ibid.

^e Sir Urian Legh died seized of it 3 Car. I.

^f Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^g Biograph. Dramat. & Art. Wood.

^h Villare Cestriense.

ⁱ See the account of Monk's-heath in Alderley, p. 482.

^k See p. 573 in the notes.

hamlet of Chelford, the property and seat of Thomas Parker Esq. above-mentioned, was acquired by his ancestor in 1650, in marriage with the heiress of Snelfon. It appears by the grant of the manor to the abbey of St. Werburgh, that there was a chapel in Chelford as early as the year 1267; in the present chapel, which was built on a new site, and consecrated in 1776, are some memorials for the family of Robert Salusbury Cotton Brooke Esq.¹, who resides in this township. Chelford-chapel, which has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty, is in the patronage of Thomas Parker Esq. A school-house was built by the late Mr. Parker, and a school endowed with nearly 20*l.* *per ann.* for the poor children of this township.

The manor of *Fallingbroome* or *Fallibroom* was given by Hugh Kevelioc Earl of Chester in 1232, to Sir Richard Fitton, from whose family it passed by successive female heirs to those of Venables and Booth: it was sold in parcels by the Booths^m, and no manerial rights are now exercised.

The township of *Henbury* lies two miles W. S. W. from Macclesfield; the manor of *Henbury-cum-Pexall* belonged anciently to the Mainwarings, from whom it passed by marriage to the Trussells: about the latter end of the fourteenth centuryⁿ it became the property of the Davenports. Sir Foulke Lucy, who married the heiress of this branch of that ancient family, was lord of the manor of Henbury in 1662^o; he afterwards sold it to Sir William Meredith Bart. whose descendant, of the same name, conveyed it by sale in or about the year 1779 to John Bower Jodrell Esq. father of Francis Jodrell Esq. the present proprietor, who resides at Henbury-Hall.

The township of *Lyme* or *Lyme-Handley*, lies seven miles N. E. by N. from Macclesfield; the manor was given by King Richard II. to Margaret wife of Piers Legh^p, daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas Daniers of Bradley, Knight. This brave knight had taken the chamberlain Tankerville prisoner at the battle of Cressly, and relieved the banner of the Black Prince, for which service the prince granted him an annuity of 40 marks out of the manor of Frodsham, to him and

¹ A branch of the family of Brooke has resided for many years in this township: Samuel Brooke Esq. who died without issue in 1772, devised his estates, in default of issue from his sister Catherine, to the eldest son of Thomas Brooke, dean of Chester, with remainder to the dean's second son, R. S. C. Brooke Esq. the present possessor.

^m Villare Cestriense.

ⁿ Hugh Davenport Esq. held the manor of Henbury under the Trussell family, temp. Henry IV. Villare Cestriense. This Hugh was son of Thomas Davenport, the first of the family who settled at Henbury. See p. 357.

^o Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^p Her first husband was Sir John Savage.

his heirs till lands of 20*l.* *per ann.* should be settled on them^f. This heroic action of Sir Thomas Daniers has been erroneously ascribed to Piers Legh, his son-in-law, who was beheaded at Chester in 1399 for his attachment to King Richard II. and lies buried in a chapel belonging to the Leghs at Macclesfield, where the following lines are inscribed on a tablet to his memory, and that of his son Sir Piers, who was slain at the battle of Agincourt:

“ Here lyeth the bodie of Perkin a Legh,
That for King Richard the dethe did die,
Betrayed for righteoufnesse;
And the bones of S^r Peers his sonne,
That with King Henry the Fifth did wonne
In Paris.”

This epitaph was restored in the year 1620, by Sir Peter Legh, who rebuilt the chapel as appears by another inscription^g, in which the circumstance of Lyme being given to Piers Legh for *his own* service at the battle of Cressly^h, is related from an erroneous family tradition. Piers Legh who became possessed of Lyme in consequence of the grant made to his wife, was a younger son of Robert Legh, the first of that family who settled at Adlingtonⁱ. The Leghs continued at Lyme in uninterrupted male succession till the death of the late Thomas Peter Legh Esq. in 1797, when this and other estates passed by his bequest to his natural son Thomas Legh the present proprietor, as yet a minor.

Lyme-Hall, the seat of the Leghs, is a magnificent quadrangular mansion, of a white grit-stone; the south and west fronts of which are built in the Palladian style, from designs of Leoni. It is probable that the more ancient part of the

^f A descendant of Piers Legh having been disturbed in the possession of this manor by the crown in the reign of Henry VI. presented a petition to Edward Prince of Wales, stating the circumstances of the grant. A copy of the petition is in Woodnoth's Collections, p. 67. In this petition Thomas Daniers is called Esquire, but in numerous other records, Sir Thomas Daniers Knt.

^g “This Perkin served King Edward III. and the Black Prince his sonne in all their warres in France, and was at the battle of Cressie, and had Lyme given him for that service, and after their deaths served King Richard the Second, and left him not in his troubles, but was taken with him and beheaded at Chester by King Henrie the Fourth, and the said Sir Peers his son served King Henrie the Fifth, and was slain at the battle of Agincourt. In their memory Sir Peter Legh of Lyme Knt. descended from them, finding the saide olde verses written upon a stone in this chappell, did re-edifie this place A. D. 1620.”

^h Had there been no evidence to the contrary the circumstance would have been highly improbable, from the length of time which elapsed between the battle of Cressly (1346) and the execution of Piers Legh in 1399.

ⁱ See p. 359.

building was erected by Sir Peter Legh about the latter end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth; the drawing-room remains in its ancient state, except that the transom windows which appear in the old views of the house have been removed: the wainscot is enriched with niches, pannels, &c. the ceiling is much ornamented; the chimney-piece, which is of the Ionic order, has the arms of England with the lion and dragon: in this room are portraits of James Earl of Derby, who was beheaded at Bolton, and his lady; Admiral Piers Legh, by Kneller; and others of the Legh family. A gallery in the upper part of the house, on the east side, is part also of the old mansion, and retains its original form; in this gallery, which is one hundred and twenty-four feet in length, are portraits of Dr. John Hewitt, who was beheaded in 1658; Sir Peter Legh, knight, and others. The capitals of the Corinthian pillars, which support the grand stair-case, those of the pilasters in the best dining-room, and some ornaments of flowers in the same room, are by Gibbons. On the north side is a chapel of the Ionic order. In the great hall, over the fire-place, is the portrait of a venerable old man, who was seventy years keeper of the park; in the year 1705, being then in his hundred and second year, he is said to have hunted a buck during a chase of nearly six hours.

In Lyme-park, which contains about 1000 Cheshire acres, is a herd of upwards of twenty wild cattle, of the same sort as those in the Earl of Tankerville's park at Chillingham in Northumberland, chiefly white, with red ears¹. They have been in the park beyond the memory of any one now living; and as there is no account of when they were originally placed there, the tradition is, that they are indigenous. In hot weather these cattle usually herd on the hills and high-grounds, and in winter in the woody parts of the park; in severe weather they are fed with hay, for which, before the hollies, with which the park abounded, were cut down, holly-branches were substituted. Two of the cows are generally shot yearly for beef. A very remarkable custom of driving the red-deer, which has not been practised in any other park, either in England or abroad, was established about a century ago at Lyme-park, by the old park-keeper above-mentioned; it was his custom in the months of May and June, when their horns were tender, to go on horse-back with a rod in his hand, round the hills of this extensive park, and having collected the deer, to drive them before him like a herd of common horned cattle, sometimes even opening a gate for them to pass through. When they came to a place before the hall, called the *Deer-clod*, they would stand in a collected body as long as the spectators thought fit; the young ones following their dams, and the old stags rising one against another and

¹ There are some cows of this description at Vale-Royal, most probably of the same breed, in a domesticated state.

combating with their fore-feet, not daring at that season of the year to make use of their horns. At the command of the keeper they would then move forwards to a large piece of water, called the Horfe-pool, and swim through the whole length of it, after which they were allowed to disperse. There is a print of this custom of driving the deer in Lymé-park by Vivares, from a painting by Smith (1745). The driving of the deer is now seldom practised, when it is, it takes place in the month of July or August¹.

The township of *Marton* lies nearly four miles N. by W. from Congleton, on the road to Knutsford : a moiety of the manor was acquired by Richard Davenport, ancestor of Davies Davenport Esq. M. P., the present proprietor, by marriage with Amabel daughter of Gilbert Venables, Baron of Kinderton^k, and great granddaughter of Gilbert, to whom that barony was given by Hugh Lupus. At a subsequent period, the Davenport family became possessed of the other moiety^l, which in the reign of Henry III. had belonged to the Stockports. Marton-Hall, an ancient timber-mansion, which was formerly a seat of the Davenports, is occupied by a farmer. In this township is a chapel of ease, situated by the side of the great road from London to Manchester, six miles from Prestbury church. In the adjoining cemetery are two monuments, with the effigies of knights in armour, being intended to represent Sir John Davenport, who built Marton chapel about the year 1343^m, and his son Sir Urianⁿ. This chapel, which is parochial, has an endowment of little more than 30*l.* *per ann.*; Mr. Davenport is patron : part of Lower-Withington is in the chapelry of Marton.

The township of *Mottram-Andrew* lies five miles N. N. W. from Macclesfield : the manor, which had been at an early period in the family of Mottram, passed in marriage with Agnes, daughter and heir of Adam de Mottram, to David Calveley, whose son Sir Hugh Calveley the younger, died seised of it in 1393^o; Agnes Mottram appears to have married to her second husband, Roger de Trumpington^p. A younger branch of the Mottrams continued the male line, and resided in this township as late as the year 1662^q. The manor of Mottram-Andrew was vested in the representatives of Sir George Calveley, when Webb wrote his Itinerary of Cheshire in 1622^r; not long afterwards it appears to have

¹ For the particulars of this curious custom we are indebted to Holland Watson Esq. of Congleton.

^k Gilbert de Venables became possessed of it by marriage with Margaret, daughter of Walter Fitz-Wulfrid.—Woodnoth's Collections, f. 16.

^l They were possessed of the whole before the year 1623. — Villare Cestriense.

^m Bishop Gaskell's Notitia Cestriensis.

ⁿ Sometimes written Vivian : this name occurs

also frequently in the families of St. Pierre and Brereton ; in the more ancient pedigrees it is generally written Urian.

^o Esch. 17 Rich. II. at Chester.

^p Records at Chester 39 Edw. III.

^q Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^r King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 90.

belonged to a younger branch of the Booths', ancestors of the late Rev. Sir George Booth Bart. After an intermediate alienation to Richard Crook Esq. it passed by purchase to the father of Lawrence Wright Esq. the present proprietor, who resides at the hall. The Higher-house and the Lower-house in this township belonged about the middle of the 17th century to two branches of the family of Motterhead'; both of which are supposed to have been long extinct: the houses are now the property of Lawrence Wright Esq. Lea-Hall, which belonged at the same period to a branch of the Masseys", is now the property of Thomas Mather Esq. who married one of the daughters and co-heirs of the Rev. William Brocklehurst: the lands which formerly pertained to it are still in the Massey family; Mr. Edmund Massey of Mottram-Andrew being the present proprietor.

The manor of *Newton*, which seems to be an appendage of Butley, is the property of R. C. Legh Esq. of Adlington: in this township was formerly a chapel of ease*.

The township of *Poynton*, lies about four miles and a half S. S. E. from Stockport; the manor belonged in ancient times to the family of Stockport, from which it passed by successive female heirs to the Etons and Warrens. On the death of Isabel Eton in the year 1369, John Warren son of Edward, who had married Cecilia, daughter of Sir Nicholas Eton, came into possession of Poynton, which continued to be the property and seat of his descendants till the death of the late Sir George Warren K. B. Poynton is now the property and occasional residence of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, who married Sir George's only daughter and heir. The hall, which had been built by Sir Edward Warren in the reign of Edward VI., was taken down and the present mansion erected by the late Sir George Warren.

There has been a chapel of ease in this township ever since the year 1312, but it has no endowment; the lord of the manor appoints the minister; the present chapel was built on a new site and consecrated in 1789: the chapelry of Poynton comprises the townships of Poynton and Worth. A school-house was built at Poynton by subscription in 1703, but the school has not been endowed. In this township are some valuable collieries.

The township of *North-Rode* lies about three miles and a half N. E. from Congleton; the manor was anciently in the Mainwarings, from whom it passed by successive female heirs to the Truffells and the Veres, Earls of Oxford: it was

* It appears by the parish register that the Booths resided at Mottram-Andrew from 1636 to 1738.

† Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

‡ Ibid.

* Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

It had a chapel-warden in 1672, but was in ruins before 1722.

purchased of the latter by Sir Christopher Hatton, and having since passed by the same title as Barthomley, is now the property of the Right Hon. Lord Crewe.

The township of *Siddington* lies somewhat more than five miles N. by W. from Congleton. Estates in this township appear to have belonged in the 14th century to the families of Loges and Siddington; from the latter certain lands passed by heirs female in the reigns of Henry IV. and Edward IV. to the Cottons and Fittons^x; this estate having passed with Gawsworth to Lady Mohun as before described^y, and having been purchased of her by the Wards of Capesthorpe, is now by inheritance from that family the property of Davies Davenport Esq. M. P. In this township, which is situated five miles from the parish-church, is a chapel of ease, in the patronage of Mr. Davenport: a licence to baptize and bury at Siddington was granted in 1721. There is a school at Siddington endowed by Mr. Fowden in 1712, with 8*l.* *per ann.*; the bishop has the nomination of the master^z. In this township is Thornycroft-hall, which has belonged for many generations to the ancient family of Thornycroft, and is now the seat of Edward Thornycroft Esq. a younger branch of this family settled in Oxfordshire; John Thornycroft Esq. of Milcomb in that county was created a baronet in 1701; the title and that branch of the family became extinct by the death of his son without issue. Henshaw-hall in the township of Siddington, the ancient seat of the Henshaws, and some time since the residence of their representative, Henshaw Thornycroft Esq. is now a farm-house.

The township of *Tyderington* or *Tytherington*, lies about one mile and a half N. from Macclesfield: the manor belonged anciently to a family which took its name from the township: the Worths, who possessed this estate by marriage with the heiress of the Tytheringtons, resided at Tytherington-Hall more than three centuries. John Worth Esq. having died without issue in 1695, the manor was sold by his cousin and heir at law Samuel Heath Esq. to William Abnett; it afterwards passed by sale to the family of Pery, and by settlement and devise to those of Robins and Hickin; the representatives of the latter sold it in 1678 to John Acton Esq. of Beach in this township, by whom it was conveyed the next year to William Brooksbank Esq. Mr. Brooksbank's elder son having been lost on board the Foulis East-Indiaman, and the second son having died unmarried, this estate is now vested in the only daughter as heir at law to her brothers^a.

^x Villare Cestriense.

^y See p. 663.

^z Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

^a From the communications of David Browne Esq. of Macclesfield, to whom we have been indebted for several particulars relating to this parish.

Tytherington-Hall is now a farm-house; the Brooksbanks resided at a modern mansion in this township, called Higher-Beach-house.

The township of *Upton* lies about one mile and a half N. W. from Macclesfield: Upton-Hall and demesne belonged for many generations to the Stapletons, a younger branch of the Yorkshire family of that name, and afterwards to the Booths; this estate was purchased of the latter by the Wards of Capesthorpe, and is now by inheritance from that family the property of Davies Davenport Esq. M. P.

The township of *Old-Withington* lies about seven miles and a half N. N. W. from Congleton; the manor belonged at an early period to the Caunvilles or Camvilles, who held under the Ardernes. In the reign of Henry III. Walkelin de Arderne granted to Robert de Camville a release of all homages or rents due to him in Old-Withington, in recompence for the great services he had rendered him in the wars of Gascony. This Robert granted a moiety of the manor of Old-Withington to Oliver Fitton, and the other moiety about the year 1266 to John de Baskervyle^b; the whole became eventually vested in the posterity of the latter, and is now the property of his lineal descendant, John Glegg Esq. of Withington-Hall, whose father assumed that name on succeeding to the estates of the Gleggs of Gayton, in the hundred of Wirral.

The township of *Lower-Withington*, a part of which is within the chapelry of Marton, lies about seven miles N. N. W. from Congleton: the manor was formerly in moieties between the Davenports^c and the Bromhalls^d; the latter moiety, which passed by marriage to another branch of the Davenports, was by them sold to the Mainwarings, who were afterwards possessed of the whole, and continued in possession towards the latter end of the seventeenth century: it is now the property of Thomas Parker Esq. of Astle. In this township is Weltrough or Weltrough, anciently called Tunsted, which for many generations was the seat of a branch of the Davenports; from this branch descended the Davenports of Bromhall, those of Henbury, and those of Woodford. The Weltrough family appear to have quitted Cheshire about the latter end of the seventeenth century, and we have not been able to ascertain whether they are extinct. Weltrough afterwards became the property of the Holinsheds, and having passed by marriage to the Brookes of Mere, was sold by them in 1792 to the Rev. John Parker, father of Thomas Parker Esq. of Astle, the present proprietor.

^b Communicated by Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. from ancient deeds in the possession of John Glegg Esq.

^c Roger Davenport acquired it in marriage with Mary daughter of Robert Salmon.—Villare Cellriense.

^d Ibid.

The township of *Woodford* lies about five miles N. by W. from Stockport; the manor anciently called Wydford belonged to the Ardernes in the early part of Edward the Third's reign: in 1370 it was purchased of the Warrens of Poynton by John Davenport Esq. of Weltrough^e: the first of the family who settled at Woodford was Nicholas, a younger son of Sir John Davenport of Henbury, Justice of Lancashire, from whom it has descended in an uninterrupted male line to the present possessor Davies Davenport Esq. M. P. Woodford-Hall, many years a seat of the Davenports, is now a farm-house.

The township of *Worth* lies somewhat more than five miles S. E. by S. from Stockport; the manor was purchased by the late Sir George Warren about the year 1792, of Edward Downes Esq. in whose family it had been for many generations^f: it is now, in right of his wife, the property of Lord Viscount Bulkeley.

The chapelry of *Macclesfield*, frequently called in ancient records *Maxfield*, contains the townships of *Macclesfield*, *Macclesfield-Forcst*, *Hurdsfield*, *Kettleshulme*, *Pott-Shrigley*, *Rainow*, *Sutton*, *Wildboar-Clough*, and *Windle*.

Macclesfield is a populous corporate town which lies on the road from London (by way of Leek) to Manchester, at the distance of about 166 miles from the former, and 18 from the latter. It was made by Randal, one of the Earls of Chester, a borough of 120 burgages. In or about the year 1261, King Edward I. (being then Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester) made it a free borough, granting the burgessees a mercatorial gild, and other privileges, which were confirmed by King Richard II. and King Edward IV. By the conditions of the Prince's charter the burgessees were obliged to grind only at the Earl's mill, and to bake at his oven^g. Queen Elizabeth granted a charter of incorporation to the burgessees of Macclesfield, under which their body corporate consists of twenty-four capital burgessees; out of these a mayor and two aldermen are annually elected; but it appears that the town had been governed by a mayor

^e Conveyed by John Warren as son and heir of Cecily, who was wife of Sir Edward Warren (Record in the Exchequer at Chester): this Cecily was the heiress of Eton, who brought Poynton to the Warrens, and it is probable that she inherited Woodford from her brother Nicholas, who married a daughter of Sir John Arderne, and died without issue.

^f It was acquired by marriage with the heiress of William de Hulme about the year 1384 (from the information of Edward Downes Esq.). It is probable that the family of Hulme inherited by female descent from an elder branch of the Worths of Worth: Mr. Downes quarters the arms of Worth.

^g This oven, or common bakehouse, is now vested in the crown as parcel of the earldom of Chester; a lease of it was granted to Dorothy Ward for twenty-four years and a half, to commence from 1791.

and burgesſes before this charter, for among the records of the corporation is an account of Sir Edmund Savage, mayor of Macclesfield, and ſome of the burgesſes, falling at Flodden-field; this circumſtance may have given riſe to the tradition of a petition having been preſented to King Henry VII. in conſequence of a ſimilar circumſtance having happened at Boſworth; we could not find any trace of this among the corporation papers^b: the fact, however, would not have been improbable, as Sir John Savage of Macclesfield had the command of the left wing of the Earl of Richmond's army. The laſt charter of the corporation is that of King Charles II., under which they now act; their officers are a town-clerk, a coroner, two ſerjeants at mace, &c. Among other articles delivered into the cuſtody of the ſerjeant at mace in the year 1620, was “ a bridle for a curſt queane^c.”

The market at Macclesfield, which is on Monday, is held by preſcription: it was formerly a conſiderable corn-market, but has declined. There are five fairs, May 6, June 22, July 11^k, October 4, and November 11; they are principally for cloth, cutlery, toys, and pedlar's wares; the moſt conſiderable is that in June, called St. Barnabas' fair.

The ſilk and cotton trade is carried on to a conſiderable extent at Macclesfield, there are nearly thirty ſilk mills, ſome of them upon a large ſcale; and in Macclesfield and its ſuburbs about ten cotton factories: a great quantity of goods of both ſorts is alſo manufactured in private houſes; there are ſeveral muſlin, ſilk-weaving, and twiſt factories. The weaving of ſilk-handkerchiefs and the making of ferret and calico are increaſing manufactures; the manufacture of twiſt-buttons, for which Macclesfield was formerly celebrated, has much declined; the ſmelting and refining of copper, and the making of braſs, have for ſome time been dropped; the buildings formerly occupied for theſe works have been lately advertiſed for ſale, and ſome of them have been converted into cottages: there are five or ſix dye-houſes in Macclesfield, principally for ſilk, and in the ſuburbs a tape-manufactory, and a bleaching-ground. According

^b It is ſaid in Dr. Aikin's deſcription of the country round Manchester (p. 436), that a copy of the petition to Henry VII. was in the town-cheſt, and that it prayed that although they were unable to fill up the number of aldermen required by their charter, it might not be conſidered as broken, ſince their townſmen had fallen in his ſervice; we cannot find that any ſuch copy of a petition is now in exiſtence, or that any charter of the tenor alluded to ever was granted to the burgesſes.

^c Plott in his Natural Hiſtory of Staffordſhire, p. 389., gives a particular account of a bridle for the correction of ſcolds, as uſed in his time at Newcastle-under-Lyne and at Walfall, with a figure of it at p. 390. The ſame inſtrument, which was commonly known by the name of the Branks, appears to have been alſo uſed at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. See Brand's Newcastle, Vol. ii. p. 142., in the notes.

^k This fair was granted by the charter of Queen Elizabeth.

to the returns made to Parliament under the population act in 1801, the number of houses in Macclesfield was then one thousand five hundred and twenty-seven, of which one hundred and one were then uninhabited; the number of inhabitants was then stated to be 8743ⁱ, of whom 8509 were said to be chiefly employed in trade, manufactures, or handicraft^k.

The manor of Macclesfield has been from time immemorial in the crown, as pertaining to the earldom of Chester: in or about the year 1270 it was settled on Eleanor the consort of Prince Edward, afterwards King Edward I.^l The manor and borough of Macclesfield were sold after the death of King Charles to Peter Brereton and James Winstanley; the manor and hundred, then on lease to the Mainwarings, to Samuel Rowe. In the year 1762 William Earl of Harrington had a lease from the crown of all cottages erected on the waste and other encroachments within the manor of Macclesfield: all coal-pits, all profits of court for the manor, all mines, except royal mines, and all stone-quarries; in 1765 he had also a lease of the manor and borough of Macclesfield; the royalty of digging coal, peat, and turf; the profits of two fairs, yearly, and all courts belonging to the manor, and all commons and wastes, with the encroachments thereon. When the act of Parliament for inclosing the commons and waste grounds within the manor and borough of Macclesfield passed in 1791, it appeared that no courts had ever been held under the authority of the leases granted to the Earl of Harrington; that the only court held for "the manor and borough," was a three weeks court by the mayor for the trial of actions; that there were no copyhold estates held of the said manor and borough, nor any profits or perquisites of court arising within the same, that the profits of all the fairs had been received by the corporation, and that no benefit had ever been derived by the lessee from any mines, except coal-mines. By this act all encroachments within the manor (except such as had occurred within sixty years, and had no buildings erected on them,) were secured on certain terms, to their respective possessors: the manerial rights of the crown, with respect to the soil, mines, and minerals, of the several waste-grounds within the manor and borough, were extinguished, with the reserve of coal mines; as a compensation for which concessions an allotment of 118 *a.* 2 *r.* 34 *p.* was made to his Majesty, which allotment and the right of digging coal, (of which there were four seams,

ⁱ The greater part of the houses in the townships of Hurdfield and Sutton, which are stated to have contained (both together) 2321 inhabitants, adjoin the town of Macclesfield, which would make the whole population of the town and its suburbs to consist of about 11,000 persons; but the returns were supposed to be very short of the real state of the population, which has since been considerably increased.

^k There is evidently some great mistake in the number of persons not employed either in manufactures or agriculture, which is put down only at fourteen. ^l Pat. 54 Hen. III.

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differing in depth, extent and value), were sold in 1803, under the powers of the land-tax redemption act to Charles Cooke Esq. of Macclesfield^m. In the year 1776, the crown granted a lease of all fines and alienations upon surrenders within the manor of Macclesfieldⁿ, and all heriots, reliefs, and perquisites of court, and other profits therewith demised, to Thomas Duke of Leeds, whose grandson, the present duke, is in treaty with the crown for a renewal of the lease, it having expired in July 1807. The corporation are entitled to all springs and water-courses for supplying the town with water, from which sources, with the tolls of the market and fairs, a considerable emolument is derived.

A court of record is held at Macclesfield once a month, for the liberty of the hundred^o, and another for the manor and forest of Macclesfield; a court-leet also is held for these jurisdictions. It appears that in former times the justices of Chester sat as Justices in Eyre at Macclesfield, and that prisoners for felony and other crimes were tried there, and underwent the sentence of the law. After this practice was discontinued, courts were held by the king's steward or his deputy. There are now, besides the monthly courts above-mentioned, two sessions held half-yearly, at times appointed by the recorder John Roe Esq., generally in May and November; two half-yearly courts also are held for the trial of civil causes by John Gamaliel Lloyd Esq., barrister at law^p, as deputy steward to the Earl of Derby. King Edw. IV. granted the offices of master-forester of the forest of Macclesfield, and hereditary steward of the courts of the liberty of the hundred of Macclesfield, and of the manor and forest of Macclesfield, to Thomas Lord Stanley, in whose family, (except during Cromwell's protectorate, when they were for some time held by Sir William Brereton,) they have ever since continued. The office of hereditary keeper of the gaol at Macclesfield for the hundred and forest, passed in marriage at an early period with the daughter of John the Gaoler, to the family of

^m From the information of James Pillar Esq., deputy-surveyor-general of the crown-lands.

ⁿ That is, of "the manor and forest" of Macclesfield, being distinct from "the manor and borough."

^o The following townships and districts are within the liberty of the hundred; *Over-Alderley*, *Nether-Alderley*, *Birtles*, *Bollin-fee*, *Bosley*, *Bramball*, *Bredbury*, *Brinnington*, *Capethorne*, *Cheadie*, *Chelford*, *Chorley*, *Dukenfield*, *Eaton*, *Etchells*, *Falibroom*, *Handford*, *Henbury*, *Hyde*, *Marion*, *Mottram Andrewe*, *Mottram in Longdendale*, *Newton in Prestbury*, *Northenden*, *Pownall-fee*, *Romiley*, *Siddington*, *Snelson*, *Somerford-Booths*, *Stockport*, *Great-Warford*, *Werneth*, *Lower-Withington*, *Old Withington*, *Woodford*, and *Worth*. The townships within the forest have been already enumerated (see p. 407. in the notes): it appears that Bosley was formerly considered within the purlieu of the forest. The following townships lie in both jurisdictions; *Adington*, *Butley*, *Gawsworth*, *Macclesfield*, *Norbury*, *Poynton*, *Prestbury*, *North-Rode*, and *Torkington*. The constables of those townships, which are printed in Italics, are still sworn at the annual court-leet.

^p Mr. John Clulow, attorney at Macclesfield, is also deputy-steward, under the Earl of Derby; and Mr. David Browne, attorney, of the same place, clerk of the court. Mr. Browne is keeper of the records of these courts, which are in good preservation from the time of King Edward III.

Mottram, who possessed it for a few descents, after which it passed to the Savages, and from them by inheritance to the Earl of Cholmondeley; the gaol and the adjoining tenement having been sold by Lord Cholmondeley, now belong to the corporation.

Macclesfield-park, which belonged to the Savages, extended to a place called Park-lane, nearly a mile to the S. and S. W. of the town; the land was long ago disparked, and has been sold by Lord Cholmondeley in small lots; a field near the town adjoining the Congleton-road, called the Castle-field, in which are traces of buildings, was the site, probably, of an ancient castellated mansion of the Savages.

In a street called Back-wall-gate, a little to the south of the church, are some small remains of a mansion of the Dukes of Buckingham. Smith in his description of Cheshire (1585) speaks of it as "a huge place all of stone, in manner of a castle, which belonged to the Duke of Buckingham, but now gone to decay." Webb, writing in 1622, says, "in this town are yet seen some ruines of the ancient manor-house of the renowned Duke of Buckingham, who (as yet report goeth) kept there his princely residence, about the time of King Edward IV., of whose great hospitality there, much by tradition is reported." From the positive manner in which Smith speaks of this mansion as having been the Duke of Buckingham's, only a century after the time of his death, there can be little doubt of the fact; but we have not met with the duke's name in any record as connected with Macclesfield. Stapleton-Hall in this town was the residence of the Stapleton family after they left Upton; Beate-Hall in Macclesfield, described in some of the modern peerages as a seat of the Earl of Courtown, was inherited by that nobleman from his ancestors, but is a decayed mansion, occupied as a public-house. Worth-Hall, another dilapidated mansion, was the town-residence of the Worths, and is said by tradition to have been the birth-place of Archbishop Savage, but it is more probable that he was born at Macclesfield-park.

The parochial chapel of Macclesfield was originally built by King Edw. I. in the year 1278; it was consecrated by the bishop of St. Asaph, by virtue of a commission from Roger de Longespée bishop of Lichfield^p. Smith describes this chapel as having a very high spire in 1585; it has now a handsome tower; but the spire has been long removed: the chapel was enlarged and in great part rebuilt in 1740. Thomas Savage, archbishop of York, who was a native of Macclesfield, and died in the year 1508, either founded or projected the foundation of a college of secular priests or canons^q; as we cannot find any reference to the charter of foundation, or any other records connected with the college, it is probable that his intentions were

^p King's Vale-Royal, part i. p. 45.

^q Ibid. part ii. p. 86.

^r Pat. 7 Edw. I. m. 44. doif.

^s Sir Peter Leycester speaks positively of the foundation being only intended. — Antiquities of Bucklow hundred, p. 232.

never fulfilled. Smith, writing in 1585, speaks of the college as built, and adjoining the church on the south side, but adds that the steeple thereof was not fully finished^r. The chapel, which remains, is connected with the parochial chapel to which it forms a south aisle, and has been the burial-place of the Savage family; the most remarkable monuments in it are those of Sir John Savage (father of the archbishop), who died in 1495; Sir John Savage, who married the Earl of Somerset's daughter, and died in 1523; Sir John Savage K. G., who built the mansion at Rock-Savage, was seven times sheriff of Cheshire, three times mayor of Cheller, and died in 1597; and Thomas Savage Earl Rivers, who died in 1694; the latter has the effigies of the earl in white marble by Staunton^s. On the east wall of this chapel is a brass-plate, with the effigies of Roger Legh, who died in 1506; and his six sons; above which is the figure of a mitred ecclesiastic kneeling at an altar, with the following inscription^t: "The pardon for saying of *V. pater-nost*^r & *V. aves* and a *cred*, is XXVI. thousand yeres and XXVI. dayes of pardon." Over the door of the chapel are the arms of Savage quartered with those of the sees of Rochester, London, and York, over which Archbishop Savage successively presided: on the outside of the chapel is an ancient monument, much worn, in which that prelate's heart is said to be deposited. Archbishop Savage's chapel is now the property of the Earl of Cholmondeley^u. In the Legh chapel are some memorials of the family of Legh of Lyme; the epitaph of Perkin or Piers Legh has been already given: on the north side of the church is the monument of a knight, upon which was formerly to be seen the arms of Downes^x; in the chancel was a monument of alabaster for one of the Leverfage family against the south wall, with the effigies of the deceased, and the arms of Leverfage and Ramsay impaled^y. The mayor is patron of Macclesfield chapel, subject to the approbation of the bishop; it was endowed by King Edward VI. with 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and by King James I. with 50*l.* *per ann.* payable out of the Exchequer, but liable to large deductions; the grant was only during pleasure, but has been renewed by succeeding monarchs.

A new chapel was built at Macclesfield in the year 1775, by Charles Roe Esq.; in 1779 an act of Parliament passed by which it was called Christ's-church or chapel, and made a perpetual cure and benefice, to be subject to the bishop of Chester; in consideration of his having endowed it with 100*l.* *per ann.* the nomi-

^r King's Vale-Royal, part i. family, p. 449, 450, 451.
^t (the wife), has been removed.
^y There was a family of this name at Macclesfield in the reign of Henry VI.

^s See further mention of the other monuments of the Savage

^u The brass-plate on which was the effigies of Eliz. Legh

^v See the connection of the Earl of Cholmondeley's family

^x Harl. MSS. N^o 2119. f. 155.—Church notes taken in 1580.

nation of the minister was vested in Mr. Roe and his heirs. In the chancel of this chapel is a monument by Bacon in memory of Charles Roe Esq. the founder, who died in 1781; the inscription describes him as particularly conversant with the mineral *strata* of the county, adding that he discovered the valuable mines in Anglesea, and first established the silk and copper manufactures at Macclesfield: at his first entrance into business he had conducted the button and twist manufactures, which had then long been the staple commodities of the place.

The Presbyterians, Quakers, and Independents, have meeting-houses in Macclesfield, and there are two Methodists meeting-houses.

Sir John Percival Knt. some time lord-mayor of London, founded a free grammar-school at Macclesfield^a, which was his native place, and by his will, bearing date 1502, directed that lands of the yearly value of 10*l.* should be purchased for its endowment. The foundation of this school has generally been attributed to King Edward VI., who in the year 1552 further endowed the school with sixteen acres of land near Chester, and several crofts, closes, meadows, and houses, in and near that city, parcel of the possessions of the college of St. John, called the prebend's lands, together with all the lands and houses which had belonged to the chantry called the Petit-canonry, then, or late in the occupation of Richard Brereton Esq.^a As there are no lands now belonging to the school in those townships, it is probable that the estates purchased under Sir John Percival's will in Tytherington, Rainow, Hurdsfield, and Sutton^b, were seized by the crown on account of some informality, and that the messuages, lands, &c. in Macclesfield, Broken-crofts, Mottram, and Prestbury, spoken of in King Edward's charter, as "his Majesty's messuages, &c. heretofore granted, assigned, and appointed, for the maintenance of a grammar-school at Macclesfield," were given in lieu of them. All the estates granted by King Edward's charter, (which makes no mention of the original founder or of his endowment,) were to be held of the manor of East-Greenwich, by the yearly rent of 1*l.* 5*s.* The King's charter appoints that there shall be fourteen governors, inhabitants of the *vill* of Macclesfield and the parish of Prestbury, and makes them a body corporate

^a For all children that should be sent thither, without exception.

^a Among the Harl. MSS. (N^o 2095. f. 27 *b.*) is a rental of lands in Chester (temp. Edw. VI.) late parcel of the prebend's lands at St. John's, and the chantry called the Petit-canonry, then valued at only 8*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* per ann.

^b Lands, messuages, &c. &c. in Macclesfield, Tytherington, Rainow, Hurdsfield, and Sutton, were conveyed to the trustees under Sir John Percival's will by Robert Dukensfield, William Parson and John Parson, A^o 19 Hen. VII.; and certain lands, messuages, &c. in Mottram-Andrew, by archbishop Savage the same year.

by the name of the governors^c of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the free-grammar-school of King Edward VI. in Macclesfield, with power to nominate a master and usher, to whom all the rents, revenues, &c. were to be appropriated, and not otherwise, or to any other uses and intentions.

In the year 1750 the governors sold the old school-house and some lands, purchased a capital messuage for the school, which was repaired and altered for that purpose, and made some other purchases and exchanges. As a sanction to these proceedings, and for the purpose of procuring further powers, which the expected increase of the revenues rendered desirable, it was deemed requisite to apply for an act of Parliament, which was obtained in the year 1768; this act, besides confirming the above purchases and exchanges, and a rent-charge on the Chester canal, which had been given in lieu of some land taken by the proprietors, empowered the governors to sell certain houses and lay out the money arising from the sale in lands; to grant building or repairing leases; to make statutes for the school with the advice of the bishop of Chester; to appoint more masters, for the purpose of teaching the modern languages, writing, arithmetic, mathematics, &c. there being always a head master, whose salary must not be less than 100*l.*; and an usher, whose salary must not be less than 40*l.*; the salaries to be increased at discretion; to dismiss masters for immorality, incapacity, wilful neglect of their duty, or any other just and reasonable cause, with the approbation of the bishop; and in case of incapacity by the visitation of God in the head master, to allow him a pension. At the time of passing this act the revenues of the school, which were then 170*l. per ann.*, were expected, by the falling in of certain leases, to be raised ere long to 600*l. per ann.*; they are now near 700*l.* The head master, the Rev. David Davies D. D. has a salary of 150*l. per ann.* and a house; the second master, or usher, 80*l.*; a French master, 50*l.* The governors support also an English school out of the funds of this institution, allowing the master 40*l. per ann.* and a house. They are empowered by the act to appoint an agent to manage and receive the rents of the school estates, and to assign him a salary. John Brownfwerd, a celebrated grammarian and Latin poet, was master of Macclesfield school in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; he lies buried in the chancel of the parochial chapel, where there is a tablet to his memory, with the following inscription: written by his scholar Thomas

^c The present governors are Edward Thornycroft Esq. of Thornycroft, Davies Davenport Esq. of Capethorne. John Glegg Esq. of Old-Withington, R. S. C. Brooke Esq. of Chelford, Rev. John Watson of Bonihall, Edward Downes Esq. of Shrigley, Thomas Parker Esq. of Astle, Robert Hibbert Esq. of Birtles, Francis Jodrell Esq. of Henbury, Lawrence Wright Esq. of Mottram-Andrew, Lord Viscount Bulkley, Michael Daintry of Sutton Esq., and the Rev. John Rowlls Browne, vicar of Prestbury; there is one vacancy occasioned by the death of John Ryle Esq.

Newton,

Newton ^f, “Johanni Brownswerdo, Macclesfeldensi, Ludimagistro, viro pio pariter ac docto, hic sepulto et repullulascenti; Thomas Newton Butlenfis, pietatis, gratitudinis et officii ergo p.

“Alpha poetarum, Coryphæus grammaticorum,
Flos Pædagogon hâc sepelitur humo.

Obiit 15 Apr. 1589.”

An alms-house for three poor widows was founded at Macclesfield in 1703, by Mrs. Stanley, and endowed with 6*l.* *per ann.*

The township of *Macclesfield-Forest* is four miles S. S. E. from Macclesfield; that of *Wildboar-Clough* adjoins it; the township of *Hurdsfield* is nearly two miles E. N. E. from Macclesfield; *Kettlebulme* seven miles N. E.; *Rainow* three miles N. E. by E.; and *Wincle* six miles S. E. by S. These townships are all within that district which is called “the manor and forest of Macclesfield,” of which the Earl of Derby is hereditary steward and master-forester ^s; they do not comprise any subordinate manors, the land-owners being copy-holders. In the township of Macclesfield-Forest is a chapel of ease called Forest-chapel, of which Lord Derby is patron; it has been augmented by Queen Anne’s bounty. In the township of Rainow are two chapels of ease, Rainow-chapel and Jenkin or Saltersford-chapel; the last mentioned being situated near Jenkin-cross in the hamlet of *Saltersford*, was built by the inhabitants in 1739, but was not consecrated till 1794; in the township of Wincle is a chapel of ease which was built in the reign of King Charles I.; the three chapels last mentioned are in the patronage of the vicar of Prestbury; they have all been augmented by Queen Anne’s bounty. At Rainow is a school for nine children endowed with rent-charges amounting to 3*l.* *per ann.* ^h, and at Saltersford a school without any endowment. Swansco-park, in the township of Hurdsfield, belonged anciently to the Earls of Derby, afterwards to the Breretons of Hondford ⁱ; it is now the property of Messrs. Thomas and Gervas Ward. Wincle-Grange, in the township of Wincle, belonged to Combermere-abbey, and was granted to the Cottons with other estates of that monastery ^k; it is now by purchase the property of Michael Daintry Esq.

In a letter from the Rev. Francis Brokesby to Mr. Thomas Hearne, printed at the end of the sixth volume of Leland’s Itinerary, and dated 1711, is an ac-

^f See p. 726. ^s See a further account of Macclesfield-Forest and the grant of the office of Master-forester, p. 407: the Duke of Leeds has a lease of all fines and alienations upon surrenders, in this manor. See p. 737.

^h We are so informed in answer to our local inquiries; but in the returns of charitable donations to the house of commons in 1786, it is stated that Mr. Daniel Nixon gave *land* then let at 2*l.* *per ann.* for teaching six children; Mr. Porter *land*, then let at 1*l.* *per ann.*, for teaching three children; and that there was a benefaction in money by a person unknown, then producing 10*s.* *per ann.* for teaching one child. ⁱ A^o 1662.—Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. ^k Record in the Augmentation-office.

count communicated to him by a friend, from the relation of a gentleman who was a native of that place, of Margaret Broadhurst of Hedgerow in the township of Rainow, who is said to have lived to the great age of 140 years; this narrative states that she was born at Over in Delamere-forest, that she was some years a servant at Shrigley-Hall in the family of Downes; that she afterwards married Humphrey Broadhurst, a labourer in husbandry; that they brought up nine children; that she always lived on the most simple food; that in her old age she was much visited by all ranks of people from curiosity, and that some years before her death she was sent for to Dunham-Massey by Sir George Booth, who offered to take care of her as long as she lived, but that after a month's stay, she told Sir George that she must return to her old fare or die shortly. She is said to have been buried at Prestbury about the year 1650, but the entry of her burial is not to be found in the register; it was in vain to expect any satisfactory evidence as to her birth from that at Over, as her maiden name was not known. One passage in the letter of Mr. Brokesby's correspondent borders a little on the marvellous, speaking of the age of this old woman, who went by the name of "the cricket of the hedge," he says, "that the computation is very moderate," is evident from the testimony of one Mrs. Brideoak, sent me by Mr. L.; she out of curiosity visited the old cricket, and demanding her age, she answered, "I was fourscore years old when I bare that snicket (meaning her daughter, then present), and she is now threescore years old:" he could not be informed how long she survived that visit."

The township of *Pott-Shrigley* lies about four miles and a half N. N. E. from Macclesfield. Shrigley has been for many generations the property and seat of the ancient family of Downes; Shrigley-Hall is now the seat of Edward Downes Esq. whose ancestor became possessed of it early in the fourteenth century, most probably by marriage with the heiress of Shrigley of Shrigley¹. In this township is Pott-chapel^m, originally called Downes chapel, from its founder Geoffrey Downes Esq. who in the reign of Henry VII. endowed it by will with lands (afterwards taken away by the crown), which would now have been of considerable valueⁿ; it has since had a small augmentation from Queen Anne's bounty: Mr. Downes is patron. In this township is a school, founded in 1684 by John Barlow, and endowed with a rent charge of 6*l.* *per ann.*^o for a master.

¹ See p. 365.

^m The hamlet of *Pott* gave name to a family of gentry who had an estate here for many generations, now represented by Charles Potts Esq. of Chetter. Pott-Hall, which had belonged to the family of Pott, passed successively to Edward Swan, and the Bæches; it is now, by purchase from the latter, the property of Edward Downes Esq.

ⁿ Probably 500*l.* *per ann.* at the least: in Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis* it is said, that they would have been worth 200*l.* then (nearly a century ago).

^o We have been so informed in answer to our local inquiries, but the returns mentioned in note (^b) state the donation to be *lands* let in 1786 at 6*l.* *per ann.*

and 20*s.* to buy books; Mr. William Lunt in 1688 gave a rent-charge of 2*l.* *per ann.* to this school. Beristall or Beristow-Hall in Shrigley was for many generations the seat of a younger branch of the Shrigley family, which was not extinct in 1662ⁿ, when the hall was sold to alderman Lunt of Macclesfield; it was afterwards the property of Legh Watson Esq., by whose granddaughters (married to the Rev. Gilbert Wakefield, and the Rev. William Bowness) it was sold to Mr. John Beech of Shaw, near Cheadle in Staffordshire; it is now by purchase from that family the property of Edward Downes Esq. Mr. Downes also is the present owner of Ridacre-Hall in this township, which had belonged to Legh Watson Esq.

The township of *Sutton*, or *Sutton-Downes*, lies somewhat more than two miles S. S. E. from Macclesfield; this township gave name to a family, the ancestor of which possessed the manor by grant from Hugh Kevelioc Earl of Chester^o. Of this family was Sir Richard Sutton Knt. one of the founders of Brazen-nose-college in Oxford: on the death of Richard Sutton, the last heir-male, in 1611, this estate passed to his two sisters and co-heirs, one of whom married Sir Humphrey Davenport, of the Bramhall family, the other Sir Philip Monkton, ancestor of Lord Viscount Galway. Sir Humphrey Davenport, who was made baron of the exchequer in 1630, purchased Sir Philip's share; his great grand-daughter brought the manor of Sutton in marriage to Sir Rowland Bellafys, ancestor of the late Earl of Fauconberg; it now belongs to the Earl of Lucan, who married one of his daughters and co-heirs. A part of the ancient hall has been fitted up for the Countess of Lucan's residence, the remainder is occupied by a farmer. The manor of Sutton being within the purview of the forest of Macclesfield, was held formerly by the service of free-forestry, by which its owner was bound to follow the king's standard in war with the same arms (bows and arrows) with which he guarded his bailiwick of the forest, and whilst attending in the wars he was exonerated from the custody of his bailiwick: the manors of Disley, Marple, Taxall, and others, were held by the same service^p. The foresters were entitled to timber and firewood within their own districts, with other perquisites, and they had the liberty of fishing within the forest, and of taking foxes, hares, squirrels, *barfons* (badgers), otters, *musketts*, and eagles^q.

Hollyns, or Holinshed, in the township of Sutton was the original residence of the ancient family of that name; they afterwards settled at Cophurst^r in this town-

^o Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^p Villare Cestriense.

^q Woodnoth's Collections, p. 122, 123, from inquisitions at Chester, 6 Edw. I.

^r MS. in the possession of David Browne Esq.

^s Cophurst belonged afterwards to the Leghs of Ridge, and is now the property of Mr. James Bullock a farmer, and in his own occupation.

ship, Heywood in Alderley, and elsewhere; Holinshed the historian was of the Cophurst branch, and most probably a native of that place; Hollyns is now a farm-house, the property of William Stonhewer Esq. Ridge in this township was for many generations the feat of a branch of the Leghs, descended from Jenkin, or John Legh, (a younger son of the first Sir Piers Legh of Lyme,) who married the heiress of Alcock of Ridge. Ridge-Hall, which is now a farm-house, was sold by Thomas Legh (mayor of Macclesfield in 1761), the lineal descendant of Jenkin above-mentioned, to William Norton M. D.; it is now under the will of his last surviving sister, the property of William Smyth Esq., professor of modern history in the university of Cambridge. Mr. John Upton gave the sum of 100*l.* 4 *per cent.* for the purpose of instructing poor children of this township.

PULFORD, in the hundred of Broxton, and deanery of Chester, lies five miles S. by W. from Chester: it contains two townships, *Pulford*, and *Pulton*, or *Poulton*.

The manor of *Pulford* is said to have been held at an early period by a family of the same name under the Ormsbies[†] until the year 1239, when Ralph de Ormesbie granted his castle at Pulford and all his lands to Robert de Pulford; from the Pulfords this manor passed by a female heir to the Grosvenors. On the death of Robert Grosvenor of Hulme in 1464, Pulford passed with Catherine, one of his daughters and co-heirs, to the family of Winnington, and with the heiress of that family to the Warburtons[‡]. Sir Peter Warburton sold it to the late Robert Townsend Esq. of Christleton, who by his will devised it to trustees for the purpose of sale, after a certain period not yet elapsed. The patronage of the rectory has always been annexed to the manor.

At *Poulton*^{*} was an abbey, founded in 1153, as a cell to that of Combermere by Robert, the Earl of Chester's baker, when his lord was a prisoner to King Stephen. The founder placed in it some monks of the Cistercian order, who were to pray for the earl's safety and welfare: after his release from prison the earl confirmed the foundation of this abbey, and granted the monks a fishery

[†] This family has removed from Cheshire, but is not extinct. See p. 359.

[‡] *Villare Cestriense*.—The name seems to have been written erroneously for Orrebies; for it is said in the same place that Robert Pulford held under Sir Peter Arderne, temp. Edward I., and it is well known that the heiress of Orreby married Arderne. The Orrebies had a castle at Aldford, but it is possible they might have had another at Pulford, as both places were so near the borders of what was in ancient times an enemy's country. Pulford-castle is said to have been built for the purpose of checking the inroads of the Welsh. (Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.) There are now no remains of a castle at Pulford, nor any traces of earth-works to denote its site.

^{*} *Villare Cestriense*.

[‡] The township of *Poulton* or *Pulton*, lies about five miles and a half S. by W. from Chester.

in the Dee, and exemption from paying toll for grinding their corn at his mills in Chester. In 1214, this abbey, chiefly on account of the frequent incursions of the Welsh, was removed to Dieulacres in Staffordshire^y. After the dissolution the manor of Pulton with the Grange-hall chapel, and certain tithes in Pulford and Pulton, were granted (anno 1544) to Sir George Cotton^z. This estate was not long afterwards in the Manleys, who sold it to the ancestor of Earl Grosvenor, the present proprietor: there are no remains of the chapel, which was in a state of decay in 1672.

ROSTHERNE, or ROSTHORNE, in the hundred of Bucklow, and deanery of Frodsham, lies about three miles and a half nearly north of Knutsford, and about the same distance S. W. from Altrincham. The parish of Knutsford was taken out of Rostherne, by Act of Parliament, as before-mentioned; it now contains, exclusively of the chapelry of *Over-Peover*, the townships of *Rostherne*, *High-Legh*, *Mere*, *Millington*, *Over-Tabley-cum-Sudlowe*, and *Tatton*; besides one half of the townships of *Agedin* and *Bollington*, which have been already described, under Bowden.

The manor of *Rostherne*, which belonged, when the survey of Domesday was taken, to Gilbert Venables, baron of Kinderton, was held under that barony at a very early period by the family of Rostherne, which ended in two female heirs in the reign of Henry II.^a, a moiety of it passed to a younger branch of the Venables family, who had a feat at Rostherne; this moiety was conveyed by William Venables about the year 1320, to the ancestor of Willoughby Legh Esq. of Booths^b, the present proprietor: the other moiety passed with one of the co-heiresses of Humphrey de Rostherne to the Masseys of Tatton, and has since passed with the Tatton estate^c to the present proprietor, Wilbraham Egerton Esq.

In the parish church is an ancient tomb of one of the Venables family^d, and monuments or other memorials for the families of Legh of High-Legh, Egerton of Tatton, Daniel of Tabley, Massey of Rostherne^e, and Brooke of Mere. The Leghs have a chapel at the end of the south-aisle; the Egertons at the end of the north-aisle; in the latter is a sumptuous monument by Bacon, in memory of the late Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton-Park, twenty-six years one of the representatives in Parliament for the county of Chester, who died in 1780.

^y Dugdale's Monast. I. 890.

^z Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

^a Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

^c See the account of that township, p. 749.

^d See p. 445.

^e The Masseys of Denfield in Rostherne were a younger branch of the Masseys of Tatton: the last of the Masseys of Rostherne, most probably the same family as those of Denfield, died in 1795.

The church of Rostherne, which belonged to the abbey of Laund in Leicestershire, was given after the dissolution to the dean and canons of Christ-church college in Oxford; the patronage of the vicarage continued in the Barons of Kinderton, and belongs now to Lord Vernon as representative of the Venables family. There is a school at Rostherne, but it has no other endowment than the interest of 10*l.*, given by W. Hough. Bucklow-Hill, in this township, gives name to the hundred.

The township of *High-Legh* lies five miles N. W. by N. from Nether-Knutsford; the manor belonged, at the time of the Domesday survey, to Gilbert Venables Baron of Kinderton; as early as the reign of Edward I. it was in moieties between the two families of Legh. One moiety belonged to the Leghs of East-Hall in High-Legh. This ancient family had then been for many generations^c in possession, and the estate has descended in uninterrupted male succession to the present proprietor, George John Legh Esq. of East-Hall, lineally descended from the Leghs of Northwood in High-Legh, whose ancestor Thomas Legh was, after a long suit at law, declared the next male heir to Ralph Legh of East-Hall, in whom the elder branch of the family became extinct in the reign of Edward IV.^d East-Hall was re-built with stone in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by Thomas Legh Esq.

The other moiety of High-Legh belonged, in the reign of Edward the Third, to Thomas de Legh, who gave one half of this moiety to his half-brother, Ralph de Hawarden. This portion, being one-fourth of the manor of High-Legh, passed afterwards to the Mafseys, from whom it has descended with Tatton to the present proprietor, Wilbraham Egerton Esq. Thomas de Legh above-mentioned was son of Richard de Lymme, who married Agnes, daughter and heiress of Richard de Legh, lord of a moiety of High-Legh, and great-grandson of Hamo, who is said to have been a younger son of one of the Barons of Kinderton^h, and to have taken the name of Legh from the place of his residence, as his descendant, Thomas, son of Richard de Lymme, did, on succeeding to the estates of his mother at High-Legh. West-Hall is the occasional residence of his immediate descendant Egerton Leigh Esq., who possesses by inheritance from his ancestor, the above-mentioned fourth part of the manor of High-Legh.

Swineyard in High-Legh was the seat of a younger branch of the Leghs of East-Hall; it now belongs to George John Legh Esq. and is occupied as a farm-house. Northwood-Hall, which was the property and seat of the Leghs of East-Hall, before they succeeded to the estates of the elder branch,

^c See p. 358.

^d Smith's Heraldic Collections, f. 25. b.

^h Villare Cestrieuse.

is now the property of Trafford Trafford Esq., late Trafford Leigh Esq. of Oughtrington, and is occupied as a farm-house. A freehold estate in this township, which had been in the Gleyve family from the reign of Henry III. till the death of John Gleyve Esq., the last heir-male in 1673, belongs to T. L. Brooke Esq. of Mere, in whose family it has been for a considerable time. A chapel of ease was built at High-Legh in the year 1581, by Thomas Legh Esq., probably on the site of the ancient church which is spoken of in the Survey of Domesday. There was another chapel near West-Hall, built about the reign of Henry IV., which had been converted to other uses before the year 1666¹: it was for this chapel probably that a licence to celebrate Divine Service was procured in 1408². A school-house was built for this township by the inhabitants in 1717, but the school had no endowment, till, upon a late inclosure of the common-lands, one Cheshire acre of land was allotted to the master.

The township of *Mere* lies about two miles and a half N. W. from Nether-Knutsford; the manor was held at an early period under the barons of Kinderton, who had possessed it at the time of the Domesday Survey, by the family of Mere¹, the descendants of which in 1652 sold it to Thomas Brooke Esq. ancestor of Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, the present proprietor. Strethill-farm in this township, for several generations the seat of the Cocker family, was purchased of Hugh Cocker before the year 1666, by Henry Legh of East-Hall^m. William Grantham left 3*l.* *per ann.* for teaching fifteen poor children of this township.

The township of *Millington* lies about four miles and a half N. N. W. from Knutsford; the manor belonged to the family of Millington from a very early period till the death of William Millington Esq. in 1666: it was not long afterwards in the Heyfords, from whom it passed by marriage to Sir John Thorold Bart., the present proprietor: the hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Over-Tabley* lies two miles W. by N. from Knutsford; in the time of William the Conqueror the manor belonged to William Fitz-Nigel Baron of Halton; it was not long afterwards divided into three parts. One-third was conveyed by John Lacy, constable of Chester in 1187, to Adam Duttonⁿ, whose son Geoffrey gave it to the Tableys; Sir Thomas Daniers, whose posterity usually

¹ In some MSS. collections for Cheshire by John Legh Esq. of Ridge, written in or about the reign of Charles I. it is said that the chapel at West-Hall was become somewhat ruined by reason of its proximity to the chapel at East-Hall, the two houses being within a stone's-throw of each other. Harl. MSS. 2155. f. 72.

² Bishop Gaftrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*.

¹ See more particulars of the family of Mere, p. 387.

^m Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*.

ⁿ See p. 485, in the notes.

wrote their name Daniel, married the heiress of Adam de Tabley about the year 1417, and settled at Tabley; his descendant in the reign of Queen Elizabeth became possessed of a second portion of the manor, which had belonged to another branch of the Tableys^o, and being afterwards in the Stanley family, was forfeited to the crown by the attainder of Sir William Stanley. On the death of Sir Samuel Daniel, the last male heir in 1726, this estate passed by bequest to his nephew Sir William Dukenfield Bart., who took the name of Daniel in addition to his own. A moiety of this estate was purchased about the year 1780 of John Astley Esq., who married Lady Daniel, by Peter Brooke Esq. in trust for his son Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. of Mere, the present proprietor; the other moiety, by the guardians of Sir J. F. Leicester, during his minority. Over-Tabley-Hall the seat of the Daniels is now occupied by Mrs. Brooke, mother of T. L. Brooke Esq. The remaining third part of Over-Tabley was given to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh by Roger de Mainwaring, and was held under that convent by William Tabley, who gave it to Sir John Grey, and from him it passed to Roger Leycester, Lord of Nether-Tabley^p, ancestor of Sir J. F. Leicester the present proprietor. At Over-Tabley by the road side was a chapel of ease, built according to Sir Peter Leycester, (who says it was generally known by the name of the Chapel in the Street) in the reign of Henry VI. *Sudlow*, a hamlet of this township, belonged for many generations to the family of the Leghs of Booths; it is now the property of Sir J. F. Leicester Bart.

The township of *Tatton* lies two miles north from Knutsford; the manor belonged at an early period to a family which took its name from the township; it was held partly under the barony of Halton, and partly under the priory of St. John of Jerusalem; from the Tattons it passed with the heiress of the elder branch of that family to Sir Richard Mafley, about the year 1286. Joan, daughter and heir of Sir Geoffrey Mafley, brought this manor to William Stanley Esq., son and heir of Sir William Stanley of Holt; this William Stanley left an only child, Joan, who died in 1570, being then the widow of Sir Richard Brereton, her second husband, whose son succeeded to the Tatton estate. Richard Brereton the grandson, having no issue, settled it on his brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Egerton, lord chancellor of England, and ancestor of the earls and dukes of Bridgewater; John, the second Earl of Bridgewater, gave Tatton to his third son the Hon. Thomas Egerton: this branch of the Egerton family became extinct in 1780, by the

^o See the particulars of the manner in which the Daniels obtained possession of this estate in Sir Peter Leycester's *Antiquities*, p. 363.

^p Villare Cestriense.

death of Samuel Egerton Esq. one of the knights of the shire. Mr. Egerton devised Tatton, and his other estates, to his sister, the wife of William Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw, whose grandson Wilbraham Egerton Esq. is the present proprietor; his father took the name of Egerton, pursuant to his uncle's will. Tatton-park is of large extent¹, and pleasantly situated; the present hall, a large stone mansion, has been some years in building, and is now nearly completed from the designs of Mr. Samuel Wyatt.

Norfbagh, a hamlet of Tatton, has passed with the manor of that township.

The chapelry of *Over-Peover* comprises the townships of *Over-Peover*, *Marthall*, and *Snelson*; the manor of *Over-Peover* had been the residence of the Mainwarings for thirty generations, when that ancient family became extinct by the death of the late Sir Henry Mainwaring in 1797. The first of the family who occurs with the name of Mesnilwaren, or Mainwaring², was Richard de Mesnilwaren, who granted certain tithes to Chester abbey in 1093. It is supposed, with much probability, that he was the son of Ranulphus who held *Peovre* at the time of the Domesday Survey, and father of Ranulphus de Mesnilwaren judge of Chester in the reign of Henry II. The elder branch of the Mainwarings was settled at Warmicham, and became extinct in the reign of Richard II. William Mainwaring of Peover married a co-heiress of Praers in the reign of Edward III.; by this match he acquired the Baddiley estate. Sir Ralph Mainwaring in the reign of Queen Elizabeth re-built Peover-Hall (which before had been of timber) with brick. Sir Thomas Mainwaring, who was created a baronet in 1660, was engaged in a long controversy with Sir Peter Leycester concerning the legitimacy of Amicia daughter of Hugh Kevelioc Earl of Chester, which had been impeached by Sir Peter in his *Historical Antiquities*; several pamphlets were published by each of the contending parties, and the controversy was not terminated, but by the death of Sir Peter Leycester, at which time Sir Thomas Mainwaring had a reply to his last pamphlet ready for the press: in 1711 Sir John Mainwaring Bart. sold this manor to his brother Henry, who settled at Peover; his son succeeded to his uncle's title and estates; the title became extinct in 1797 by the death of Sir Henry Mainwaring, who having bequeathed his estates to his half-brother, Thomas Wetenhall Esq. of Nantwich, he took the name of Mainwaring: his son,

¹ It contains about two thousand acres of land, but a part of it is every year in tillage.

² In a MS. volume drawn up by Sir William Dugdale, now in the possession of Sir H. M. Mainwaring, 131 different modes of spelling the name of Mainwaring are enumerated, all of which have occurred in old records, or in more modern writings.

³ Gough's *British Topography*, Vol. i. p. 258.

who succeeded to this estate, was created a baronet in 1804, being now Sir Henry Mainwaring Mainwaring, Bart.

Near Over-Peover-Hall, the seat of Sir Henry M. Mainwaring, is a parochial chapel, supposed by Sir Peter Leycester to have been originally erected in or about the reign of Edward III. In the south transept of this chapel are the arms of Mainwaring, with numerous impalements, and the monuments of Randal Mainwaring Esq. who died in 1456, and his wife Margaret Bulkeley¹. In the north aisle of the chancel is the tomb of Sir John Mainwaring², who died in the ninth year of the reign of Henry VI. and Joan his wife³, daughter of "the baron of Stockport⁴;" that of Sir John Mainwaring who died in 1515, with figures engraved on stone of himself, his lady, and fifteen children, and that of Philip Mainwaring Esq., who died in 1573⁵. The last-mentioned Sir John bequeathed to one of his daughters three hundred marks, and to the other two hundred marks for their marriage, if they should continue of honest conversation and disposition, and marry with consent of their mother and brother; the money arising from the sale of his son's marriage, he bequeathed to the uses of his will; to the marriage of his

¹ See p. 449.

² This Sir John Mainwaring was a retainer to the Earl of Buckingham: the following extract from the indenture by which he engaged himself in the Earl's service, will tend to explain the nature of the connection subsisting between the ancient nobility and the gentry who composed those splendid retinues by which they were accompanied on all public occasions. By this indenture the earl gave to Sir John Mainwaring "an annual fee of tenne poundes to bee comyng out of his lordshippe of Rothewell in the county of Northampton at the termes of Easter and St. Michael, by equal porcions, for the whiche the feyd erle hath witholde to him the said Sir John for terme of lyf, to doe him service before all other in pees and werre; that is to witte, in pees to come, when he is commaunded, to the said Erle's presence, to all places on this syde the see; to sojorne and ryde with him, with as many men and horses, moo or fewer, as the said erle hile to assigne resonably, after the degree and power of the said Sir John, for the which the same Sir John shall have such bouche of court and lyve for hym, his feyde men and horses, duryng his tyme of demure in the presence of the feyde erle, with resonable allowance of his costes for his comyng and returneing home ageyne; and in case the feyde erle be ord-yned in any vyage of werre on this syde the see or beyonde, the said Sir John shall be redy upon resonable warnyng, to goe with the feyde erle in the feyd vyage, with such noubre of men of armes and of archers as the feyde erle shall like to assigne or appoynte according to his degree; for the which the feyd Sir John shall have for hym, hys feyde men of armes and archers, such wages and rewardes as the feyde erle shall take of our soverayne lorde, or any other hys capytayne duryng the feyde vyage, with shypson and restyppeson resonable for hym and them." MS. History of the Mainwaring family, by Sir Thomas Mainwaring Bart., now at Peover-Hall.

³ This was his second wife; his first wife was Margaret Delves.

⁴ See p. 449.

⁵ See p. 450.

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relation Catherine Mainwaring, he gave 6*s.* 8*d.*: all his heir-looms he bequeathed to his son, according to the custom of the country. In an aisle on the north-side of the chapel, built by Helen Mainwaring about the year 1647, is a monument with figures in white marble of Philip Mainwaring, (son and heir of Sir Randle Mainwaring,) who died in 1647, and the said Helen his wife: at the east end of this aisle is the monument of Sir John Mainwaring, who died in 1702. In Over-Peover chapel is a singular memorial for Mr. William Littleboys, with the following inscription, on a wooden tablet, underneath the representation of death standing on a corpse, wrapped in a shroud.

“ Stand and heare a dead man speake, let not life too much enamour;
 I myself have found her weake, thou shalt have like cause of clamour.
 Great breadth of land, with rich built cages,
 Goulden earth which men do swallow,
 Youth befooling of the wife,
 Beauty in her daintiest formes,
 Age will teach thee to despyse;
 Death shall make a meale for wormes.
 If vanitie doe thinke this strange,
 Take me an instance of the change.

“ This is the emblem and epitaph of Mr. William Littleboys, who lived and died religiously, whereof he hath made a large manifestation by his charitable bounty to remain for ever to the poor of Wickham in Buckinghamshire, the place of his birth, and Over-Peover in Cheshire where now his body lies interred till his joyful resurrection; Obiit 1624.”

There is a small stipend belonging to Over-Peover chapel, payable by the vicar of Rostherne, and it has been augmented by private benefactions to the amount of 600*l.* which has been laid out in lands; Sir H. M. Mainwaring appoints the curate. A school-house was built by subscription at Over-Peover, about the year 1730; it has an endowment of about 10*l.* a year, with which four boys and four girls are taught and clothed.

The township of *Marthall* lies three miles E. S. E. from Knutsford: the manor was held at an early period by the Winningtons under the Mainwarings; the late Sir Peter Warburton, who was representative of the Winningtons, sold it to Samuel Egerton Esq. of Tatton; having passed with the Tatton estate^a, it is now the

^a See p. 748.

property of Wilbraham Egerton Esq. The hamlet of *Little-Warford*^b, which is included in one township with Marthall, was part of the ancient inheritance of the Mainwarings; in the reign of Henry III. it was given by Roger Mainwaring to Sir Robert de Vernon. Gilbert Lee Esq. being possessed of this estate in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, conveyed it to John Millington and William Hough; Millington's moiety belonged in 1666 to Millington Coulthurst^c; three-fourths of this estate are now by inheritance from the Coulthursts the property of Mr. Samuel Holland: the other moiety, having passed through the families of Antrobus, Coulthurst, and Smith, was sold to Sir Randle Mainwaring in 1619: Sir J. T. Stanley has now a fourth part of this hamlet, which was purchased of the representatives of Dr. Norbury: the whole hamlet is within the manor of Great-Warford.

The township of *Snelleston*, or *Snelfon*, lies five miles S. E. from Knutsford: the manor passed from the family of Snelleston to that of Sulyard, in or about the year 1530: there is now no manor; the principal land-owner in the township is Thomas Parker Esq. of Astle.

RUNCORN, in the hundred of Bucklow and deanery of Frodsham, lies about six miles N. N. W. from Frodsham, and four miles from Warrington. It contains nineteen townships, three of which are in the chapelry of *Aston*, ten in the chapelry of *Daresbury*, and three in the chapelry of *Halton*; the others are *Runcorn*, formerly divided into two townships, *Runcorn-Superior* and *Runcorn-Inferior*; *Clifton*, and *Weflon*.

The royalty of Runcorn belongs to the Earl of Cholmondeley, as annexed to the honour of Halton; the land-owners, who were formerly copy-holders under Halton, now hold their estates in fee-farm, in consequence of purchases made of the crown in the reign of King Charles I. Lord Cholmondeley has also an estate, called in ancient records the third-part of Over-Runcorn, which was for many generations in the Duttons, and was sold by their representatives the Gerards, to the Savages of Rock-Savage^d.

In the year 915, Ethelfleda, sister of King Edward the Elder, and widow of Ethelred Earl of Mercia, is said to have built a town and castle near the river Mersey, at a place then called Romicofan, now Runcorn^e: some traces of ancient buildings, supposed to have been the site of this castle, are to be seen at a place

^b *Little Warford* lies four miles E. S. E. from Knutsford.

^c Sir Peter Leycester.

^d Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities, p. 351.

^e Ralph Higden.

called the Castle-Rock, about three hundred yards from the parish church, down the river; this part of the Mersey is called Runcorn-Gap, and is about four hundred yards wide at high-water; it was an important situation for a garrison, as it commanded the passage from the kingdom of Mercia to that of Northumberland. In the year 1133 William Fitz-Nigel founded a monastery of canons regular at Runcorn, which in or about the reign of King Stephen was removed to Norton^r.

In the parish church, which is situated at *Lower-Runcorn*, are monuments of Sir John Chesshyre, prime-ferjeant to Queen Anne and King George I., who died in 1738^s, and three baronets of the Brooke family; those of Sir Richard Brooke, who died in 1781, and the late Sir Richard, who died in 1795, are by Bacon, the latter has a medallion of the deceased. The church of Runcorn belonged to the prior and convent of Norton, to whom the great tithes were appropriated; after the dissolution the impropriation and advowson of the vicarage were given by King Henry VIII. to Christ's-church college in Oxford, under which the tithes are held on lease by Sir Richard Brooke Bart.

The canal projected and carried into execution by the last Duke of Bridgewater passes through a great part of this parish; at Runcorn it is sixty feet above the level of the river Mersey, with which it communicates by means of ten locks, very ingeniously contrived, by the celebrated engineer Mr. Brindley. The Duke of Bridgewater built a house at Runcorn for his occasional residence; it is now occupied by Mr. Bradshaw, agent to the Marquis of Stafford, to whom the Duke bequeathed all his valuable property in canals. Runcorn, which Sir Peter Leycester speaks of, as being in his time a very poor village, has, in consequence of the trade on the canal, and its having become a place of considerable resort for change of air and salt-water bathing, grown very populous^t, and been improved by many handsome buildings. This township abounds in fine stone quarries, from which considerable quantities of hewn stone are sent by water to Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, &c.

The township of *Clifton* lies nearly two miles N. N. E. from Frodsham; the manor was given by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Geoffrey de Dutton^u, whose posterity from their residence in that village took the name of Chedle;

^r Ra'ph Higden.

^s On the tablet is a quotation of the well-known distich of Pope, "A wit's a feather, &c.": there are some other memorials of the Chesshyres of Hallwood.

^t It contained in 1801, according to the returns made to Parliament under the population act, 228 houses and 1379 inhabitants.

^u See p. 485. in the notes.

from the Chedles it passed by female heirs to the families of Baguley, Daniers or Daniel, and Savage. John Savage, who married Margaret daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Daniel, was descended from the Savages of Steinesbie in Derbyshire; he settled at Clifton, and died in the year 1386; his son John was knighted at the battle of Agincourt^{*}; his grandson of the same name, who died in 1495, was father of Sir John Savage K. G., who distinguished himself on the Earl of Richmond's side at the battle of Bosworth-field, in which he had the command of the left wing of the army; he was slain in his father's life-time, anno 1497, at the siege of Boulogne; a younger son was Thomas Savage, archbishop of York, and founder of the chapel at Macclesfield, which is the burial-place of his family. Sir John Savage, great-grandson of the last-mentioned Sir John, built a magnificent mansion, of which there are now scarcely any remains, near the site of the old hall at Clifton[†], and gave it the name of Rock-Savage. This Sir John, who died in 1597, was three times mayor of Chester, and seven times sheriff for the county; John, his son and heir, the ninth of that name in succession, was created a baronet in 1611. Sir John Savage, younger son of the first baronet, was murdered in 1609 by Ralph Bathurst, who, on being arraigned for the fact, and refusing to plead, was pressed to death on the 13th of July that year[‡]; Sir Thomas Savage the second baronet, entertained King James I. and his whole court, at Rock-Savage in 1617, after his Majesty had been taking the diversion of hunting in Halton-Park[§]: he was created viscount Savage of Rock-Savage in 1626; his son was in 1619 created Earl Rivers, his mother having been daughter and heir of Thomas Darcy, who had enjoyed that title. On the death of John Savage, the last Earl Rivers without issue in 1728, the manor of Clifton, or Rock-Savage, passed to James Earl of Barrymore, who had married his sister: it now belongs to the Earl of Cholmondeley, whose uncle, General Cholmondeley, married Lady Penelope Barry. A farm-house has been fitted up out of the offices belonging to the mansion which were built about a century ago.

The township of *Weston* lies two miles N. N. W. from Frodsham: the manor was parcel of the ancient inheritance of the Duttons, from whom it passed by marriage to the Gerards; having since been sold in severalties, those severalties are

^{*} Pedigree of the family.

[†] Clifton-Hall is described by Webb as a seat of great antiquity, "the remains whereof," says he, "stand a little distance from this (Rock-Savage) in the park, like an aged matron, well contented to go to her grave, having seen in her life-time her daughter advanced to such an height of honourable dignity." King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 93.

[‡] Smith's Cheshire Collections; Pedigree of Savage.

[§] King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 93.

now the property of John Orred Esq., the coheireffes of the late Robert Cheshyre and others.

The chapelry of *Aston* comprises the townships of *Aston*, *Aston-Grange*, and *Sutton*. The manor of *Aston* belonged as early as the reign of Henry II. to the ancient family of *Aston*; on the failure of the elder branch about the year 1368, *Aston* passed to Sir Richard *Aston* of *Ringey*, whose immediate descendant, Sir Thomas *Aston*, was created a baronet by King Charles I. in 1628; he was an officer in the King's service during the civil war, and actively engaged in his own county, but with ill success, particularly at the battle of *Middlewich*, where he was defeated by Sir William *Brereton*; he died in 1645 of the consequences of a blow which he received from a soldier whilst endeavouring to make his escape, after having been taken prisoner in a skirmish in *Staffordshire*. His descendant, Sir Thomas *Aston*, who died in 1744 without issue, bequeathed this estate to his eldest sister *Catherine*, wife of the Hon. and Rev. Henry *Hervey*², who by act of Parliament took the name of *Aston*. The manor of *Aston* is now the property of their great-grandson, Henry Charles *Hervey Aston*, a minor. The title descended to *Willoughby*, uncle of Sir Thomas above-mentioned, whose grandson, Sir *Willoughby*, is the present baronet. *Aston-Hall*, now inhabited by the Hon. *Harriot Aston*, daughter of Charles Viscount *Irvine*, and mother of H. C. H. *Aston*, was built not far from the site of the old hall, by Sir *Willoughby Aston*, who died in 1702. The lords of *Aston* had in ancient times a right to their diet at *Norton-Priory*, under a deed of the 27th of Edward III. Among the *Harleian MSS.* in the *British Museum*³ is a remonstrance of Richard *Aston* in the reign of Henry VI., complaining "that he had not his allowance of livelyhood at *Norton* which his ancestors had."

The chapel at *Aston* was built in or before the reign of Henry VIII. in lieu of an ancient chapel at *Middleton-Grange* in this township, in which the prior and convent of *Norton* were obliged to find a priest to officiate: *Middleton chapel*, of which there are no remains, was in a decayed state in the reign of Henry VI. *Aston-chapel* was made parochial by bishop *Bridgman* in 1635: in this chapel, which was enlarged and nearly re-built in 1737, are some monuments and other memorials of the *Aston* family, particularly those of Sir Thomas *Aston Bart.* who died in 1645; John, his brother, "who with great prudence and fidelity preserved the estate and evidences of his family from being ruined by sequestration during his life, which ended in 1650," and Sir *Willoughby Aston Bart.*, who had eight sons, and thirteen daughters, and died in 1702: on the

² Fourth son of John, late Earl of Bristol.

³ N^o 2038. f. 274.

north-wall is a pedigree of the Aston family, carved in wood, with numerous coats of arms, emblazoned. Aston chapel, which is three miles from Runcorn church, was endowed by King Henry VIII. with 5*l. per ann.*, payable by the King's auditor at Chester: it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty, but the income is very small: The Aston family are patrons. Middleton-Grange, or Middle-Aston-Grange, belonged to the monks of St. Werburgh; and having been purchased of the crown by Thomas Aston Esq. in 1545, has descended with the Aston estate.

The manor of *Aston-Grange* was given to the monks of Stanlow, afterwards removed to Whalley, by John Lacy, constable of Chester^b: it was then called Maurice-Aston; this manor was purchased of the crown in 1545, by Richard Brooke Esq. ^c, ancestor of Sir Richard Brooke Bart., the present proprietor.

The township of *Sutton* lies two miles N. E. by E. from Frodsham; the manor belonged in the reign of Richard I. to Adam de Dutton, immediate ancestor of Sir Peter Warburton Bart. of whom it was purchased in 1807, by Mr. Aston's guardians.

The chapelry of *Daresbury* comprises the townships of *Daresbury*, *Aston-Grange*, *Hatton*, *Keckwick*, *Moore*, *Newton*, *Preston-on-the-hill*, *Thelwall*, *Over-Walton*, and *Nether-Walton*.

The manor of *Daresbury*, which was held under the barony of Halton, passed by successive female heirs, from the family of Daresbury to those of Norreys^d and Daniel^e. John Daniel Esq. of Daresbury, in the year 1756 sold this manor^f to George Heron Esq., a descendant of the Herons of Chip-Chafe in Northumberland, who nearly re-built the hall, now the seat of his son, the Rev. George Heron, the present lord of the manor.

Daresbury chapel stands near the side of the road from Frodsham to Warrington, five miles from each, and about three miles from the parish-church of Runcorn. The dean and chapter of Christ-church college in Oxford appoint the curate: the chapel has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty. There was a chapel at Daresbury as early as the reign of Henry II., when it was granted by Aubert Grelly to Norton-Priory. There is a grammar-school in

^b Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. i. p. 897. Sir Peter Leycester is in an error in supposing that Aston-Grange belonged to the Priory of Norton. Antiquities of Bucklow hundred, p. 214.

^c Record in the Augmentation-office.

^d About 1291. Sir Peter Leycester's Antiquities of Bucklow hundred, p. 234.

^e About 1344. Ibid. ^f The Daniel family then removed into Staffordshire.

this township endowed with the interest of 185 *l.* given by sundry benefactors^e; it was founded by subscription in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The township of *Acton-Grange* lies about eight miles N.E. by N. from Frodsham, and nearly three S.W. by S. from Warrington in Lancashire; the manor was parcel of the possessions of the prior and convent of Norton, and has passed with the other estates of that monastery to the present proprietor, Sir Richard Brooke Bart.

The township of *Hatton* lies seven miles N.E. by N. from Frodsham, and about four S. by W. from Warrington: the manor was given by John de Lacy, to Adam de Dutton^h; Geoffrey de Dutton gave it in marriage with his daughter to William Fitzhugh: it is probable that some of his immediate descendants assumed the name of Hatton, for we find that about the year 1290 this manor was divided into severalties among the co-heirs of Adam de Hatton; some of those, it is probable, continued the name of Hatton, for we find that in 1661 Peter Hatton of Quisty, or Coisty-Birches, which had long been the seat of his ancestors, joined with his sons in the sale of the capital mansion so called, and part of the manor of Hatton (the remainder being divided among sundry freeholders) to Robert Pickering Esq.ⁱ. Henry Pickering Esq. his descendant, sold Quisty-Birches in 1760 to Mr. Hordern of Macclesfield, of whose son it was purchased by Mr. Watt, the present proprietor: the hall has been pulled down and a farmhouse built on the site. The principal estate in this township belonged to the Rutters, and is now the property of Major-General Heron of Moore^k. This township has been inclosed by an act of Parliament passed in 1803.

The township of *Keckwick* lies nearly six miles N.E. by N. from Frodsham; the manor, which had been part of the ancient inheritance of the Duttons, was awarded in the reign of Henry VIII. to Margaret, one of the co-heiresses of Sir Thomas Dutton, who brought it in marriage to Thomas Aston Esq.: it has since passed with the Aston estate.

The township of *Moore*, which lies four miles S.W. from Warrington, is parcel of the barony of Halton: in the reign of Charles I. the copy-holders enfranchised their lands, which since that time have been held of the crown in fee-farm, as of the manor of Enfield. An estate in this township was purchased of the Brookes, before the year 1666 by Richard Rutter Esq., supposed to have been of a younger branch of the ancient family of Rutter of Kingsley; on the death of his descendant

^e Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*.

ⁱ Sir Peter Leycester, p. 295.

^h See p. 485, in the notes.

^k See the next page.

of the same name, without male issue in 1758, this estate passed in marriage with his only daughter and heir to Peter Kyffin Heron, second son of George Heron Esq. of Daresbury, and father of Peter Heron Esq., now a major-general in his majesty's service, and M. P. for Newton in Lancashire, who has a seat at Moore.

The township of *Newton-juxta-Daresbury* lies about four miles and a half N. E. by E. from Frodsham; the manor was given in the year 1187 by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Adam de Dutton¹, from whom it passed to his lineal descendants the Warburtons. Sir George Warburton, who died in 1743, devised it to his natural son, Thomas Stoughton Esq., from whom it passed by purchase to the Littons; John Litton sold it in 1804 to Peter Heron Esq. of Moore, of whom it was purchased by Thomas Claughton Esq., the present proprietor. In this township is the manor of Hallum, given by John Lacy with Newton, to Adam de Dutton, whose son Geoffrey gave it in moieties to Grimsditch and Hallum, two of his gentlemen^m; the Hallums afterwards possessed the whole, which was purchased in 1471, of the heirs of Robert Hallum by Sir John Needham, ancestor of Lord Viscount Kilmorey, the present proprietor: the hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Preston-on-the-hill* lies four miles N. E. by E. from Frodsham: the manor was purchased, about the reign of King John, of Henry de Nuers, and Julian his wife, by Hugh de Duttonⁿ; having passed with the Dutton estates to the Gerards of Brandon, Charles Lord Gerard in 1705 conveyed this manor to trustees to be sold for the payment of debts; his nephew Charles Fleetwood, in whom it afterwards became vested, sold it to Fulke Greville Esq., of whom it was purchased in 1769 by Thomas Brock of Chester; it is now the property of his nephew and devisee, Thomas Brock Yates Esq., who resides on the estate in a small modern mansion.

The township of *Thelwall* lies about three miles and a half E. S. E. from Warrington: Thelwall was an ancient town, built, or as some writers say, restored and garrisoned by Edward the Elder in 920. William Lacy, constable of Chester, gave a third of the manor of Thelwall to the abbot and convent of Shrewsbury^o, the other two-thirds were given by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Adam de Dutton^p, from whom they descended to his grandson Thomas. This estate was in the Claytons in the reign of Edward III. Richard Brooke Esq. of Norton, who

¹ See p. 485. in the notes.
p. 346.

^o Ibid. p. 372.

^m Harl. MSS. N^o 1535.

^p Harl. MSS. N^o 1535.

[†] Sir Peter Leycester,

purchased it of the Claytons about the year 1561, became possessed of the whole manor, which, after an intermediate sale in 1621, to the Mores^p, was bought in 1662 by Robert Pickering Esq., ancestor of Henry Pickering Esq., the present proprietor. The late Mr. Pickering erected a mansion at Thelwall, now in the occupation of the Rev. Thomas Blackburn, D. D.

Thelwall chapel, which was built by the Brooke family, was originally domestic; having been disused for nearly a century, and the interior having gone to decay, it was repaired and refitted in 1782, since which time it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty. Mr. Pickering appoints the minister.

The township of *Over*, or *Higher-Walton*, lies seven miles and a half N. E. by N. from Frodsham, and two and a half S. S. W. from Warrington; the manor belonged to the family of Walton, from which it passed by a female heir to Simon de Merbury in the reign of Edward III. About the middle of the seventeenth century, Sir Peter Brooke of Mere purchased it of Thomas Merbury of Walton^q: it is now the property of his descendant, Thomas Langford Brooke Esq. The remains of the old hall are occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Nether*, or *Lower-Walton*, lies eight miles N. E. from Frodsham, and two miles S. from Warrington: the manor was given by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Adam de Dutton^r, whose son Geoffrey, gave one moiety of it to his gentleman, Richard Maffey, and the other to the ancestor of the Waltons^s, the former was sold by the Maffeys of Sale about the year 1660 to the free-holders^t, the other was inherited by the Merburys, and has passed with Over-Walton, to Thomas Langford Brooke Esq.

The chapelry of *Halton*^u comprises the townships of *Halton*, *Norton*, and *Stockham*. The barony of Halton was given by Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, to his cousin Nigel, with the constabulary of Chester; the Earl at the same time made him his marshal, it being his duty to lead the vanguard of the army whenever he should march into Wales: these great offices, of constable of Chester and the Earl's marshal, were attached to the barony, and enjoyed by his successors, the

^p Sir Peter Leycester, p. 373. One of the Leghs of Ridge in some MSS. Collections relating to Cheshire, now in the British Museum, (Harl. MSS. N^o 2155.) speaking of this township says, "Thelwall by the gift of Dr. More, Dr. in physic, now belongs to his nephew, whose coin hath created him a baronet of Nova-Scotia, by the name of Sir Edward More."

^q Sir Peter Leycester, p. 382.

^r See p. 485. in the notes.

^s Harl. MSS. N^o 1535.

^t Sir Peter Leycester, p. 383.

^u The decayed town of *Halton* lies three miles N. N. E. from Frodsham.

barons of Halton. On the death of William Fitz-Nigel junior, the third baron of Halton, without issue, the barony devolved to Eustace Fitz-John, who married his sister Agnes; Richard, son of Eustace, married Albreda de Lizours, daughter and heir of Robert de Lizours, and half sister and heir of Robert Lacy; their son John, who was the sixth baron of Halton, is sometimes called John Lacy, but Sir Peter Leycester says that the name of Lacy was first assumed by his son Roger*. John, his grandson, who inherited the barony of Halton and was constable of Chester, became, in right of his wife, Earl of Lincoln. Alice, daughter and sole heir of Henry Lacy Earl of Lincoln, who died in 1310, married Thomas Plantagenet Earl of Lancaster, who became in her right constable of Chester, and was the eleventh baron of Halton: from him the barony descended to Henry of Bolingbroke, Duke of Lancaster[†], (son of John of Gaunt,) who on the deposition of King Richard II. became king of England, by the name of Henry IV. since which time the barony, or as it is called in some old records, the honor of Halton, has been annexed to the crown, being esteemed parcel of the duchy of Lancaster. During the protectorate of Cromwell, “the honor, fee, manor, and castle of Halton,” were put up to sale and purchased by Henry Brooke Esq. of Norton[‡], but reverted to the crown at the restoration. Halton-park, having been granted in fee-farm to Sir John Savage, has descended with Rock-Savage and other estates to the Earl of Cholmondeley, who holds the honor of Halton by lease under the crown. The barons of Halton possessed very extensive privileges by grant from the Earls of Chester; besides the office of constable of Chester and marshal, they had the ward of the streets of Chester, during the fair-time: they were authorized to have a castle and a prison at Halton; to hold their town of Halton as a free borough, and have free-burgesses there; to hold a weekly market on Saturday at Halton[§]; and two fairs, one for seven days at the festival of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, the other for two days at the festival of St. Catherine; to hold a court for the cognizance of various offences, and for all pleas and actions within the barony, except such as belonged to the Earl’s sword; to have

* Antiquities of Bucklow hundred, p. 267.

† His father, John of Gaunt, fourth son of King Edward III., married Blanch, daughter and co-heir of Henry Duke of Lancaster, who died in 1360, and had the barony of Halton assigned him, as part of her portion. Halton-castle is said to have been one of his favourite residences.

‡ Record in the Augmentation-office.

§ The market and fairs have been long discontinued; they had become of so little consequence at the time of the Survey made in Cromwell’s time, that the profits of the four years preceding are stated to have been only 9*d.*—Survey in the Augmentation-office.

a master-ferjeant and eight under-ferjeants within the fee of Halton; to have the advowries of all such as should put themselves under his protection^b; to hold the town of Congleton as a free borough, with various other privileges, such as exemption from toll for their burgesſes at Halton, Congleton, &c. &c. which are enumerated in a plea to a *quo warranto* brought against Henry Duke of Lancaster, printed in Sir Peter Leyceſter's Antiquities of Bucklow hundred^c. Halton-castle was built ſoon after the Norman Conqueſt^d, its ſite is on the brow of a hill, commanding a very extenſive and rich proſpect over a great part of Cheshire, and acroſs the Merſey into Lancaſhire. The ſurvey of Halton-castle made in Cromwell's time, deſcribes it as then very ruinous, having been firſt a gariſon for the king and afterwards for the Parliament^e, but we have not found any account of its having ſuſtained a ſiege. The ſurvey deſcribes a gate-houſe, with five rooms over; one great hall with two ranges of buildings over it, conſiſting of nine rooms unfiniſhed, and a priſon for the honor of Halton^f. Colonel Henry Brooke, who afterwards purchaſed the caſtle and honor, was then ſteward, which office had been held before the war by Lord Savage; Richard Brooke Eſq. was conſtable of the caſtle, and Thomas Cheshire gent. was bailiff of the lordſhip of Halton and Whitley, under a grant of King James I. The honor of Halton is ſtated to have juriſdiction over thirty-ſeven townſhips in Cheshire, which are enumerated, and ſome in Lancaſhire^g; three *halmote* courts were held yearly at the caſtle, in December, April, and Auguſt, being in the nature of courts-leet, beſides which there were two annual courts-leet, and a court-baron every fortnight^h. There are few remains of the ancient buildings of Halton-castle, the habitable part of it, which appears to have been chiefly re-built ſince the civil war, has been fitted up as an inn; there is a room where the courts for the honor are held.

Sir Peter Leyceſter ſpeaks of a chapel of eaſe near the caſtle at Halton, which he remembered to have been in uſe in the year 1625; in 1666, at the date of his

^b See p. 299, 300.

^c P. 280—284.

^d Sir Peter Leyceſter, p. 262.

^e It was a gariſon for the King in the early part of 1643, and for the Parliament in 1644. See "Cheshire's Succeſſe" 1643, and Burghall's Diary in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 936.

^f Priſoners for debt were formerly confined here; but not within the memory of any one now living.

^g A liſt of the townſhips within the fee of Halton may be ſeen alſo in Sir Peter Leyceſter's Antiquities, p. 288.—291. The conſtables of moſt of theſe townſhips ſtill attend and are ſworn in at Halton-court.

^h Survey in the Augmentation office. Theſe *halmote* courts are ſtill held, but there is now only one court-leet and court-baron, held annually in October.

writing, it was totally in decay¹. It was afterwards re-built, and in the year 1718 augmented by Sir John Chefshyre, serjeant at law, with the sum of 600*l.* towards the maintenance of a curate; the appointment of whom was vested in him and his heirs: John Chefshyre Esq. of Bennington-place in Hertfordshire is the present patron. Sir John Chefshyre in the year 1733, built a library^{*} at Halton, and furnished it with about four hundred volumes of valuable books, of which there is a catalogue printed on vellum with an extract from the donor's will, and the rules which he ordained for the management of the library: by these rules it is directed that it shall be open for the use of divines, and the neighbouring gentry, particularly his own descendants, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at convenient hours, when the curate, who is always to be librarian, shall attend: a small room with a fire-place is provided, to be used by the curate as a study, whither he may retire from the interruptions of a family. A fund of about 10*l. per ann.* (now in land) was given by the founder for the purpose of providing fuel; the residue, if any, to be laid out in the purchase of books. Hallwood in this township, the seat of the Chefshyres, was built by Thomas Chefshyre Esq., father of the serjeant: it was sold in 1774 by Mrs. Arabella Rawdon, sole surviving child of William Chefshyre Esq., and widow of the Earl of Moira's uncle, to Robert Newton Esq., of whom it was purchased in 1799 by the father of Sir Richard Brooke Bart. the present proprietor.

There has long been a charity-school at Halton, but when or by whom founded, is unknown¹: the master has a salary of about 20*l. per ann.*, arising principally^m from the interest of money given by various benefactors. An alms-house "for six poor decayed and honest old servants," was founded in 1767 by Pusey Brooke Esq., and endowed with the sum of 54*l. 12s. per ann.* The pensioners are appointed by Sir Richard Brooke Bart.

The township of *Norton* lies four miles N. E. from Frodsham; the manor was given by William Fitz-Nigel, constable of Chester, about the year 1135, to the canons of Runcorn, who were removed to the Priory of Norton, then founded by the said William: the revenues of this Priory were estimated in the reign of

¹ Antiquities of the hundred of Bucklow, p. 263.

^{*} The following inscription is placed over the door of the building, "Hanc Bibliothecam pro communi literatorum usu sub curâ curati capellæ de Halton proventibus ter feliciter augmentatæ Joannes Chefshyre Miles, serviens Dñi Regis ad Legem, D.D.D. Anno 1733."

¹ Not known in Bishop Gastrell's time: the endowment was then only 11*l. per ann.*

^m There are rent-charges on lands of about 3*l. per ann.*

Henry VIII., at 180*l.* 7*s.* 6½*d.*, clear yearly value. The priory and manor of Norton were purchased of the King in 1545, by Richard Brooke, a younger son of Thomas Brooke of Leighton^a in Nantwich, whose family had been settled in that township, as early as the reign of Henry III. Henry Brooke Esq., who had been four times appointed sheriff of the county, by the Parliament during the civil war, and in the protectorate of Cromwell, and had been the purchaser of Halton, was in 1662 created a baronet by King Charles II. The title and estate are now enjoyed by Sir Richard Brooke Bart.

Norton-priory, then the seat of Henry Brooke Esq., was besieged by the royalists, in the early part of the year 1643^o; a pamphlet of that date says, "they brought canon with many horse and foot and fell to batter it on a sabbath-day; Mr. Brooke had eighty men in the house; we were careful he should lack no powder; with all other things Master Brooke furnished them fully. A man upon his tower with a flag in his hand cryde them ayme, while they discharged their canon, saying "wide my lord on the right hand; now wide two yards on the left; two yards over my lord, &c. He made them swell for anger when they could not endamage the house, for they only wounded one man, having lost forty-six of their own, and their canoneer."^p Norton-priory, the present mansion, now the seat of Sir Richard Brooke Bart., is a modern building, but part of the substructure of the monastery, in which is a door-way of Saxon architecture, still remains, being fitted up as a cellar. In the first volume of Buck's Antiquities is a view of the old mansion, which appears to have been built soon after the dissolution of the monastery.

The township of *Stockham* lies three miles N. E. from Frodsham; the manor was parcel of the possessions of the prior and convent of Norton, and has passed with the rest of the priory estates to Sir Richard Brooke Bart.

SANDBACH, in the hundred of Nantwich and deanery of Middlewich, is a market-town twenty-five miles from Chester, and about a hundred and sixty-two from London. It has two weekly markets, Thursday and Saturday; the first is a good corn-market, the other chiefly for butchers' meat; there are two fairs, Easter-Tuesday, and the Thursday before the tenth of September. The Thursday's market and the two fairs were granted by Queen Elizabeth in 1578 to Sir John Radcliffe: At the September fair a remarkable occurrence happened in the year 1651; a

^a The Brookes of Leighton became extinct about the year 1652. Sir Peter Leycester, p. 326.

^o It was before the battle of Middlewich, which happened March 13.

^p "Cheshire's Successes," 1643.

party (Whitlocke says a thousand) of the King's horse, on their retreat from the battle of Worcester, were attacked by the country people, and many of them taken prisoners †. Sandbach was formerly celebrated for its ale †.

The parish of Sandbach comprises the townships of *Sandbach, Arcliffe, Bechton, Bradwell, Haffall*, and *Wheclock*, exclusively of those which are in the chapelries of *Goofrey* and *Church-Hulme*, or *Holmes-Chapel*.

The manor of Sandbach was held by a family of that name, under the Earls of Chester in 1224; from the Sanbaches it passed by successive female heirs to the Leghs of Booths and the Radcliffes †. It is now the property of the Right Hon. Lord Crewe, whose ancestor Sir Randle Crewe, is supposed to have purchased it of Sir John Radcliffe, in or about the reign of Queen Elizabeth †. In this township is Abbey-field, formerly called the Field-House, now the property and residence of John Ford Esq.: it is said to have belonged to the abbey of Dieulacres.

Elworth, in the township of Sandbach, was for many descents the seat of the ancient family of Raven, which removed from Bromborough to this place in the reign of Edward III., in consequence of a match with the heirs of Elworth. Sir John Raven, (or, as he is called in Holinshed's Chronicle, Rayne,) an ancestor of this family, lost his life by shipwreck, on his return from France in 1343; the heirs of Raven brought Elworth to the Hulses of Clive in the seventeenth century. The Rev. John Hulfe of Elworth, who died in 1790, bequeathed his Cheshire estates, after a certain period mentioned in his will, and the fulfilment of certain specific trusts, to the university of Cambridge for ever. In the mean time he directed that the sum of 70*l. per ann.* should be given by his trustees out of the profits of his estates, to a master of arts in the University, to be elected by the vice-chancellor and the masters of Trinity and St. John's colleges: to be called the Christian Advocate, to hold that office for six years, and to write and publish yearly answers against notorious infidels, whether atheists or deists, particularly noticing such new and popular cavils and objections as shall have been recently written against the Christian or revealed religion; the sum of 60*l. per ann.* to be given to a master of arts to be chosen yearly, by the same persons as a lecturer, who should preach twenty sermons at Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, on the evidences of revealed religion, and on the truth and excellence of Christianity, which sermons should be printed:

† Mercurius Politicus, Sept. 25, 1651.
part ii. p. 78.

† See p. 359.

† See Webb's Itinerary in King's Vale-Royal,

† Villare Cestriense. — It certainly was between 1585 and 1622, as appears by Smith's and Webb's Descriptions of Sandbach in King's Vale-Royal.

the sum of 50*l.* to the writer, (being of the University of Cambridge, and under the degree of M. A.) of the best dissertation on the evidences of the Christian religion, to be determined by the persons before-mentioned; and 30*l.* *per ann.* each, to three scholars (to be called Hulse's scholars) at St. John's college, to be chosen by the master and senior fellows of that college; preference to be given to natives of Cheshire, and particularly to sons of the curate of Sandbach, the vicar or curate of Middlewich, the curate of Witton, or to the sons of clergymen born in Sandbach, Middlewich, or Witton. The bishop of Ely is visitor of this trust. Elworth was bequeathed by Mr. Hulse to Thomas Plant and his wife Elizabeth, for life; it is still in the possession of Mr. Plant, who occupies the hall.

In the parish church of Sandbach are memorials of the families of Jackson of Bechton, Leigh, Moulson, and Powis. The Leverfage chapel, or oratory, was confirmed to the family of Leverfage in 1589. There was formerly a monument in this church for Richard Wheelock Esq., Eleanor (Vernon) his wife, and Thomas their son; Eleanor died in 1400, and the son in 1439¹.

Ranulph de Blundeville Earl of Chester, who had succeeded in proving his right to the patronage of the church, against the claim of Richard de Sandbach, gave it to the abbot and convent of Dieulacres in Staffordshire, to whom the great tithes were appropriated. The impropriation is now in severalties; the advowson of the vicarage was formerly in the Leverfages, who augmented it with a rent-charge of 26*l.* *per ann.*, it has of late years passed through several hands, principally by purchase, and is now the property of the Rev. John Armitstead of Bawtry in the county of York.

A free-school was founded at Sandbach in 1718, chiefly by the benefaction of Francis Wells Esq.: it is endowed with lands, now producing about 20*l.* *per ann.* and the interest of fundry small donations; Mr. Wells directed that twenty boys should be taught reading, writing, and accounts, in this school; and that three should be fitted for the University.

The township of *Arcliff* or *Arclid*, lies nearly two miles E.N.E. from Sandbach; the manor was for many generations in the Venables family as parcel of the barony of Kinderton; it was sold by Lord Vernon to the late Mr. Ralph Leeke of Middlewich; having passed by descent to his cousin, Ralph Leeke of Longford in the county of Salop, it is now vested in Stephen Leeke Esq. of Chester, (brother of the last-mentioned Ralph) as trustee for sale. The principal estate in this township was held under the Barons of Kinderton, by the Arclids, and was divided among the co-heirs of that family in the reign of Richard II.

¹ Woodnoth's Collections, p. 63.

This estate, or a part of it, came by descent from the Clottons and Beresfords to the Mainwarings^u; it is now the property of the Rev. William Moreton Moreton of Moreton-Hall.

The township of *Bechton*, or *Betchton*, lies somewhat more than two miles S. E. by S. from Sandbach; the manor was held by the Bechtons, under the family of Audley in the reign of Edward II.^x: it was afterwards in moieties between the Davenports and Fittons; the moiety which belonged to the former was acquired in marriage with the heiress of Peter Legh, to whom it had been conveyed by the Bechtons^y, by Sir John Davenport of Davenport, and was afterwards settled in the Henbury branch, in which it continued till the marriage of the heiress of that branch with Sir Foulke Lucy in the seventeenth century. It is probable that this moiety passed to the Wilbrahams, who purchased of the Beestons the paramount royalty which had belonged to the Lords Audley. George Wilbraham Esq. of Delamere-lodge, is now lord of a moiety of the township comprising the southerly part, which may be considered as a distinct manor: the other moiety was in the Fittons as early as the reign of Richard II.^z, and so continued till the reign of Queen Elizabeth; it was then sold to the Egertons of Wrinehill, of whom it was purchased in trust for the freeholders: four of these are lords of this moiety of the township in rotation; the lords in rotation in 1808, were John Wilson Esq. of Sandbach, John Levett Esq. of Melford in the county of Stafford, Joseph Hilditch Gent., and Thomas Sumerfield Gent. Bechton-Hall, now a farm-house, built on the site of an ancient mansion, was, with its demesne, the property of Dr. Richard Jackson, prebendary of Chester, who died in 1796; his nieces and devisees, who have changed their name from Day to Jackson, by the King's licence, are the present proprietors.

The township of *Bradwall* or *Bradwell*, lies two miles and a half N. by W. from Sandbach: the manor passed with the barony of Kinderton till 1807, when it was sold by Lord Vernon to John Latham^a, M. D. who was before possessed of Bradwell-Hall and demesne; this estate also anciently belonged to the Venables family, from a younger branch of which it passed, by successive co-heiresses, to the Beringtons^b and Oldfields^c, it passed afterwards by sale to the Wards, and by marriage to the Jervises of Darleston in the county of Stafford: it was purchased of the latter in 1800 by Dr. Latham, who has much improved the ancient man-

^u Villare Cestrieuse.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Ibid.

^a The ancestors of Dr. Latham of Rumsey had formerly an estate in this township and Wheelock, now the property of the Rev. W. Bayley. See p. 769.

^b Temp. Hen. VI.

^c Temp. Eliz.

sion and fitted it up for his occasional residence. *Hollins* is a hamlet of this township.

The township of *Haffall* lies about two miles and a half S. E. from Sandbach; the manor was in moieties in the reign of Edward II. between the families of Haffall and Wood; it was afterwards wholly in the Haffalls till it was sold by Ralph Haffall Esq. to William Leverfage Esq. of Wheelock; from the Leverfages it passed by successive sales to Thomas Stephens^d Esq., the families of Powis and Lowndes, and Walter Daniels Esq. who is the present proprietor^e, and resides at Haffall-Hall. This hall which had belonged for several years to the Wilds^f, was purchased by the Lowndes family about the year 1730. An estate in this township belonged successively to the families of Bostock and Lowndes; this estate has been divided between the co-heiresses of the latter; an ancient mansion called Bostock-house, occupied by a farmer, is now, by descent from one of the co-heiresses, the property of John Penlington Esq. of Rode-heath.

The township of *Wheelock*, which lies nearly two miles S. S. W. from Sandbach, gave name to an ancient family, who possessed the manor as early as the reign of Henry II. Upon the death of Richard de Wheelock, without issue, in 1439, this manor passed to Thomas Worth, who married the heiress of that family; the only daughter and heir of Worth brought it to Richard Leverfage Esq. During the civil war, William Leverfage of Bechton sold this manor to the wrongful dis-inheritance, as it is said, of his nephew, then in his minority^g, to Thomas Stephens Esq. of Lypiatt in Gloucestershire, who continued in possession in 1662. The immediate descendant of the Leverfages, who are called by Webb in his Itinerary, "esquires of special account," was lately a respectable tradesman at Nantwich, now retired from business. The manor of Wheelock was sold by Mr. Stephens to Richard Vernon Esq. of Middlewich, of whose trustees it was purchased by Edward Powis Esq. of Moreton. It is now the property of George Ackers Esq. whose father purchased it of the Powis family about the year 1786. Wheelock-Hall, an ancient mansion formerly the seat of the Leverfages, is now occupied by a farmer: a modern edifice called the White-hall, is inhabited by the Rev. Richard Lowndes Salmon. The village of Wheelock has of late years become very populous, in consequence of the extension of the salt trade, and the wharfs and warehouses established on the banks of the Trent and Mersey canal,

^d Villare Cestriense.

^e Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the estate for the remainder of a lease of 500 years, of which the father of the Rev. R. L. Salmon was devisee; about 60 years of this lease are expired.

^f They had it in 1652. See Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^g Dr. Williamfon's Villare Cestriense.

which passes through it: a considerable part of the village on the north side of the river Wheelock is in the township of Sandbach; the greater part of the village which lies within the last-mentioned township, was the property of the late William Whitehead Esq. who established extensive salt-works, built an inn, and several other houses, besides a mansion for his own residence, which is now the property and residence of his heir at law, the Rev. Weston Bayley. Very considerable salt-works, a large cotton factory, a brewery, and several dwelling-houses and warehouses have lately been erected on the south side of the river, and the village is on both sides rapidly increasing. The brine-springs in this township are at the depth of sixty yards; the brine is rich but varies in strength.

The chapelry of *Goostrey* comprises the townships of *Goostrey-cum-Barnshaw*, *Blackden*, *Lees* or *Leighs*, and *Twemlow*.

The township of *Goostrey* lies nearly six miles N. E. by E. from Middlewich; the manors of *Goostree* or *Goostrey*, and *Barnshaw*, anciently written *Bernulphshaw* and *Bernilshawe*, were given by Hugh Fitz-Norman to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester^b; the monks had a chapel at *Barnshaw*, for which they had the permission of the abbot and convent of *Dieulacres*, as patrons of *Sandbach*, provided that it should not be prejudicial to the church of *Sandbach*, or its chapels^c. After the dissolution these manors were granted by King Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter of Chester: Sir Richard Cotton having obtained possession of them with other manors belonging to that church, as before stated^k, they were purchased of him or his representatives by the *Mainwarings* of *Carincham*: having been purchased in the last century by the *Mainwarings* of *Over-Peover*, they have since passed with the *Peover* estate, and are now the property of Sir H. Mainwaring *Mainwaring* Bart.^l: the ancient hall is occupied as a farm-house. An estate in this township, formerly parcel of the manor, passed by coheireses from the family of *Goostree* to the *Eatons* of this township, and *Kinseys* of *Blackden*, who possessed it in moieties for many generations^m.

Goostrey-chapel, situated nine miles from *Sandbach*, was made parochial in 1350: it has been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty, and is in the patronage of the vicar of *Sandbach*: the endowment is now 82*l.* per ann. Mrs. Elizabeth *Staplehurst* in 1684 bequeathed the interest of 200*l.* to the minister for teaching the poor children of the chapelry.

^b There was a grant to the abbot and convent by Robert de Montalt, lord of Mould, and steward of Chester in the reign of Henry II.—See the charter of Hugh Fitz-Norman, by which he grants the manor of *Goostrey* to the convent, in Woodnoth's Collections, p. 41. ^c Villare Cestriense.

^k See p. 573, in the notes.

^l See the manner of the *Mainwaring* estates passing to the present baronet, p. 750.

^m Villare Cestriense.

It is probable that the manor of *Blackden* belonged at an early period to the Goofetrees, the co-heireffes of which family married, as before-mentioned, into the families of Kinsey and Eaton: Thomas Kinsey Esq. now of Knutsford, possesses a third part of this manor by descent; the two other portions are the property of John Glegg Esq. of Withington, whose ancestors the Baskervyles acquired one-third in marriage with the co-heirefs of a branch of the Kinsey family in the 16th century; the other third was purchased by Mr. Glegg in 1804, of William Fallows Esq. of Heywood in Alderley, who, it is probable, acquired it either by purchase or marriage, of the Eatons: Blackden-Hall is spoken of by Webb in his Itineraryⁿ, as the ancient seat of the Eatons in 1622, and it appears that they continued to possess it many years afterwards^o. It is now the property of Mr. Kinsey, and occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Leighs* or *Lces* lies nearly three miles N. N. E. from Middlewich: the manor has been a considerable time in the Shakerley family, and is now the property of C. W. J. Shakerley Esq. of Somerford-Hall.

The township of *Twemlow* lies about five miles and a half E. N. E. from Middlewich; the manor belonged as early as the reign of Richard I. to a family which took its name from the township. King Edward I. gave Twemlow in the year 1280 to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal, under whom it was held by the Hardings^p (descendants of the Twemlows^q); from them it passed by female heirs to the Knutsfords, and from the latter, by co-heireffes, to the Booths and Jodrells. Edward Booth, who became possessed of the manor-house and a moiety of this estate in the reign of Henry VIII. by marrying Mary, the co-heirefs of Roger Knutsford, was a younger son of Sir William Booth of Dunham-Massey. John Booth Esq. of Twemlow, made considerable MS. collections, both heraldic and historical, relating to this county. This branch of the Booth family became extinct in the male line by the death of Thomas Booth Esq. in 1786, when the Twemlow estate passed by his devise to his nephew, Charles Everett, who dying without issue, it devolved, pursuant to the provisions in Mr. Booth's will, to another nephew. Walter Griffith Esq. a captain in the navy, who has taken the name of Booth, is the present proprietor, and resides at Twemlow manor-house. Ellen, the other daughter and co-heir of Roger Knutsford above-mentioned, brought a moiety of the Twemlow estate in marriage to the Jodrells of Yardfley; Elizabeth, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Francis Jodrell Esq. who died in 1756, married Egerton Leigh Esq. of West-Hall in High-Legh, who has erected

ⁿ King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 84.

^o In 1662.—Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^p Villare Cestriense.

^q Pedigrees.

near the site of the ancient hall at Twemlow a handsome mansion, now his principal residence.

The chapelry of *Church-Hulme*, commonly called *Holmes-Chapel*, comprises the townships of *Church-Hulme*, *Cotton*, and *Cranage*.

The township of *Church-Hulme*, or *Holmes-Chapel*, lies somewhat more than four miles E. by N. from Middlewich; the manor, which has always been held with that of *Cranage*, belongs to Thomas Bayley Hall Esq. A considerable estate in this township which belonged anciently to the family of Holme, passed successively to the families of Bulkeley and Cotton^r. The manor of Erdshaw, or Eardshaw^s in this township was, in the year 1457, the property of Hugo Le Page, whose ancestor was bailiff of Drakelow in the reign of Edward III. John Page, a descendant of this family^t, sold Erdshaw to Sir Henry Delves Bart. of Doddington: having passed by subsequent sales to the Townsends and Precots, it has passed with Drakelow to William Harper Esq., the present proprietor. Erdshaw-Hall, formerly a seat of the Pages, is now a farm-house.

In *Holmes-Chapel*, which is three miles from Sandbach, were some ancient memorials of the Needhams of *Cranage*^u. Richard Vernon of Middlewich gave the interest of 200*l.* to this chapel in 1723, and the Halls of the Hermitage have been considerable benefactors to it, but the endowment is now only 57*l. per ann.* The vicar of Sandbach is patron. Thomas Hall Esq. in 1707 founded a school for ten boys and ten girls, and endowed it with 4*l.* each, out of the Hermitage estate; the nomination of the master and mistress to be vested in his heirs. The endowment of this school has been increased by the interest of some small benefactions.

The township of *Cotton* lies three miles E. by N. from Middlewich: the manor was anciently in the Frafers: in 1204 Adam Frafer pawned it, as the deed expresses it, to John Lacy, constable of Chester, for eighty marks to pay his debts: John Lacy granted it to Judas Kelly, whose son Gilbert took the name of Cotton, and was ancestor of the Cottons of this place^x, (called the Cottons of Cotton-wood, or of Cotton near Church-Hulme,) who continued to possess Cotton till about the year 1653, when it was sold by Thomas Cotton Esq., to Sir Thomas Cotton Bart. of Connington in Huntingdonshire. William, a younger son of Sir Thomas Cotton, was of Connington in Cambridgeshire, and of Cotton-Hall in Cheshire; his son Thomas left an only daughter, married to

^r Villare Cestriense. family of Page, p. 373.

^s Called also Yearshaw.

^t See a farther account of the

Needham, chief-justice of Chester (1480). Bishop Gastrell's Notitia.

^u Villare Cestriense.

Dingley Askham Esq., of whom this manor was purchased in 1738, by Mrs. Jane Bayley of Nantwich, grandmother of Thomas Bayley Hall Esq., the present proprietor. Part of the old hall of Cotton has been taken down; it has long been occupied as a farm-house. We have not been able to ascertain whether the Cottons of Cotton-wood are extinct¹.

The township of *Cranage* or *Cranach* lies nearly four miles E. N. E. from Middlewich; the manor belonged for many generations to the ancestors of Lord Viscount Kilmorey; one moiety was acquired about the latter end of King Edward the Third's reign, by marriage with a co-heiress of the Cranach family, the other was purchased in the reign of Henry VI. of the Hattons of Shroggs, who acquired it by marriage with the family of Shaw of Shaw². The manor of Cranage is now the property of Thomas Bayley Hall Esq., for whom it was purchased in trust of Lord Viscount Kilmorey in the year 1760. Cranage-Hall with the demesne-lands was sold by the feoffees of Lord Viscount Kilmorey in 1660, to William Swettenham Esq.: the present hall, which is a modern structure, belongs to the widow of the late Strethill Harrison Esq., and is in the occupation of John Proctor Esq.

Hermitage, in this township, was given by Roger Runchamp, to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem, and was held under that monastery, by a branch of the Cranage family³, it passed in marriage with the heiress of Cranage about the year 1334, to Richard Harlington, and with the heiress of Harlington, in the reign of Henry VI. to Hugh Winnington; on the death of Thomas Winnington, the last heir male of this branch about the year 1590, it passed to another branch, and was sold by Lawrence Winnington Esq., about the year 1657 to John Leadbeter. It is now the property of Thomas Bayley Hall Esq., whose ancestor purchased it of the Leadbeter family, somewhat more than a century ago: Mr. Hall resides in the ancient mansion. The township of Cranage was inclosed by act of Parliament in 1779.

SHOCKLACH, in the hundred of Broxton, and deanery of Malpas, lies about five miles from Malpas, and about thirteen S. by E. from Chester: it comprises the townships of *Church-Shocklach*, *Shocklach-Oviat*, and *Caldecote*.

The Suttons were possessed of Shocklach-castle, and the manors of *Church-Shocklach* and *Shocklach-Oviat*, as part of the barony of Malpas: in the reign of Edward I. Shocklach-castle was leased for life by John de Sutton, to Oliver

¹ Mr. Peter Cotton, who died in 1716, and bequeathed a legacy to the Blue-coat-school at Chester, is supposed to have been the last heir-male of this family.

² Bestock's Collections in the British Museum. Harl. MSS. N^o 139. p. 90.

³ Villare Castellense.

Ingham, afterwards justice of Chester. The Shocklach estate passed with other parts of the barony of Malpas, from Lord Dudley, through the Hills and Breretons to the Egertons; in or about the reign of Charles I. it was purchased by the Pulestons of Emerall in the county of Flint, whose ancestor, Richard de Puleston, had purchased a small estate in this parish, of Thomas de Shocklach in the reign of Richard II. Upon the death of John Puleston Esq., the last heir male in 1775, the manors of Church-Shocklach and Shocklach-Oviat ^z, passed by his bequest to his nephew, Richard Price Esq., son of Richard Parry Price Esq. of Bryn-y-pys in Flintshire, by his sister and sole heir: Mr. Price has taken the name of Puleston, and is the present proprietor.

The moated site of Shocklach-castle, of which there are no remains ^z, is near Castle-town bridge, on the bank of a small deep rivulet, near the road to Farndon. Shocklach-Hall, an ancient mansion with a moated site, was for some time a seat of the Breretons: Sir Randle Brereton died there in 1611, and was buried at Malpas: it was afterwards one of the seats of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, who married his daughter and heir ^a. The old hall has been taken down many years ago, and a farm-house built on the site.

The rectory of Shocklach, with the chapel of St. Edith and certain lands, sometime parcel of the college of St. John the Baptist in Chester, were granted in fee-farm to Sir Henry Fanshaw ^b, who sold them to Sir Thomas Shirley of Suffex; this estate was afterwards in the Egertons, who were patrons of the curacy: the Pulestons have been impropiators and patrons for more than a century.

The township of *Caldecote* lies eleven miles S. by E. from Chester: the manor passed with the daughter and heir of David de Caldecote, in or about the reign of Edward II. to Urian, son of Philip de Egerton, whose posterity were for many generations of Caldecote and Wrinehill; this manor had passed from the Egertons to the Breretons before the year 1611, when Sir Randle Brereton died seized of Caldecote, and both the Shocklaches. In the reign of Charles II. the manor of Caldecote was purchased of the Breretons by Sir William Drake, ancestor of T. D. T. Drake Esq., the present proprietor.

Caldecote-Hall and demesne, continued in a younger branch of the Caldecotes till it was sold, somewhat more than a century ago, by the last heir-male of that ancient family, to Mr. John Larden, ancestor of John Larden Esq. of Chester, the present owner.

^z The township of *Shocklach-Oviat* lies about nine miles and a half N. W. by W. from Whitechurch.

^a It appears by the plea to a *quo warranto*, temp. Hen. VII., that Shocklach-castle was then standing, and in a state of defence: (*muratum, fossatum, & kernellatum*) Harl. MSS. N^o 2115. f. 173.

^b King's Vale-Royal, part ii, p. 55.

^c Records in the Augmentation-office.

SHOTWICK, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies on the banks of the Dee, seven miles N. W. of Chester; it contains five townships, *Shotwick, Capenburghst, Great-Saugball, Little-Saugball, and Woodbank.*

The manor of *Shotwick* belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh at Chester, under whom it was held by the Shotwicks. Alice, heiress of this family brought it to the Hockenhulls ^e, who continued in possession till about the year 1750, when they sold it to Samuel Bennet Esq. Mr. Bennet by his will, bearing date 1763, devised the reversion, after his wife's death, to his great nephew, John Nevett, who has taken the name of Bennet, and is the present owner.

The church of Shotwick, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of Chester, was given, after the dissolution, to the dean and chapter, who are impropiators and patrons of the curacy. Dr. Peploe Ward is the present lessee, as trustee for some of the prebendaries of Chester, and the families of deceased prebendaries.

Adjoining to the township of Shotwick is an extra-parochial district, called Shotwick-park, long ago dis-parked and converted into farms: within this district, on the banks of the river, is the site of Shotwick-castle, which formerly belonged to the crown. Henry II. is said to have lodged in this castle, on his way to and from Ireland; King Edward I. was there in 1278 ^d. The castle was standing in Leland's time, and its ruins were remaining in 1622 ^e, but there are now no remains of it ^f; part of the walls have been carried away to repair roads within the memory of man. It must have been the park estate, which by the name of the manor of Shotwyke, was granted for life by King Edward III. to Roger de Swinnerton ^g, and afterwards by the same monarch, and Richard II. to the celebrated Sir Hugh Calveley, and his younger brother Sir John ^h. A part of Shotwick-Hall, and Shotwick-Lodge, two ancient seats in this district, remain, and are occupied by farmers. Sir Richard Wilbraham appears to have been keeper of Shotwick-park for King Charles I., then Prince of Wales, in 1622 ⁱ; it is probable that it was granted in fee soon after the restoration, to the Wilbrahams, of whom it was purchased about the year 1700, by Thomas Brereton Esq. ^k. The late Owen Salusbury Brereton Esq. F. R. & A. S., who died in 1798, bequeathed it to his cousin (by the mother's side), Charles

^e Villare Cestriense. Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 125.

^d Rot. Wall. 6 Edw. I.

^e Webb's Itinerary in King's

^f See p. 456.

^g Pat. 6 Edw. III.

^h Pedigrees of the family.

ⁱ Webb's Itinerary.

^k In Simpson's English Traveller (1746) Thomas Brereton Esq. is said to have a seat at Great-Saughall in Shotwick, which manor passed with this estate. See the next page.

Trelawney Esq., who has taken the name of Brereton, and is the present proprietor.

The township of *Capenhurst* lies nearly six miles N.N.E. from Chester: the manor belonged, in the reign of Edw. I. to the family of Capenhurst. In the year 1701 Lord Cholmondeley had two-thirds of this manor, which his ancestors had enjoyed as early as the reign of Henry VII.¹, and Sir James Poole the other third, with the ancient hall, by inheritance from his ancestor Robert de Pulle, who married a co-heiress of the Capenhurst family in the reign of Richard II.^m. The manor of Capenhurst was purchased of Lord Cholmondeley in 1790, by Richard Richardson Esq. the present proprietor, who resides at Capenhurst in a modern house, built since his purchase of the estate: Capenhurst-Hall, an old timber mansion, has been taken down by Mr. Richardson, and a farm-house erected on the site.

The township of *Great-Saughall* lies four miles N. W. by W. from Chester: the manor belonged to the Wilbrahams of Woodhey, and has passed by the same title as Shotwick-park, to Charles Trelawney Brereton Esq., the present proprietor, also of *Little-Saughall*, having purchased it of Charles Potts Esq., who bought it of the family of Stoughton. The hall and demesne of Little-Saughall, which were granted by Queen Elizabeth in 1562 to Robert Tatton, were sold by him to the Gamuls, who continued to possess them in 1698; this estate is now the property of Mr. Robert Ellison, by purchase from Mr. Potts. The Chamberlaine family, supposed to be descended from John Chamberlaine, who was mayor of Chester in 1334, had, for many descents, an estate in this township. Thomas Chamberlaine Esq. of Great-Saughall died in 1757 at the age of ninety-eight; his son left an only daughterⁿ, married to George Reeve, merchant, whose son sold this estate in 1805, to Mr. John Hancock.

Great-Saughall was the residence of Mrs. Mary Davis, of whom there is an account and portrait in Leigh's Natural History of this county: she was remarkable for having an excrecence on her head, which when she was sixty years of age grew into horns; these, after four years growth, were cast and renewed, which happened two or three times before her death: there is a portrait of her in the Ashmolean museum at Oxford, where one of the horns is preserved. A few similar instances have occurred; in the university library at Edinburgh is preserved a horn cut from the head of Elizabeth Love, in the fiftieth year of her

¹ Escheats.

^m Kimber's Baronetage.

ⁿ The Rev. George Chamberlaine of Enham-house in Hampshire, is the representative of this family in the male line.

age°. Mrs. Allen, a woman who had a horn growing on her head, was exhibited in London in the year 1790.

The township of *Woodbank*, sometimes called *Rough-Shotwick*, or *Rowe-Shotwick*, lies six miles and a half N. W. from Chester; in 1300, it was the property of Hugh de Wodebank, who, in 1313, alienated his estate here to William de Hooton, from whose descendants it passed by marriage to the Stanleys of Hooton. In 1637, William Stanley Esq. sold the manor of Woodbank to Thomas Hiccock: after the death of John Hiccock without issue, about the year 1740, this estate passed successively by female heirs to Stubbs and Boulton. It is now vested in the devisees of Edward Platt Esq.^p, who purchased it of Mr. Thomas Boulton.

STOAK, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies about five miles N. from Chester: it contains the townships of *Stoak*, *Great-Stanney*, *Little-Stanney*, and part of *Whitby*, which has been described under Eastham. A moiety of the manor of Stoak, and the manors of Great and Little Stanney, have been for many generations in the family of Bunbury, whose ancestor, David de Bunbury in the reign of Edward II., married the sole heiress of David de Stanney^q; the other moiety of Stoak having been purchased in the last century of the representatives of the Duttons, who had possessed it from a very early period, the three manors are now the property of Sir Charles Bunbury Bart. Stanney-Hall, an ancient timber mansion within a moated site, formerly a seat of the Bunburys, is now inhabited by a farmer.

In Stoak church are several memorials of the Bunbury family, and the monument of Edward Morgan Esq. of Golden-Grove, who married a daughter of Henry Bunbury Esq. of Stanney, and died in 1682: "he was son and heir of the noble captain Edward Morgan, who was slain at Winnington-bridge, Aug. 1659." The impropriation and patronage of the curacy, which had been vested in the Duttons, were purchased with the moiety of the manor which belonged to that family, and are now the property of Sir Charles Bunbury. Sir Thomas Bunbury, the first baronet of the family, founded a school in this township, and endowed it with the interest of 200*l*.

^o See Granger's Biographical History, Vol. iv. p. 216, 217.

^p The reversion of the whole, after the death of his daughter Dorothy, (the wife of George French Esq.) who enjoys two-thirds for life; and that of Charles Price, who has a life-interest in the remainder, is vested in the children of George and Dorothy French. The whole of the descent of this manor was procured for us by William Nicholls Esq.

^q Kimber's Baronetage.

Adjoining to Stoak is *Stanlow*, an extra-parochial place, where John Lacy, constable of Chester, founded an abbey of Cistercian monks, in the year 1178; it was removed to Whalley in Lancashire, on account of the inundations of the Mersey in 1296, by permission of Pope Nicholas IV.^r; a cell nevertheless remained at Stanlow, where it appears that the abbot of Whalley was obliged to find twelve chaplains^s. After the dissolution, Stanlow-Grange was granted to the dean and chapter of Chester, but Sir Richard Cotton having obtained possession of this and other estates as before mentioned^t, his son George sold it to John Poole Esq. of Poole, ancestor of the Rev. Sir Henry Poole Bart., the present proprietor. Several of the founder's family were buried at Stanlow, and removed afterwards to Whalley^u. There is a farm-house on the site of Stanlow-Abbey, in which some small remains of the conventual buildings are visible.

STOCKPORT, anciently written Stokeporte and Stocport, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, is a large market town on the Mersey, which divides it from Lancashire^x, and is 175 miles from London.

Stockport was made a free borough by Robert de Stokeporte, with the permission of Edward I. as Earl of Chester; the same Robert had a grant of a market at Stockport in the year 1260, and an annual fair to be held for seven days at the festival of St. Wilfred^y. Friday is the market day, but the market continues open till Saturday night for butchers' meat, and other provisions. Friday is a great market for corn, cheese^z, and oatmeal; there are now four fairs, March 4, March 25, May 1, and October 23; that which is held on May-day is a considerable cattle-fair. The police of the town is regulated by the resident magistrate, or magistrates, and two constables. Stockport is said to have been formerly incorporated, but there is no charter extant. A mayor is still annually elected, or rather nominated by the lord of the manor at his court; but his office is merely nominal, and he has no jurisdiction or authority. The population of the town, as returned to Parliament in 1801, consisted of 14,830

^r Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. i. p. 901.

^s Villare Cestriense.

^t See p. 573, in the notes.

^u Dugdale's Baronage, i. p. 101.

^x The town appears to extend into that county; the township of Heaton-Norris in Lancashire, which is connected with it by the bridge, contained in 1801, 3768 inhabitants: the town extends on the Cheshire side into the hamlet of Portwood in the township of Brinnington.

^y Watson's History of the Warren family.

^z It is esteemed the greatest cheese-market

in the county.

persons^a, of whom 14,580 were reported to be chiefly employed in trade, manufactures, or handicraft : the chief manufacture of the town is that of cotton-spinning, of which there are twenty-five factories^b; there are several factories also for making muslin : some years ago the principal manufacture of the place was that of winding and throwing filk; the first filk-mills introduced into this country are said to have been set up in this town^c; there is now only one filk mill; the making of hats is carried on to a considerable extent. A large circular building on the site of the castle, built by the late Sir George Warren, the lord of the manor, for a market-house, was for a short time used as a muslin-hall, but is now unoccupied.

Stockport was garrisoned for the Parliament during the civil war, and was considered an important post. In the month of May 1644, Prince Rupert appeared before it with his army; the garrison to the number of 3000 horse, and foot, drew out to oppose him, but were repulsed and the town taken^d. Stockport-bridge was blown up in 1745 to prevent the retreat of the rebels, after their advance to Derby^e.

The parish of Stockport comprises fourteen townships, viz. *Stockport, Bramball, or Bromball, Bredbury, Brinnington, Disley, Dukenfield, Etbells^f, or Stockport-Etbells, Hyde, Marple, Norbury, Offerton, Romiley, Torkington, and Wernith.*

^a Including the populous hamlets of Heaton-Norris, and Portwood, which appear to form part of the town, being only separated from it by the river Mersey; it contained in 1801 about 20,000 inhabitants.

^b Exclusively of nine in the hamlet of Portwood, and eight in Heaton-Norris.

^c Thomas Eyre of Stockport Esq., John Gurnell of London, merchant, Talbot Warren Esq., Thomas Hadfield, and George Nicholson of Heaton-Norris, Lancashire, Chapmen, and Alexander Elcock of Stockport, Gent., appear to have been the first proprietors of the filk-mills at Stockport. Nathaniel Gartrivalli, (or Gardivaglio,) an Italian, is supposed to have been employed as manager. There are persons of the name of Gardivaglio still living in Stockport. From the information of Holland Watson Esq., many years a resident magistrate of this town (now of Congleton,) to whom we are indebted for several communications relating to Stockport.

^d Sanderson's Life of King Charles I. p. 704. The garrison seems to have made but little opposition, and the capture of the town to have been attended with but little bloodshed; the burial of one soldier only, "slain at the taking of Stockport, the 27th of May," is entered in the parish-register.

^e Defoe's Tour through Great-Britain, 8vo. 1743. Vol. ii. p. 386.

^f The constabulary is Etbells generally, but with respect to the poor it is considered as two distinct places, by the names of Stockport-Etbells, and Northen-Etbells; the former district being in the parish of Stockport, and the latter in the parish of Northen: the appointments of overseers of the poor are made separately, and they do not account with each other.

The manor of Stockport belonged soon after the Conquest to the De la Spencers, under whom, in the reign of Henry III. it was held by Sir Robert de Stockport. It has been supposed by some that the ancestor of this Robert was one of Hugh Lupus's barons, but this is the first of the family of whom we find any mention^g, and it has been much doubted whether there was a barony of Stockport. Joan, daughter and heir of Richard Stockport, brought the manor of Stockport to Sir Nicholas de Eton, whose daughter Cecily, having married Sir Edward Warren, ancestor of the Warrens of Poynton, their son John, on failure of the male issue of the Etons, succeeded to the manors of Poynton, Stockport, and other large estates, now the property of Lord Viscount Bulkeley in right of his wife, only daughter and heir of the late Sir George Warren, K. B.

There was anciently a castle at Stockport, which, in the year 1173, was held by Geoffrey de Costentine, against King Henry II.^h This castle appears to have belonged afterwards to the Stockports: a plan of the walls is given in Watson's History of the House of Warren. The site is now occupied by the large circular building before-mentioned.

On the north wall of the chancel of the parish church, which is an ancient structure, is the monument of Sir John Warren, who married Jane Arderne about the latter end of the fifteenth century: and a monument (by Westmacott) lately erected in memory of the late Sir George Warren; a female figure in white marble, said to be a portrait of Lady Bulkeley, is represented as mourning over an urn: the inscription is as follows: "To the memory of Sir George Warren, late of Poynton in this county, knight of the most honourable order of the Bath, lineally descended from the noble and ancient race of the Earls of Warren and Surrey, many years representative in Parliament for the town of Lancaster, lord of the barony and manor of Stockport, &c., whose remains lie interred in a family vault near this place; in whom the tender affections of the parent, the

^g The Warrens, as descended from the Etons and Stockports, are styled in some monumental inscriptions and other ancient evidences, Barons of Stockport: but as the Stockport family were mesne-lords in the reign of Henry III., it is more probable, if Stockport was, as some suppose, one of Hugh Lupus's baronies, that the Stockports became possessed of it by purchase, and not by inheritance. It may be observed that there are documents extant, which show the extent of the jurisdiction of the baronies of Nantwich, Halton, Kinderton, and Malpas, but we find nothing of this kind relating to the barony of Stockport; and in records of the reign of Henry III. and Edward I., it is spoken of, not as a barony, but only as a manor. It appears also that the proprietor of the *lordship* or manor of Stockport, in the plea to a *quo warranto*, (Temp. Hen. VII.) claimed only the privilege of punishing minor offenders by the pillory, tumbrel, and cucking-stool, (Harl. MSS. N^o 2115. f. 194.) whereas the barons, both spiritual and temporal, had the power of life and death.

^h Benedictus Abbas de Vita Hen. II. (Hearne.) Vol. i. p. 55.

polished manners of the gentleman, the amiable qualities of the friend, and the social endearing attractions of the neighbour were conspicuously united. Ob. Aug. 31, 1801, æt. 67." The monument was put up by Elizabeth Harriot Warren, Viscountess Bulkeley, his only daughter and heir by his first wife Jane, daughter and heir of Thomas Revell Esq. of Fetcham in Surrey. In the chancel and south aisle are memorials of the Wrights of Mottram-Andrew and Offerton. In the south aisle, which belonged to the families of Arden and Davenport, is the monument of John Arden^b Esq. of Harden, who died in 1703. In a chapel belonging to the Leghs of Lyme is the monument of George Clarke Esq. representative of the Hydes of Hyde, who died in 1777. In a small brick building, attached to the south side of the chancel, is the tomb of Richard Vernon, sometime rector of Stockportⁱ.

It appears that there was formerly a manor attached to the rectory, called Church-gate, for which courts were held^k. The affairs of this parish are managed by four hereditary church-wardens called Præpositi, or Posts, being the owners of four neighbouring manors, Bredbury, Brinnington, Bramhall, and Norbury, who execute their office by deputy. Sir Edmund Shaa^l, or Shaw, goldsmith and alderman of London, founded a free-school^m at Stockport in the year 1487, and endowed it with 10*l.* *per ann.* The nomination of the master is in the Goldsmiths'

^a From the time of the Conquest till of late years this family spelt their name Arden or Arderne.

^b The inscription is in old French; it is probable that this was Richard Vernon, described in some pedigrees as *capellanus*, who was living in the reign of Edward III. He was grandson of Hugh de Vernon, a younger brother of Nicholas Vernon Baron of Stockport.

^k Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. — In a terrier, bearing date 1700, mention is made of lands held by the service of being foreman of the jury, when the rector should hold his court.

^l Dr. Shaa, who preached the celebrated sermon at Paul's-cross in favour of the claims of Richard Duke of Gloucester, was his brother.

^m The following is a correct copy of the clause in Sir Edmund Shaa's will relating to this school. "And I woll that the other honest preest, (the first-mentioned was to officiate at Woodhead-chapel,) be a discrete man, and conning in gramer, and be able of connyng to teche gramer; and I woll that he sing his masse, and say his other divyne service in the parishe of Stopforde in the saide countye of Chester, at souch an aulter there, as can be thought convenient for hym, and to pray specially for my soule, and the soules, &c. And I woll that the same connyng preest kepe a gramer-school continually in the said town of Stopforde, as long as he shall contynewe there in the said service. And that he frely, without any wages or salarye, asking or taking of any parson, except only my salarye hereunder specified, shall teche al maner person's children, and other that woll come to him to lerne, as well of the said towne of Stopforde, as of other townes thereabout, the science of gramer as ferre as lieth in hym for to do, unto the time that they be be convenably instructed in gramer by him, after their capaciteys that God woll geve them. And I woll that the same connyng preest,
with

Goldsmiths' company: the school is farther endowed with 10*l.* *per ann.*, payable out of the inclosed town-lands, and the interest of benefactions, making altogether about 46*l.* *per ann.*

Sunday schools were originally instituted at Stockport in the year 1784, when six schools were established, most of which, after a while declined; but one of these, conducted chiefly by the Methodists, had in 1794 six hundred and ninety-five scholars: since this time the institution has been gradually increasing, and is now supported on a scale uncommonly extensive, above three thousand children being now educated in it wholly by gratuitous teachers, of whom there are upwards of two hundred. A large school-house, one hundred and thirty-two feet in length, fifty-seven in width, and four stories high, was erected by subscription in 1805ⁿ.

There is an alms-house at Stockport founded in 1683, for six old men, by Edward Warren Esq., who endowed it with 20*s.* *per ann.* for each; they are also entitled to 5*s.* *per ann.* each, from another benefactor, and coals.

A dispensary was established at Stockport upon an extensive scale, about the year 1792; Lord Bulkeley is president; the Rev. Charles Prescott, the rector, vice-president; eight hundred and forty-eight patients were admitted into the dispensary and fever-house, from March 25, 1807, to March 25, 1808; the dispensary-house was built in 1797; fever-wards were added in 1803.

with all his scholers with hym that he shall have for the time, shall, two dayes in evcry weke, as long as he shall abyde in that service ther, that is to wite, Wedynysday and Fryday, come into the said church of Stopforde, unto the grave ther, where the bodies of my fader, and my moder lyen buried, and ther say togiders the psalm of *De Profundis*, with the versicles and colletts therto accustomed, after Salisbury use; and pray specially for my soule, and the soules of my fader, and my moder, and for all Christen soules. And I woll that the same preeft teachinge grammer ther, shall have for his salarye yerely, as long as he abide in that service there, 10*l.* of the said 14*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*: residue of the said annuell and quyterent of 17*l.* And for to corage my said feliship of the said craft of goldsmythes, or else that other feliship, the which woll agree to ber the charge of the said annuell and quiterent of 17*l.*, to be the better willen to the supportacion of the same charge for evermore: I woll that the same feliship shall have for evermore, the presentement, nominacion, and admyssion of the said two preeftes of the said two services, and the removing and puttying out of them, and admytting of other into the same services, for causes resonable, as often as the case so shall require."

In another clause of his wil he directs his executors "to buy as mooch Walshe fryse, half white and half black, as may and thereof do mak at my coste 200 party-gownes for the poor of Stopforde, Chedle, Mottram," and some neighbouring parishes in Lancashire, there specified. To Stopforde church he gives "as good a sute of vestments of blue velvet as may be bought with the summe of 40 markes." He directs "16 rings of fyne gold, to be graven with the well of pitie, the well of mercie, and the well of everlasting life," and to be given to his friends.

ⁿ Printed report, 1808.

St. Peter's chapel at Stockport was founded in 1768 by William Wright Esq., who procured an act of Parliament for that purpose, and endowed it with a rent-charge of 120*l.* *per ann.* issuing out of the demefne-lands of Handford or Handforth, which was settled on the minister, together with the rent of pews: it has been since augmented by Queen Anne's bounty. The patronage is vested in Lawrence Wright Esq., of Mottram-Andrew, as representative of the founder, whose monument is in the chapel. There are in Stockport, a Presbyterians-meeting-house, another for Quakers, and several Methodists' meeting-houses. Near the town is a chapel for the use of Roman Catholics, many persons of which religion, now resident at Stockport, have emigrated from Ireland.

The township of *Bramball*, or *Bromball*, formerly written *Bromhale*, lies three miles S. by W. from Stockport; the manor was parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey. Hamo de Massey gave Bromhale to Mathew de Bromhale^o, whose descendant about the reign of Henry V. had an only daughter and heiress, married to John Davenport, ancestor of William Davenport Esq. of Bramhall, the present proprietor. In the chapel of this venerable mansion^p, are the arms of Davenport, Bromhall, and several of the Cheshire gentry. The ceiling of the drawing-room, which was fitted up in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is enriched with pendant ornaments: there is another large room with a wooden roof, enriched with quatrefoils, and the wainscot painted with flowers, grotesque animals, and figures.

Sir Humphrey Davenport, a younger son of the Bramhall family, was appointed one of the justices of the King's Bench in 1629, and in 1630 chief baron of the Exchequer; he was one of the judges against whom a charge was brought in during the Parliament of 1640, for their unconstitutional advice to King Charles I., on the business of ship-money^q. Sir Humphrey Davenport married one of the co-heiresses of Sir Richard Sutton of Sutton, by whom he left issue.

The manor of *Bredbury* was held under the Stockports, by the family of Bredbury, and the Stockports held it under the Barony of Dunham-Massey, by the service of finding a man with a sack and a pike for the wars^r. The heiress of the Bredburys brought a moiety of this manor to the Ardens: the other moiety was for several generations in the Davenports of Henbury, from whom it passed by a female heir to Sir Fulke Lucy. John Arden Esq. and Sir Fulke Lucy were joint proprietors in 1662; the other moiety having been since purchased by the Ardens, the whole now belongs to John Arden Esq. Bredbury-Hall is occupied as a farm-

^o Villare Cestriense.

^p See p. 456.

^q Whitlocke's Memorials, p. 45.

^r Villare Cestriense.

house. In this township is Hawarden, or Harden, the ancient feat of the Arderns, which appears to have been acquired by a match with the heiress of Bredbury above-mentioned: Stephen de Bredbury purchased it of Matthew de Hawarden in or about the reign of Henry III. John Arden Esq. the present owner of this estate, resides occasionally at an ancient house in Stockport, which has long been in the family. In the old hall of Harden, which is now occupied as a farm-house, are several portraits, most of which had belonged to the Crewes, and were brought from Utkinton-Hall: among the most remarkable is that of Mrs. Jane Lane, who assisted the escape of King Charles II., represented as concealing the crown under her cloak; and a half-length of judge Clinch in his robes.

The manor of *Brinnington* having been parcel of the barony of Dunham-Massey, was with other estates given by Hamon de Massey to Robert, son of Waltheof, for which the said Robert was retained to serve him in his chambers, and to carry his arms and clothes when the Earl of Chester in his own person should go to Wales; Hamon was to find him a sumpture, a man, and a sack, whilst in his service in the army: and the said Robert was to swear that if Hamon were in captivity, he should help to set him free, and also help to make his son a knight, and to marry his eldest daughter; in token of which Robert gave Hamon a gold ring¹. This manor was soon afterwards in the Stockports, who were succeeded by the Dukensfields as early as the year 1327²: it continued in the Dukensfield family till about the year 1770, when it passed with Dukensfield-Hall and other estates to John Astley Esq., of whom it was purchased by the father of James Harrison Esq., the present proprietor. In this township is the populous hamlet of Portwood, in which stands Portwood-Hall, the manor-house of Brinnington, now let to a farmer.

The township of *Disley*, or *Disley-Stanley*, lies about six miles S. E. from Stockport: the manor was for many generations in the Leghs of Lyme, and is now under the will of the late Thomas Peter Legh Esq., the property of his natural son, Thomas Legh, a minor. A family which took its name from the township held lands at an early period by the service of being foresters of Macclesfield; these lands seem to have passed by inheritance to the Suttons and Sherds³, or Sherts. The last-mentioned family, which was settled at Disley as early as the reign of Henry VI., continued to reside at Shert-Hall in this township in 1662⁴.

The chapel was re-built, consecrated, and made parochial in the year 1558. The curate is appointed by the Leghs of Lyme. There is a school at Disley

¹ Villare Cestriense.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

endowed with 10*l.* 5*s.* *per ann.*, given by the Leghs of Lyme and other persons; the Leghs nominate the master.

The township of *Dokenfield*, now spelt *Dukenfield*, lies about six miles and a half N. E. by N. from Stockport; the manor was given by Hamon, Baron of Dunham-Massey, to Matthew de Bromhall: in 1327 it was purchased of William de Stockport by Robert de Dokenfield, whose ancestors, according to the pedigree of the family, had resided in this township from the time of the conquest. Sir Robert Dukenfield was created a baronet in 1665. Penelope, the widow of Sir William Dukenfield Daniel Bart., who had assumed the latter name in addition to his own, upon becoming possessed of the estates of the Daniels of Tabley, brought this manor and other estates in marriage to John Astley Esq. an eminent artist, of a good family in Shropshire, and they are now the property of his son, Francis Dukenfield Astley Esq. Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield Bart., the immediate descendant of this ancient family, who resides at Warfield in Berkshire, inherits no part of the family estate. Dukenfield-Hall, formerly the seat of the Dukenfields, is divided into two tenements; the chapel, which was originally built in 1398, forms one of the wings: in the chancel is still to be seen a memorial for Sir Robert Dukenfield Bart., who died in 1729. Dukenfield-Lodge, which was built by the late Mr. Astley, and stands on a wooded bank of the River Tame, is now the seat of F. D. Astley Esq. Near the lodge is an ancient Dissenters' meeting-house, with a burying-ground, in which are some monuments of the Dukenfields.

Some years ago the Moravians established a settlement in this township, and erected some spacious buildings with a chapel, &c. but not agreeing with the late Mr. Astley about the renewal of their estate, which was held for lives, most of them removed in 1785 to Fairfield, on the road between Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester, where they still have a settlement: some of the brethren remained at Dukenfield; in or about the year 1805, they renewed their lease of the chapel, the minister's house, and a girls' boarding school; but they have not resumed their mode of living in community under the same roof, as they formerly did at Dukenfield and at Chelsea, and as they now do at Fairfield, and their other regular settlements. In this township are very extensive collieries, and some cotton-factories.

The manor of *Etbells*, or *Stockport-Etbells*, has passed with Etbells in Northenden, and is now the property of Thomas William Tatton Esq. of Withenshaw.

The township of *Hyde*, which lies four miles N. E. by E. from Stockport, gave name to a family which possessed a moiety of the manor, or some portion of it,

as early as the reign of Henry III. : the other moiety was acquired in the reign of Edw. III. of the Baguleys² ; it is now the property of George Hyde Clarke Esq., whose grandfather, George Clarke Esq., lieutenant-governor of New-York, married Anne, one of the daughters, and eventually sole heiress of Edward Hyde³ Esq. Hyde-Mill, the seat of Mr. Clarke, is an ancient building, with a modern front : it is pleasantly situated on the bank of the Tame : Hyde-Hall passed many years ago by purchase from the family of Hyde, to that of Hulton of Hulton in Lancashire, and is now the property of William Hulton Esq. : it is occupied as a farm-house. There is a Dissenters' meeting-house in this township called Hyde-chapel.

The township of *Marple* lies nearly five miles E. S. E. from Stockport ; the manor was anciently in the Stockports^b, afterwards for several generations in the Vernons^c. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it appears to have been in the Stanley family ; Sir Edward Stanley sold it in parcels to Mr. Hebbert, chaplain to Lord Keeper Bridgman, and others ; Mr. Hebbert had the manor in 1662^d. Marple-Hall is now the seat of John Isherwood Esq., descended in the female line from the Bradshaw family, who formerly resided there, having been acquired about the year 1656 by the marriage of Henry, elder brother of president Bradshaw, with Mary, daughter of Barnard Welles of Hope in Derbyshire. The Bradshaws before this time resided at Wybersley-Hall in this township ; the manor of which, from time immemorial, appears to have been an appendage to that of Marple. At this hall president Bradshaw was born : his baptism is thus entered in the register at Stockport, " 1602—John, the sonne of Henry Bradshaw of Marple, was baptized the 10th of December : " in the margin, in another hand, is added the word traitor.

At Marple is a chapel of ease in the gift of the rector of Stockport : it has been augmented with Queen Anne's bounty, but the endowment is still small : the chapel, which stands detached from the village, is now re-building upon an enlarged scale : it is five miles from Stockport.

President Bradshaw by his will, bearing date 1653, gave the sum of 700*l.* to purchase an annuity, for " maintaining a free-school at Marple, the same to be laid out as his trustees and his brother Henry should think fittest for effecting his purpose : " the township was never benefitted by this bequest ; as Bradshaw's

² Villare Cestriense.

³ See more of the Hyde family, p. 385.

^b Watson's History of the Warren family, Vol. ii. 224.

^c Esch. Edw. I., Edw. III., Henry IV., Henry VI., and Edw. IV. It was held by free forestry. See p. 744.

^d Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

property consisting chiefly of estates which had belonged to the royalists, was confiscated at the Restoration, it is probable that his trustees never had the power of putting his intentions into execution. His brother Henry, who survived him, founded a school in this township upon a smaller scale, endowing it with the interest of 100*l.*, which having been augmented by some other small benefactions, the income is now 8*l.* 17*s.* *per ann.*

The township of *Norbury* lies nearly four miles S. E. by S. from Stockport; the manor was from a very early period in the Hydes of Hyde: it is now vested in Thomas Legh, the natural son of the late Mr. Legh of Lyme, having been purchased by the Leghs of Edward Hyde Esq., the last male heir of that ancient family. The hall is in a ruinous state. There is a chapel of ease at Norbury in the patronage of the Leghs of Lyme, which has been for many years held with that of Poynton; the endowment is small. About the year 1760, Peter Legh Esq. of Lyme built a school-house at Norbury, but the school has not been endowed.

The township of *Offerton* lies about two miles and a half S. E. by E. from Stockport; the manor was anciently in the Stockports, from whom it passed to the Warrens: it is now the property of Lawrence Wright Esq. of Mottram-Andrew, whose ancestor acquired it almost two centuries ago, by marriage with an heiress of the Winnington family. Mr. Robert Dodge, about the year 1765, gave a rent-charge of 1*l.* *per ann.*^d for the purpose of paying the school-wages of one or more poor boys of this township.

The manor of *Romiley* was anciently in the Stockports, from whom it descended to the Etons and Warrens: in the early part of the seventeenth century it was held under the Warrens, by the Davenports; Reginald Bretland Esq., serjeant at law, died seised of it in 1703: it is now the joint property of John Arden Esq. and Thomas William Tatton Esq.

Chad-kirk chapel, in this township, had been thirty or forty years in ruins in 1718: Serjeant Bretland left by will 5*l.* *per ann.* to an orthodox preacher at this chapel, and requested that the rector of Stockport would add as much more; this had never been paid in 1718: the chapel lay in ruins till about the year 1746, when it was re-built by subscription: the rector of Stockport is patron. The above-mentioned annuity of 5*l.* *per ann.* is now paid by Thomas William Tatton Esq., upon whose estates (formerly belonging to the Bretlands) it is charged.

The township of *Torkington* lies about three miles S. E. from Stockport; the manor which formerly belonged to the Torkingtons^e, is now the property of Willoughby Legh Esq. of Booths, whose ancestor purchased it of the family of Ryle. The hall is occupied as a farm-house. The late Mr. Legh built a neat lodge in Torkington, for his occasional residence.

^d On two houses now the property of Mr. Orme.

^e Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 91.

The manor of *Werneth* or *Wernith* passed for several centuries with Romiley ; it was Sir Fulk Lucy's in 1562^f, afterwards serjeant Bretland's, and is now the property of Thomas William Tatton Esq.

GULDEN-SUTTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, lies about three miles N. by E. from Chester : it contains only one township, and about nine hundred statute acres of land. The manor of Guilden, Golden, or Gilders-Sutton, was given by John Lacy, constable of Chester, to Adam de Dutton^g, whose son Geffrey granted it to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh at Chester. This estate, some time after the reformation, was in a younger branch of the Booths of Dunham-Massey^h, who exercised manerial rights here more than a century ago. In the year 1699, Elizabeth, daughter of George Booth of Woodford-Hall, near Over, having married George Tyndale Esq. of Bath-Ford in Somersetshire, this estate passed to the Tyndales, of whose descendant it was purchased by James Croxton Esq. in 1773 : Mr. Croxton's daughter and heiress, Emma, brought this and other estates in Guilden-Sutton in marriage to the Rev. Rowland Egerton, (seventh son of the late John Egerton Esq. of Oulton,) the present proprietor and lord of the manor. The grandfather of the late Mr. Croxton had purchased in 1725, a house and lands in this parish, which had belonged to the Breretons, and afterwards to the Wrights ; in 1747 he purchased a mansion, with its demesne, of Lancelot Machell Esq. of Crakenthorp-Hall in Westmorland ; this house, which was for several descents a seat of the Machells, has been taken down ; that which belonged to the Wrights is now a farm-house.

The chancel of the parish church received so much injury from a storm on the 21st of January 1802, that there was a necessity for its being taken down and rebuilt. The church of Guilden-Sutton belonged to the college of St. John the Baptist in Chester ; Sir Peter Warburton bought the impropriation in the reign of Queen Elizabeth ; it has now been more than a century in the Stanleys of Alderley ; Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. being the present patron and impropriator.

SWETTENHAM, in the hundred of Northwich and deanery of Middlewich, lies about four miles N. W. from Congleton, and about seven miles east from Middlewich ; it contains two townships, *Swettenham*, and *Carincham*, or

^f Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^g See p. 485, in the notes.

^h It is most probable that it was granted to the dean and chapter, obtained by Sir Richard Cotton, with their other estates, (see p. 573, in the notes,) and sold by his family to the Booths.

Kermicham. The manor of *Swettenham* was the ancient inheritance of a family of that name: Joan, daughter and heir of Thomas de Swettenham brought it to the Davenports of Davenport in the sixteenth century; but before the year 1620 the male heir of the Swettenhams had, by purchase, become repossessed of it¹. In the year 1780, on the death of Thomas Swettenham Esq., the last heir male of this family, who had assumed the name of Willis, this manor passed under his devise to his widow for life, with remainder to Mrs. Heys, a distant relation, for her life, and after both their deaths, in fee, to John Eaton Esq. another distant relation, who assumed the name of Swettenham, and was father of Millington Eaton Swettenham Esq. of Didsbury in Lancashire, the present proprietor: Swettenham-Hall is in the occupation of Edward Smythe Esq. The advowson of the rectory, after the next presentation, is vested in Mr. Swettenham.

The township of *Carincham*, *Karincham*, *Kermincham*, or *Kermicham*, anciently written, *Cerdingham*, lies about five miles and a half N. W. from Congleton; in the reign of Edward I. the manor was held under the barony of Hawarden by the Swettenhams^k: Randal Mainwaring, of a younger branch of the Mainwarings of Peover, became possessed of it about the year 1431^l; it is now the property of John Mainwaring Uniacke Esq., who, on the death of John Mainwaring Esq., the last heir-male of this branch of the family in 1784, succeeded to his estates under a settlement made by Roger Mainwaring Esq., his maternal grandfather: the hall is now occupied as a farm-house. In this township is *Rowley*, the ancient property and feat of the Rowley family^m, from the reign of Edward I. to that of Henry VIII., when Robert Rowley Esq. sold it to the Mainwaringsⁿ.

TARPORLEY, in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Chester, is a small market town on the great road from London to Chester, ten miles and a half from Chester, and one hundred and seventy-one from London. The parish contains the townships of *Tarporley*, *Eaton*, *Rushton*, and *Utkinton*^o. *Tarporley* is called in ancient records a borough, and the houses are called burgages: it had in former times a mayor, as appears by deeds of the years 1348 and 1396^p: it is now governed by a constable. The market, which was originally on Tuesday, was granted in 1281, to Hugh de *Tarporley*, then lord of the manor, together with a fair for three days at the festival of the Holy-Rood^q; the market, which is inconsiderable, is now held on Thursday; it had been many years disused,

¹ Villare Cestriense.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m See p. 397.

ⁿ Villare Cestriense.

^o The township of *Eaton* lies about two miles E. N. E. from *Tarporley*; *Rushton*, nearly three miles in the same direction; *Utkinton*, about a mile and a half N. W. by W.

^p Cole's MSS. British Museum.

^q Cart. 10 Edw. I.

when it was restored, somewhat more than a century ago, by Sir John Crewe, who in 1705 procured a grant of three fairs^r, now held on the first of May, the Monday after the festival of St. Bartholomew, and Dec. 11; they are chiefly for cows and pigs: Sir John Crewe built the market-house. There is an annual fox-hunt of great celebrity, held at Tarporley on the first week in November, during which week there are horse-races^s, at a place called Crab-tree-green on Delamere-forest.

A pamphlet "called *Cheshire Successe*," published by the Parliamentary party, gives an account of a pitched battle at Tarporley on the 21st of February 1642-3, between Sir William Brereton's forces, and the royalists from Chester; but although the parliamentarians were more successful in the other actions spoken of in this pamphlet, they appear, notwithstanding the King's forces are said to have suffered greater loss, to have retreated in this instance, for which the disadvantage of the ground, and the approach of night, are assigned as reasons.

The manor of *Tarporley* was anciently in a family which took its name from the town: a moiety of it belonged, as early as the year 1307, to the Greys of Ruthin: this moiety, to which the advowson of the church was annexed, continued in the family of Grey till the reign of Henry VII., when it was sold by the Earl of Kent to Hugh Dennis, and having passed by a subsequent sale to the Hintons, was purchased of them about the year 1590 by the Dones, who had then for several generations been possessed of the other moiety, having resided at Utkinton-Hall in this parish, before the year 1200. A younger branch of this family was of Flaxyards, in the township of Eaton: on the extinction of the elder branch in the male line about the year 1400, the Utkinton estates passed in marriage with its heiress to the Dones of Flaxyards, who removed to Utkinton. Sir John Done, who was knighted by King James at his house at Utkinton in 1617, on occasion of the King's hunting in the forest of Delamere^t, of which he was hereditary bow-bearer, died in 1629: his only son, John Done Esq., dying either before or soon after him without issue, the estates were divided among three sisters, Jane, who died unmarried, Mary, wife of John Crewe Esq., and Eleanor, wife of Ralph Arderne Esq.^u. Upon a partition, the manor and advowson of Tarporley, and the manor of Utkinton, were allotted to Jane, the elder sister, who, by a deed of the 12th of February 1662, settled these estates to the use of herself for

^r Cole's MSS.

^s Horse-races on Delamere-forest are mentioned in Webb's Itinerary, 1622.

King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 118.

^t Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 106.

^u A fourth sister, Frances, the wife of Thomas Maister Esq. of Nantwich, died before her brother, without issue.

life, with remainder to her sister Mary for life, with divers remainders over; upon the determination of which, the premises so settled, were to be divided into six parts; two sixths were limited to Sir John Arderne (then son and heir-apparent to his sister Eleanor), and his heirs; and the other four-sixths to Henry, Ralph, James, and Philip, younger brothers of the said Sir John, to each of them and his heirs, one-sixth. These estates became afterwards the subject of litigation in the court of Chancery, and so continued till the year 1725, when a partition was decreed between the children of Eleanor, the youngest sister of Mrs. Jane Done, (who married Ralph Arderne Esq.) in the following proportions: two-sixths of the manors, with Utkinton-Hall, which had then lately been the seat of Sir John Crewe^a, were allotted to Sir John Arderne Knight, great-grandfather of John Arden Esq., the present proprietor; one-sixth to Henry Arderne, the ancestor of Mrs. Glegg, in whom it is now vested; one-sixth^y to Ralph Arderne, whose eldest daughter brought it in marriage to Jonathan Hulley; another sixth-part was allotted to the dean and chapter of Chester, as devisees of dean Arderne, who died in 1691, having bequeathed the chief part of his estates to that body; the remaining sixth share was allotted to Philip Arderne, and having been devised by him to the Dukensfield family, was purchased in 1773 of Sir Nathaniel Dukensfield Bart., by Philip Egerton Esq. of Oulton, father of John Egerton Esq., who is the present proprietor.

It appears by the plea to a *quo warranto*, in the reign of Henry VII. that the Earl of Kent, as lord of the manor of Tarporley, claimed by ancient usage the right of punishing bakers offending against the law, by the pillory; maltsters by the tumbrell^z; and scolds by the *thew*, which is defined in the record to be the punishment of being placed on a certain stool called a cucking-stool: several other manors in the county claimed the like privileges, as appears by pleas to *quo warranto*'s of the same date^a.

The manors of Rushton and Eaton, which had been granted by John Scott, Earl of Chester, to Hugh Fitton^b, and which were afterwards successively in the Greys Earls of Kent, and in the Hintons, appear to have been afterwards in the Dones, and to have passed with Tarporley and Utkinton; but Rushton-Hall with its demesne, which continued in the Hintons and their representatives, the Mad-

^a Son of Mary Arderne, the second sister, who married John Crewe Esq.

^y This share is now the property of Mr. John Shaw of Idenshaw, who purchased it in 1804 of Jasper, son of Jonathan Hulley above-mentioned.

^z The tumbrell is by most authors defined as synonymous to the cucking-stool, but is here clearly spoken of as a distinct punishment.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2115.

^c Ibid.

docks, was sold by the marchioness of Landfdown, (daughter and heir of the Rev. Hinton Maddock,) to Richard Maddock Esq., the present proprietor.

Utkinton-Hall was the ancient seat of the Dones, and afterwards of Sir John Crewe, who had a valuable library there: when Mr. Cole visited Cheshire in 1755, many years after Sir John's death, the books remained at Utkinton; the greater part of the hall has been taken down, what remains is fitted up as a farm-house; the chapel which was consecrated in 1635, has long ago been turned into rooms for the use of the farm. Flaxyards-Hall anciently the seat of a younger branch of the Dones of Utkinton, who eventually became representatives of the elder branch, has long been a farm-house.

The well mentioned in p. 416, was within the township of Utkinton, at a place called the Hollins, and went by the name of the New-found-well for more than a century; the bath on the waste was resorted to by great numbers of persons from all parts of the country, who had free access to the water, and wonderful cures were reported to be wrought by it in cases of lameness, till a neighbouring farmer inclosed the bath, and demanded a small payment for the use of it; and from that time it is said that no more crutches were hung, as before they had been, on the surrounding hollies. Some years afterwards the waste where the well had been discovered was inclosed, and the tenant of the estate, who had built a house within a quarter of a mile of the spot, demolished the bath, about fourscore years ago, covered up the well, and conveyed the water in leaden pipes into his kitchen for the use of the house^c. John Greenway, a name-sake, and most probably a descendant of the person who is spoken of in the pamphlet, as the first discoverer of this once celebrated well, lives about half a mile from the Hollins.

In Tarporley church are several monuments and other memorials of the families of Done, Crewe, Wagstaff^d, &c. The monument of Sir John Done, who died in 1629, has a half-length effigies of the deceased in armour, with his badge of office, as hereditary chief bailiff, forester, or bow-bearer of the forest of Delamere: this office, or at least a moiety^e of it, was acquired by his ancestor, Henry Done, who married the

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^c From the information of the Rev. Thomas Williamson, minister of Little-Budworth.

^d In the chancel is a cenotaph in memory of Thomas Wagstaff, buried at Tachbrook in Warwickshire in 1686; he married the daughter and co-heir of Comb of Warwick, by whom he had Sir Comb Wagstaff Knt., and Mary wife of Sir John Crewe; the inscription on this monument makes mention also of the families of Boughton and Rouse, who were connected with the Wagstaffs.

^e An inquest was taken at Chester, 35 Edw. III., to determine a claim between Richard Done, and Richard Grosvenor; the former contended that the whole of the *bailiffy*, or *magistracy* of the forest

the eldest daughter and co-heir of Richard de Kingsley, by which match he also acquired large estates in the parish of Frodsham. The badge of this office, an ancient bugle-horn^g, was formerly at Utkinton-Hall, but was taken into Yorkshire by Mr. Arderne, to whom, on the death of Sir John Crewe, the office of chief-forester devolved: it is now in the possession of John Arden Esq. of Harden, in whom the said office is now vested.

The monument of John Crewe^h Esq. (son of Sir Randle Crewe, chief-justice of the King's Bench,) who married Mary Done, and died in 1670, has a medallion of the deceased; that of his son, Sir John Crewe of Utkinton, who died in 1711, has a recumbent effigies in white marble; that of Mrs. Jane Done, who died in 1662, and her sister Mrs. Mary Crewe, who died in 1690, is in the north-aisle, and has recumbent figures of the deceased in white-marble: in the south aisle is a painting in chiaro-scuro of the monument of Jane, the lady of Sir Clippesby Crewe (who died in 1639) in Westminster-abbey. Sir Clippesby was father of John Crewe of Crewe, the last of that branch of the family, who died in 1684: his lady was daughter of Sir John Pulteney of Misterton in Leicestershire. On the ceiling of this aisle are the arms of Done, Arderne, and Crewe; and of their alliances.

The advowson of the valuable rectory of Tarporelyⁱ was divided into the same portions as the manor, but Richard Arderne having purchased his brothers Ralph and Henry Arderne's shares, they have descended to John Arden Esq., who is now possessed of four-sixths of the advowson: one sixth belongs to the dean and chapter, who presented for the first time in 1808, Mr. Hugh Chol-

forest of Delamere, descended to him from his ancestor, Henry, by virtue of his marriage with Jane Kingsley, who, in lieu of lands, had, as her share of her father's estates, the bailiffcy of the said forest. Richard Grosvenor maintained on the contrary, that a moiety of the bailiffcy had been vested in his ancestors from time immemorial: it was decided in favour of Grosvenor. We find that John Done of Utkinton, in the twenty-fifth year of Henry VIII., purchased of Sir John Talbot, and Margaret his wife, this moiety of the magistracy and custody of the forest. — Woodnoth's Collections, p. 65.

^g See p. 462.

^h This John Crewe was one of the commissioners on the side of the parliament at the treaty of Uxbridge. — Whitlocke's Memorials, p. 120.

ⁱ Sir John Crewe by his will, bearing date 1710, ordered and appointed, that his cousin Richard Arderne, and whoever should succeed him as patron of Tarporely, should require a bond of every new incumbent presented by them, to resign the rectory in the event of his accepting any other benefice, or in the event of his absenting himself for three weeks at any one time, unless in case of long journies upon special and extraordinary occasions, of which he should first acquaint the owners of Utkinton-Hall, and in such case, not to be absent more than two months at any one time.

mondeley, the dean, being then instituted on their nomination: the next turn belongs to John Egerton Esq. of Oulton.

A chapel, called the Hermits, or le Hermitage, near Tarporley, is mentioned as annexed to the church of Tarporley, in a record of the reign of Richard II., and the chapel of Rode or Rood, in records of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries: the advowson of the church, with these chapels, was then in the family of Grey ^k.

Mrs. Jane Done, who died in 1662, gave 20*l.* *per ann.* to the school at Tarporley, and the interest of 200*l.* to bind children apprentice: Sir John Crewe settled 12*l.* *per ann.* in lieu of this in 1688; and in 1703, a further sum of 13*l.* *per ann.*, in lieu of money given for that purpose by his mother ^l. The school-house was built by Dorothy Lady Done, mother of Mrs. Jane Done, by whom it was endowed; the nomination of the master was settled to be in Mrs. Jane Done's heirs, who, in the year 1724, transferred their right to Richard Arderne Esq. and his heirs. The Rev. Thomas Garner gave the sum of 100*l.* in the 4 *per cents.*, for the purpose of instructing poor children of this town.

Sir John Crewe in 1704, at the request of his lady, built some alms-houses at Tarporley, for four poor women, which are endowed with a rent-charge ^m.

On an old house at Tarporley, are the two following curious distichs, accompanied with the crest and initials of Ralph Done; some other crests, and the coat of Arderne.

“Ralph Done Esquyer, the Lorde of thys place
Was an eade to thys buldyng in every cace”

Jhon Winter 1586.

“Fenys quoth Jhon Newson hath kept hys promes just,
In buldyng of thys house in Awguft.”

Anno 1585.

TARVIN, in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Chester, lies five miles N. by E. from Chester on the London road. It had for some time a weekly market procured by Sir John Savage in the reign of Queen Elizabeth ⁿ, which has been discontinued beyond the memory of man; a fair formerly held on the

^k Cole's MSS. British Museum. ^l It was appropriated to the eldest sons and daughters of poor cottagers. Sir John Crewe by his will, bearing date 1710, orders and appoints that the school-master shall not be in holy orders, and that every new school-master, on his appointment, shall give a bond to resign his situation in the event of his entering into holy orders.

^m In the return of charitable donations to the House of Commons in 1786, Dame Mary Crewe is said to have settled a rent charge of 6*l.* *per ann.* on these alms-houses.

ⁿ King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 47.

9th of December, has been discontinued about twenty years. The parish of Tarvin comprises the townships of *Tarvin-cum-Oscoft*, *Astton*, *Burton*, *Clotton*, *Duddon*, *Hockenbull*, *Horton-cum-Peele*, *Kelfall*, *Great-Mouldsworth*, *Bruen-Stapleford*, and *Fulke-Stapleford*.

Tarvin was for a considerable time one of the parliamentary garrisons, during the civil war: a skirmish between some of the King's forces from Chester and the garrison at Tarvin took place on the 12th of November 1643^o; and another in the month of January following^p: in the month of August, Tarvin appears to have been in the possession of the royalists, and to have sustained an attack from some of the Parliamentary forces^q. On the 5th of September 1644, this town was again taken possession of for the Parliament, fortified with strong works, and garrisoned^r. Tarvin appears to have been the only garrison in Cheshire, except Nantwich, which was not abandoned on the reported approach of the King, in May 1645^s, and it continued in possession of the Parliament till the end of the war.

The manor of Tarvin was long annexed to the fee of Lichfield and Coventry, under which it was held on lease for lives: in the year 1550 it was alienated in fee to Sir John Savage, subject to a certain chief-rent to the bishop; from the Savages it passed with Frodsham and other estates to the Cholmondeleys; it is now the property of Mr. William Cotgreave, having been purchased by his father of William Thomas, to whom it was sold by the Earl of Cholmondeley in 1786. Holme-Street, or Home-Street-Hall, in this township, formerly called Holme-Street Manor-house, was included in Sir John Savage's purchase above-mentioned, and was afterwards successively in the families of Starkey, Sprofton, Barker, and Symkin^t; Mrs. Darell, heirs of the latter, devised it to Mr. Daniel Vawdrey, of whose son Thomas it was purchased in 1767 by Thomas Brock Esq., and it has since passed with Hockenull to the Cluttons. In 1629 it was described as then lately in the occupation of Sir Thomas Fisher. Prior's-Heys in *Oscoft*, (a hamlet of Tarvin,) belonged to the Bruen family, and has passed with other estates, by purchase, to the Wilbrahams of Rode: it is esteemed extra-parochial.

The rectory of Tarvin was annexed to a prebend (since called the prebend of Tarvin) in the church of Lichfield by Alexander Savensby, bishop of Lichfield

^o Burghall's Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 923.

^p Ibid. ii. 931.

^q Ibid. p. 936.

^r Ibid. p. 937.

^s Ibid. p. 942.

^t It was sold by Sir John Savage in 1550, to James Starkey Gent.; in 1629, by Henry Starkey, to Robert Sprofton; by the devisees in trust of the latter to Richard Barker, who in 1683 devised it to his kinsman John Symkin; Gilbert Symkin son, of the latter, bequeathed it in 1740 to his sister Sarah, then the relict of ——— Darell.

and Coventry in the year 1226; it is now vested in the dean and chapter, as part of a fund for the repair of Lichfield cathedral^u: the patronage of the vicarage, which before belonged to the prebendary, is now vested in the bishop. Ralph Nield, who was buried at Tarvin in or about the year 1760, was said to be 107 years of age; his last wife, who survived him, was his sixth. The township of Tarvin has been inclosed, pursuant to an act of Parliament passed in 1791, when lands were allotted in lieu of tithes to the impropiator and to the vicar.

The grammar-school at Tarvin was founded in the year 1600 by ——— Pickering, and endowed with 200*l.*, laid out in the purchase of lands at Tattenhall, now let for 15*l. per ann.*, which, with some small additions * to the endowment, is now made up 18*l. per ann.*: the number of children is limited to twenty: there is a house for the master. Mr. John Thomafen, a celebrated penman, was master of this school: on the outside of the church, is the following epitaph to his memory. “ John Thomafen, thirty-six years master of the grammar-school, highly excelling in all the varieties of writing, and wonderfully so in the Greek character. Specimens of his ingenuity are treasured up in the cabinets of the curious, and in the public libraries throughout the kingdom: he had the honor to transcribe the Icon Basilike of her royal grandfather, for Queen Anne; invaluable copies also of Pindar, Anacreon, Epictetus, Hippocrates’s aphorisms, and that finished piece, the shield of Achilles (as described by Homer), are among the productions of his valuable pen. Ob. Jan. 25, 1740. æt. 54.” There is a portrait of Mr. Thomafen at Vale-Royal, the seat of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq.

The township of *Ashton* lies eight miles E. N. E. from Chester; the manor was held under the barony of Shipbrooke in the reign of Edward I. by the Mainwarings, from whom it descended by female heirs to the Truffells and Veres. In or about the year 1580, Edward Vere Earl of Oxford, sold it to Sir Christopher Hatton, from whom it passed by successive sales to the families of Crewe, Davies, and Whitley †. In 1718 it was purchased of the executors of Roger Whitley Esq. by Mr. Leonard Grantham, who in 1728 sold it to Cornelius Hignett Gent.: it is now the property of Samuel Alderfey Esq., whose grandfather married Mary, one of the daughters and eventually sole heiress of Mr. Hignett above-mentioned. Ashton-Hall, an ancient stone mansion, now occupied by a farmer, is the property of Mr. George Speakman, whose family inherited the hall with its demesne by

^u See Harwood’s History of Lichfield, p. 251.

* The interest of 40*l.* secured on a turnpike-road, and a rent-charge of 1*l. per ann.* on lands in the township of Tarvin.

† Villare Cestriense.—Roger Whitley Esq. purchased of Henry Davies Esq. before the year 1695.

devise from its former owners, the Robinsons. Ashton-Heys, in this township, belonged in the reign of Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Smith; the representatives of his descendant Sir Thomas Smith Bart., who died without issue in 1675, sold it to Roger Whitley Esq. : after having passed some time with the manor of Ashton, it was purchased of Mr. Grantham in 1722, by Bruen Worthington Esq. of the city of Dublin, whose grandson, the Rev. Richard Worthington, M. D., has, within the present year, (1809,) sold it to Booth Grey Esq. Ashton-Heys-house, now the seat of Mr. Grey, stands on an elevated situation, commanding a beautiful and extensive prospect; it was built by Dr. Worthington's father, the late Burdett Worthington Esq. for his own residence.

The township of *Burton* lies three miles N. N. W. from Tarporley; the manor belonged to the family of Bruyn or Bruen, as early as the reign of Edward I.², it has since descended with Bruen-Stapleford, to Randle Wilbraham Esq., the present proprietor. Burton-Hall, formerly a seat of the Werdens², is now a farmhouse.

The township of *Clotton* lies two miles N. W. by W. from Tarporley, on the road to Chester; the manor belonged at an early period to Robert de Rullos, who gave the tithes of this township to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester; his daughter and heir brought it to the Waverton family, the co-heiresses of which married into the families of Clotton, Messington, and Huxley. The manor was afterward divided into three portions^a among the descendants of these families; Clotton's share is supposed to have passed by successive female heirs to the Overtons, Swettenhams, and Wilbrahams^b; and is now the property of the Earl of Dyfart, as representative of the last-mentioned family: Messington's share came to the Dones, and passed with the Utkinton estates to John Arden Esq. Huxley's share was alienated to the Praers family, passed by a female-heir to the Bruens, and is now the property of Mr. James Haffall, having been purchased of Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode, whose grandfather bought it of the Bruens. *Hoofield* or *Hulfield* is a hamlet of Clotton: there was formerly a family of de Hulfield^c;

² Villare Cestriense. — Dr. Williamson has in one instance mistaken it for the manor of Buerton in Aldford, which was held under the Orrebies.

^a It belonged to the Werdens (as I suspect probably) in 1622, and in 1662. Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 102. and Harl. MSS. N^o 2010. We find that the estate was purchased of Nathaniel Wall Esq. (in whom the fee was then vested) in 1722, and that it has descended in the same manner as Cholmondeston, and some other estates.

^b Or perhaps three, exclusively of Hoofield, or Hulfield, which might have been the fourth part of the manor, which the Hulfield family held.

^c John de Hulfield was seised of one-fourth of the vill of Clotton, 23 Edw. III. Roger de Hulfield was seised of one-fourth of the manor, 22 Rich. II.

in the fourteenth century they held a fourth-part of the manor of Clotton, of which we find no subsequent mention.

The township of *Duddon* lies rather more than three miles N. W. by W. from Tarporley, on the road to Chester; the manor, which had passed through the same hands as Clotton, was for many generations in moieties between the families of Bruen and Done; the first of these moieties has passed with Bruen-Stapleford to Mr. Wilbraham, the other with the Utkinton estate to Mr. Arden. Duddon-Hall, which continued to be the seat of a younger branch of the Dones, long after the extinction of the elder branch^d, is now a farm-house the property of Mr. Arden.

The township of *Hockenhull* gave name to a family which possessed the manor from a very early period^e, till the year 1713, when it was sold to Mr. Hugh Whifshaw. In 1761 it was purchased of his son, ——— Whifshaw, by John Walfsh Esq. M. P.: it now belongs to the eldest son of the late Colonel Clutton of Kinerley-castle in Herefordshire. Colonel Clutton married a niece of Thomas Brock Esq., who purchased this manor of Mr. Walfsh in 1771. Hockenhull-Hall, the ancient seat of the Hockenhulls^f, has been taken down; its site is occupied by a farm-house.

The manor of *Horton-cum-Peele*, or *Little-Mouldsworth*, was formerly in the Duttons^g. Sir John Savage was seized of it in the reign of Henry VIII.: in 1622 it belonged to the family of Travers or Travis^h, and having undergone some intermediate alienationsⁱ, was purchased of the present marchioness of Landfdown by Richard Maddock Esq., the present proprietor. Horton-Hall is now a farm-house. *Peele*, a hamlet of Little-Mouldsworth, or Horton, belonged in 1680 to Colonel Roger Whitley, before that period successively to the Hardwares, Brookes, and Wilbrahams^k; it is now the property of the Earl of Plymouth, whose great grandfather, married the daughter and heir of Thomas Whitley Esq. Peele-Hall, a respectable old mansion, was the seat of Colonel Whitley, who entertained King William III. there on his way to Ireland; it is now a farm-house.

The township of *Kelfall* lies three miles N. E. from Tarvin, and eight miles from Chester; the manor belonged formerly to the Kelfalls^l, who took their name from this township; it is now in moieties between the Earl of Plymouth, by in-

^d Edward Done Esq., described as his cousin, is one of the legatees in Sir John Crewe's will, bearing date 1710; he died in 1717: the last Done of Duddon, who occurs in the Tarvin register, is Robert Done, buried in 1774. ^e Villare Cestriense. ^f See an account of this family, p. 383, 384.

^g Esch. Hen. VI. and Hen. VII. at Chester.

^h King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 101.

ⁱ The Travis family sold it to Jacob Jones about 1719. Thomas Maddock Esq., alderman of Chester, purchased of Jones in 1749; his granddaughter the marchioness of Landfdown sold it to Richard Maddock Esq. in 1787.

^k Harl. MSS. N° 2010.

^l Villare Cestriense.

heritance from the Whitleys of Peele, and John Arden Esq., by inheritance from the Dones: it was held in ancient times under the barons of Dunham-Maffey, who appear to have held the fee under the bishop of Lichfield and Coventry. Kelfall-Hall is a farm-house.

The township of *Great-Mouldsworth* lies nine miles N. E. by E. from Chester; the manor was at an early period in the Mouldsworth family; in the reign of Hen. VIII. it was in the Sneyds^m; in 1662 it belonged to Samuel Hardware Esq.ⁿ: it is now the property of John Haygarth of Bath M. D., who in 1806, purchased it of the trustees of Mrs. Mary Lightbody, devisee of Mrs. Mary Tilston, who died in 1795. Mrs. M. Tilston was the heiress of Dr. Tilston, the last heir-male of the ancient family of Tilston, (formerly of Tiltton,) who had possessed this manor for rather more than a century. Mouldsworth-Hall is occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Bruen-Stapleford* lies rather more than seven miles E. by S. from Chester; the manor was the ancient inheritance of the Bruyns, or Bruens, which family became extinct in the male line by the death of Jonathan Bruen Esq.^o in 1715. This manor was sold in 1752, under a decree of the court of chancery, to Randle Wilbraham Esq., grandfather of Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode, the present proprietor. A farm-house has lately been built on the site of Stapleford-Hall, the ancient seat of the Bruens. A moiety of the manor of *Fulke-Stapleford*^p belonged also to the Bruens, and has passed with *Bruen-Stapleford* to Mr. Wilbraham; the other moiety belonged at an early period to the Orrebies, from whom it passed by successive female heirs to the Corbets and Breretons^q; in 1702 it was purchased of Nathaniel Wall Esq.^r by Sir John Werden, and has since passed with Leighton in Nantwich, Burton-Hall in this parish, and other estates, to George Harley Drummond Esq.

In this township is *Hargrave-Stubbs*, where is a chapel founded in 1627 by Sir Thomas Moulson Bart., alderman, and some time lord mayor of London, and endowed with 40*l.* *per ann.* for a minister. Sir Thomas Moulson at the same time endowed a school adjoining to the chapel with 20*l.* *per ann.* “for the government, education, and instruction of youth in grammar and virtue,” and directed the overplus of rents arising from certain lands, then by him

^m Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

ⁿ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^o John White Esq. married Margaret, his only daughter and heir; they had one daughter married to John Foot, *alias* Dineley, who died previously to the year 1752, when the estate was sold, as mentioned above.

^p The township of *Fulke-Stapleford* lies six miles E. from Chester.

^q Esch. Hen. IV. VI. & VII.

^r John Wall Esq. was seized of this estate in 1672; it does not appear by Mr. Drummond's papers, who were the immediate predecessors of the Walls.

given, to be applied to the relief of such poor persons as the majority of the feoffees shall think fit; the bishop and the dean of Chester, Earl Grosvenor, the Rev. John Oldershaw, vicar of Tarvin, Randle Wilbraham of Rode-Hall Esq., and the Rev. Richard Massie of Coddington, are the present feoffees of this charity, and have the appointment of the minister, and school-master: the lands are now let for 155*l. per ann.*

The extra-parochial township of *Willington*, which lies three miles N. N. W. from Tarporley, adjoins the townships of Clotton and Duddon in this parish; and part of it pays corn-tithes to the impropiator of Tarvin. The manor was formerly parcel of the possessions of the abbey of Stanlow, afterwards removed to Whalley in Lancashire; soon after the dissolution of monasteries it became vested in the Dones¹, and has since passed with the Tarporley estate, being now divided between John Arden Esq. John Egerton Esq., and the dean and chapter of Chester².

The extensive tract of land, called Delamere-forest, which is also deemed extra-parochial³, adjoins this parish on its western side; the Old Pale, or as it was formerly called, the Chamber of the Forest, lies not far from Kelfall. It is an inclosure, made nearly two centuries ago, and the high-ground within this inclosure is said to have been the site of Ethelfleda's city, called Edisbury; but there are now no traces of it. The Old Pale belongs to the chief forester, or bow-bearer; James Arderne Esq., ancestor of John Arden Esq., who now holds that hereditary office, is said to have built a brick house here, about the middle of the seventeenth century⁴. The New Pale is an inclosure, belonging to the Earl of Cholmondeley, made by the Rivers family within the last century, in that part of the forest which adjoins the parish of Frodsham.

TATTENHALL, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Malpas, lies about eight miles S. E. from Chester: it contains three townships, *Tattenball*, *Golbourn-Bellew*, and *Newton*. The manor of Tattenhall was given by Randal Gernon Earl of Chester, to Henry Touchet, from whom it descended to the Lords Audley⁵, and became forfeited to the crown by attainder; about the year 1600 it was purchased of the Cottons⁶, by the Egertons, from whom it passed by sale

¹ As early as the year 1560.

² See p. 790.

³ A great part of it including the Old and the New Pale, was, in former times, deemed to be in the parish of St. Oswald in Chester; but has not for many years been esteemed part of that parish.

⁴ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

⁵ Villare Cestriense.

⁶ It seems probable that after Lord Audley's attainder, it was granted to the dean and chapter of Chester, and that it came into the possession of the Cottons in the same manner as Great-Boughton, and other estates of the dean and chapter. See p. 573, in the notes.

to Sir John Crewe of Utkinton : it is now the property of Thomas Tarlton Esq. of Boleworth-castle, who purchased it in 1804 of John Crewe Esq., now Lord Crewe. Tattenhall-Hall^a belonged to the Bostocks, of whom it was purchased by the Bradshaws : in 1666 it belonged to Sir J. Bradshaw of Chester : it is now a farm-house, and united to the manor.

The church of Tattenhall was given by William de Malbank, Baron of Wich-Malbank, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester. The bishop of Chester is now patron of the rectory. In the parish church are some memorials of the Birds of Broxton. Mr. Thomas Larden gave the interest of 100*l.* for clothing and teaching poor children of this township. Dr. Peploe, rector of Tattenhall, who died in 1781, gave the sum of 200*l.*, laid out in the purchase of 334*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* 3 *per cents.*, now vested in John Larden Esq., and Samuel Bromfield Gent., for the education of twelve children of this parish.

The township of *Golborne*, or *Golbourn-Bellew*, lies about six miles and a half S. E. by E. from Chester ; the manor was held under the barony of Wich-Malbank, by the family of Bella-Aqua, Belleau, or Bellew, from which it passed by successive female heirs to the Hattons, Vernons, and Duttons, and was afterwards by purchase the property of Sir Peter Pindar ; it has long been annexed to the manor of Tattenhall, and was purchased with it, by Mr. Tarlton. This manor renders suit and service to the manor of Handley, and its officers are sworn in at Handley-court. In the township of *Golborne-Bellew*, is *Rushill-Hall*, *Rushee*, or *Rushall*, described by Webb in his *Itinerary*, (written in 1622,) as a fair house and demesne of the Duttons of Hatton^b, afterwards the seat of Sir Peter Pindar : it is now a farm-house, the property of Mrs. Gifford of Nerquis. Webb speaks of "the Cleys" near this place, a seat of a younger branch of the *Golbornes*^c.

The township of *Newton-justa-Tattenhall*, lies rather more than four miles W. S. W. from Tarporley ; the manor seems to have passed with Tattenhall, and is now the property of Thomas Tarlton Esq.

TAXALL, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies on the borders of Derbyshire, about eleven miles S. E. from Stockport, and about eight S. W. from Macclesfield : it comprises two townships, *Taxall* and *Whaley*. In or about the year 1344, the manor of *Taxall* was given by Edward Downes Esq. of

^a This was the fair house, built all of brick, made by Richard Bostock Esq. in the reign of James I., spoken of by Webb in his *Itinerary*, A^o 1622. See *King's Vale-Royal*, part ii. p. 58.

^b *King's Vale-Royal*, part ii. p. 58. ^c *Ibid.*

Shrigley, to his younger son Edmund^d, in whose posterity it continued till the year 1691, when it was sold by Reginald Downes Esq. and Edmund his son, to John Shallcrofs Esq. of Shallcrofs in Derbyshire. In 1733 it was sold by Mr. Shallcrofs, to John Dickenfon of Manchester, merchant, of whose son it was purchased in 1793 by the late Foster Bower Esq., barrister at law: it is now the property of Francis Jodrell Esq. of Henbury, to whose father, John Bower Jodrell Esq., it passed by the will of his brother Foster Bower above-mentioned. It appears by the depositions of some old persons taken in the year 1720, that the manor of Taxall was anciently held by the service of blowing a horn on Midsummer-day, at a high rock near Taxall, called Wind-gather; and that there was a tradition that the lord of this manor was to hold the King's stirrup, and rouse the stag when he should come to hunt in Macclesfield-forest: we find mention of its being held (16 Edw. I.) by free-forestry; and other subsequent records speak of the office of a forester being annexed or appendant to this manor; but there is no mention in any of the ancient records relating to this manor, of the services above-mentioned; those attached to a forestership, or a manor held by free-forestry, have been already described^e. Overton-Hall, formerly a seat of the family of Downes, has been taken down, and a farm-house built on the site. The late Mr. Foster Bower built a stone house at Taxall, called Taxall-lodge, intended for his own residence; it is now in the occupation of Mr. Samuel Gratrix, an eminent calico-printer. Mr. Bower expended large sums in planting the grounds contiguous to his house, and several of the neighbouring moors: the plantations are in a very thriving state.

In the parish church is the monument of Michael Heathcote, gentleman of the pantry, and yeoman of the mouth to King George II., who died in 1768. The Rev. John Swain is patron and incumbent of the rectory, the advowson of which was long attached to the manor.

The township of *Whaley* lies rather more than nine miles S. E. from Stockport; the King is lord of this township, the estates in which are the customary freeholds of various persons. Mr. Jodrell is the principal proprietor. Yeardsley-Hall in Whaley was for many generations a seat of the Jodrells; the greater part of the old mansion was taken down about the year 1776 for the purpose of re-building it, but the design was laid aside on the purchase of Henbury, by the late John Bower Jodrell Esq., and the remains of the hall were converted into a farm-house. Bottoms-Hall in Whaley, now also a farm-house, belongs to the Leghs of Lyme.

^d From the information of Edward Downes Esq.

^e See p. 744.

THORNTON, in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Chester, lies about four miles N.E. from Chester: it contains five townships, *Thornton, Dunham-on-the-Hill, Elton, Hapsford, and Wimbolds-Trafford.*

The manor of Thornton, called to distinguish it from other townships of the same name, Thornton-in-the-Moors, was given by Richard, lord of Aldford, to Peter, the Earl of Chester's clerk, whose posterity took the name of Thornton^f. Sir Peter de Thornton's daughter and heir brought it in marriage to Hamon Fitton, after which it passed by female heirs, with other large estates, to the families of Venables, Booth, and Trafford^g; this manor was for some time in moieties between the two last-mentioned families, as co-heirs of Venables; in or about the year 1597, Trafford's moiety was sold to Sir Peter Warburton^h: this moiety passed by marriage to the Stanleys of Alderley, and was afterwards purchased by the Booths; the Hon. Langham Booth, a younger brother of George, the last Earl of Warrington, died seised of it in 1724, when it passed by his bequest to George Legh Esq., grandfather of George John Legh Esq. of High-Legh, the present proprietor. Earl Grosvenor exercises a paramount jurisdiction over this manor, in right of his manor of Aldford; he appoints a game-keeper, and the tenants have, from time immemorial, attended the Earl's courts at Aldford; Mr. Legh holds a court at Thornton.

In the parish church are some memorials of the families of Bunbury and Cottingham; Peter Cottingham, who died in 1743, was secretary to lord chancellor Macclesfield. The advowson of the rectory belongs to Lord Berwick, whose grandfather purchased it of the Earl of Warrington in 1700 for 500*l.*ⁱ

There is a school at Thornton, built by subscription, more than a century ago, and endowed with about 7*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*, arising from the interest of fundry benefactions; the school-house was re-built about the year 1790.

The township of *Dunham-on-the-Hill, or Stony-Dunham*, lies five miles S. W. from Frodsham, on the road to Chester; the manor belonged anciently to the Fitz-Alans; on the attainder of Edmund Earl of Arundel, in the reign of Edw. II. it was given to John Hotham, bishop of Ely, with remainder to his cousin, Peter de Hotham, but was afterwards restored to the Earls of Arundel. In the reign of Henry VI. it was purchased of the co-heirs of Thomas, Earl of Arundel, by William Troutbeck Esq.^k, from whom it has descended, with other estates, to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Dunham-Hall is a farm-house.

^f Villare Cestriense.
Wilmslow.

^g See the account of the estates of the Booth family in Bowden and

^h Record in the Exchequer at Chester, 40 Eliz.

Bishop Gastrell's Notitia on the authority of the purchase deed.

^k Villare Cestriense.

The township of *Elton* lies about four miles and a half W.S.W. from Frodsham; the manor was given by Sir John Arderne lord of Aldford, in marriage with his sister Cecily, to William Wastneys, to be held of him by the annual render of a rose; the manor continued some time in the family of Wastneys, and was afterwards successively in those of Holes, Bradbourne, Troutbeck, and Talbot. Margaret Talbot, heiress of the Troutbecks, died seised of it in 1531^m; in 1597 half the manor was conveyed by the Talbots, to Sir Edward Brabazon: we do not find what became of it afterwards; probably it was sold in parcels. The *Villare* of 1662ⁿ mentions no lord of the manor, but says that the free-holders appeared at Aldford. Earl Grosvenor now claims the royalty, and appoints a game-keeper in right of his manor of Aldford. A large estate in this township came to the Frodshams of Frodsham, in the reign of Edward III. by marriage with the co-heiress of Elton^o: this estate is now the property of Charles Goodwin Esq. of Farndon, who purchased it of the co-heiresses of the late Peter Frodsham of Elton Esq., the last heir-male of that ancient family, who died intestate in the year 1766. Elton-Hall, the seat of the Frodshams, is a large old mansion, now occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Hapsford* lies nearly five miles S. W. by W. from Frodsham; the manor was formerly in the Eltons; the Duttons became possessed of it as early as the reign of Richard II.^p. Lord Gerard, the heir of the Duttons, about the latter end of the seventeenth century, enfranchised the lands of this township, but reserved the manor, which passed to the Fleetwoods, and having been afterwards in the possession of the Hoares, was sold by that family before the year 1778, to Charles Goodwin Esq. of Farndon, the present proprietor. Roger Barnston Esq. is the principal land-owner; his grandfather acquired his estate in this township by marriage with the heiress of Greig, whose ancestors had also a very considerable estate in Elton^q.

The township of *Wimbolds*, or *Wimbalds-Trafford*, lies six miles N.E. by N. from Chester; the manor was anciently in the Fitz-Alans, afterwards in the Troutbecks; the Earl of Bridgewater is described as capital lord in 1662^r. The Bruen family had an estate in this township as early as the reign of Edward III., which, in an inquisition of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is called the manor of

^l It was settled in the Holes family, 19 Rich. II. William Bradbourne died seised of it, 5 Hen. V. (Esch. ;) William Troutbeck died seised of it, 4 Edw. IV. (Esch.): it was settled in the Talbot family who were heirs of the Troutbecks, 4 Hen. VIII. Records, at Chester.

^m 39 Eliz. Records at Chester.

ⁿ Harl. MSS. N° 2010.

^o Villare Cestrieuse.

^p Ibid.

^q See Villare Cestrieuse, where the name is spelt Gregg.

^r Harl. MSS. N° 2010.

Wimbolds-Trafford; this estate was sold in 1752 by the representatives of Jonathan Bruen Esq. of Stapleford, (under a decree of chancery,)^s to Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode, who conveyed it the next year to George Edward Gerard Esq. It is now the property of the Rev. Richard Perryn, rector of Standish in Lancashire, in right of his wife, who was Mr. Gerard's eldest daughter. Mr. Perryn has an estate also in this township, which had been much longer in the Gerard family, having been purchased in 1658 of the Williamsons, to whom it was conveyed by the Bruens in 1621. The hall, which was rebuilt by G. E. Gerard Esq., is now in the occupation of William Gates Esq.

THURSTANTON or THURSTASTON, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies about five miles N. W. by N. from Neston, and about fifteen from Chester: it contains only one township, besides part of the townships of *Irbye* and *Greafby*. The manor of Thurstaſton belonged in the twelfth century to Matthew de Rolent, who gave the church to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh at Chester. William, son of Matthew de Rolent, took the name of Thurstaſton, and from him this manor appears to have passed by successive female heirs to the families of Hefelwall, Brickhull, and Whitmore^t. The Whitmores continued to possess it from the reign of Edward III. till the death of John Whitmore Esq., the last heir male in 1751; it is now the joint property of Mrs. Lucy Browne, widow, Baptist Smart Esq., Charles Goodwin Esq., and Willian Dix Esq., all of whom are representatives of the Whitmores, except Mr. Goodwin, who acquired a portion of it^u by purchase. Thurstaſton-Hall, formerly the seat of the Whitmores, is now a farm-house. In the parish church, which has a Saxon door with zig-zag mouldings and a circular chancel, is a monument of Lucy, daughter of John Whitmore Esq., who married Baptist Smart, M. D. of Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, and died in 1744. The dean and chapter of Chester are patrons of the rectory.

The township of *Irbye*, which lies partly in this parish and partly in Woodchurch, is situated rather more than five miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor, which formerly belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester, was one of those which having been granted to the dean and chapter, were obtained by Sir Richard Cotton as before stated^v; this manor passed by successive alienations to the Harpurs and Leighs: it is supposed to have been purchased of the co-heiresses of the latter by Edward Glegg Esq., a younger son of the family

^s See p. 798.

^t Villare Cestriense, and pedigrees.

^u Five parts out of twenty-four.

^v See p. 573, in the notes.

of Glegg of Grange, and ancestor of Birkenhed Glegg Esq., the present proprietor. Irbey-Hall, which was for several descents a feat of this branch of the Gleggs, is now occupied as a farm-house: it stands partly in the parish of Thurstaston, and partly in Woodchurch. *Grasby* has been described under West-Kirkby.

TILSTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Malpas, lies about three miles W. from Malpas, and twelve miles S. from Chester; it contains five townships, *Tilston*, *Carwarden*, or *Carden*, *Grafton*, *Horton*, and *Stretton*. A moiety of the manor of *Tilstan*, or *Tilston*, being parcel of the barony of Malpas, belonged about the year 1600 to the Breretons, who possessed it partly by inheritance from the family of Malpas, and partly by purchase from Sir Rowland Hill¹: in the reign of Charles II. it was purchased of the Breretons, by Sir William Drake, ancestor of T. D. Tyrwhitt Drake Esq., the present proprietor: the other moiety², which was purchased about 1788 of the Earl of Cholmondeley by J. Leche Esq., has passed by the same title as the Earl's estate at Malpas. Tilston-Heath Hall belonged to the family of Gardner in 1662³. In the parish church is the tomb of John Leche Esq. of Stretton, who died in 1785; in the north-transept is a chapel, sometime belonging to the Wrights of Stretton, built by Edward Wright Esq. in 1659. The Earl of Cholmondeley and Mr. Drake are alternate patrons of the rectory⁴.

The township of *Carwarden*, *Carwarden*, or *Carden*, lies about eleven miles S. S. E. from Chester; the manor was the ancient inheritance of a family which took its name from the township: one of the co-heiresses of William de Carwarthyn, or Carden, brought the manor and Over-Carden Hall, to a younger branch of the Fittons of Bollin; Owen Fitton Esq. was of Over Carden Hall, and lord of that manor in 1662⁵; it was afterwards in the Bradshaws, who sold it to Mr. Joseph Worrall; the manor now belongs to William Leche Esq. of Lower-Carden Hall, descended from John Leche, one of King Edward the Third's surgeons. Mr. Leche's ancestor, Henry Leche of Chatsworth in Derbyshire, acquired Lower-Carden Hall, about the year 1475, by marriage with the other co-heiress of William Carden above-mentioned. On the 12th of June 1643, a

¹ See p. 677. ² This moiety was held under the Malpas family by the Tilttons, who before the reign of Edw. II. conveyed their lands to the Codingtons and others. Villare Cestriense. See farther of the Tiltton family, p. 397.

³ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

⁴ Lord Brereton and the Corbets of Stoke (from whom Lord Cholmondeley claims) were alternate patrons in 1677, as then settled by award. Sir Reginald Corbet was seized of the alternate patronage, 9 El. 2. (Efeh.)

⁵ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

party of dragoons from the Parliamentary garrison at Nantwich, attacked and plundered Carden-Hall, then the seat of John Leche Esq., and took its owner away with them as a prisoner^d: the old hall, or Over-Carden Hall, is now a farm-house.

The township of *Grafton*, which lies ten miles N. W. by N. from Whitchurch in Shropshire, gave name to a family, from which the manor passed by successive female heirs to the Milnetons and Masseys^e. Richard Massey Esq. sold it to Sir Peter Warburton, one of the justices of the King's Bench^f, whose daughter and co-heir Elizabeth, brought it to the Stanleys of Alderley. It is now the property of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart. The hall, which was built by Sir Peter Warburton about the year 1613, was sometime a seat of the Stanleys; it is now occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Horton*, which lies eight miles N. W. from Whitchurch in Shropshire, gave name to a family: the Hortons had a large estate here, which descended by co-heiresses, about the reign of Edward I. to the Alderseys and Catheralls^g. The Catheralls continued at Horton for many generations; Dutton Catherall sold the manor of Horton about the year 1700 to Mr. Dod, a linen-draper in London; it is now the property of Richard Puleston Esq. of Emralin the county of Flint. Webb in his Itinerary speaks of Horton as having been anciently a seat of the Golbornes^h.

The township of *Stretton* lies about ten miles and a half S. S. E. from Chester; the manor passed with a co-heiress of the Graftons, to David Crewe of Soonde, in the reign of Henry V.: it was afterwards in an illegitimate branch of the Warrens, from whom it passed by a co-heiress, to the Mainwarings of Ightfield in Shropshire; the Mainwarings sold the manor about the beginning of the seventeenth century to John Leche Esq. of Carden, ancestor of William Leche Esq., the present proprietor; and the hall and its demesne to the Wrights of Bickley. Stretton-Hall, after being a seat of the Wrights for five descents, passed on the death of Edward Wright Esq., the last heir-male in 1752, to his brother-in-law, the Rev. Thomas Leche: it is now the property and seat of Major John Leche: the present hall was built about the year 1778. Edward Wright of Stretton-Hall, who died in 1750, (father of the above-mentioned Edward,) published "Observations made in his Travels through France, Italy, &c. in the years 1720, 1721, and 1722, in 2 vols. 4to."

^d Burghall's Diary, printed in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 915.

^e Villare Cestriensc.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 54.

WALLEZEY, or WALLAZEY, anciently called KIRKBY-IN-WALLEY, lies in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, at the extremity of the peninsula opposite Liverpool, about twenty miles N. E. from Chester: it contains three townships, *Wallazey*, *Liskard*, and *Poolton-cum-Seacombe*. A manor in Wallazey belonged to the Stanleys, as early as the reign of Edward III.¹ William Earl of Derby, in or about the year 1597, conveyed it to Thomas Fox^k, as trustee, probably for Sir John Egerton, who died seised of it in 1615; it is now the property of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton. A large mansion, some time a seat of the Egertons, called the New-Hall, (but of late years, from the circumstance of its having been long uninhabited,) usually Mock-Beggar Hall, has been lately sold to Mr. Robert Harrison, and is now in the occupation of Mrs. Boodée. Francis Henry Price Esq., who possesses Wallazey-Hall and demesne under the same title as Birkenhead, and Robert Vyner Esq., severally claim manerial rights in this township. Wallazey-Hall, an ancient stone mansion, is now occupied as a farmhouse.

In the year 1718 the rector of Wallazey reported to bishop Gastrell, that there were formerly, as appeared by writings in their parish-chest, two churches in this parish; one of which called Walley's-Kirk, was situated where the present church stands; the other, called Lee's-Kirk, near a narrow strip of land, still called Kirkway. William de Walley gave to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh a mediety of the rectory of Wallazey, which after the dissolution was annexed to the see of Chester; the bishop has this mediety, which is held on lease by the heirs of Hugh Speed Esq.; the dean and chapter are patrons of the other. Major Henry Meoles, in the year 1659, gave 100*l.* towards the building and founding of a grammar-school at Wallazey, and Captain William Meoles his elder brother, gave 125*l.*, since laid out in land, towards its endowment; Henry Young of Poolton-cum-Seacombe gave a field to this school, called the Winter-hey: the present value of the lands belonging to this school, being about ten Cheshire acres, is about 35*l. per ann.*; the site of the school was removed in 1799.

There were for many years horse-races on Wallazey Sands, or as it is sometimes called, Wallazey-Lezer. Webb in his Itinerary, written in 1622, speaks of "these fair sands, or plains upon the shore of the sea at Walfey, which for the fitnessse of such a purpose allure the gentlemen and others oft to appoint great matches, and venture no small sums in trying the swiftness of their horses^l:" the races on the Lezer were discontinued about the year 1750.

¹ Villare Cestriense.

^k Record in the Exchequer at Chester, 40 Eliz.

^l Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 124.

The township of *Lifcard* or *Liskard* lies nearly eleven miles N. by E. from Great-Neston; the manor belonged to the ancient family of Meoles: Mrs. Anne Meoles who possessed this manor, after the extinction of the male line, bequeathed it in 1739 to her cousin, Charles Hough, whose representatives sold it in 1804 to John Penketh Esq., the present proprietor.

The township of *Poolton* or *Poulton* lies ten miles N. by E. from Great-Neston; in the reign of Henry VI. a moiety of the manor belonged to the family of Bold^m: in the seventeenth century the whole appears to have been vested in the Talbots, one of whom left six daughters, co-heiresses: five-sixths of the manor were purchased about the year 1700 by Captain James Gordon, whose son devised this estate to Richard Smith Esq. the present proprietor, now admiral Richard Smith: the other sixth-part belongs to James Mainwaring Esq. of Bromborough. *Seacome* or *Seacomb*, is a hamlet of Poolton.

WARMINGHAM, or WARMICHAM, in the hundred of Nantwich and deanery of Middlewich, lies about three miles S. from Middlewich, and the same distance W. from Sandbach; it contains the townships of *Warmicham*, *Elton*, *Moston* and *Tetton*. The manors of Warmingham, or Warmicham, Eltonⁿ, and Tetton^o, belonged to the elder branch of the Mainwarings, which became extinct in the fourteenth century; after which, these manors passed by successive female heirs to the Truffells and Veres: they were sold by Edward Vere Earl of Oxford, to Sir Christopher Hatton, and have since passed with Barthomley and other estates, to the Right Hon. Lord Crewe^p, who is now lord of these manors, and patron of the rectory. A moated site near the church is supposed to have been the successive residence of the Mainwarings and Truffells. Old-Haugh in Warmicham was for many generations the residence of the Smiths, who possessed it by marriage with the heiresses of Old-Haugh, in the fifteenth century; of this family was William Smith, rouge-dragon purfuivant, who made collections, principally heraldic, relating to this county, some of which are published in King's Vale-Royal^q.

In Warmicham-church is the tomb of Maud, heiress of the Mainwarings, who married Sir William Truffell, and afterwards Sir Oliver Bourdeaux, servant

^m Esch. 38 Hen. VI.

ⁿ The township of *Elton* lies three miles W. by S. from Sandbach.

^o The township of *Tetton*, anciently written Tadtune, or Tedtune, lies three miles W. N. W. from Sandbach.

^p They were purchased by Sir Randal Crewe about the year 1610.

^q For an account of a volume of these collections from which the account of Old-Haugh was taken, see p. 355. & p. 468.

of King Edward II. Sir William Dugdale has copied the following imperfect inscription, now wholly destroyed, into the MS. volume of Collections relating to the Mainwaring family^r. “*Tcy git Dame Maud Manwaryn, jadis compagne Olivier de Burdax, de qui Dieu sa alme uraye merci, et qui pour l'alme de elle priera, trois cents jours de pardon avera :*” she died about the year 1336. Sir William Dugdale mentions also several portraits of the Mainwaring family, as being in the windows of this church. A free-school was founded at Warmicham by Mr. Thomas Minshull, and endowed by him with the rent of two closes, now let at about 15*l. per ann.*: it had some further endowment in money from the donations of fundry benefactors, but this has been lost, except the interest of 20*l.*

The township of *Moston* lies about two miles and a half W. by N. from Sandbach; the manor was parcel of the barony of Kinderton, and descended with that estate till the year 1801, when it was sold by Lord Vernon, to the Rev. John Armitstead of Middlewich, the present proprietor. A subordinate manor in this township was in the family of Moston in the reign of Edward II.^s

WAVERTON, commonly called WARTON, in the hundred of Broxton and deanery of Chester, lies about four miles and a half S. E. by E. from Chester: it contains three townships, *Waverton, Hatton, and Huxley.*

The manor of *Waverton* belonged anciently to the family of de Rullos^t; Gilbert Pigot and Margaret his wife, the heiress of Rullos, conveyed it to Hugh de Hatton; from the Hattons it passed by successive female heirs, to the Vernons and Duttons; Dorothy, sister and eventually sole heir of Peter Dutton Esq., who died in 1686, brought it in marriage to the ancestor of the Rev. Richard Massie of Coddington, who is the present proprietor. A considerable estate in this township was held under the family of Rullos by the Wavertons, and afterwards by the Pulfords; this estate has long been in the Grosvenor family.

In the parish church are some memorials of the Duttons of Hatton and Waverton. The rectory of Waverton, which was given by Richard de Rullos, to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, now belongs to the see of Chester, having been annexed to it by act of Parliament in 1755, in lieu of mortuaries payable to the bishop as archdeacon of Chester^u.

^r In the possession of Sir H. M. Mainwaring Bart.

^s Records at Chester, 12 Edw. II.

^t Villare Cestrienfe.

^u See p. 323, 324.

The township of *Hatton* lies six miles S. E. from Chester; the manor passed with Waverton, till the year 1699, when it was sold by John Maffie Esq., to Brigadier General Cholmondeley, ancestor of George James Earl of Cholmondeley, who is the present proprietor. Hatton-Hall, formerly the seat of the Duttons, is now a farm-house.

The township of *Huxley* lies about seven miles and a half S. E. by E. from Chester; the manor which had been given to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh in Chester by Hugh Lupus, was alienated by that body to the family of Hockenhull, and it became divided at an early period between two brothers. Simon de Hockenhull settling at Huxley, assumed the name of that township, and by certain family conveyances this manor became vested, in moieties, in two branches of the Huxleys^a: a co-heiress of one branch brought a moiety of this manor in the reign of Edward III. to the family of Clive, and the heiress of Clive, to an ancestor of Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Rode, the present proprietor. The other moiety continued for several generations in the Huxleys; it afterwards passed by sale to the Tilstons, and the whole, or a part of it, in marriage with a co-heiress of Tilston, to the Bruens of Stapleford^b; this estate was purchased in 1752, of the representatives of Bruen, by the grandfather of Randle Wilbraham Esq. Lord Crewe had an estate in this township, (probably the same which had been inherited by the other co-heiress of Tilston;) the principal part of this was purchased by Daniel Alderfey of Chester Gent., the remainder by Mr. Wilbraham. Lower-Huxley-Hall, (an ancient mansion, within a moated site,) which Webb speaks of as a seat of the Clives in 1622^c, was garrisoned by the Parliament in September, 1644^d: it is now a farm-house: the Tilstons also had a seat at Huxley^e. A branch of the Hockenhulls which retained that name, continued to possess a hall, called Upper-Huxley Hall, with its demesne^f in this township, till the reign of Queen Elizabeth: in or about the year 1593 they sold it to the Savages^g: this hall in 1622 was tenanted by the Birkenheads, it has passed with Frodsham and other estates, to the Earl of Cholmondeley; the hall is occupied as a farm-house.

^a Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

^c King's Vale-Royal.

^d Burghall's Diary in the History of Cheshire, 8vo. Vol. ii. p. 937.

^e A chapel in Waverton church was built and appropriated to the Tilstons of Huxley in 1640. Harl. MSS. N^o 2103. f. 58.

^f Or perhaps it might have been brought again to the Hockenhulls by marriage, for a co-heiress of Huxley married Hockenhull.

^g Chester Records, 36 Eliz.

WEVERHAM, or WEEVERHAM^e, in the hundred of Edisbury and deanery of Frodsham, lies about four miles N. W. from Northwich : it contains the townships of *Weverham*, (with its hamlets of *Milton*, *Gorstage*, and *Sandyway*,) *Acton*, *Crowton*, *Cuddington-cum-Bryn*, *Onston*, and *Wallerfscote*.

The manor of *Weverham* belonged, in the thirteenth century, to the baronial family of Clifford, and was settled by Roger Lord Clifford in 1272, on his wife Lauretania^f; soon after this it came to the crown, and was given by King Edward I., to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal : King Henry VIII. granted this manor to Sir Thomas Holcroft ; from the Holcrofts it passed to the Marburys : in the year 1708 it was sold, pursuant to a decree in Chancery, by the heirs of the Marbury family, to Richard Earl Rivers, and having passed in the same manner as others of the Marbury estates, is now under the will of James Hugh Smith Barry Esq., (son of the Hon. Richard Barry,) the property of his natural son, James Barry, a minor. Earnslow-Grange, the property of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq., is in this township.

In the parish church of Weverham is the monument of Colonel Mompesson, governor of the Isle of Wight, who died in 1768. The rectory having been formerly appropriated to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal, is now annexed to the see of Chester, under which it is held on lease, by Thomas Starkie Esq. of Frenwood in Lancashire, and the Rev. Thomas Foxley, rector of Radcliff in the same county : the bishop is patron of the vicarage.

There has been a free-school at Weverham for nearly two centuries, said to have been founded at the expence of the parish : the principal benefactor towards its endowment was Mr. William Barker, who, in 1678, gave 100*l.* in money and lands, in Great-Budworth and Weverham, now producing a rent of 40*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* per ann.

The township of *Acton*, called *Acton* in *Delamere*, lies about four miles W. N. W. from Northwich : the manor was part of the ancient inheritance of the Duttons, from whom it passed by marriage to the Gerards and Fleetwoods ; it was sold by the latter to Mr. Scrafe of Brighthelmstone, of whom it was purchased by Nicholas Ashton Esq., the present proprietor.

The township of *Crowton* lies about five miles W. by N. from Northwich ; the manor, as part of the fee of Kingsley, was divided among the co-heirs of that ancient family. Lord Briereton, in the reign of King Charles II., claimed a

^e Spelt also Waverham, and Weeverham.

^f Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. i. p. 338.

moiety of this manor; one-fourth by descent from the Egertons, Thorntons, and Kingsleys; and another fourth as having been purchased by his ancestors in 1302, of the grandson of William Launcelyn, who married another of the co-heiresses of Kingsley^a: this estate passed afterwards from the Breretons to the Crewes. Another fourth-part of the manor passed with a third co-heiress to the Dones, and by successive female heirs to the Birkenheads and Irelands; Sir Gilbert Ireland sold it to Thomas Hatton Esq., from whom it passed by sale to the Crewes^b: in 1802 the estates of John Crewe Esq. now Lord Crewe, in this township, were purchased by the present proprietor, George Wilbraham Esq. The remaining fourth-part passed with Emma, another co-heiress of Richard de Kingsley, in the reign of Henry III. to William Gerard Esq.^c, whose family seated themselves at Crewood-Hall, where they continued for many generations. It is now the property of Ralph Leycester Esq. of Toft, whose grandmother, one of the two daughters and co-heiresses^k of ——— Norris of Speke, was heiress of the Gerards. Crewood-Hall, the seat of the Gerards, and now the property of Mr. Leycester, and Crowton-Hall, formerly a seat of the Dones, now belonging to Mr. Wilbraham, are two ancient mansions, occupied as farm-houses; the former stands partly in the township of Kingsley, and in the parish of Frodsham. Ruloe-House in this township is now the property of Mr. Barry, and in the occupation of Mr. Clare.

The manors of *Cuddington-cum-Bryn*¹, and *Onfton*, were part of the fee of Kingsley, and are divided between John Arden Esq., as heir of the Dones; Mr. James Barry a minor, devisee of Mr. Smith Barry, whose grandfather, the Earl of Barrymore, purchased of the heirs of Marbury; and Mr. Thomas Edwards of Sandy-way-head, whose share belonged in 1766, (when Cuddington common, containing four hundred and sixty acres, was inclosed by act of Parliament,) to Mr. Francis Wells of Sandbach. The greater part of the landed property in Cuddington belongs to George Wilbraham Esq., representative of that branch of the family which was settled at Nantwich. Mr. Wilbraham resides at a handsome modern house in that township, called Delamere-Lodge, surrounded with extensive plantations.

^a Villare Cestriense.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid.

^k Mr. Leycester purchased a moiety of the Crewood estate of General Warburton, who married the other co-heiress.

¹ The township of *Cuddington* lies nearly five miles W. by S. from Northwich.

The township of *Wallerfote* contains only one house: the manor was given by Sir Adam de Wringle, to the nuns of Chester; it was held under them for many generations by the family of the Littleovers, or Litlers, who continued to have a seat there in 1622^m: Hugh Cholmondeley Esq. purchased it of this family in the year 1636ⁿ; it was soon afterwards in the family of Wade, the heiress of which married Peter Legh Esq. of Booths, father of Willoughby Legh Esq., the present proprietor. The ancient hall is occupied as a farm-house.

Part of the township of *Norley* extends into this parish.

WHITEGATE, in the hundred of Northwich and deanery of Middlewich, lies about four miles S.W. from Northwich: this parish which was taken out of Over in the reign of Henry VIII., contains the townships of *Dernhall*, or *Darnball*, *Marton*, or *Merton*, and part of *Over*.

King Edward I., when Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, having been in danger of shipwreck on his return from the Holy Land, made a vow to found a convent of Cistercian monks: some time afterwards having been taken prisoner during the barons' wars, and confined at Hereford, the monks of the neighbouring monastery of Dore visited and consoled him in his captivity; out of gratitude for which he determined to fulfil his vow, by taking them under his protection. In the year 1273, or 1274, he removed them from Dore to Dernhall in Cheshire, where they staid only a few years; their patron having determined, after he became King, to build a new abbey for them on a neighbouring spot, then called *Quetenne-Hall*, or *Wetene-Hall-wez*^o, and *Munchene-wro*^p, to which their founder gave the name of Vale-Royal. The first stone of the new monastery was laid on the 6th of the ides of August 1277 by King Edward I. in the presence of Queen Eleanor and several of the nobles; the Queen laid the first stone in her own name, and another for her son Alphonso. In the mean time a small temporary building was prepared near Vale-Royal, into which the monks removed from Dernhall in 1281, and continued in it during the time of the four first abbots. King Henry III. in the fifty-fifth year of his reign addressed a letter to all abbots and priors throughout the kingdom, recommending them to furnish the monks of the Cistercian abbey (newly founded by his son Edward) with books of divinity^q.

^m Webb's Itinerary in King's Vale Royal, part ii. p. 116.

ⁿ Villare Cestriense.

^o In the register of the abbey translated *Frumentum Sanctum*, or *Sanctorum*.

^p Translated *Monachorum silva*.

^q Pat. 55 Henry III. m. 24. There is a translation of

it in King's Vale-Royal, Vol. ii. p. 109.

It was in 1330 that the monks of Vale-Royal removed to their new and splendid mansion, for the building of which there had been issued from the royal treasury the sum of 32,000*l.*—The solemnity of the removal was kept with much magnificence, and attended by a great concourse of prelates, nobility and gentry. The royal founder endowed the monastery with the manor of Dernhall, and several other surrounding manors and lands. The abbots enjoyed under their founder's grant many great privileges; among which was an extensive right of the advowry, or protection of criminals¹: and the power of life and death, within their manors of Dernhall, Over, and Weverham². In the reign of Henry VIII. the estates of this monastery were valued at 518*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* clear yearly income. Upon the dissolution, the abbey of Vale-Royal was granted to Thomas Holcroft Esq., of whose family it was purchased in or about the year 1615³, by Dame Mary Cholmondeley, relict of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, the younger, who died in 1610, and her son Thomas the immediate ancestor of the present proprietor.

Vale-Royal, now the seat of Thomas Cholmondeley Esq., one of the knights of the shire, is said to have been plundered, and partly destroyed during the civil war; the fourth wing, which, from the appearance of the building, is supposed to have been the refectory of the convent, remained in ruins till the present wings were built in the year 1796 by the present Mr. Cholmondeley: a considerable part of the mansion, which was built by the Holcrofts on the site of the abbey, still remains, but has been newly fronted; the great hall, which is hung round with various sorts of antique muskets and other armour, is seventy-three feet in length. Among the portraits at Vale-Royal are a half-length of Queen Elizabeth on board; a half-length of King Charles I. on board, represented as putting on his cap before his execution, by Deniers; King Charles II., and King James II., by Sir Peter Lely; Charles Duke of Somers; John Thomasen, the celebrated writing-master; Sir Hugh Cholmondeley the younger, who died in 1601 (a whole length on board, in a suit of green silk); Dame Mary his wife, who purchased Vale-Royal, (called by King James I. "the bold Ladie of Cheshire,") and others of the Cholmondeley family.

Here are deposited certain MSS., which are said to be the original prophecies of the celebrated Nixon. The popular story of this supposed prophet, which has been printed in various forms, and is current in every part of the kingdom, was

¹ See Dugdale's *Monast.* Vol. ii. p. 929, and for the History of the Foundation, p. 923, 924.

² See p. 299, 300.

³ Harl. MSS. N^o 2115. p. 160.

⁴ 13 Jac. 1.

first published in the early part of the last century ^x. The account given of him is, that he was an illiterate plough-boy, his capacity scarcely exceeding that of an idiot; and that he seldom spoke unless when he uttered his prophecies, which were taken down from his mouth, by some of the bye-standers: many traditions relating to him are still current in the neighbourhood of Vale-Royal, where his story is implicitly believed; but there are many circumstances which combine to render it suspicious. An anonymous author of "the Life of Robert ^y Nixon, the Cheshire Prophet," places his birth in the reign of Edward IV., but Oldmixon, in his life of him, says that he lived in the reign of James I., and it is asserted in a letter annexed to the last-mentioned pamphlet, which has the signature of William Ewers, and the date of 1714, that there was an old man ^z, one Woodman, then living at Coppenhall, who remembered Nixon, could describe his person, and had communicated many particulars of his life. The tradition at Vale-Royal-house, where the above-mentioned MSS. have been long preserved, with great care and secrecy ^a, favours the former account; and were it not so much connected with Vale-Royal and the Cholmondeley family, who are known not to have settled at that place before the year 1615, the story would have more the air of probability, if placed at a period so remote. If, according to Oldmixon's account, so extraordinary a person had lived at Vale-Royal in the reign of James I., we might expect to find some mention of him in the parish-register, either at Over ^b, or Whitegate, both of which have been searched in vain; and it is almost incredible that he should not have been noticed by his contemporaries; yet no mention is made of him, either by Webb, who in his Itinerary of 1622 speaks much of the Cholmondeley family, and relates a visit of King James I. to Vale-Royal for four days ^c, or by the industrious Randal Holme, who has recorded all the remarkable events and circumstances of his time. Indeed, whatever be the age assigned to Nixon, if his story and his prophecies had

^x We cannot find that there is any earlier printed account of Nixon or his prophecies than the first edition of Oldmixon's pamphlet, printed by Curll in 1714.

^y Most of the printed accounts call him Robert, but in a periodical paper, entitled "the Industrious Bee," printed in 1731, he is called *William*, which we understand is the name by which he is spoken of in the MS. at Vale-Royal.

^z This man must have been considerably more than a hundred years of age, to give consistency to the story, and his memory uncommonly tenacious.

^a We understand that they have been in the exclusive custody of the possessor of Vale-Royal for the time being, who on account of the prophecies which they contain relating to the Cholmondeleys, and other Cheshire families, does not shew them to any one.

^b He is said to have been born at Bridge-end-house, in the parish of Over.

^c See p. 563, note (2).

been known in the seventeenth century, it seems very extraordinary, that neither of the Holmes should have inserted a single note concerning him, in their voluminous and multifarious collections relating to this county¹, and that Fuller, who published his "Worthies" immediately after the restoration, when many of Nixon's prophecies are said to have been fulfilled, should also have omitted to notice him. The story of Nixon's death is, that having been sent for by the King, he was accidentally starved, as he himself had foretold; this is said to have happened at Hampton-court, where two places are pointed out by the person who shews the palace, each of which has been said to have been the scene of his famishment. This part of the story will not bear the test of inquiry better than the others; there is no entry in the parish-register of the burial of such a person, in the reign of James I.; one of the closets pointed out as that in which Nixon was by accident locked up, was evidently built in the reign of William III., and it is needless to observe, that the whole palace was built subsequently to the reign of Henry VII., which is by some said to have been the time of Nixon's death. When in addition to these circumstances, we observe that the particulars relating to the Cholmondeleys in the printed accounts of Nixon, are at variance with the real and known history of that family², we cannot help regarding his story as very suspicious, if not wholly legendary.

The ancient parish church of Whitegate stood at the abbey-gate of the monastery, having been built and made parochial at an early period, for the convenience of the tenants and inhabitants of the demesne of the abbey, but as this had been done by the authority of the pope's bull, the vicar of Over, after the reformation,

¹ There is a very minute detail of every particular in these collections, in the printed catalogue of the Harleian MSS.

² Mr. Oldmixon says, that when Nixon prophesied, the Cholmondeley family was near being extinct, the heir, Thomas Cholmondeley Esq., having married Sir Walter St. John's daughter, a lady not esteemed very young; that Nixon prophesied, that "When an eagle should sit on the top of the house, then an heir should be born to the Cholmondeley family;" and that the prophecy was fulfilled, by the birth of a son and heir by this lady. In a letter addressed to Mr. Oldmixon, by William Ewers of Nantwich, we are told that this birth of a son and heir to the Cholmondeley family, by the daughter of Sir Walter St. John, happened about the year 1689, more than three-score years after Nixon is supposed (even by those who place him in the seventeenth century) to have lived; and Oldmixon says, on the authority of a sister of Mrs. Cholmondeley, that the son then born, was the heir, who in *his* time possessed the Vale-Royal estates. It may be observed, that the above-mentioned Thomas Cholmondeley had a son by his first wife, who married and had issue, and it was not till after the death of this son without male issue, that the estate devolved to his son by Sir Walter St. John's daughter.

disputed its claim to parochial rights, upon which the said tenants and inhabitants having petitioned parliament, and stated the grievances and inconveniences to which they should be subject, if it should then be deemed part of the parish of Over, an act passed in the year 1541, by which Whitegate was made a parish church for the tenants and inhabitants of the demesne of the late monastery of Vale-Royal, and it was enacted that they should be discharged of further resort or repair to the church of Over, and that the vicar of Over should be discharged of the cure of the said tenants and inhabitants. Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal is impropiator of the great tithes and patron of the vicarage. The school, founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Venables, and her son Thomas Lee Esq. at Dernhall, and since removed to Over, has been already spoken of^a.

The township of *Dernball*, or *Darnball*, lies nearly six miles W. S. W. from Middlewich; the manor in ancient times belonged to the Earls of Chester, who had a feat here. John Scot Earl of Chester, who was poisoned by his wife, died at Dernhall in 1244; King Edw. I. being possessed of the estates belonging to the earldom of Chester, removed the monks of Dore to Dernhall, as above-mentioned, and gave them the manor: these monks, who afterwards removed to Vale-Royal, continued to possess Dernhall till the dissolution, soon after which, it became the property of Sir Reginald Corbet, one of the justices of the Common-pleas, who died seized of it in 1568: it was sold by the Corbets in the reign of James I., to Richard Lee Esq., of whose descendant, Thomas Lee Esq., father of the American general of that name, it was purchased by the father of the late Thomas Corbet Esq., who died in 1808. Dernhall is now the property of his son, William Corbet Esq.

The township of *Marton*, or *Merton*, lies about four miles and a half S. W. by S. from Nantwich: the manor was given by Randal Blundeville Earl of Chester, to Randal de Merton, son of Randal his faithful forester, and either he, or his son of the same name, gave it in the year 1305, to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal, in exchange for Gayton in Wirral, and Lach on Rud-heath^b. After the reformation, it was granted to Sir Thomas Holcroft, who sold it to ——— Edmunds of Lincoln's-Inn, and ——— Peshall^c; it was afterwards purchased by the Cholmondeley family, and has descended with the Vale-Royal estate. Merton-Grange, or Merton-Sands in this township, which was granted also to Sir Thomas Holcroft, was sold by him to the Mainwarings; Robert

^a See p. 719.

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2060. f. 173.

^c Ibid.

Mainwaring of Merton, who was pensioner to King Henry VIII., King Edw. VI., and Queen Mary, had been lessee under the convent^d: this estate was purchased of the Mainwarings, about the year 1690, by the Fleetwoods of Calwiche in Staffordshire: under the will of Sir Thomas Fleetwood, the last baronet of that family, who died in 1802, this estate is the property of his widow, now the Countess Front. The ancient mansion at Merton-Sands, which stands within a moated site, is now occupied by the tenant, who farms the estate.

Foxwist, and *Bellarview*, or *Villaview*, are hamlets in this township, belonging to Thomas Cholmondeley Esq. of Vale-Royal.

Hefferton, or *Hefferfon-Grange*, in a detached part of the parish of Whitegate, encompassed by the township of Weverham, belonged to the abbot and convent of Vale-Royal; it was granted after the dissolution to the Holcrofts, from whom it seems to have passed to the Warburtons. It was the property and seat of Mr. Peter Warburton, who was appointed justice of Chester by the Parliament in 1647; from him it descended to Peter Warburton Esq., who dying without issue about the year 1734, devised it to his sister, the wife of Dr. Matthew Henry, a celebrated Presbyterian divine. Dr. Henry's son, who took the name of Warburton, died also without issue; his niece and devisee, Mary Philpot, brought this estate in marriage to the present proprietor, Nicholas Ashton Esq. The mansion on this estate, called "the Grange," is now in the occupation of Dr. Henry Majendie, lately translated from the see of Chester, to that of Bangor.

The site of the manor of Bradford, which had belonged to an ancient family of that name; the site of the ancient manor of Conewardefley, now called Connersley-meadow, Knights-grange, and Gale-green, which all belonged to the abbey of Vale-Royal, are in that part of the township of *Over*, which is in the parish of Whitegate. Bradford and Conewardefley were both given to the abbot and convent by their founder, King Edward I.^e; the King had previously given lands near Chester, and the custody of the East-gate of that city, to Henry Bradford, for the former^f; Conewardefley passed with the demesne of the abbey, from the Holcrofts to the Cholmondeleys; Bradford was purchased with the manor of *Over* and other estates, of Edward Randolph and Edward Peshall, about the middle of the seventeenth century. *Salterfwall*, comprised in this purchase, is partly in the township of *Over*, and partly in *Marton*.

^d Harl. MSS. N^o 2060. f. 173.

^e Ibid. N^o 2115. f. 160.

^f Ibid. N^o 2057. f. 147.

WILMSLOW, in the hundred and deanery of Macclesfield, lies on the road from Macclesfield to Manchester, seven miles from the former ^s, and twelve from the latter. The parish contains six townships, *Chorley*, *Dean-Row*, *Fulshaw* ^h, *Hough*, *Morley*, and *Styall*: the village of Wilmslow is principally in the township of Hough; some part in Dean-Row, and some in Morley. An extensive trade in the manufacture of cotton is carried on at Wilmslow, where there are no less than eight large factories, the principal one is that of Mr. Gregg at Styall.

The greater part of the parish is divided into two districts, called *Bollin-fee*, and *Pownall-fee*; the former contains *Dean-Row*, *Fulshaw*, and *Hough*; the latter, *Morley*, and *Styall*; *Chorley* is a separate district. The Fittons of Bollin were possessed nearly of the whole of this parish; Richard de Fitton gave Fulshaw to the knights-hospitallersⁱ: the other townships passed by a sole heiress to the Venables family, and by the co-heiresses of William Venables of Bollin in the reign of Henry V., to the Booths and Traffords^k; in consequence of a division of the property, Dean-Row and Styall have descended to the Earl of Stamford, as heir of the Booths; and Chorley, Hough, and Morley, to John Trafford Esq., who is also patron of the rectory.

Bollin-Hall, an ancient mansion belonging to the Earl of Stamford, some time a seat of the Booths, is now a farm-house. Pownall-Hall and demesne belonged to a younger branch of the Fittons, the co-heiresses of which married into the families of Newton and Minshull; the Pownall-Hall estate passed to the former: the Newtons of Pownall-Hall became extinct in the male line in the early part of the seventeenth century, when the co-heiresses married into the families of Benison, Ward, and Mainwaring; the former became possessed of two-thirds of this estate, which were purchased by Sir George Booth in 1652; the Mainwarings had the other third with the hall, now by purchase, the property of John Worrall Esq., and occupied as a ladies' school.

Chorley-Hall was a seat of the Davenports from about the year 1400, (when Thomas, a younger son of Sir Ralph Davenport of Davenport, married the heiress of Hanford of Chorley^l;) till the year 1612, when this estate was sold by

^s It is seven miles also from each of the market towns of Altrincham, Knutsford and Stockport.

^h *Chorley* is about six miles N. W. by W. from Macclesfield; *Dean-Row*, about the same distance N. N. W.; *Fulshaw*, about six miles and a half N. W.

ⁱ *V. late Cestriense.*

^k *Ibid.*

^l Another branch of the Davenport family had lands in Chorley at an earlier period by a grant from Edmund Fitton to Richard Davenport, son of John, a younger son of Sir Roger Davenport of Davenport, who was living in 1291; these lands were held by the payment of two shillings yearly, and a sitch of bacon during the pannage in Fulshaw-wood. (From the information of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart.)

William Davenport to Francis Downes Esq., after an intermediate alienation to John Hobson, it was purchased in 1640, by Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley, ancestor of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart., the present proprietor: the hall, an ancient timber mansion within a moated site, is now occupied as a farm house. The Davenports, after the sale of Chorley, resided for some generations at Parsonage-green in this parish, where Thomas Davenport, the last heir-male, died in 1757: his sister, the widow of William Stonehewer Hall Esq., is still living at Parsonage-green, and is the representative of the Davenports of Chorley. Hawthorne-Hall with its demesne, in the township of Morley, was the property and seat of a younger branch of the Booths, from whom it passed successively to the Lathoms^m, Leighs, and Pages: it was lately purchased of the latterⁿ, by Ralph Bower Esq. of Wilmslow, and is now occupied as a school.

Norcliffe, a hamlet of Styall, is an appendage of the manor of Bollin.

The manor of *Fulshaw*, which had passed from the family of Fulshaw, to that of Fitton, was given, as before-mentioned, to the prior and convent of St. John of Jerusalem; early in Queen Elizabeth's reign it belonged to Edmund Verdon Esq., whose son conveyed it to William Newton^o: this manor is claimed, by inheritance probably from the Newtons^p, by the trustees for the infant son of Peter Davenport Finney, who died in 1800: the Duke of Leeds holds courts here for Fulshaw, as appendant to the preceptory of Iveley in Derbyshire, formerly belonging to the knights-hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem: the courts were formerly held at Fulshaw, now at Rostherne. The manor of St. John of Jerusalem, as it is called, consists of free-rents and royalties; the tenants of the manor are free from all tolls of bridges, markets, and fairs, and from attendance at assizes, sessions, &c. &c. The lords of the fee had in ancient times the probate of wills within their jurisdiction, which were kept and registered by the steward of their court. This manor was demised by King Charles I. to Robert Wirrall Gent. Nathaniel Booth Esq., afterwards Lord Delamere, became lessee in or about the year 1731: the lease has been in the Duke of Leeds's family, nearly fifty years. Fulshaw-Hall is now occupied by ——— Tipping Esq.

^m Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

ⁿ Leigh Page Esq., who possessed it by devise from ——— Leigh Esq. was sheriff of the county in 1733; his great nephew Thomas Leigh Page Esq., who sold Hawthorne-Hall to Mr. Bower, is representative of the ancient family of Page of Eardshaw: he is now of Pancras in the county of Middlesex.

^o Villare Cestriense.

^p In 1662, one moiety belonged to the Newtons: the other to the Lathoms of Fulshaw. Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

In the parish church of Wilmslow are some grave-stones of the Booths ^a, with mutilated brass-plates; some memorials of the Davenports of Chorley; monuments with the effigies of Humphry Newton, and his wife Eleanor ^r, heiress of a younger branch of the Fittons, and that of Henry Trafford ^s S. T. D., rector of this parish, (called in the inscription, Bollin,) who died in 1538.

A school was founded at Wilmslow for ten children, by the Rev. Henry Hough: it has but a small endowment (about 5*l.* *per ann.*), being the interest of money given by sundry benefactors. A workhouse was built in this parish, about the year 1780, upon Lindow-common: the freeholders of the parish gave lands for its support, which are now let for upwards of 200*l.* *per ann.* Mr. Wright rector of Wilmslow, who was dispossessed of his living during the civil war, sustained a formal siege at the rectory-house from Colonel Dukenfield, a parliamentary officer: one of his maid servants, or as some accounts say, two, were killed; he was at that time fourscore years old, but notwithstanding his great age, is said to have lived to see the restoration of King Charles II., and to be reinstated in his living ^t. We could not procure the date of his death, or any further particulars; we are informed that there is no parochial register extant, of so early a date. Peter Ledham was instituted in 1661 to the rectory of Wilmslow, then void by the death of the last incumbent, but the name of the deceased does not appear in the bishop's register.

The parish of WISTASTON, in the hundred and deanery of Nantwich; which lies about three miles N. E. by E. from Nantwich, contains only one township.

The manor of *Wistaston* or *Wistanson*, was held in the reign of Henry III. under the Sandfords, in whom a portion of the barony of Nantwich was then vested, by the Wistastons ^u: one moiety of this manor passed by successive alienations to the families of Egerton and Alexander, and from the latter by a female heir in the sixteenth century, to Richard Walthall Esq. ^x, ancestor of Peter Walthall Esq. of Wistaston-Hall, the present proprietor: the other moiety passed with a co-heiress of the Wistastons, to Adam Praers: it was afterwards in the family

^a It appears by church-notes taken in 1572, that these are the figures of Sir Robert Booth, who died in 1460, and his wife Dulcia (Venables). Harl. MSS. N^o 2151.

^r See p. 451.

^s Ibid.

^t Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy.

^u It appears that it was held by the service of finding certain horses when required, for the use of the Earl of Chester, and providing a man and horse to keep the fairs at Chester twice in the year, according to the custom of the said fairs. — Woodnoth's Collections, f. 237. *b.*

^x Villare Cestrieuse. †

of Delves of Doddington, whose representative, the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., conveyed it in exchange for an estate in the township of Hunsterfon, to Peter Walthall Esq. above-mentioned.

The ancient family of Bressley had, at an early period, lands in this parish: the first of the family of whom we find mention is Robert Bressley, whom William de Malbank, Baron of Wich-Malbank, calls in a deed his black nephew^y; the Bressleys had a seat at a place called in ancient deeds Wilcots, Wilcocks, and Wilde-cats-heath, and described to be in Wistaston: we cannot find that there is any place of this name now known in the parish; in the adjoining township of Willaston is an ancient mansion, called Bressley-Hall, now the property of W. Sneyd Esq. Wilcott's-heath is spoken of in 1662, as a house then belonging to the Bressleys of Bressley-green^z; it appears nevertheless by pedigrees of the family, that the Brindleys settled at Wistaston before the reign of Richard II., in consequence of a match with the heiress of an elder branch of the Bressleys. There is an ancient mansion in Wistaston, called the Red-Hall, now a farm-house, belonging to J. Bayley Esq.

WOODCHURCH, in the hundred and deanery of Wirral, lies about seventeen miles N.N.W. from Chester, and about six from Neston; it contains the townships of *Woodchurch, Arrow, Barnston, Landecan, Noctorum, Pensby, Prenton, Oxtan,* and *Thingwall*, besides part of the township of *Irbye*, and a small portion of *Cloughton* and *Upton*.

The manor of *Woodchurch*, or Cromborough-court in Woodchurch, which had belonged to the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, was granted by Queen Elizabeth, among other concealed lands, to Peter and Edward Grey^a; it passed afterwards by successive sales to the families of Hitchcock, or Hiccocks, and Leenes. The late Dr. Thomas Wilson, prebendary of Westminster, son of the venerable bishop of Sodor and Man, purchased this manor of the Rev. John Crookhall, and devised it in 1784 to Thomas Macklin Esq. of Derby, with remainder, in case of his death without issue, to Thomas Patten Esq., who has assumed the name of Wilson, and is the present proprietor.

In the parish church is a tablet for George Hockenhull Esq. of Prenton, who died in 1698. The patronage of the rectory is vested in the Rev. Bryan King, the present incumbent: William Gleave Esq., alderman of London, by his will, bearing date 1665, left the sum of 500*l.* toward the building and endowing of

^y Villare Cestriense.

^z Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^a See p. 573, in the notes
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a free-school at Woodchurch: 100*l.* was expended in building, and the remainder laid out in lands for its endowment, which are now let at about 80*l. per ann.* Richard Adam A. M., in 1676, gave three hundred and forty-four books for the use of the school; and in 1681, fifty-four more, with a scrutoire.

James Goodacre, or Goodier of Barnston, who died in 1525, gave twenty marks, for the purpose of buying twenty yoke of bullocks for the poor; these, by order of the commissioners for charitable uses, were afterwards exchanged for cows, and it was settled that every parishioner who should have one of the cows, should pay 2*s. 8d.* yearly, for the purpose of increasing the parish stock, and augmenting the number, which in the year 1741 was ninety-two; there are now about fifty only. The donor of this charity entrusted the management of it to the lord of the manor of Prenton, (then Mr. Gleave,) the rector of Woodchurch, and others: in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, John Hockenull Esq., the lord of the manor of Prenton claimed the sole management, but it was determined on appeal to the bishop, that in future it should be managed by the lord of Prenton, the rector of Woodchurch, and one person out of every township, to be chosen by the inhabitants^b. Dr. Richard Sherlock, rector of Winwick, author of several theological and devotional works, who died in 1689, gave, in his life-time, (A^o 1670,) the sum of 50*l.*, to purchase a stock of fifteen cows for the poor of the township of Oxton; of which he was a native^c; the stock to be kept up in like manner as those given by Goodier: in 1718 there were nineteen or twenty cows belonging to this charity, but now about eight or ten only. The trustees of both charities have money in hand, to advance on the application of proper claimants.

The township of *Arrow* lies nearly seven miles N. by W. from Great-Nefton: a moiety of the manor was in the Thornton family, in the reign of Edward II., and passed by successive female heirs to the Duttons and Gerards; the other moiety was in the family of Tildesley in the reign of Henry VII.^d The manor has of late years been frequently alienated; it is now the property of John Shaw Esq. of Liverpool.

A moiety of the manor of *Barnston*^e, and the whole of *Oxton*^f, belongs to the Earl of Shrewsbury, having passed by successive heirs from the Domvilles to the Hulfes, Troubecks, and Talbots; the other moiety of the manor of Barnston belonged to the Barnston family, afterwards to a younger branch of the Bennets

^b Harl. MSS. N^o 2009. f. 338.

^c Ant Wood.

^d Esch. 12 & 24 Hen. VII.

^e The township of *Barnston* is four miles N. by W. from Great-Nefton.

^f The township of *Oxton* is about seven miles N. by E. from Great-Nefton.

of Willaston, and having been sold by them to the Macklins, is now the property of Wilton Macklin Esq. The old hall has been taken down: it was in ruins in 1718^g.

The township of *Landican* lies nearly six miles N. from Great-Neston: the manor was conveyed by the Duttons in the year 1326 to the family of Praers, from which it passed by a female heir to Fullehurst, and was afterwards in the Wilbrahams of Woodhey: it was purchased by Dr. Wilton, and has passed with Woodchurch to Thomas Patten Wilton Esq., the present proprietor.

The township of *Noctorum*, or *Knoctorum*, lies about seven miles N. from Great-Neston; the manor, which was given by Richard de Praers to the abbot and convent of Chester^h, has been held almost from the time of the reformation by a chief-rent, under the dean and chapterⁱ. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it passed from the family of Harpur to the Crossies^k, who possessed it for a century; it was afterwards in the Chauntrells, of whom it was purchased by Dr. Wilton, and has since passed with Woodchurch and Landican.

The township of *Penby* lies four miles N. N. W. from Great-Neston; the manor belonged to the hospital of St. John in Chester^l: it is now the property of John Glegg Esq. by inheritance from the Gleggs of Gayton, who possessed it nearly two centuries.

The township of *Prenton* lies about six miles N. by E. from Great-Neston: the manor belonged at an early period to the family of Prenton, from which it passed by successive female heirs to the Gleyves and Hockenhulls: it was purchased of the representatives of John Hockenhull Esq. the last heir male of that family, who died in 1782, by Joseph Lyon Esq., father of J. H. Lyon Esq. the present proprietor: an ancient stone mansion, which was the seat of the Hockenhulls, is now occupied by a farmer.

The township of *Thingwall* lies about five miles N. by W. from Great-Neston: the manor was claimed in 1662 by Sir William Stanley, Lord Kingston, and the Earl of Shrewsbury: it was soon afterwards in the Steeles, from whom it passed to Sir Robert Vyner Bart., lord mayor of London, and it is now the property of Robert Vyner Esq. of Gautby in Lincolnshire.

^g Bishop Gastrell's Notitia Cestriensis.

^h Dugdale's Monasticon, Vol. i. p. 485, 486.

ⁱ It was most probably obtained by Sir Richard Cotton with other estates, which had belonged to the dean and chapter, and by him alienated to Harpur. See p. 573, in the notes.

^k Records in the exchequer at Chester, 35 Eliz.

^l Villare Cestriense.

WYBUNBURY, in the hundred and deanery of Namptwich, lies on the borders of Staffordshire, about three miles east from Namptwich: the parish contains eighteen townships, *Wybunbury, Bartherton, Basford, Blackenball, Bridgemere, Checkley-cum-Wrinehill, Chorlton, Doddington, Hatherton, Hough, Hunsterfon, Lea, or Lee, Rope, Shavington-cum-Gresty, Stapeley, Walgherton, Weston, and Wigstanston, or Willaston.*

The manor and advowson of *Wybunbury* belonged in ancient times to the family of Praers: in the year 1277 Robert de Praers quitted claim to the bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, ever since which time the manor and great tithes have been held on lease under that see; the present lessee of the manor is the Rev. Robert Hill. The bishop of Lichfield and Coventry is patron of the vicarage; John Mellor Esq., by purchase from Sir Charles Talbot Bart., who inherited from the late Mrs. Cornwall, is lessee of the corn and hay tithes of the townships of Blackenball, Bridgemere, Checkley, Chorlton, Doddington, Hatherton, Hunsterfon, and Walgherton; and Richard Congreve Esq. of Burton in the county of Flint, and his sister Miss Marianne Congreve, are lessees of the tithes of the other townships^m.

In the parish church are some monuments of the families of Delves, Woodnoth, Smith, and Wilbraham of Hough. Many ancient monuments, particularly some of the family of Delves, were destroyed when the body of the church was rebuilt in 1595ⁿ, and others upon a similar occasion in 1790; among the latter was the monument of Sir John Delves, who was slain in the battle of Tewksbury in 1471, and his eldest son, who was beheaded after the battle: this monument is described by Mr. Pennant in his *Journey from Chester to London*: there is a sketch of the upper stone, with figures of Sir John Delves, his lady, and his son, in a volume of church notes taken by Ashmole, and preserved among his MSS. at Oxford; in his time the sides of this monument, ornamented with figures, were in the bailiff's chamber at Doddington; the upper stone remained in Wybunbury church: there is a sketch in the same volume of portraits of one of the Delves family, and his lady, taken from a window in Wybunbury church. Among the monuments which now remain may be particularly noticed that of Sir Thomas Smith of Hough, who died in 1614, (with the effigies of himself in armour, and of his lady,) that of John Woodnoth, of the ancient family of Woodnoth of Shavington, who died in 1615, and that of Sir Thomas Delves Bart., who died in 1648; the latter commemorates also his son, Sir Henry Delves

^m Except those of two-thirds of Willaston, which belong to the dean and chapter of Chester.

ⁿ Bishop Gaitrell.

Bart., who died in 1663. We find mention of a hermitage at Wybunbury, in a lease of William Heyworth, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, by which two gardens are demised to Nicholas Baker the hermit, for ninety-nine years, on condition that they shall be held by fit priests, or honest hermits^o: the lease bears date 1424.

There was a school-house at Wybunbury, built by subscription, nearly two centuries ago: Thomas Heath in 1707 gave by will a cottage for the residence of the school-master, and a part of his personal estate, for the instruction of poor children: with this money, which amounted to 100*l.*, and other sums which had been given for charitable uses by sundry benefactors, lands were purchased in the years 1735 and 1748, out of the rent of which (now 30*l. per ann.*) 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is appropriated for the use of the school; this is the whole endowment, except the interest of some very small donations, and the rent of certain pews, amounting together this year (1809) to 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* It is a school for boys, some of whom are taught reading only, and others reading, writing, and accounts.

The township of *Barksford*, or *Basford*, lies nearly five miles E. from Nantwich; the manor was anciently in moieties between the Woodnoths and Harcourts^p; what became of Woodnoth's moiety is not known; the other passed by a female heir to Hugh Cholmondeley, whose daughter and heir Lettice brought it, in the fourteenth century, to the Bromleys; a branch of this family was for many generations seated at Basford: about the year 1563 John Bromley sold the reversion of the manor of Basford to Thomas Clutton. Sir Hugh Cholmondeley died seized of it in 1597, Isabel Bromley, who had a life-interest in it, being then still living^q. Sir Hugh Cholmondeley the younger gave this manor to his son, Thomas Cholmondeley of Vale-Royal; it was sold by the devisees of Seymour Cholmondeley Esq., to Dr. Joseph Crewe,^r of whose son, John Crewe Esq. of Bolesworth-castle, it was purchased in 1785, by the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., the present proprietor. Basford-Hall, some time a seat of the Bromleys, and afterwards of Sir Robert Cholmondeley Knt., was burnt down about the year 1700; the site is occupied by a modern farm-house.

The township of *Bartherton*, or *Bertherton*, lies about two miles S. S. E. from Nantwich: the manor belonged to the ancient family of Griffin, as early as the beginning of the thirteenth century^r. About the middle of the 17th century it was purchased of Richard Griffin Esq. and Jane his wife, by Sir Thomas Delves

^o Woodnoth's Collections, f. 242. b.

^p Villare Cestriense.

^q Ibid.

^r Bertram Griffin purchased it for one hundred marks, in or about the reign of King John, of one William Rufus; and Adam de Betherton soon afterwards quitted claim to it. Villare Cestriense.

Bart., from whom it descended to the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., the present proprietor. Bartherton-Hall, the ancient seat of the Griffins, is now a farm-house.

The township of *Blackenball* lies about five miles and a half S. E. by E. from Nantwich: the manor belongs to Sir Thomas Broughton, having been purchased about the year 1387 by his ancestor John Delves Esq., of the Blackenhalls, who had possessed it more than two centuries^s.

The manor of *Bridesmere*, or *Bridgemere*, now Sir Thomas Broughton's, was purchased in 1762, by his brother, Sir Bryan Broughton Delves Bart., of Lord Vernon, having been the ancient inheritance of his lordship's ancestors, the barons of Kinderton. A manor in Bridgesmere was held under the barony of Kinderton, by the family of Bridesmere, which became extinct in the male line in the reign of Henry VI.; it is probable that this is the estate spoken of by Webb in his Itinerary, written in the year 1622, as then lately purchased by the Wilbrahams^t.

The township of *Checkley*, anciently called *Chacklegb*, or *Chackley*, lies about seven miles S. E. by E. from Nantwich; the manor was at an early period in the Praers family, and passed by a female heir to the Blackenhalls; a third part of this was, in the reign of Edward III., the property of John Bressley, who sold it to Sir John Delves^u; the remainder, which passed by successive female heirs to the families of Malpas and Perfall, or Pelhall, was purchased of Sir John Perfall Bart. about the year 1662, by Thomas Delves Esq., afterwards Sir Thomas Delves Bart.; the whole thus became united in the Delves family, and has descended with their other estates to Sir Thomas Broughton. Checkley-Hall^v, some time a seat of the Perfalls, is now a farm-house. *Wrinehill*, a hamlet of this township, is just within the confines of Staffordshire: the hall became a seat of the Egerton family about the year 1400, in consequence of the marriage of William Egerton of Betley and Caldecote (descended from Urian, second son of Philip de Egerton, who was sheriff of Cheshire in 1295), with the heiress of Sir John Hawkstone of Wrinehill; this branch of the Egerton family became extinct in the male line in the year 1687; but previously to this, pursuant to a settlement made by Edward Egerton Esq., who died without issue in the early part of the seventeenth century, Wrinehill had passed to the Egertons of Egerton, and it was, for some time, one of their seats. Sir John Egerton Bart. died at Wrinehill in 1674, and his namesake Sir John Egerton Bart. in 1729.

^s Villare Cestriense.

^t King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 66.

Villare Cestriense.

^u Called by Webb a beautiful timber-house.—Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 66.

Wrinehill-Hall is now a farm-house, which, having passed by purchase to the Broughtons, is now the property of Sir Thomas Broughton Bart. Heywood-Barnes, a manor in the township of Checkley, which had long been in the Egerton family, was purchased in 1805 of John Egerton Esq. of Oulton by Sir Thomas Broughton.

The township of *Chorleton* or *Chorlton* lies about five miles and a half E. by S. from Nantwich: the manor is the property of Sir Thomas Broughton, being part of the ancient inheritance of the family of Delves.

The township of *Doddington* lies about five miles and a half S. E. by E. from Nantwich; the manor was anciently in a family to which it gave name ⁷; Robert Praers was seised of it as early as the year 1342; about two years after it was sold, by John de Bressley, and Margaret his wife, who appears to have been the heiress of Praers, to John Delves Esq. ², descended from the ancient family of Delves of Delves-Hall in Staffordshire. This John Delves was eminent both in a military and civil capacity; he distinguished himself at the battle of Poitiers as one of the four esquires of the brave Lord Audley, who were rewarded for their services with a handsome annuity and an honourable augmentation to their coats of arms. In 1362 he was knighted, and in 1364 made one of the justices of the King's Bench; the same year he had the royal licence to make a castellated mansion at Doddington. Sir John Delves died in 1369 without issue; his collateral descendant of the same name, being grandson of his brother Henry, was an active partizan of the house of Lancaster; in 1460 he was intrusted by Queen Margaret with the care of Sir John and Sir Thomas Neville, (sons of the Earl of Salisbury,) and other prisoners, then in Chester castle ³. This Sir John Delves was slain at the battle of Tewksbury in 1471; his son John, who accompanied him in that fatal action, was immediately afterwards beheaded ^b; his younger brother Henry continued the line of the Delves's of Doddington; their immediate descendant Sir Thomas Delves was created a baronet in 1621: the title and the male line of this ancient family became extinct by the death of Sir Thomas Delves the fourth baronet in 1727, when Doddington and other estates passed under his will to his grandson (by his only daughter Elizabeth,) Sir Bryan Broughton Bart. ^c,

⁷ Villare Cestriense.

² Evidences of the Delves Family, compiled by Sir William Dugdale, in the possession of Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.

³ Evidences of the Delves Family.

^b Some say they were both beheaded after the action; according to Holinshed's account, Sir John Delves fell in the field of battle.

^c See p. 356.

whose brother, the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., is the present proprietor.

Doddington-Hall, the seat of the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart., a handsome and spacious stone edifice, was begun to be built in the year 1777, from the designs of Mr. Samuel Wyatt; at a short distance are some small remains of Doddington-castle, built by Sir John Delves as before-mentioned, about the year 1364^d: this castle was one of the parliamentary garrisons during the civil war; it was taken by Lord Byron without any resistance, on the 4th of January 1644, although garrisoned by one hundred and sixty men^e: it fell into the hands of the Parliament again, on the 7th of February following^f. Adjoining to the castle was old Doddington-Hall, a quadrangular brick building, apparently of the age of Queen Elizabeth^g, with transom windows.

Sir Thomas Delves, who died in 1727, gave by deed the sum of 1535*l.*, laid out in the purchase of lands, which, in the year 1786, produced the sum of 94*l.* 4*s.* *per ann.* for the purpose of clothing and educating twenty boys and ten girls of the parish of Wyburnury^h: the schools are now placed at Doddington and Weston, pursuant to the direction of Sir Thomas Broughton, who has the management of the charity, and the nomination of the scholars; the Rev. Robert Hill of Hough is joint trustee.

The township of *Hatherton* lies about four miles S. E. by S. from Nantwich; the manor having been for several generations in the Orrebies, passed by a female heir to the Corbetsⁱ, who continued in possession till about the year 1576, when it was conveyed to Randle Brooke^k; not long afterwards it passed to the Smiths of Hough. Sir Thomas Smith, who was of Hatherton when Webb wrote his Itinerary of Cheshire in 1625, served at that time the offices of sheriff of the county, and mayor of the city of Chester^k; Thomas Smith Esq. of Hatherton was created a baronet in 1660, with remainder to his two brothers successively, but the male issue failing within a few years, the title became extinct^l: the manor

^d Evidences of the Delves Family.
8vo. Vol. ii. p. 927.

ⁱ *Ibid* p. 932.

^e Burghall's Diary — History of Cheshire,

^f The statues of Lord Audley and his four esquires, spoken of in p. 456; appear (from a drawing made by Mr. J. Calveley, for Dr. Gower's intended work, after the house had been partly taken down) to have been part of the decorations of the portico.

^h Returns of charitable donations to the House of Commons in 1786.

ⁱ Records in the Exchequer of Chester, 19 Eliz.

^k Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 66.

^l On the death of the first baronet, Sir Thomas, (in 1675,) the title went to a nephew of the same name: Sir Thomas Smith, who died in 1675, left an only daughter, married to Richard Lister Esq.

of Hatherton was sold by the representatives of Sir Thomas Smith, the first baronet, about the year 1700, to Mr. Salmon, of whose grandson, the Rev. Matthew Salmon, it was purchased in 1784 by Charles Bate Esq. of Nantwich, the present proprietor. Hatherton-Hall, the ancient seat of the Smiths, has been taken down, and a farm-house built on the site, which belongs to Mrs. Sparrow.

The township of *Hough* lies rather more than three miles E. by S. from Nantwich; the manor was at an early period held under the family of Praers, by the Houghs, whose heiress brought it in marriage about the year 1374, to Richard Massey; it was sold by their descendants in or about the year 1517, to Thomas Smith Esq.¹, alderman of Chester, ancestor of the Smiths of Hough and Hatherton. After the death of Sir Thomas Smith Bart. above-mentioned, this manor seems to have passed by purchase to the Walthalls: in 1763 it was given, with some lands in Hunsterfon, by Peter Walthall Esq., to Sir Bryan Broughton Delves Bart., in exchange for a moiety of Wistaston. The manor of Hough now belongs to Sir Thomas Broughton: the hall, which was abandoned by the Smiths when they removed to Hatherton, is described by Webb as decayed in 1622^m. A house in Hough, which had belonged to the family of Bromhall, is now the property and seat of the Rev. Robert Hill, who acquired it with an estate in this township, in marriage with the daughter and heiress of the Rev. John Wilbraham. Another estate in Hough, called the Cliffe, with a house late the property and residence of Robert Clarke Esq., was purchased in 1806, by Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.

The township of *Hunsterfon*, or *Hunfterton*, lies about five miles and a half S. E. from Nantwich; the manor which had been parcel of the barony of Kinderton, is now Sir Thomas Broughton's, having been purchased by his brother Sir Bryan Broughton Delves in 1762. The Hunsterfons were mesne-lords of this manor in the 14th century: their estate was afterwards divided into severalties; about the year 1600, the Delves family possessed one-fourth by inheritance, and another by purchase; the Mores of Hall-o'-heath had a third share, and the remainder was sub-divided; the greater part of this estate now belongs to Sir Thomas Broughton.

Lea, or *Lee*ⁿ, was the property and residence of an ancient family which took its name from the township. From a younger branch of this family, which settled at Quarendon in Buckinghamshire, were descended the Lees Earls of Lichfield; the elder branch continued to possess the manor of Lea, and to reside

¹ Villare Cestriense.

^m King's Vale-Royal, part ii. p. 67.

ⁿ The family name has been uniformly spelt Lee.

at the hall till the reign of King Charles the First, when Henry Lee Esq. (whose son Thomas settled at Dernhall) sold it to Henry Delves Esq. of Doddington; it has since passed with the Doddington estate to the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.: the hall is now occupied as a farm-house.

The township of *Rope* lies about two miles and a half E. N. E. from Nantwich; the manor belongs to Sir Thomas Broughton by inheritance, it having been bequeathed to Henry Delves Esq. about the year 1600, by Laurence Rope Esq.^o, the last male heir of the ancient family of that name, whose ancestors had possessed it as early as the reign of Edward III.

The township of *Shavington* lies about four miles and a half East from Nantwich: this place was at an early period the property and feat of the family of Woodnoth; the first in the pedigree who is called lord of Shavington, is William Woodnoth, in the reign of Henry the Third; his father was of Basford, his grandfather and great-grandfather of Swanley; this ancient family became extinct in the male line in the year 1637. When the manor became alienated from the family does not appear: there are now, as we are informed, two manors in the township, called Shavington-cum-Gresty^p, and Gresty-cum-Shavington; the former was purchased about the year 1515 of Francis Braddock and Joan his wife, by Thomas Smith Esq., alderman of Chester^q, and ancestor of the Smiths of Hough, from whom it passed by the same title as Hatherton, to Charles Bate Esq. of Nantwich; the other, which was in the Cholmondeleys of Holford, has passed by the same title as Basford, to Sir Thomas Broughton Bart. Shavington-Hall with its demesne, the ancient feat of the Woodnoths, was purchased in 1661, by the ancestor of Mr. John Turner, the present proprietor, who resides in a modern house built on the site of the old mansion^r.

The township of *Stapeley* lies about two miles and a half from Nantwich: the manor passed by marriage from the family of Stapeley to that of Rope, about the year 1350, and from the Ropes about the year 1600, to the Greens of Congleton. The Earl of Ardglass in Ireland, Mr. Milton, and Richard Green, are described as joint lords in 1662^s: this manor was afterwards successively in the families of Milton^t, and Stubbs; it was purchased of the latter in 1765, by the late Mr. William Salmon of Nantwich, and is now the joint property of

^o Sir William Dugdale's MS. book of the Delves Family.

^p The manor of Gresty was anciently in the family of de Gresty, and afterwards (temp. Edw. III.) and as late as Hen. V.) in the Griffins.—Records at Chester.

^q Ibid.

^r It was taken down in 1733.

^s Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

^t Milton purchased of Green. Ibid.

his sons, Charles Salmon Esq., and Prussia Salmon Esq.: the hall, which was the ancient seat of the Ropes, is in ruins; it is the property of James Bayley Esq.

The township of *Walgherton* lies nearly four miles S. E. by E. from Nantwich; the manor was conveyed about the year 1270 by Henry de Waschet, to Fulke de Orreby, from whom it passed with Hatherton to the Corbets and Smiths; Sir Thomas Smith was possessed of it as late as the year 1662¹: in 1668 it was conveyed by George Vernon and others, to Hall Ravencroft Esq.²; it is probable that it was afterwards purchased by Sir Thomas Delves: it is now the property of Sir Thomas Broughton Bart.: the hall and demesne were purchased by Sir Henry Delves in or about the year 1539 of Richard Kardiff³.

The township of *Weston* lies about six miles E. by N. from Nantwich: the manor, which belongs to Sir Thomas Broughton, was purchased about the year 1352, by his ancestor Sir John Delves, of John de Bressley, who had married an heiress of Praers; it had been before in the Griffins. Weston-Hall, now a farm-house, was for many years one of the seats of the Delves family. The Smiths of Hough had a manor in this township, purchased by Sir Thomas Smith of the Braddocks in 1535.

The manor of *Wigstanton*, *Wisterfon*, or *Willaston*, belonged in the reign of Edward I., if not before, to the family of Chanu, Chanie, or Cheney⁴; in or about the year 1533, it was conveyed by John Cheney Esq., to Richard Sneyd⁵ Esq., recorder of Chester, ancestor of Walter Sneyd Esq., the present proprietor. In this township is an old mansion (now a farm-house, the property of Mr. Sneyd) called Bressley-Hall, which was formerly a seat of the Bressley family⁶. A good house in this township, built by Mr. John Bayley of Nantwich, is now the property and residence of Charles Salmon Esq., who married his daughter.

¹ Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

² From the information of Sir Thomas Broughton.

³ Records in the Exchequer at Chester.

⁴ Villare Celtrienfe.

⁵ A descendant of the Sneyds, or Sneys, of Bradwell in Sandbach, who were settled in that township as early as the reign of Henry VI.—Woodnoth's Collections.

⁶ See p. 822.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

C H E S H I R E.

SINCE the foregoing account of Cheshire has been printed off, we have had to lament the loss of our worthy friend William Nicholls Esq. F. A. S., whose valuable assistance, particularly in tracing the history of families, and the descent of property during the last century, which his official situation gave him ample means of elucidating, and in collecting abundant information from the clergy and others, relative to local matters for the parochial topography, has been noticed in p. 355, and p. 468. Although we have been deprived of the advantage of submitting this part of our work to his revision, after it had gone through the press, yet, being well acquainted with his zeal in investigating facts, and his care in revising his communications, which we have endeavoured to incorporate into our work, with equal care and accuracy, we flatter ourselves that many errors will not occur. For the correction of those which are noticed in the following pages, we are principally indebted to the Rev. Hugh Cholmondeley B. D. F. A. S., Dean of Chester; the Rev. Joseph Eaton M. A., præcentor of that cathedral, and Holland Watson Esq. of Congleton.

P 306. It might have been observed, as indeed it is noticed, in p. 561, that King Richard II. towards the close of his reign, shewed great partiality to the men of Cheshire, having selected his body guard from this county, when he scarcely knew whom to trust about his person. When that monarch, in 1399, raised an army which rendezvoused at Milford-Haven, and sailed from thence to Waterford, it was composed chiefly of the natives of this county: from these circumstances therefore, it may be presumed that the greater part of Cheshire continued steady to the interests of Richard, notwithstanding the deputation which

waited on Henry of Lancaster at Shrewsbury, on behalf of the city and county: this will account for the active part which was taken by the men of Cheshire in the rebellion of the Percys, (see p. 307). The family of Legh appear to have been remarkably divided on this occasion; Sir Robert and Sir John Legh tendered their services to the Duke of Lancaster; Piers Legh of Lyme was executed for his adherence to Richard; John Legh of Booths is one of seven Cheshire men enumerated by Dr. Cowper, as having commands in Richard's army; the others were Thomas Cholmondeley, Ralph Davenport, Adam Bostock, John Done, Thomas Beeston and Thomas Holford, "all gentle and doughty Esquires^a." Among the Cheshire men, who were excepted in the general act of pardon by Henry IV. in the first year of his reign, on account of their adherence to the fallen monarch, were two sons of Robert Aldersey; Thomas Beeston, David Brayne, David Bostock, Nicholas Bulkeley, Thomas de Cholmondeley, Hugh de Cholmondeley, John Cholmondeley of the hundred of Broxton, William Clayton, William Coke, chaplain of the parish church of Wich-Malbank, Thomas Cottingham, Robert, son of John Davenport of Bromhall, David Dod of Edge, John Done of Utkinton, Thomas Holford, Thomas de Kelfall, John Legh of Booths, Gilbert Legh, William Mafcey of Altrincham, William Mafcey of Knutsford, Robert Overton, William Roter, Roger de Salghall, vicar of Acton, Richard de Werberton, and Sir Richard Wynnyngton, knight^b.

P. 307, note (^c). Sir Thomas Dutton is here mentioned as one of Lord Audley's Esquires, on Dr. Gower's authority, but Sir Peter Leycester, in speaking of this Sir Thomas Dutton, (who was Sheriff of Cheshire the year that the battle of Poitiers was fought), makes no mention of this circumstance. Wotton, in his Baronetage says, that an ancestor of the Mackworth family, was one of Lord Audley's Esquires. Their names are not given by Froissart, or by any of our own ancient historians.

P. 317—322. Over the columns in these pages, it should have been printed thus:

<u>Ancient Name.</u>	<u>Modern Name.</u>	<u>Ancient Hundred.</u>	<u>Modern Hundred.</u>
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P. 329. In consequence of our having been misinformed, as to the townships of Wrenbury, (which information was corrected before the account of that chapelry in 476—479, was printed); the hamlet of Chorley is omitted in the statement of the population of 1801, p. 319: the township of Wirfwall is in Cheshire, although it belongs to the parish of Whitechurch in Shropshire. The population

^a Dr. Cowper's MSS.

^b Rot. Parl. 1 Hen. IV. p. 7. m. 28.

of Wrenbury should be thus stated, exclusively of part of the townships of Soond, Dodcot-cum-Wilkfly, and Newhall, and the township of Smeaton-Wood, of which there appears to have been no returns.

	Inhabited Houses.	Uninhabited Houses.	Families.	Persons.
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	60	2	79	404
Bromhall	18	-	22	140
Chorley	23	-	28	126
Woodcot	4	-	5	29

The total of the population of Acton at the same period, including the chapelry of Wrenbury, as far as can be collected from the returns will be,

542 - - 12 - - 625 - - 3255

P. 336. Irbie should have been inserted in p. 345, as belonging to Thurston.

P. 351. The titles granted to Hugh Lord Cholmondeley, by the patent of 1706, were Viscount Malpas, and Earl of Cholmondeley. We have been informed since this volume was printed, that the late Earl always styled himself Earl Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley, and that the present Earl has followed his example.

Ancient Families.

P. 359. To the Leighs mentioned in line 15—22, of this page, may be added those of Whitby in Lancashire. Sir Egerton Leigh Bart. of Rugby-Hall in Warwickshire is of the Westhall family; Mr. Leigh, the bookseller in the Strand, is of the same family.

P. 360. Edward Mainwaring Esq. of Chester, should have been mentioned as one of the male descendants of the ancient family of Mainwaring; his father was prebendary of Chester, and second son of Charles Mainwaring Esq. of Bromborough.

P. 361. We have been informed that the Rev. Edward Dutton, curate of Harthill, who died in 1773, was of a younger branch of the Duttons of Hatton, and that he supposed himself to be the last heir-male of that family.

Ibid. note (P). The Masseys, or Massies of Rostherne, who it is probable were of the same family as those of Denfield in Rostherne, are to be traced much later in the parish register; the last of this family died in 1796, (see p. 746.)

P. 363. The Brookes of Leighton were not extinct, till about the year 1652.

° Sir Peter Leycester, p. 326.

P. 364. The Cholmeleys of Whitby became again extinct, by the death of Nathaniel Cholmeley Esq. in 1791; his son-in-law, Henry Hopkins Fane Esq. took the name, and has issue; Sir Montague Cholmeley of Easton in Lincolnshire, created a baronet in 1806, is descended from a younger branch of the Cholmondeleys of Cheshire; these branches have abbreviated the name.

P. 368. Edward Tomkinson is inaccurately stated to be the representative of Wetenhalls of Hankelow; Nathaniel Wetenhall Esq. of Hankelow, who died in 1778, left no issue; Mr. Tomkinson took the name of Wetenhall, in consequence of Mr. Wetenhall leaving him the Hankelow estate; his mother was a Wetenhall, but not heiress of any branch; she was daughter of Thomas Wetenhall Esq. of Nantwich.

P. 369. The elder branch of the Wilbrahams of Rees-heath is extinct, the heiress married into the family of Windfor^d.

Ibid. We find that the posterity of Roger Wright settled at Stretton in Tilston, and did not become extinct till 1752, (see p. 806. correct also p. 395.)

P. 371. We are informed that Mr. Dod spells his name Thomas *Crew* Dod.

P. 372. To the names of Bostock, Daniel, &c. should be added those of Partington, Domville, and Winnington. The Partingtons are not extinct, as erroneously mentioned in p. 389. Thomas Partington Esq., son of the late Mr. Partington of Lower Brooke street, is a barrister at law: he resides at Offham, near Lewes in Sussex, and has a large family. William Domville Esq. alderman of London is descended from a younger son of William Domville Esq. of Lymm, who lived about the year 1600. The male line of the elder son became extinct in 1718, as mentioned in p. 380. The Domvilles, baronets of Ireland, were of the Lymm family. Sir T. E. Winnington Bart., of Worcestershire, is descended from a younger branch of the Cheshire family of that name.

P. 375. A younger branch of the Bostocks continued at Bostock, and appears to have become extinct about the beginning of the last century, (see p. 647, note, (2).)

P. 376. There were freeholders of the name of Hatton at Hatton, and Kekwick in 1666. (Sir Peter Leycester).

— *Ibid.* The direct line of the Holfords became extinct in 1581.

P. 377. John Boydell Esq., alderman of London, who died in 1804, and his brother, ——— Boydell Esq. of Trevallyn in Denbighshire, uncle of Josiah Boydell Esq., late alderman of London, were descendants of a younger branch

^d See p. 476.

of the Boydells of Dodleston, who settled at Pulcroft, in consequence of an alliance with the heiress of Crewe. This branch continued at Pulcroft and Worleston, till the middle of the seventeenth century, when they removed into Derbyshire. The late alderman's grandfather was vicar of Ashbourne, and rector of Mapleton.

P. 377. A younger branch of the Birtles family continued the male line, and was not extinct till about the middle of the last century, when Thomas Birtles, the last heir-male, left an only daughter.

P. 378. It is probable that there may be younger branches extant of the family of Calveley, for we find that the funeral of Sir George Calveley, (the last heir-male in the direct line,) in 1648, was attended, among other mourners, by Mr. Hugh Calveley, and Mr. George Calveley.

P. 379. Mr. Peter Cotton, who died in 1716, is supposed to have been the last heir-male of the Cottons of Cotton-Wood, (see p. 772.)

P. 380. The Dones of Duddon are to be traced in the Tarvin register, as late as the year 1774, when the last of the family appears to have been buried.

383. The Hallums became extinct about the year 1471. (Sir Peter Leycester, p. 325.)

P. 385. The Huxleys were descended from a younger son of the Hockenhull family, who settled at Huxley, and took that name.

P. 387. It is not certain that the family of Meols is extinct; Henry Meols Esq. of Sluys in Flanders, was nephew, and executor of William Meols, who died about the latter end of the seventeenth century, leaving a daughter, who inherited the estate: it is supposed that he was son of major Henry Meols, who endowed Wallazey school in 1656. The elder branch of the Minshulls became extinct about the middle of the fourteenth century, (see p. 471.); it was the next branch which became extinct in 1654.

P. 388. A younger branch of the Mottrams was not extinct in 1662. Harl. MSS. N^o 2010.

P. 392. It appears more probable that the Swanwicks were not extinct till about the middle of the sixteenth century; Arthur Swanwick, the last heir-male, was forty-eight years of age at his father's death in 1632.

Ibid. We are informed that Mr. Thomas Toft of Knutsford is of a younger branch of the Tofts of Toft.

P. 393. Robert Venables, a younger brother of George Venables, (whose daughter and sole heiress married Sir Philip Chetwode,) survived his brother, and died in 1759; he was the last male of the Agden branch, and supposed to be
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the last Venables of the male line in Cheshire. A younger branch of the Agden family removed into Staffordshire in the sixteenth century, and is supposed to be still existing^o. There are some families of the name of Venables in London and elsewhere, whose ancestors were of Great-Budworth, but their connection with any of the branches of the Venables family, (known to be descended from the Barons of Kinderton,) has not been ascertained. General Venables, who commanded the land-forces at the capture of Jamaica in the seventeenth century, was of the Chester branch^f.

P. 395. Roger Comberbach, recorder of Chester, died in 1720.

P. 396. Foxhurst, more generally called Foxwist, was sold by William Duncalfe in 1609. There is a gentleman of this name in the adjoining township of Adlington, where his ancestors have resided for many generations, who, probably, is the male representative of the Duncalfes of Foxwist.

P. 397. Dr. Tilston, who died in the year 1764, is supposed to have been the last heir-male of the Cheshire Tilstons.

P. 398. The elder branch of the family of Worth became extinct in 1695; the heiress married Heath. William Worth Esq., Baron of the exchequer in Ireland, who died in 1684, was of a younger branch.

P. 399. The Malbons, or as the name was spelt at an early period, Malbans, were a very ancient family, and should have been introduced in p. 386: they were a younger branch of the baronial family of Malbank, as appears by a deed of Joan, one of the co-heiresses of William de Malbank, the last baron of that family, by which she grants land in Bradley, (which continued to be the residence of his posterity for several centuries) to her relation, William Malban^g. Mr. Malbon, some time since an apothecary at Oxford, is supposed to have been the last of this ancient family.

P. 377—400. To the extinct families of Cheshire, or such as are supposed to be extinct, may be added those of Bickerton of Bickerton, extinct in the principal line about the middle of the fourteenth century^h. Bradford of Bradford near Vale-Royal, which had been for several generations continuance, in the reign of Edward III. Bridesmere of Bridesmere extinct in the reign of Edward IV.; Brock of Upton, extinct by the death of William Brock Esq., who was sheriff of the county in 1732ⁱ; Hondford of Hondford; Motterhead of

^o From the information of Robert Hinde Venables Esq., whose mother was sister of George and Robert Venables above-mentioned.

^f Ibid.

^g Harl. MSS. N^o 2022. f. 16.

^h A younger branch was of Marbury in the seventeenth century, and is said by Dr. Williamson, not to have been extinct in 1700

ⁱ His heiress married John Egerton Esq.

Mottram-Andrew; Shocklach of Shocklach; Shotwick of Shotwick; and Snelfon of Snelfon. The Hondfords became extinct in the reign of Queen Elizabeth when the heiress married Brereton; the Shotwicks in the reign of Henry VIII.; the heiress married into the Hockenhull family; the Snelfons, about 1650, when the heiress married the ancestor of Thomas Parker Esq. of Aisle.

P. 401. The Leches were of London, when they sold Great-Mollington, in 1700.

In this page the Wicksted family should have been mentioned, who were settled about two centuries ago at Marbury, see p. 686.

P. 401, and p. 617. Bach-Hall and other estates^k, on the death of the late Samuel Brodhurst Esq. in 1809, became the property of Oliver Nichols Esq., a lieutenant-general in the East India Company's service, who has taken the name of Brodhurst; the tenant is Hugh Robert Hughes Esq.

P. 402. Dernhall now belongs to William Corbet Esq.

P. 404. Toft-Hall now belongs to Ralph Leycester Esq., next brother of the late George Leycester Esq.

P. 422. It has been suggested that the Biddle, which is described by Smith among the Cheshire rivers, is the stream which rises at Biddulph, commonly called Biddle, in Staffordshire, and is now called Dane-in-Shaw.—The Birken runs through Tatton-Park. Among the Meres should be mentioned Oakmere in Delamere-forest, or as it is called, in the Vale-Royal charter, Ocmere; and Marbury-Mere.

P. 441, *note*, on the name of Abbot Ripley, in l. 10. It is said in King's Vale-Royal, part II. p. 36., that the initials of this abbot appear on the pillars of the great aisle; the only letters we could discover on any of these pillars, are on the third from the west-end, on the north-side, and seem to be nothing more than the common monogram, of *Maria*; and the style of the capital is that of the fourteenth century. See it figured in the plate, at p. 448.

P. 443. The burial-place of the Egertons at Bunbury belonged to Ridley-hall.

P. 448. Under a staircase, between the second and third pillar of the choir in the south-aisle, is the grave-stone of Abbot Merstun, whose name is still legible, in the remaining part of an imperfect inscription, without date.

Ibid. — In addition to the note at the bottom of this page, it may be observed, that if the sculptured stone was found with the stone-coffin, it might lead to a conjecture that the Chapter-house was newly floored in the time of Abbot Seynesbury; and this stone deposited by him as a memorial of the founder's place of sepulture, which no doubt was then well known.

^k See p. 685.

P. 452. In the plan annexed to this page, the inscription of " St. Oswald's church, and the reference to the chapel of St. Nicholas are evidently erroneous, see p. 582. and 615.

P. 457. The first inscription here noticed is not immediately over the great window of the hall of Little-Moreton-Hall, but two windows of chambers over the hall and large parlour: the second inscription is over the window of the large parlour.

P. 479. Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton Bart. died August 24, 1809, and was succeeded in his title and estate by his son, now Sir Stapleton Cotton Bart., a major-general in the army, and M. P. for Newark.

P. 483. Lady Mohun who sold Aldford, was not niece of the Earl of Macclesfield, (see p. 663.)

P. 485. It would perhaps be more accurate to leave out the addition of Radnor to the township of Somerford, last-mentioned in this page, and in p.494; the addition, nevertheless, is in frequent use, and has arisen from Somerford having been joined in the mize-book, with the small township of Radnor.

P. 486. We are assured by Holland Watson Esq. of Congleton, that our information with respect to the *præpositi*, or posts in the parish of Astbury, was erroneous: he informs us, that two of them act annually in rotation, and that they appoint the church-wardens, who transact the business attached to the office.

P. 489. There is a court of pleas at Congleton, now little used, which has cognizance of civil actions to any amount. The steward of this court is Randle Wilbraham Esq. of Odd-Rode. The freeholders of Congleton are exempt from serving on juries, either at the assizes or county-sessions.

P. 495. Mr. Taylor purchased the portion of the manor of Audlem, which had belonged to the Wetenhalls, of Mr. Tomkinson of Dorfold.

P. 512. The portion of the manor of Bollington, which belonged to the Leghs, was not purchased by the Earl of Stamford, but by the Brookes of Mere, who still possess it. The Earl of Stamford has most of the landed property in the township.

P. 513. There appears to have been a castle at Dunham-Massey, which was held against King Henry II., by Hamo de Massey in 1173¹.

P. 537. Dame Mary Cholmondeley resided chiefly at Vale-Royal, after her purchase of that seat in 1615.

P. 540. John Egerton Esq. of Oulton is M. P. for the city of Chester.

P. 547. Note (*). After this note was printed we were positively assured, that the lease was for five hundred years. Queen Elizabeth's licence to Thomas

¹ Benedictus Abbas de Vita Hen. II. Vol. i. p. 55.

Aldersey for the foundation of his grammar-school, bearing date January 2, in the thirty-sixth year of her reign, states that the school-house, and the houses for the preacher, master, and usher, had been then built; and that he had for some years appointed these persons and maintained them. According to the tenor of this licence, the school was to be called the free-grammar school of Thomas Aldersey in Bunbury: Mr. Aldersey was to appoint the master and usher during his lifetime, and to make statutes; the master and four wardens of the Haberdashers' Company, the preacher and the master were constituted governors, to be a body corporate, with a common seal, &c.; and after Mr. Aldersey's death to have the appointment of the master, &c. The licence empowers Thomas Aldersey to give to the *Governors of the school*, the whole rectory of Bunbury with the chantry-house, and certain lands then lately bought of Thomas Wilbraham, and it empowers the governors to receive the said rectory, houses, and lands: no mention is made of the lease to the Aldersey family, which seems to have been granted afterwards. It appears by this record that the master and wardens of the Haberdashers' Company are no otherwise entitled to the reversion of this estate, than as governors of the grammar-school at Bunbury. In the present state of the charity, the salary is so small, that a person properly qualified according to the founder's intentions, cannot be procured to undertake the office, and the governors have not been able to keep it up as a grammar school.

P. 562. In a MS. volume of notes by one of the Holmes, now in the collection of the Marquis of Buckingham at Stowe, it is said that Queen Margaret was at Chester with her son in 1457.

P. 564. Some notes in the same volume state that Lord Wentworth, (afterwards Earl of Strafford) on his coming to Chester in 1632, was met by the mayor and corporation; that he was banquetted at the Pentice, and lay at the bishop's palace; that he arrived at Chester on his return from Ireland, June 4, 1635, and that he lay certain days sick at the bishop's palace; that he came to Chester again, November 17, 1636, was banquetted at the Pentice, and went on, in his last journey towards Ireland, November 19th.

The King and Prince being then in Chester, attended Divine Service in the choir of the cathedral, Sunday, September 25, 1642. On the Tuesday following they went to Wrexham, to the house of Mr. Richard Lloyd, whom the King knighted.

P. 568. In the same volume is the following particular account of the deplorable state of the city of Chester immediately after the siege.

“ Thus of the moste anchante and famous cittie of Chester, in times past, but now behold and marke the ruines of it in these present times, within these few yeares, viz. within these three yeares, 1643, 1644, and 1645; the particular demolitions of it, now most grievous to the spectators, and more woefull to the inhabitants thereof:

1. “ *Imprimis*, without the barrs, the chappell of Spittle, with all the houses, gardens, and edifices there.
2. “ *Item*, all the houses, barnes, and buildings, near to the barrs, with Great-Boughton and Christleton.
3. “ *Item*, in the Fore-gate-street, Cow-lane, St. John’s-lane, with some other houses in the same street, all burned to the ground.
4. “ *Item*, without the Nor-gate, from the said gate to the last house, Mr. Jollye’s-Hall, all burned and consumed to the ground, with all lanes in the same, with the chapell of Little-St. John’s, now not to be found.
5. “ *Item*, from Dee-bridge, over the water, all that long street, called Hand-bridge, with all the lanes, barnes, and buildings all about it, ruinated to the ground.
6. “ *Item*, all the glovers houses under the walles of the cittie, all pulled downe to the ground.
7. “ *Item*, all the buildings and houses att the Water-gate, upon the Roodee, pulled downe to the ground.
8. “ Besides the famous houses of gentlemen in the same cittie, and neer unto adjoining the Bach-Hall, Mr. Whitbies.
9. “ Mr. William Jollye’s Hall, at the Norgate-street end.
10. “ Blacon-Hall, Sir Randall Crue’s, with cottages belonging.
11. “ The Nunnes-Hall, Sir William Brereton’s.
12. “ Mr. Ellis’s Hall, on the Hough-greene.
13. “ Flookersbrooke-Hall, Sir Thomas Smith.
14. “ The Walkers, or Shermen’s mills.
15. “ The Hall of Hole, Mr. Bunberies.
16. “ The water-tower, at Dee-bridge.
17. “ Bretton-Hall, Mr. Ravenscroftes.
18. “ The Lord Cholmondeleyes Hall in St. John’s church-yard, with the ruine of the said church.
19. “ Mr. William Gamull’s house att Newgate, with Mr. John Werden’s house neere to it.

20. " The destruction of divers other houses in the cittie, with granadoes, too tedious to recite.

21. " The ruines of stalls, pentices, doores, trees, and barnes, in divers lanes and places in the cittie.

22. " The destroying of the bishop's palace, with stables in the barne yard, and the ruines of the great church.

23. " The charge of mudd-walles, foddng, carrying, and building them, with centrye-houses, both without the walles, and within the walles.

24. " The drawing dry of the cittie stockes, plate, rentes, and collections, not knowne, all which losses, charge, and demolishments, in opinion of most, will amount to two hundred thousand pounds, att the least ; soe farre hath the God of heaven humbled this famous cittie ; and note, here, that if Jerusale[m], the particular beloved cittie of God, of which it is said in Sacred writt, marke well her bulwarkes, and count her towers, in man's judgment invincible ; yet her sinne provoked God soe, that he leaved not a stone upon another ; this may be an advertisement to us, that God's mercy is yett to be found since he hath left us so many streets, lanes, and churches, yet undemolished. God grant us faith, patience, and true repentance, and amendment, that a worse danger befall us not. Amen."

P. 570. A large provost for deserters has been built, near the new barracks.

P. 599. The races at Chester are erroneously said in this page, to have originated in 1512 ; a reference is given to the account of their origin, in p. 586. The error arose from a clerical mistake in the note of p. 585, where in the copy of an extract from the " Orders and acts of assembly," procured for us by the late Mr. Nicholls, 3 Hen. VIII. is written instead of 31 Hen. VIII.

P. 605. The Union hall is now completed ^m.

P. 608. In the rental of the Prince of Wales, in the 48th year of Edward III. the revenues of the earldom of Chester are set down at 1082*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* *per ann.* The Dee mills then produced a rent of 240*l.* *per ann.* ⁿ.

P. 610. Mr. Cuitt, an ingenious artist of Chester, by whom we were favoured with the drawing for the plate at p. 448, has lately published a set of etchings of the rows and other ancient buildings in the city : an inside view of the rows will also be found in the *Britannia Depicta*, which accompanies this work ; an idea could hardly be formed of them from mere description.

P. 623. In St. John's church is the following epitaph for the late Thomas Falconer Esq. a much esteemed inhabitant of this city, who has left proofs of his classical

^m See p. 844.

ⁿ Record in the Tower.

erudition in his notes on Strabo, lately brought forwards to public notice, by the Oxford edition of that author, published by his nephew, the Rev. Thomas Falconer of Corpus-Christi college. “ M. S. Thomæ Falconer, armigeri, filii natu maximi Gulielmi Falconer Arm. qui per plures annos officium proprætoris hujus urbis gerebat, et Elizæ filiæ Ranulphi Wilbraham de Townsend in comitatu Cestriæ Armigeri, conjugis ejus. Vir fuit literarum elegantis et morum comitate egregie ornatus, memoriâ præditus vix credibili, et industriâ quæ nec labori nec ægritudini diuturnæ succubuit. Maxima autem laus est quod benevolentia vitæ, integritate, et erga Deum pietate, nemini fuit impar. Obiit 4to die Septembris, A. D. 1792, ætatis suæ 56. Vale vir, summe pietatis pariter ac literarum exemplar, Vale. Frater^o tui amantissimus, hocce exiguum quamvis cœnotaphium^p virtutibus tuis sacrum posuit.”

P. 626, 627. Among some notes taken by Francis Bassano, (who is said to have been a son-in-law of the last Randal Holme) in the Marquis of Buckingham's collection at Stowe, there is mention of several memorials of the Brownes of Nether-Legh and Upton, in Saint Mary's church, and that of Peter Cotton, descended from the Cottons of Cotton-Wood, 1716. It is stated in these notes, that the last Randal Holme, (who died in 1707) had a son of the same name, and four daughters, who died before him.

P. 632. Thomas Cowper Esq., ancestor of the late recorder of Chester, died in 1671; the year 1642 erroneously here inserted, was the date of his mayoralty.

P. 635, 636. The term for which ten of the boys are boarded is two years; the number of green-cap boys was increased to ninety in 1808; twelve guineas a year is now given for each boy's board. The permanent income of the schools in 1808, was 311*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* per ann.^q; the annual subscriptions for 1808, were 365*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*; the parochial collections 112*l.* 13*s.* 0½*d.*, making altogether the income of that year 739*l.* 6*s.* 7½*d.* Dr. Bell's method of instruction has been adopted both in these and in the Sunday schools, which have been lately revived to a considerable extent, and with great prospect of success; and in addition to the Sunday school for girls, in which there are about one hundred and ten children, six schools of industry, in each of which are forty children, have been established this year (1809); the vacancies in the schools of industry being filled up from time to time from the Sunday school. The new building, called the Union-Hall,

^q William Falconer, M. D. of Bath.

^p He was buried in St. Michael's church.

^r The account in p. 636, was given us in 1805, or 1806.

belonging to the Yorkshire merchants (used by them only at fair times) has been engaged as a Sunday school-room for the boys, and is capable of containing five or six hundred children. It is the intention of the benevolent promoters of this plan to make the Sunday-school a step to the green-coat and blue-coat schools. The annual subscription to this charity amounts to about 200*l. per ann.*

P. 641. The ancient mansion belonging to Mr. Ince, is now in the occupation of the Hon. Mrs. J. Grey.

P. 646. Mrs. Ravenscroft has lately sold her interest in the house at Davenham, to Mr. Harper.

P. 649. Part of Winsford-bridge is in the township of Wharton, in the parish of Davenham^r.

P. 650. l. 22. Read “ the *late* Duke of Portland.”

P. 655. We are informed that very little of the original building of Eaton-Hall has been retained, though the principal part of the house occupies the same site. A plan and elevation of the old house may be seen in Campbell’s *Vitruvius Britannicus*, Vol. ii. p. 35, 36,

P. 678. Since the account of Malpas has been printed we have been favoured with the communication of the following very remarkable entries in the parish register at that place, relating to the ravages of that dreadful disorder the plague, which swept away a whole family in the township of Bradley. The circumstance of a man being induced to dig his own grave, from the conviction that the slender and sickly remnant of his household were unable to provide him with the rites of sepulture, presents that dreadful calamity to our imagination, in a more awful and horrific view than any of the many distressing particulars we remember to have met with concerning it.

“ 1625.”

“ Thomas Jefferie, servant to Thomas Dawson of Bradley, buried the xth daye of August, in the night, he dyed of the plague ;—before this was buried a daughter of the sayd Thomas Dawson’s, but not of the sicknes, as it is thought.

“ Richarde, the sonne of Thomas Dawson of Bradley, (that died of the plague,) buried the xiith daye of August, in the night, 1625, *nihil.*

“ Raffe Dawson, sonne of the afforesayd Thomas, came from London about xxvth of July last past, and being sicke of the plague, died in his father’s howse,

^r See an account of the market and fair held there, p. 720.

and soe infected the sayd howse and was buryed, as it is reported, neare unto his father's howse.

“ Thomas Dawson of Bradley, died of the plague, and was buryed the xvith daye of August, 1625, about 111th of clocke, after midnight, *nihil*.

“ Elyzabeth, the daughter of the afforesayde Thomas Dawson, died of the plague of pestelence, and was bured the xx of August, 1625, *nihil*.

Anne, the wyffe of John Dawson, sonne of the afforsed Thomas Dawson, died of the plague of pestelence, and was buryed the xxth of August.

“ Richarde Dawson, (brother to the above-named Thomas Dawson of Bradley) being sicke of the plague, and p'ceyveing he must die at y' tyme, arose out of his bed, and made his grave, and caused his nefew, John Dawson, to cast strawe into the grave, wch was not farre from the howse, and went and layd him down in the sayd grave, and caused clothes to be layd uppon, and soe dep'ted out of this world; this he did, because he was a stronge man, and heavier than his sayd nefew, and an other wench were able to burye; — he died about the xxiiijth of August; thus much I was credibly tould he did, 1625.

“ John Dawson, sonne of the above-named Thomas, came unto his father, when his father sent for him, being sicke, and haveing layd him downe in a dich, died in it the xxixth daye of August 1625, in the night.

“ Rose Smyth servant of the above named Tho: Dawson, and the last of y^r howsehold, died of plague, and was buryed by W^m Cooke, the vth daye of September, 1625, near unto the sayd howse.”

P. 644. Sir Richard Brooke has given the Minshull estate to his brother, Thomas Brooke Esq.

P. 712. The lands in Wardle, given by Sir John Crewe, consist of about twenty statute acres.

P. 716, *note*, (v). Joseph Lyon Esq. is dead, and has been succeeded in his estates by his son J. H. Lyon Esq.

P. 717. l. 29. The family name is written Kenworth in several ancient pedigrees.

P. 725. Birtles was purchased by Mr. Hibbert's father.

P. 726. Foxwist was sold by William Duncalfe, to Sir Urian Legh in 1609.

P. 727. Mr. Parker's seat at Aftle was formerly called the Milne-house, and was in Webb's time (1622) the seat of a branch of the Henlhaws', supposed to be extinct.

P. 745. By the conditions of the act of Parliament for the foundation of Christ church, or chapel in Macclesfield, Mr. Roe the founder was to give the sum of 200*l.* for augmenting the endowment of Rainow and Saltersford chapels.

P. 764. Saubach crosses should have been mentioned in this page, with a reference to p. 459—461.

P. 781. In the Gentleman's Magazine for 1803, Part i. p. 497. is a figure and description of a gold ring, of the kind mentioned in Dr. Shaa's will, found near Coventry, on which were represented the five wounds of Christ, enamelled, with a motto for each, viz. "*The well of pity—the well of merci—the well of comfort—the well of gracy—and the well of everlasting lyffe.*"

P. 786. Hyde married the heiress of Norbury about the reign of Edward II. See p. 388.

P. 787. The Rev. Rowland Egerton has lately, (in 1809) purchased the great tythes of Guilden-Sutton of Sir J. T. Stanley Bart., who has reserved the patronage of the living.

P. 797. l. 21. Now *Dowager* Marchioness of Lansdown.

P. 810. The present proprietor of a moiety of Huxley is *George Wilbraham* Esq. of *Delamere-Lodge*, by inheritance from the Wilbrahams of Nantwich, an ancestor of whom married the heiress of Joshua Clive. Mr. Aldersey purchased the *whole* of Lord Crewe's estate, except a few cottages.

P. 815. There is not any copy of Nixon's prophecies now at Oulton. Such a copy is spoken of in one of the printed accounts of his life.

P. 384. We have recently learnt that the representative of the family of Hollingworth of Hollingworth in Mottram, is Benjamin Hollingworth Esq. of Dalston near London, whose uncle bequeathed the old hall at Hollingworth to his wife, by whom, or by her executors, it was sold to Mr. Samuel Hadfield of Manchester, uncle of Mr. George Hadfield, the present proprietor.

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