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PREFACE.

THE kind Reception which the Descriptions of our English *Counties has met with, encouraged the Publication of this Manuscript Survey of* Staffordshire, *wrote by a Gentleman, a Native of this County, Eminent for his Skill in History and Antiquities; an intimate Friend of the Learned* CAMDEN's, *and justly Celebrated by him. This Piece was so highly esteemed by the Gentry of this County, that many Copies were taken of it, and preserved as valuable Rarities by them. Before it was sent to the Press, several Manuscripts were collated, and no Labour spared to publish the Work in as compleat a manner as the Author left it, whose Original is said to be lost. The first Manuscript we shall take Notice of, is reposited in the Archieves of the* Bodleian *Library in* Oxford, *and is in some parts defective. The second was communicated by* Ralph Thoresby *of* Leeds *in* Yorkshire, *Esq; and* F. R. S. *which, tho' frequently supplying the Defects of the former, seems to be wrote by the same Person, the Third and last (to omit others less material) was Transcribed by Sir* William Dugdale, *Knt. who has added something at the latter end, and the Letter of Sir* Simon Degge *This Manuscript seems very accurate and correct, and has some considerable Additions, omitted in the other Copies sent to the Editor. Of this Author, and his Work, I shall say no more, but refer you to the Account given of him by the* Oxford *Antiquary.*

ANTHONY

ANTHONY a WOOD's *Account of the* AUTHOR. Vol. 1. col. 275.

SAMPSON ERDESWICKE, Son of *Hugh Erdeswicke*, Esq; was Born at *Sandon* in *Staffordshire*, Studied in the Condition of a Gentleman Commoner in *Brasnose* College,† in 1553 and 54 (1st and 2d of Queen *Mary*) where he laid the Foundation of some Learning, that advanc'd him to greater in future Times. Afterwards he retir'd to his Patrimony at *Sandon*, where applying his Mind to that kind of Learning which his Genius led him to, became at length a Gentleman well accomplish'd with many vertuous Qualities. He was very well vers'd in Histories, but more in Antiquities, especially in those of his own County; and therefore stiled by the Learned CAMDEN, * *a very great Lover, and diligent Searcher of venera-*

† Reg. 1. coll. Bream. fol. 95.

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* In *Britannia*, in Com. *Staff.*

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ble Antiquity, † adding, that *in this Regard he is no less worthy of Remembrance, than for that he is directly in the Male-Line descended from Sir* Hugh Vernon, *Baron of* Shipbrook, *the Name being chang'd by the use of that age, according to sundry Habitations, first into* Holgrave, *and afterwards into* Erdeswicke. At length for the tender Respect he had to his Native Country, and desiring much the Honour of it, wrote *A short View of* Staffordshire, *containing the Antiquities of the same County*. It was began about the Year 1593, and continued by him to his Death, from ancient Evidences and Records, with Brevity, Clearness, and Truth.‡

Mr. *Erdeswicke* submitted to the stroke of Death, on the 11th Day of *April*, 1603, and was Buried under a goodly Monument of Free-stone, with his Proportion thereon, Erected by himself in his Lifetime, in the Church of *Sandon*. Which Church was, a little before, new Glazed and Repaired by Him. See more of him in Will. Wyrley among these writers, under the year 1617.

Mr.

† A Character, which says Dr. *Plott*, *In his Natural History of Staffordshire*, pag. 276. *He has fully made good in the Manuscript View of this County, written by Him.*

— MS. The beginning of which is, Sir, having disposed with my self to take a further view of the Shires of Staffordshire and Chester, &c.

‡ The original of this, or at least a copy, is in the hands of Walter Chetwynd of Ingestre in Staffordshire Esq. who is, and has been several years, in the collecting of the Antiquities of that County.

Collections of Genealogies, monuments, Army, &c — MSS. Some of which are in the hands of the said Wa. Chetwynd, and elsewhere, and have been used by divers Antiquaries. It is said also that our author Erdeswicke wrote a book intit. The Mirror of Armory, published under the name of Will. Wyrley, anno 1592 (as I shall more at large tell you hereafter) but that the reputation remain with the author, while I tell you that Erdeswicke submitted &c

Mr. *Erdeswicke*'s INTRODUCTION to his SURVEY of *Staffordshire*. In a Letter to a Friend. †

SIR,

HAving dispos'd with my self to take a farther View of the Shires of Stafford *and* Cheshire *(according to promise) I have set down what I have found, or can yet learn; and have thought it a very commodious way to follow the Rivers (as you have done.)*

And therefore to omit the Seating of both the Shires, *and adjoining them to their Neighbouring Countries (that matter being by you very well disposed.) I will begin first with* Staffordshire, *and in that with the River of* Trent, *which taketh its beginning in the* Northwest *part of the* Shire, *runneth from thence, first* Southwards, *then* South-East, *then plain* East, *and so bending towards the* North-East, *entreth into* Derbyshire, *and leaveth* Staffordshire.

† Suppos'd to be Mr. *Camden*.

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STAFFORDSHIRE.

RENT hath the first Spring in the Moor-lands, between *Bidulph* and *Morton*, and divideth the Shire almost into two equal parts, North and South; the North being divided into Moor-land, and Wood-land.

BIDULPH being in the Confine of the Shires, joyneth upon *Cheshire*. Within less than two Miles of *Congleton*, is a goodly Manour; where *Francis Bidulph*, a Gentleman of an Ancient House, and ta-

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king his Name of the Place, hath Builded a ſtately and fair new Houſe of Stone. 20 *Conqueſt*, *Bidulph* was in the King's Hands. The *Bidulphs* derive themſelves from one *Ormus* Lord of *Darlaveſton*, vulgo *Darleſton*, juxta *Stone-Fenton*.

THIS *Ormus* lived either in the Conqueror's time, or the next ſucceeding Age; he had Iſſue, *Robert*, *Edward*, and *Thomas*: *Robert* had Iſſue, *Aliva* Married to *Ingenulphus* the Son of *William de Greſley*, who had Iſſue by her *Petronella*, Married firſt, as I take it, to *Henry de Audleigh*, by whom ſhe had Iſſue *James*, and after to *Robert Sugentiall* Knight, and *Dionyſia de Darlaveſton*; *Dionyſia* had Iſſue *Felicia* the Wife of *Henry Verdon*, and after to *Thomas*, Brother of *Adam Dom. de Leighton* in *Cheſhire*. The Lands were ſo divided, that *Ingenulph de Greſley* and *Aliva* had *Tunſtall*, *Chadderſly* and *Chell* deſcended from them to the Lord *Audleigh* by his Wife *Petronella*, and *Darleſton*, *Fenton* and part of *Bidulph* not given away before, was alotted to *Dionyſia* the Mother of *Felicia*, Wife of *Henry Verdon*. *Aliva* before ſpoken of, gave to *Roger* the Son of *Edward*, *Middle-Bidulph*, for *Bidulph* is divided into divers Hamlets; that is to ſay, *Over-Bidulph*, *Middle-Bidulph*, and *Nether-Bidulph* and *Knipperſley*.

Robert

Robert the Son of *Edward* had Iſſue *Thomas*, who had Iſſue *Roger*, who had Iſſue *William*, who had Iſſue *John*, who had Iſſue *Robert*, who Married *Cicely* the Daughter and Heir of *Thomas* the Son of *Thomas*, Son of *Henry Biddulph* Kt. who Sold *Normancoate* to *Henry de Audleigh*, and *Henry* paſſed it over to the Abbey of *Hilton*, *in liberam eleemoſinam*, which *Henry Biddulph* was the Son of *Thomas Biddulph* Kt. Son of the afore-named *Ormus*; for *Aliva* did alſo give to *Thomas* the Son of *Ormus* her Uncle, the Town of *Normancoate* and *Over-Biddulph*: Of *Robert* and *Cicely* came *Robert*, who had Iſſue *William*, who had Iſſue *Richard*, who had Iſſue *Richard*, who had Iſſue *Francis*. *Nether-Biddulph* is now poſſeſſed by *Edward Manwaring*, Son of *Edward Manwaring*, third Brother of Sir *Randolph Manwaring* of *Pever*; the Father Married *Alice* the ſole Daughter and Heir of *Robert Bogley*, by whom *Edward* the Son inherits the ſame, by deriving himſelf as Heir to his Mother, and as I take it, from *Henry Verdon*, and *Amiritia* his Wife.

KNIPPERSLEY was poſſeſſed by a Race of Gentlemen, who take their name of the place about the beginning of King *Henry* IIId's time. *Robert* of *Knipperſley* had *William*, the 29th of *Hen.* III.

who had Iſſue *Robert*, 24 *Edw.* I. who had Iſſue *William*, 2d *Edw.* II. who had iſſue *Katherine*, *Robert Bowyer* having Married her. She was the laſt Heir of the laſt *Robert Knipperſley*, about 11 *Rich.* II. Time, at the firſt entred himſelf into *Knipperſley* Armoury, but now of late his Heirs have inveſted themſelves into new Armoury.

TRENT following its Courſe, leaveth *STANSLEY* a little Village about a Mile Eaſtward from it, of this ſmall Village do all the great Houſes of *Stanſley* take their Name, who ſeem to me to be deſcended from the *Audleighs* by their Paternal Anceſtors. For *Adam*, the Son of *Lydulphus de Audleigh*, did give to *William* the Son of *Adam de Stanſley* his Uncle, all *Stanſley*, and half the Town of *Bagnall* in exchange for the Town of *Talk*. Sir *Rowland Stanley*, of whom the Earls of *Derby*, and the reſt of the Houſe of *Stanley* deſcend, is to this day owner of *Stanſley*. The Place ſeems to take its Name from the nature of the Soil, though it be in the Moor-lands is yet a rough and ſtony place, and many cragged Rocks about it.

NORTON is the next Village that receiveth *Trent* through it. *Valviet* held *Norton* of *Robert de Stafford*, 20. *Conq.*

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I find a Record that *Robert* the Son of *Randulph* held *Alfriton* and *Norton* immediately after the time of the Conquest, which *Robert* founded the House *de Bello Capite* in *Derbyshire*, and had issue *William* Lord of *Alfriton* and *Norton*; *William* had issue *William*, Baronet of *Alfriton*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Thomas*, that died without issue, and *Alice* Married to *William* the Son of *William de Chaducey* vulgo *Chaworth*, *Amiritia* the Wife of *Robert Latham* and *Lætitia* that died without issue. I take it for most certain that this is the *Norton* the Record speaketh of; for I find one only Escutcheon in the Church, and that so very old, that I think it to be set up by some of the Baronets of *Alfriton*, whose Mark it was, though I know that both *Chaworth* and *Latham* used it, after she had Married the Heirs of *Alfriton* as their particular Armoury. There are in *Norton* Church-yard divers Monuments of free-stone, each of them having a Cross engraven upon the Tombs, and under the corner of a Cross the Figure of an Arming-Sword, but Writing there is none, unless it be under the lower part of the Stone. Of late time *Norton* hath been the Inheritance of Sir *William de Meere*, and since, the one moiety came to the Lord *Audleighs*,

leighs, and the other to the Barons of *Stafford*, until this present Baron sold it; but by what Title he came to it, I cannot yet learn.

TRENT having past *Norton*, leaveth *BAGNALL*, a Village removed from it Eastward more than a Mile. 20 Conquest, *Robert de Stafford* was owner of it; the Village though of late time it hath not been possessed of any Man of Note of that Name, yet I find *Testis* to a very ancient piece of Evidence before *Henry* IIId's time, that one of the *Bagentialls* have been seated amongst, and before some of the Chief Men that lived then in the Shire, as may appear by the Brief of the said Deed here presented. *Willielmus de Cheddleton omnibus, &c. sciatis me dedisse, &c. Ph. de Draycoate, &c. Teste Henrico de Furveances, Tho: de Edinton tunc Vic. Henricus de Legarnda de Prestwood, Ad[illegible] de Aldarega, Henry de Davestone, Roger de Bagenhold, Will. de Verdon, Henry de Munkstore, Galfridus de Sortforlong*; But all the Names of them since, have been brought down, I know not how, unto the *Plebean* State, until this our present Age; that two Brethren of that Sirname, Sons of one *John Bagnall*, Born at *Barlastone*, the one *Ralph*, the other *Nicholas*, were for their Valour, *Ralph* at *Muscleborow*,

borow, and *Nicholas* in *Ireland*, both of them adorned with the honour of Knighthood, the Son of which Sir *Nicholas*, *Henry* by Name, tracing his Father's steps, is also advanced to the same Dignity. There is also in *Bagnall* an House called *Greeway*, that hath been possessed by a Race of Gentlemen of the same Name.

FROM hence *TRENT* passeth to *HILTON*, sometime an Abbey, founded, as I take it, by the Lord *Audleigh*'s Ancestors, of which I can say nothing except that Verse

Quas Sacras Ædes pietas construxit avorum
Has nunc hæredes devastant more luporum.

be well verified, if the Possessor as he is descended from so near to the Founder.

FROM hence *TRENT* passeth to *STOAKE*, leaving *BUCKENHALL* somewhat Eastward from it, *Chetell* held it before the Conquest, and 20 Conquest, the King, and 9 *Edw.* II. *Theobald* and *Vivia de Vernon* were Lords of it; and 14 *Edw.* III. *Elizabeth Dom. de Burwart* was Lady of part of *BUCKENHALL*, and so continued until 34 *Edw.* III. but whose Daughter or Wife she was I yet know not; but between the Conquest, and *Edw.* I. time there was Lord of it, one *Alanus de Buckenhall*,

from whom the *Allens* of this Country, as they ſay, *trahunt originem*; and of whom is deſcended *Thomas Allen* of *Cantaman*, ſo well known for his Vertue, Knowledge, and Learning, that he needs not any commendation of mine. Of *STOAKE* I can report no more, but that having ſo many Religious Houſes in the Shire, it had a marvelous Hap to eſcape the Covetouſneſs of them in all Ages, and is one of the beſt Parſonages in the County, and is not yet Appropriated.

TRENT then making haſt to receive *NEWCASTLE*-Water, leaveth but little Eaſtward, firſt *FENTON*, then *HANDFORD*; *NEWCASTLE*-Water hath its beginning near *TALK*, a Town before ſpoken of, where ſomewhat more Easterly ſtands *BRADWELL*, the Seat of *Ralph*, the Son of Sir *William Snead*, who is the fourth Man from the raiſer of that Family; *William* by Name a Citizen of *Cheſter*, who had iſſue *Richard*, the Father of the ſaid Sir *William*; this *Ralph* by his Virtue, Affability, Lenity, and in all good ſort encreaſing his Patrimony, ſheweth that the firſt Advancer obtained his Wealth, whereby the Houſe is come to this Eſtate, by lawful, good, and laudable Means; for otherwiſe

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you know God would punish the Sins of the Parents upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation, and the third Heir should scarce enjoy the Patrimony.

A little lower stands *CHESTERTON*, where are to be seen the Ruins of a very antient Town or Castle; there yet remaining some Rubbish of Stone and Lime, whereby may be perceiv'd that the Walls have been of a marvelous thickness, and the Name doth argue some Town, or rather Castle, there to have been seated; As also by the decay thereof, which may seem to be occasioned by the building of *Newcastle*, whereupon, as I take it, the same took the Name of *NEWCASTLE*.

THE Walls whereof begin to follow the other, shewing themselves also very ruinous, and almost as little to the view, but that they stand in a great Lake or Pool as the other do not. *Newcastle* is two Miles from *Chesterton*, and standeth upon a Brook, which taketh its Name from thence, and is governed by a Mayor, and having the liberty, that antient Burroughs for the most part have, doth also send two Burgesses to the Parliament House.

MORE than a Mile from *Newcastle* Southwards stands *KEELE*, where the said

ſaid *Ralph Snead* hath built a very proper and fine Houſe of Stone. In the ſame Town alſo dwelleth a Gentleman of the Surname of *Brett*.

TRENT having received *Newcaſtle*-Water paſſeth to *TRENTHAM*, where ſometimes was a Religious Houſe, whereof I know no more than is ſaid, except what I find in a Record that the Prior and Convent holds the ſame and Church in proper Uſe, and that they entered the ſame *tempore Regis Rufi per Hugonem Tetter Conventus Ceſtre in propriam & perpetuam eleemoſinam.*

AND ſo leaving on the Eaſt *BARLASTON*, and on the Weſt *TITTERSOR*, both, the late Inheritance of the Barons of *Stafford*, and not long ſince ſold by the preſent Baron of *Barlaſton*, who was Lord about *Hen.* IIId's time: *John* the Son of *Philip Holgate* and of *Titterſor Inode Titterſor*, but how they came afterwards to the *Staffords* I know not, except they came by Eſcheat, for they were holden 20 Conqueſt of *Robert de Stafford* by *Holgate* of a large Manour called *Culmeſdon*, whereof are Members, *Meaford*, *Olton*, *Berry-Hill*, *Cotwouldſton*, *Mathersal*, the *Spot*, *Granges*, *Buckenhall* and *Woodhouſes*. Sometime this Lordſhip, as I take it, was the *Pantulſes*, and of latter time the

the *Truſſels*, who built there a goodly and ſtately Houſe of Stone whereof ſeveral ruins do yet remain. The *Truſſels* were Lords thereof by marrying an Heir of the *Pantulſes* or *Pandulphs*. Since, the *Verdons* of *Haddon* in *Derbyſhire* were Lords of it, I think, as our Lawyers ſay, by Perquiſition; whereof the laſt Sir *George* leaving two Daughters *Margaret* and *Dorothy*. *Margaret* was married to Sir *Thomas Stanley*, 2d Son to Sir *Edward* Earl of *Derby*, and Father of *Edward Stanley* now owner thereof.

THEN on the Weſt ſide thereof *Trent* leaveth *DARLASTON*, where on a goodly large ſteep Hill be the ruins of a very large Houſe, or rather, as may ſeem, of ſome ſmall Town, the report of the Country is, that this place was ſometime the Habitation of *Wolfarus* King of *Mercia*, and not unlike, for that Stone where his Son *Walfradus* was Martyr'd, is but a Mile off: This is that *Darlaſton* now lately ſpoke of. Of *Darlaſton* is now owner *James Collier*, whoſe Grandfather was firſt a Taylor, then a Draper, then a Woolbuyer, (for ſome Staplers grew to ſuch Wealth) that he purchaſed *Darlaſton*, and almoſt all *Stone*, which is a thoroughfare to *London*, and a pretty Market Town, and alſo a goodly Farm lying within a Mile

Mile from *Trent* Southward, and two Miles from *Stone*, being a Grange belonging to the Abbey of *Cumbermear*, called *Earl Hyde*, which (as I take it) taketh the Name, by reason it was at the Conquest the Lands of *Comes Rogerus Montgomericus*, and contains one Hyde of Land, as if one might say the Earl's Hyde.

STONE was sometimes a Priory, and was founded by *Kenulfus*, or *Kenelinus* King of *Mercia*, but much increased by the Barons and Earls of *Stafford* whose Burial place it was for the most of them; for there lyeth buried first, *Robert* first Baron after the quest, and *Amaritia* his Wife, *Nichid* the second, and *Matilda* his Wife, *Robert* the third Baron, and *Anastasia* his Wife, *Herverius Bagott* fourth Baron, in right of his Wife *Millicent* Daughter and Heir of the last before-named: *Robert Harvey Bagott* the Son of *Harvey* and *Millicent*, fifth Baron, and *Petronella* his Wife, and *Robert* his Son sixth Baron, and both his Wives, who obtained the Freedom of the House from *Onelworth* to which before it was subject: Also *Nicholas* his Son, seventh Baron, also the Heart of *Hugh*, second Earl of *Stafford*, Son of *Ralph* the first Earl, which *Hugh* died at *Rhodes*, and the Body of his Wife *Philippa* was buried at *Stone*. Now the said Priory and the Demesnes

meſnes thereof, together with the Deanary of *Stafford* is in the Poſſeſſion of *William Crompton* who hath ſeated himſelf there. This *William* was Son of one *William* a Merchant *ex humili loco natus*, who purchaſed the ſaid Priory ſoon after the Diſſolution thereof.

TRENT having taken its courſe by *Stone*, paſſeth between *ASTON* and *STOKE*, and *Aſton* and *BURSTON*, of which more hereafter, both the Lands of *Walter Haviningham* deſcended from the *Haviningham*s of *Suffolk*, for *Walter* was the Son of *Chriſtopher*, who was the Son of *Eraſmus*, who was a younger Brother of the *Haviningham*s of *Suffolk*, which *Eraſmus* married *Mary* the Daughter and Heir of *Walter Moyle* of *Kent*, and *Iſabella* his Wife the Daughter and Heir of *John Stanley*, Son and Heir of Sir *Humphrey Stanley* Knight and Baronet, and *Ellen* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Ja. Lea*, Kt. Son and Heir of *William Lea* of *Knightley*, and *Maud* his Wife.

THE laſt *Ralph* Earl of *Cheſter* builded the Caſtle of *CHARTLEY*, the ruins whereof yet remain, the Park is very large, and hath therein Red Deer, Fallow, wild Beaſts, and Swine, *&c.*

SALT is now in contention, *Chetwind* claiming it as parcel of his Manour of

of *Ingestry*, and certain others of inferior State intitle themselves as Lords in common of the said Manour every one *pro rata*.

HOPTON lying more South, one little Angle reacheth to *Trent*, whereof was sometime Lord, *Robert de Beck Filius & Heres Aliciæ Dom. de Hopton*, from whence it descended by inheritance after by many descents by a Daughter, *Maud* by Name, to *Richard Beston* alias *Peshall*, who had issue *Humphrey Peshall*, who had issue *Hugh Peshall*, Kt. who had issue *Katherine* his Heir, who was married to Sir *John Blount*, Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas Blount*, of *Kinlet* in *Shropshire*, both Knights; who had issue by her Sir *George Blount*, Kt. *Elizabeth* her Daughter, which was Mother of *Henry Fitz Ray* Duke of *Richmond*, and *Anne* another Daughter married to *Richard Lacon* of *Welley*. Sir *George Blount* had one only Daughter, which is married to *John Preston* of *Sudbury* in *Shropshire*, but Sir *George* gave both *Hopton* and all his other Lands from his Daughter and his Brother *Henry*'s Son, to *Rowland Lacon* now of *Welley*, his Sisters Son, why he did so, not being known.

NEXT *Hopton*, on the same side *Trent*, upon the Bank thereof, lieth *INGESTRY*, the Seat of the *Chetwinds* of *Staffordshire*;

fordſhire; they were the Lands of *Edward de Mitton*, and he had iſſue *Ralph* his Son and Heir: This *Edward* lived about the time of *Henry* the IId: Not long after, it came to the Poſſeſſion of the *Chetwinds* by Marriage, as I think, of an Heir of the *Mittons*, for that they have the Lordſhip of *Mitton*. Alſo I find that *Philip Chetwind* was Lord of *Ingeſtry* 19 *Edw.* I. in whoſe Race it continues to this day.

NEXT *Ingeſtry*, Southward unto *Trent* joyneth *TICKSALL*, ſometime an Habitation of the Houſe of *Wartneys*, or as it is written, *Saſtenoiſe*. *Paganus de Saſtenoiſe* was Lord thereof about the time of *Hen.* IId, He had iſſue *Cond* thereof, of whom deſcended *Jeffry*, that lived in *Edward* the II'ds time, and he had iſſue *Malcolme*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Roger*, who had iſſue *Ruiſia* that was married to Sir *John Maveſtone*, Kt. and by him had no iſſue, and then it came to the *Littletons*, and ſince it came to *Aſton*'s Houſe, whoſe chief Houſe now it is, where Sir *Edward*, Grandfather to this Sir *Edward*, built a fair Houſe, the firſt height very well wrought of Stone, the reſt of Plaiſter and Timber, but whether it is beautified, (or rather defaced) I know not which to ſay, with a very ſtately Gatehouſe built of Stone by Sir *Walter Aſton*, this

this Sir *Edward*'s Father; being one of the fairest pieces of Work I have seen, made of late, in these Countries.

ON the North-east side of *Trent*, over against *Tickfall* lieth *HAYWOOD*, a goodly Manour; sometime belonging to the Bishops of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, but of late, to the Lords *Pagets*. In this *Haywood* was the antient Seat of the *Astons*, *Rogerus Malanc. Episc. Coventry & Litchfield* gave the same Seat to *Robert de Aston valetto suo* about the time of King *Henry* the III. He was the Son of *Ralph Aston*, and Father of Sir *John Aston*, Kt. Sir *John* was Father of Sir *Roger Aston*, Kt. who was Father of *John*, who was Father of Sir *Thomas Aston*, Kt. Father of Sir *Roger Aston*, Kt. Father of Sir *Robert Aston*, Kt. Father of *John*, Father of Sir *John Aston* Knight and Baronet, Father of Sir *Edward Aston*, Kt. Father of Sir *Walter Aston*, Kt. Father of Sir *Edward Aston*, Kt. now living. 1595.

TRENT upon leaving *Tickfall* receiveth the *Sow*, which upon the Southside washeth also *Tickfall*, making it almost an *Isthmus*. *SOW* taketh its beginning near *MADELY*, a goodly Manour, of antient times belonging to the Barons of *Stafford*, but by the Attainder of *Edward* the last Duke of *Buckingham*, it came to the

the Crown, and by the King, as I have heard, was given to the Lord *Bray*, from whence it came to the Lord *Wentworth*, who ſold the ſame to Sir *Thomas Offley* Kt. late Mayor of *London*, Father of *Henry Offley* now owner thereof.

IN *Madely* Pariſh is *WRINEFORD*, the inheritance and Houſe of the *Egertons*, they poſſeſs the ſame, as Heirs to *Hellen*, one of the Daughters and Heirs to Sir *John*, *Hawkeſtone*, Knight, and *Geffrey* the Son of *Hugh Betley*: *Hellen* was the Wife of *William*, Son of *Ralph*, Son of *Ralph* Son of *David*, Son of *Bryan Egerton* of *Calwate* in *Cheſhire*, 2d Son of *Philip Egerton*, of *Egerton*, of whoſe Line ſee more in *Cheſhire*, and Mother of *Ralph Egerton*, Father of *Hugh Egerton*, Father of *Ralph*, Father of *John*, and *William*; *John* was Father of Sir *Ralph Egerton* Kt. Father of *Edward* of *Betly* now living.

BETLY lieth North from *Wrineford*, and joyneth thereto, wherein ſtands the Ruins of *Hey'l*, a Caſtle late of the Lord *Audleigh*'s.

TWO Miles from *Betly* North Eaſt, lieth *Audleigh*, the Antient Barons of the *Audleighs*, concerning the Advancement of which Houſe, read the Copy of a Confirmation of *Hen.* 3. hereafter written;

Henricus Dei Gratia, &c. By this Deed is given to the *Audleighs* by the King, *Ansfield*, *Tunstall*, *Chadley*, *Chell*, *Thursfield*, *Bradwell*, and *Normancoate*, and of the Gift of *Nicholas Verdun*. *Audleigh* with its Appurtenances, and divers other Hamlets and Privileges confirmed unto the *Audleighs* by the said Deed. The first *Audley* that I can read of, is called *Adam*, the Father of *Lynulphus*, or *Bidulphus de Audley*; which *Bidulphus* had issue *Adam*, who had issue this *Henry* before spoken of, who had Issue *James*, who had issue *James*, who had issue *Nicholas*, who died both without issue; and three Daughters; that is to say, *Margaret*, Married to *Roger*, *Jone*, to *John Tulchell*, and *Margery*, to *Philimus Fitzwarren*. *Margaret* the Wife of — — passed her Lands to *John Tulchell*, and after died without issue; so that *John Tulchell*, and *Jone* his Wife, having two parts of *Audleigh* Barony, their Son *John* was accounted as Baron *Audleigh*. He had issue *James* Lord *Audleigh*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *George*, now Lord *Audley*. *Fitzwarren*, and *Margaret* his Wife, hold their part of the Barony of *Audley*, and left it to their Son, who had issue *Filme* Lord *Fitzwarren*, who had issue *Elizabeth*, Married to *Richard Hawford* Kt. who had issue *Katherine*, or

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Thomyzine, Married to *William Bourcher*, 2d Son of *William* Viſcount *Bourcher*, Lord *Fitzwarren jure Uxorio*, who had iſſue *Hillime* Lord *Fitzwarren*, who had iſſue *John* Lord of *Bath*, who had iſſue *John* Earl of *Bath*, who had iſſue *John* Earl of *Bath*, who had iſſue *John* Lord *Fitzwarren*, *patre viventes*; who had iſſue *William Countric* of *Bath*, a Lover of Antiquity, as I have heard. I ſtand in doubt whence *Adam* the—of *Bidulph*, and the reſt of the *Audley*'s derive themſelves firſt; methinks they ſhould deſcend from the *Verdons*; and to that Opinion doth induce me, both the Armory, and that *Nich. de Verdon* did confirm to *Henry Audley*, the Mannor of *Audley* bore fretted, with a Canton charged: For I have ſeen two Seals of *Henry Audley*; the one was fretted, and a Canton charged with a Croſs, the other was the ſame, but that the Canton was charged with a Lyon Saliant. But *James* Lord *Audley*, that lived in *Henry* 3ds time, left the Canton, and countercharged the Collar bearing Gules fretted; ſo that both the Tenure of *Audley* Mannor, whereof we doubt the *Audleys* took their Name, and the imitating *Verdon*'s Armory, may ſeem to make a probable Conjecture that the firſt of the *Audley*'s was a younger Brother of the *Verdons*;

unleſs a Man will ſay he bears his Armour *ſine ratione tenure*, and that having before other Lands; as indeed I find that One *Lydulphus* was, about the ſame time that *Lydulphus de Audley* lived Sheriff of the County of *Cheſter*, and this *Lidulphus de Audley* were both one Perſon, as it might well be; and after *Verdon* had given him *Audleigh*, he ſeated himſelf there, and ſo was called *Lydulph de Audley*. To certifie which, the common Report is, that the Lord *Audley* did bear the Butterfly of old; and I my ſelf, have ſeen a Copy of an old Roll of Armory, intitled *Arma Nobilium de Com. Stafford. porte de ore, Cheveron de Gules*; and not much after the Roll hath, *Antiquiora Inſignia de Audley*, or Butterflies of *Argent*, &c. *John Chandoſe, port de Argent, pyle de Gules*; whereby it appears the ſaid Roll was made in *Edw.* 3d's time. And beſides in *Stafford* Church, ſtands together ſix Butterflies Argent, a Pyle Gules; it being well known that Sir *Ja. d' Audley*, and Sir *John Chandoſe* were great Companions in Arms about that time. So that by this means it may be inferr'd, that *Lydulphus* and his Anceſtors were an ancient Houſe ſtanding of themſelves, and not deſcending from *Verdon* Paternally, but after coming to *Audley*, either by Perquiſition, or having

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Audley given him in *Frances*'s Marriage, either *ratione tenure consanguinitatis*, as I have known others have done, they changed the Armory from the Butterflies, to the Frett; but this Matter I will leave as doubtful as I find it, Disputed by you, or any else that are better acquainted with the Antiquity of that House. Howbeit, this is to be Noted, that the Rolls bring in Sir *John Chandoise* a Man of the Nobility of *Staffordshire*, as indeed I take it, he was a *Staffordshire*-Man, although I cannot yet learn where the Seat of his House should be; and yet I find *Teste* to a Deed —Kt, and *William Chandoise* were Witnesses to a Deed, whereby *Robert Owen* passed certain Lands in *Marchinton*, by the Forrest of *Needwood*, which were given him by *William* Earl *Ferrars*; and also that *William Chandoise* and *Roger*, were both Witnesses to a Deed passed of Lands in *Dracoate* under *Needwood* about the same time; whereby it should seem that the Seat of their House should be about *Needwood*, whereunto their Armory doth correspond.

BUT to return to my Purpose; the River of *Sow* being past *Madely*, washeth the sides of the Manour of *Whitmore*, being sometimes Forrest-Lands, which it leaveth on the East part. *Whitmore* was

anciently the Seat of the *Whitmores*, and ſince of the *Bohuns*, and now of *Edw. Manureing*, whoſe Father *Edw.* Married the Daughter and Heir of *Bohun* alias *Bonghye*, as I have before remembred.

SOW being paſſed *Whitmore*, leaveth on the Weſt ſide *Charlton*, ſometimes the Lords of the Barony of *Stafford*, and ſo paſſeth between *Swinerton*, leaving it Eaſtward, and *Charlton* Weſtward.

Swinerton is a goodly large Manour, poſſeſſed by a Race of Gentlemen, of the Name of which, divers were Knights, and as ſome think, were Owners thereof from the time of the Conqueſt. That *Aſlam*, whom I take to be the firſt Anceſtor of the *Swinertons*, held the ſame of *Robert de Stafford*, until this our preſent Age. That the laſt, *Humph.* left his Lands to his two Daughters; whereof *Margaret* the Elder, was Married to *Henry Vernon* of *Sudbury*, to whom ſhe brought the Manour of *Hilton*, *Sugential*, &c. and the Younger, was firſt Married to *William Fitzherbert*, by whom ſhe had iſſue *Thomas*; and ſince the death of her Husband *Fitzherbert*, ſhe is Married to *Francis Gattarre*; and hath for her Property, as our Lawyers ſay, *Swinerton*, *Charleton*, and *Swines-head* adjoyning thereto, is poſſeſſed, and hath been ſince before the time of *Edw.* 1. by the

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Broughtons; in whose time *Rogerus de Broughton* held the same of the Bishop of the Manour of *Eccleshall*, by the Service of half a Knights Fee, and to find fourteen Men at the Chace of *Padmore*, and thrice in the Year every time three Days, every Man his Diet by the Day being worth a Halfpenny; and also two Plows in Winter; *per* two Days, and two in *Lent* for two Days without Diet, to Plow the Lord's Demesne where the Lord will within the Manour; and the Diet for every Plow is worth 4*d*. He is also to find to the Lord fourteen Men to Reap in Harvest, or else to pay 5*s*. 9*d*, and the Lord shall Heriot, and also he shall keep Ward at the Castle of *Eccleshall* for the space of forty Days, at his own proper Charges.

A little farther West, adjoyning to *Charlton*, is *Maer*, and *Aston*, a fair Manour, sometime divided betwixt *William de Maer*, and *Stafford*, 20 Conq. *Olivet* held *Maer*, *Madely* and *Norton*, of *Robert de Stafford*; but after these Manours were so divided, that the Heirs of *Robert de Stafford*, as I suppose, had *Madely*, and the one moiety of *Maer*, and Sir *William de Maer* had *Norton*, and the other part of *Maer*; but how it came to be divided, I cannot yet learn. Yet I find that *Edward de Maer* about King *John*'s time, had

quarter part *Ville de Maer*, *ex Con. Guliel. Brefford*; and immediately after I find, that *Robert* the Son of *Edwardo de Maer*, *Alexander* the Son of *William de Maer*, and *Warryne de Ferrars* were Partners of a part of *Maer*, and that Sir *William Maer* Knight had another part of *Maer*, I think a Moiety against the other Co-partners. After all these Divisions, that is to say in *Hen. 3ds* time, and 9 year of *Edward* the *2d* Record says, that *Tho. de Hayleghton* was Lord of *Maer*, but I think he had not the whole Manour, but some good part thereof, and there accounted of the whole, tho' he was but of part, as I have some others of like sort to be recorded; but in the end as I have said, *Stafford* had a Moiety which he parted with, and divers other Lands, now the Inheritance of the *Macklesfields*, in exchange of *Ralph* the Son of *John Macklesfield*, in exchange the Son of *John Leigh*, the *3d* Son of *John Leigh* of *Adlington*, for his House in *Macclesfield*, and his other Lands, and for his Manour of--and *Bosley*, the Lands that *Macclesfield* had in exchange, was as I take it, the Moiety of *Maer*, and also the fourth part of *Milwich*, certain Lands in *Audley*, *Nutborow*, and *Bettherto*; this *Ralph Macclesfield* had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Francis*, who had issue *Ralph*, who

who had iſſue *William*, now owner of the greater part of *Maer* and *Aſton*.

THE *Maer* takes its Name from *Maer* a Lake or ſtanding Water, which is the Head of *Tame*, and which paſſeth Weſtward thence into *Shropſhire*, and thence into *Severn*. There is in *Maer* an indifferent large ſteep Hill which hath been fortified with a great double Trench, and a very thick Wall, whereof ſome Ruins do yet remain; in which there is alſo a Spring of Water; this Hill is to this day the *Burrow*, which alſo argueth that ſome ancient Town hath been there builded; it is North Weſt from *Penk* 12 Miles, and 15 plain Weſt from *Uttoxiter*, and from *Congleton* about 12 Miles plain South.

TAME takes it Courſe from the *Maer* Weſtward, waſhing the South Banks thereof, leaving upon the South *Aſhley* a divided Manour, whereof *Tho. Aſton* of *Aſton* in *Cheſhire* hath two parts, and Sir *Thomas Gerrard* Knight Marſhal, and Son of Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, late Maſter of the Rolls the 3d part. *Aſhley* was ſometimes of *Warrinus de Burwardeſſey* in *Shropſhire*; who had iſſue *Philip* his Son, and three Daughters; *Philip* died without iſſue, his eldeſt Siſter was Married to Sir *Walter Bromley* Knight, the 2*d* Siſter was Married to *Biſhinie*, or *Bewſhine*, for he bears

bears 3 *Creſſents*, who had iſſue *Warrane Biſhine*, who had iſſue Sir *Walter Biſhine*; the 3*d* Siſter was Married to *Leyton*, or *Leyton*, who had iſſue *John de Leyton*, as being a Town ſtanding near *Penk*; one might ſay, a Town ſtanding in an Iſle, or in the Meadows; for I have very anciently ſeen a Meadow written by the Name of *Eye*, and this *Eyton* is commonly called by the Name of *Walter Eyton*; *John de Eyton* had iſſue *Thomas*, who paſſed his part of *Aſhley* to Sir *Tho. Beſſyne* Knight, Son of the aforeſaid Sir *Walter Biſhine*. Sir *Robert Bromley* before ſpoken of had iſſue *John*, and *Robert*, as I take it; *John* had iſſue *Alice*, Married to *John Fradſhaw*; *Rob. Bromley* had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who died without iſſue, and *Margaret* Married to *William Herſtall*, who had iſſue *Humph Herſtall*, that died without iſſue, and *Jone* Married to Sir *John Bromley* Knight. This Sir *John* was the Son of *William*, the Son of Sir *John*, Captain of *Dapront Stuart*, and Great Conſtable of *Boſwill le Roſs*, and the *Marſher* 5 of *Hen.* 5. This Sir *John* was the Son of *William Ammiable*, the Daughter and Heir of *Matthew* of *Chettleſton*. This *William* was the Son of *John*, who was the Son of *Ralph*, the Son of *Richard*, the Son

Son of the aforenamed *Geffry*, Son of the aforesaid Sir *Walter Bromley* Knight, and *Jone* the Daughter of *William Herstall* had issue *Margaret*, Married to Sir *William Stanley* of *Hoeton* Knight, *Margaret* Married to Sir *John Harpna* Knight, and *Elizabeth* to *William Needham*, of whom is descended *Robert Needham* of *Shaventon* in *Shropshire*. Sir *William Stanley* had issue *Margaret*, Married to Sir *Tho. Gerrard* of *Etwel*, Knight, now living, who sold the third part of *Ashley*, and all *Bromley*, and a Hamlet of *Eccleshall*, being the ancient Lands of the *Bromleys* of these Countries took their Sirnames, to Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight, late Master of the Rolls, Father of Sir *Tho. Gerrard* Knight Marshal, now living. Sir *Gilbert* in his old Age built a very fair new House of Stone at *Bromley*, and lies buried in *Ashley* Church-yard; whereof *Thomas* his Son hath built a Chappel, and bestowed great Cost on a Monument for him. Sir *Tho. Bessyne* before spoken of, had issue, another Sir *Walter Bessyne*, who had issue *Jone Bessyne*, Married (as I take it) to Sir *Charlton Knight*, who had issue a Daughter and Heir Married to Sir *William Clopton* Knight, who had issue a Daughter and Heir, Married to *John Harewell* of *Wootton* in *Warwickshire*, who had issue

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John Harewell, who had Iſſue *Bruſilda*, one of the Daughters and Heirs, Married to *Tho. Aſton* of *Aſton* in *Cheſhire*, Father of *John Aſton*, Father of *Thomas* now living, Lord of two parts of *Aſhley*.

A Mile further Weſtward ſtands *Muccleſton*, ſometimes the Lands of of the Weſt Countries, and lately Sold to Sir *Tho. Offley* Kt. late Lord Mayor of *London*; 20 Conqueſt, one of the *Jennings* held *Muccleſtone*.

But to return to the River of *Sow*, which being paſt *Charlton*, leaveth *Standon*; on the ſame ſide of *Standon* was the Lord of the Conqueſt one *Bryan*, and in *Henry* 3*d*'s time one *Vivianus*; this *Vivian* had Iſſue *Thomas*, and *Vivian*, after whom Sir *Tho. Dutton* Kt. Son of Sir *Hugh Dutton* in *Cheſhire* Kt. Married *Philippa* Daughter of the elder *Vivian*, and Siſter of *Thomas* and *Vivian*, who, as I take it, had iſſue by her, Sir *Robert Dutton*, who bear *Dutton*'s Arms, with a blue Label; I think he had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Vivian*, *Domino de Standon*, that lived in 23*d Edward* 3*d*, and bear quarterly *Er Gules*, as *Dutton* of *Dutton* in *Cheſhire* does; ſince *Standon*, came *Eſſex* of *Berkſhire*, of whom the laſt Sir *Thomas* ſold it in Fee-Farm to *Uyſe* and others, reſerving the

the old Rents, Herriots, and Services, *&c.*

SOW being paſt, *Standon* leaveth on the North Eaſt *Coates*, the antient Houſe of *Coates* of *Woodwaite* in *Shropſhire*, in the time of *Hen.* 3d, *Rob. de Coth's*, or *Coates*, for both ways I find it written, in the ſame time was Lord of *Coates*. It ſeems the *Coates* would derive themſelves from *Knightleys*, or elſe they do them wrong, by uſurping the Armory.

On the Southweſt of *Sow*, lieth *Mulnemeeſe*, the Inheritance of the *Harcoates* of *Ronton.*

The Land of *Roger Charnes* 24 *Ed.* 1. who held it then of the Prior, or Sir *Thomas* by the 4th part of a Knight's Fee, and the Prior of *Henry* of *Charnes*, who held it over of *Nigelles de Longford*, and he of the Biſhop, who held it of the King by the ſame Service, and now *John Young* is the owner thereof, where is the Seat of the *Youngs* of *Staffordſhire.*

I read that about King *John*'s time, there was one Sir *Robert Sugenhall* Knight, who I ſuppoſe was Lord of one or both of *Sugenhalls*, about 24 *Edw.* 1. Great *Sugenhall* was a divided Manour between *Roger* the Son of *Stephen de Offley*, and one *Johnſon*, of the ſame *Stephen*, and *John Murſell*, who had quarter part thereof

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per quar. par. feudi, &c. of the Bishop after I read, that there was one *Henry de Sugenhall* who lived 35 *Edw.* 3*d.* Little *Sugenhall* and *Dorslow* hard by, was Sold *per John de Parva, Sugenhall* to the Bishop, by *octavam partem Feodi*, 24 *Edw.* 1.

SOW being past, *Mulnemeese* entereth into *Norton*, and *Shawford*, and *Half Hyde*, all in *Chebsy*; *Norton* takes its Name as lying North from *Chebsy*; as if a Man might say the North Town of *Chebsy* was sometimes *Dalvesland*, I think *Richard Delves* was Lord thereof in *Edw.* 3*d*'s time, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue Sir *John Delves* Knight, who had issue another Sir *John Delves* Knight, who had issue *Helen* a Daughter, Married to Sir *Robert Shefield de Butterwick*; in which Line of *Shefield* it continued till this present Lord *Shefield*, Sold the same to Sir *Stephen Slany*, late Lord Mayor of *London*.

SLINDON lies also very near on the same side, *Sow*, 24 *Edw.* 1. *Rob. Slindon* held the same of *Robert Hasting*, *per quar. pt. feodi*, and he the same over of the Bishop, *&c.*

IN *Darlaveston*, now call'd *Darlaston*, is a good and large steep Hill, on the heig ht

height whereof be the Ruins of either ſome Town, or ſome very large Houſe. The report of the Country is, that this Place was ſometimes the Habitation of *Wolfridus* King of *Mercia*; and to confirm the ſame, I have ſeen an old Copy which treated of the Foundation of the Priory of *Stone*, and affirmeth as much, which is not unlike; for that *Stone* where this *Wolfridus* was Martyr'd, is but a Mile off. There are in *Staffordſhire* two *Darlaſtons*. Of the other I mean to ſpeak hereafter, where the Place requires.

THIS *Darlaſton* was holden 20 Conq. by the Abbot of *Burton*, given to one *Ormus de Guidon*, and *Robert* his Son, born of the Daughter of *Nicholas Beauchamp*, Sheriff of *Staffordſhire*, who had iſſue by his *Aliva Ingulphus de Greſley*, who had iſſue *Aricia* or *Hawiſſa de Darlaſton* and *Petronella*. *Aricia* was Married to *Henry Verdon*, which 9 *Edw.* 2d, was Lord thereof, but who have been Owners of it ever ſince, I cannot yet learn, more than that *James Collier*, *Hen.* 8. purchaſed the ſame, and almoſt all *Stone*, being a Thorowfair-Town from *London*, into *Ireland*, *Cheſhire*, and *Lancaſhire*, and a pretty Market-Town, and alſo a goodly Farm, lying within a Mile from *Trent* Southward, and within two Miles of

of *Stone*: It was ſometime a Grange, ſometime belonging to the Abby of *Cumbermaer*, and was to them given by *Robert de Baskervile*, and confirmed by *Hugh Lacy*, being called *Earle-Hyde*; which Name I ſuppoſe was ſo given it, by reaſon it was in the Lands of *Comes Rogeri Mongomerici* in the Conqueſt, and containeth one Hyde of Land; as if one might ſay, It is the Earl's Hyde. *James Collier* before ſpoken of, had Iſſue *Robert Collier*, who had iſſue *James* deceaſed, who Sold *Stone* and *Darlaſton* to his Father-in-Law *Robert Needham* of *Shenton* in *Shropſhire*, and *Earle-Hyde* to his Brother *Chriſtopher*, alſo dead.

I can find nothing of *Stone* in *Doomeſday-Book*, I think it ſhould be *Stone* which was then in the King's Hands; ſo it may be well if a Man conceive the *C*, is miſtaken for a *T. J.* *Stone* was ſometime a Nunnery, Founded by *Ermanildo*, Wife of the afore-named *Wolfridus* King of *Mercia*, which ſo continued till about the Conqueſt, when one *Enſanus*, by the Advice of his Kinſman *Geffery Denlyinton*, Chamberlain to the King *Chanaus*, whoſe Son Forfeited the ſame, and then it was given to the Baron *de Stafford*, and was much encreaſed by the Baron and Earl of *Stafford*, whoſe Burial place it was for a long time after-

afterwards; for there lay Buried the most of them; as *Robert* first Baron after the Conquest, and *Avicia* his Wife, and *Nicholas* 2d Baron, and *Matilda* his Wife; *Robert* 3d Baron, and *Anastatia* his Wife, and *Hervy Baggot* 4th Baron, in right of his Wife *Millesent*, Daughter and Heir of the last before-named *Robert Hervey*, Son of *Hervy Baggot*, and *Millesent* his Wife, 5th Baron, and *Petronella* his Wife, also *Robert* his Son, 6th Baron, and both his Wives; which *Robert* obtained the freedom of the House from *Kennelworth*, to which before it was subject; and also *Nicholas* his 7th Son, Baron, and also the Heart of *Hugh* 2d Earl of *Stafford*, Son of *Ralph* first Earl of *Stafford*, which *Hugh* died at *Rhodes*, and the Body of *Phillippa* his Wife was buried at *Stone*; the Heart was brought hither by *John Hinckley* Esquire, from *Rhodes*; also *Thomas* the 3d Earl was buried at *Stone*. Now the said Priory and Demesnes thereof, is in the Possession of *William Crompton*, who has seated himself there. This *William* was the Son of *William Crompton* a Merchant in *London*, who purchased the same Priory presently after the dissolution thereof.

TRENT takes its Course by *Stone*, and passeth between *Walton* and *Stoke*,

and *Aſton* and *Binſton*, all or the moſt part thereof the Lands at this day of *Walter Heningham*, deſcended of the *Heninghams* of *Suffolk*; for *Walter* was the Son of *Chriſtopher*, who was the Son of *Eraſmus*, a younger Brother of the Houſe of *Heninghams* in *Suffolk*; which *Eraſmus* Married the Daughter and Heir of *Walter Moyle* of *Kent*, who before Married *Iſabel* Daughter and Heir of *John Stanley*, Son and Heir of *Humph. Stanley* Kt. Baronet, *Ellen* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Ja. Leigh* Kt. Son and Heir of *William Leigh* of *Knightly*, and *Maud* his Wife, owner of *Aſton*, *Burſton*, *Stoak-Walton* of more antient time; that is to ſay, about 34 *Hen. 3d*, *Walton* and half of *Aſton* were the Lands of one Sir *Richard Venables*, Kt. Son of Sir *William Venables*, Baronet, of *Kinderton*, which *Richard* had Iſſue *Thomas Venables*, who had *William*, who lived in the 15*th Edw.* 3. The other half of *Aſton*, and half of *Burſton*, continued from *Hen.* 3d's time, to *Hen.* 4*th*'s time, of the Race of Gentlemen, called *Marſhalls*, all the Names whereof were *Roberts*, a thing to be miſliked, tho' many I know after their Parent's Names; but conſidering if any thing ſhould fall to be in controverſie, whereby he ſhould be forced to plead his deſcent,

descent, it would be very difficult for a Man to make proof thereof, and to know which was the *Donor*, and to distinguish one from another; where, if they be of several Names, the Descent will be easily found out; so that a Man may plead it, and be in no danger by laying down his Descent. *Stoke* was the Inheritance of the *Hinckleys*, a Race of Knights in this County; but how they were all outed, or how it came to the Possession of *William Leigh*, and *Maud* his Wife, I cannot yet learn, neither how they came to be divided; for 20 Conq. they all were the Lands of *Robert de Stafford*.

TRENT having past between *Walton*, and *Stoke*, enters between *Aston*, and *Stoke*, and after between *Aston* and *Sandon*, leaving *Aston* Southwards, and *Sandon* Northwards, which takes its beginning within little more than a Mile of *Stone*, following *Trent* for a space; but being cut off by *Burston*, comes not again to the Banks thereof, till *Trent* be past both this and *Barston*, which I suppose was a Member of *Sandon*, for that the Conqueror gave to *Rob. de Stafford*, *per Vergat terra in parva Sandon*, which I take to be this *Burston*, being to this day holden of the Baron *de Stafford*, and so is no other Lands in *Sandon* of the Queen, as

of her Honours of *Tutbury*, a Member of our Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, *Sandon* contains theſe Hamlets, *viz. Great Sandon*, *Little Sandon*, *Haidwick*, *Small Viſe*, *Dracoate*, *Leighs-Newton*, and *Creſſwell*, and I ſuppoſe hath of ancient time before the Conqueſt, alſo contained that *Burweſton*, which ſtanding Weſt from *Little Sandon*, and *Little Sandon* alſo Weſt from *Great Sandon*, wherever was the Seat of the Manour, and where the Pariſh Church now ſtandeth. I ſuppoſe it was called *Burweſton*, or rather *Foreweſton*, as being farther Weſt from *Great Sandon*, than *Little Sandon*. In this *Burweſton* was ſometime a Chapel, a Place in old time viſited for Devotion. The Report is, That *Wolfadus* the Pagan King of *Mercia* ſeeking to Tyranize over the Chriſtians; and finding *Wolfadus* and *Rufinus* his two Sons to exerciſe the Chriſtian Religion, in his Cruelty ſought alſo to perſecute them, but they ſeeking to eſcape by flight, *Wolfadus* was ſoon taken, and Martyred at *Stone*; but *Rufinus* the youngeſt eſcaping farther, ſought to hide himſelf, where lately this Chapel ſtood, being a Place in thoſe days full of Groves and Woods; for all *Sandon* at that time of the Conqueſt, which was Conquered after this Age, was Forreſt-Lands, and being there found,

found, was there Martyr'd. *Sandon* 20 Conquest was in the King's Hands, but presently after, as I think, it was by him given to *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, who passed it over to *William* Baron *Malbank*, of which *Malbank* had Issue *Hugh Malbank*, who founded the Abby of *Cumbermaer*, and had issue *William Malbank*, who gave the Churches of *Acton* in *Cheshire*, *Alstonfield* and *Sandon* in *Staffordshire*, with their Chapels, of which, *Malbank*, *Minshall*, *Wrinberry* and *Darryford* to the said Abbey. *William* had issue four Daughters, *Philippa*, *Adis*, *Alditha*, or *Edelia*, and *Elisia*; *Philippa* was Married to *Thomas Basset*, Bar. of *Haddington*, and had issue *Philippa*, Wife of *Henry* Earl of *Warwick*, and *Jone* the Wife of *Valeterta*, after of *William Courtney*; *Adis* or *Adoner*, I think, died unmarried; but if she were, she had no issue, but gave most of her Lands to *Adelego*, and after to *Warren de Verdon*. *Hugh de Alterbus* had issue *Hugo*, which *Hugo* the Son granted all his Lands in *Cheshire*, *Bucks*, and *Staffordshire*, to *Warren Verdon* his Brother, and to the Heirs of *Warren* his Brother, *Warren Verdon* the Father had issue, the said *Warren* the Son of *Ralph* a Priest, the Priest claiming as Heir Male; and in the end it was compounded that the Sister

ſhould have but the Manour of *Leftwick*, and other Lands, amounting to the Moiety of the Barony, and *Seybrook*, and that other Moiety of the Barony and Lands, with the Honour, ſhould remain to the Prieſt. Sir *Richard Millbroome* and *Margaret* his Wife had iſſue; *Maud* Married to *Rob.Winington*, who had iſſue *Richard*,that was called *Leftwick*, after the Name of his Houſe. Of this *Richard* came the *Leftwicks* in *Cheſhire*, and *Agnes* Married to *Rich.* the Son of *d'Loſtock*. Sir *William Stafford* and *Adilla* had iſſue, Sir *William Stafford* Kt. who had iſſue a 3*d William*, who had iſſue Sir *James Stafford* Kt. and Sir *John Stafford* Kt. Sir *James* had iſſue *Margaret*, his only Daughter and Heir Married to *Tho. Erdswick*, 12 *Edw.* 3. *Tho. Erdswick* and *Margaret* his Wife had iſſue another *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Hugh*, *Robert*, *Sampſon*, and *Henry*. *Hugh*, *Robert* and *Sampſon* died without iſſue, *Henry* had iſſue *Hugh*, who had iſſue another *Hugh*, who had iſſue a 3*d*. *Hugh*, and *Sampſon*'s *Hugh* the elder Brother died without iſſue. *Sampſon* had iſſue *Hugh*, who had iſſue *Sampſon*, the Collector of this Book, and all that is herein written.

TRENT having paſſed betwixt *Sandon*, and *Enſtone*, a Seat of the *Bereſfords*;

fords; washeth also the Banks of *Salt* 2d Conquest. *Gilbertus* held *Salt* of *Robert de Stafford*; but because the same is now in Contention, *Chetwind* claimeth *Salt* as a Member of his Manour of *Ingestry*, and certain others of inferior Estate; Intituling themselves as Lords in Common of the said Manour; every one *per rata*, he speaks no more of it.

TRENT being past *Sandon*, entreth between *Salt* and *Weston*, though it be a Parish of it self, yet it is reputed to be a Member of *Chartley* in *Weston*, above *Trent*.

TRENT receiveth on the North East side a pretty Brook which taketh its beginning at *Hilderston* Town, 44 Conquest, one *Robert Baggot* and his Wife held it of the Baron *de Stafford*; and presently after, *viz.* 12 *Edw.* 1. one *Vitalis* held *Hilderstone* of *Robert de Stafford*; and in *Henry* 3d's time, one *Robert de Huglesford* was Lord thereof, who had issue *William*, who had issue *John Huglesford*, who lived in 21 and 31 of *Edw.* 3. since it came to Sir *John Delves*, who had issue *Hellen*, his Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *Robert Sheffield* Knight, Recorder of *London*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Edm.* now Lord *Sheffield*, who sold it to his Brother *Christopher*, who had issue

John Lord *Sheffield*, who ſold it to *Robert Collier*, whoſe Son *James* has lately ſold it to Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, late Maſter of the *Rolls*.

The ſaid Brook paſſing from *Hilderſton*, to *Milwich*, is called *Milwich-brook*. *Milwich* is a fair Lordſhip, conſiſting of *Milwich*, *Garſhall* and *Goreinghall*, commonly called *Gorman*, and *Cotton* of *Milwich* was Lord in time of the ſaid Conqueſt one *Hugo*, and in *Hen.* 3d's time, *Milwich*, *Garſhall* and *Cotton* were equally divided betwixt *Robert de Milwich*, and *Geffrey de Nugent*. And in 9th *Edw.* 2*d*, *Hugo de Okever*, as I think, by Inheritance had *Robert* of *Milwich* part, *Geffrey de Nugent* having had iſſue *Philip Nugent*; I think his part was divided betwixt *Philip*'s two Daughters; whereof the one was Married to *Grindon*, who had iſſue Sir *Robert Grindon* Kt. and the other, as I take it, was Married to *Jordanus de Hextall*, who had iſſue *Henry de Hextall*, and *Henry*, in whoſe Line it continued 'till *Henry* 6. and then one *Hugo de Hextall* had iſſue *William*, which *William* Married *Margaret* Daugbter and Heir of *William Bromley*, by whom he had *Humphrey*, who died without iſſue. *Jone* Married to *John Bromley* of *Baddington*, and *Margaret* Married to *Richard*

chard Petit, between whom it was divided, from *John Bromley* and *Margaret* his Wife; his part descends to Sir *Thomas Gerrard*, who living as you may perceive, by that I shall say hereafter; who sold it to *Ralph Adderley*, and he again sold it to *John Orchard* of *Garringshall*, who was Owner thereof, 1596. and *John Orchard* sold it again to *Richard Hulburt*, which *Richard* had issue, *William* and *Richard*, which *William* is now Owner thereof. 1654. *Richard Petile* had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Richard* and *John*, who sold their interest to *John Allen* of *Milwich*, Father of *Richard Allen* Owner thereof, 1569. which *Richard* had issue one Daughter, Married to *Richard Bowyer*; which *Richard Bowyer* sold the same to *Richard Adshed*, born at *Torkinton* in *Cheshire*, and by Trade an Upholsterer; but leaving off his Trade, was Yeoman of the Wardrobe to *Thomas* Earl of *Stafford*, Lord Treasurer of *England* in King *James*'s time, under whom he enriched himself, and was Married to one *Cassandra Green*, a Kinswoman to Alderman *Caudswell*, who left her a good Portion, with which she purchased the same Land. This *Thomas Adshed* had issue *Thomas Ashed*, unto whom he left the same Estate; which *Thomas* sold it

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to *John Crompton*, 2d Son, as I take it, to Sir *Thomas Crompton* Kt. who is now Owner thereof (1654.) and after *John Petile* had issue *Thomas Petile* of *Perstall*, Father of *Thomas Boz*, living (1569.) *Grindon*'s part came to the Earl of *Stafford*, who in *Hen.* 6. time gave the same to *Ralph Macclesfield*, with other Lands in Exchange of *Macklesfield*'s Land in *Macklesfield*, and other places in *Cheshire*, as I shall also remember hereafter, where you may see more of *Macklefield*'s time. *Okeover* held his Moiety till *Hen.* 6th's time, or thereabouts, and then it came, I know not by what means, to one *William Broadshawe*, in whose time it continued till *Hen.* 8th's time, and then one *William Broadshawe* sold it to Sir *John Aston*, Great Grandfather of the last Sir *Edward*, in whose time it continued till *Walter* Lord *Aston*, Father of the now Lord *Aston* (1654.) sold the Capital House with the Demesnes, to *Edward Aston* now Owner thereof, and the rest of the Tenements with the Mill, except one in *Cotton*, he sold to *Ralph Baby*, a Merchant, who Married the Sister of the said *Edward Aston*; and having by her no issue, left the greatest part of the said Tenements to *Walter Aston*, Son of the said *Edward*, and the Fee-Farm Rent of the rest, to the

the ſaid *Walter* now living, (1564) *Cotton* formerly ſpoken of, came to the *Maſterton*'s of *Cheſhire*, but by what manner I know not. And *Thomas Maſterton* in King *Charles*'s time ſold the ſame to the afore-named *Thomas Adſhed*, who left the ſame to *Thomas* his Son, who ſold the Tenants every one his own, and made them all Free-holders, 1652.

This Brook, as not worth a particular Name, being paſt *Milwich*, entreth into *Gaiton*, where it is called *Gaiton-brook*, of *Gaiton*, was Lord in the Conqueſt time one *Ularicas*, and in the beginning of *Hen.* 3d's time one *Gilbertus*, which *Gilbertus*, as I think, had iſſue five Daughters, between whom *Gaiton* was divided; of which, the Eldeſt, *Agnes*, was Married to *Thomas Meverrill*; the 2d, *Ellenor*, to *Roger Marchington*; the 3d, *Iſole*, to *Ralph Montgomery*; the 4th, *Jone*, to *John Grindon*; the 5th, *Amicia*, had iſſue *Iſabell*, Married to *Henry Kingſton*, and *Agnes*, Married to *Richard Dracoate Meverrill*; his part came to one *Cotton*, who ſold it to one *Walter*, late Lord Viſcount: *Marchington*'s part deſcended to *Montgomery*, the laſt of which named, had iſſue two Daughters; one Married Sir *John Vernon* Kt. who had iſſue *Henry*, who had Iſſue *John Vernon*, who was living (1569.)

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The other was Married to Sir *Tho. Gifford* Kt. who had iſſue by her a Daughter, Married to Sir *John Porcey*, who had iſſue three Daughters; the Eldeſt Married to Sir *Thomas Gerrard* Kt; the 2d, to Sir *Thomas Stanhope* Kt; the 3d, to Sir *Geo. Haſtings*, now Earl of *Huntington*, who had all parts of *Gaiton* in his Properties, and moſt of *Montgomeries* alſo, except one Tenement, which *John Vernon* hath now ſold to *Walter Fowler*. Sir *George Haſtings* hath ſold his part to divers, but the beſt Farms to *John Erdſwick*, 2d Son of *Sampſon Erdſwick*, who had iſſue *Walter* and *John* both living (1596.) and the ſaid *Walter* yet living (1654.) his 2d Son *Bryan Fowler*, 2d Son of *Roger Fowler*, Father of *Walter*, now living,(1596.) The reſt to *Sherrard Dawſon*, and *Goodwine*, his Tenements of their three Meſſuages; *Montgomeries* part came to *Blount*, Lord *Mountjoy*, and from him, I think, it came to *Montgomeries* hand. *John Grindon* and *Jone* his Wife had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Adam*, who had iſſue *John Grindon*, who had iſſue *Hellen*, and *Margaret Elline* had iſſue a Daughter, who Married to *William Truſſel*; *Margaret* Married to *John Haurcoate*, *Jone* Married to *Thomas Littleton*, and another Daughter Married to *John Perwig*, by whom

whom ſhe had iſſue *Richard Perwig*, after to *William Bagod*, and laſtly, to *Will. Digby*, by whom ſhe had iſſue *John Digby*; but in the end, all *Grindon*'s part came by perquiſition to *John Hunt* of *Lindon* in *Rutlandſhire*, who gave it *John* his younger Son, who ſold it to the ſaid *Walter Fowler*: *Knifton*'s part came to *Walter Blount*, Lord *Mountjoy*, and from him to *Dracoates*, it came I know not by what means, to one of the Lord *Ferrars* of *Chartley*, from whom it deſcended to *Robert* Earl of *Eſſex*, who died without iſſue; and his Land in *Chartley*, *Gaiton*, and *Hickſon*, *Weſton*, *Grinley*, *Droynton*, and all the *Chartley Holme*, came to Sir *Robert Shirley* Baronet, now living, (1654.)

CHARTLEY containing the Hamlets afore-mentioned, with ſome others, is a goodly Manour, and was the Chief Seat of the Lord *Ferrars* of *Chartley*; but as I take it 20 Conqueſt, *Chartley* was not ſo great a thing, for divers of the Hamlets were not then in the Kings own Hands, as *Chartley* was; for you may find in the Book of *Doomſday*, that the Biſhop held both all *Haywood* and *Huſweeden*, and *Pigott Huſweeden* of him, and *Nigellus* of *Pigott*, and the Biſhop likewiſe held *Droynton* and *Nigellus* of him,

him, not long after the Conqueſt, as I take it, *Chartley* was given to *Hugh* Earl of *Cheſter*, together with *Sandon*; which Earl paſſing *Sandon* to *William* Baron of *Wich*, *Mallbank* retained *Chartley*, ſo that it deſcended to the Siſters of the late *Ralph* Earl of *Cheſter*, and in partition, it was alotted to *William Ferrars*, Earl of *Darby*; whoſe Son *Robert* though he loſt *Tutbury*, and almoſt all the reſt of his Lands except *Baybrook*, and yet retaining *Chartley*, and left it to his Son, Sir *John Ferrars* Kt. who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue *Edward*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Agnus*, his only Daughter, and Heir, Married to *Walter Deveren*, who had iſſue by her *John Deveren* and Lord *Ferrars*, who had iſſue Viſcount *Hereford*, who had iſſue Sir *Richard Deveren*, that died before his Father, who had iſſue *Walter* Earl of *Eſſex*, Father of *Robert* late Earl of *Eſſex* (1599.) The laſt *Ralph*, Earl of *Cheſter*, built the Caſtle of *Chartley*, the ruins whereof being decayed, the Park is very large, and hath therein Red-Deer, Fallow-Deer, Wild-Beaſts and Swine; and now the Owner thereof is Sir *Robert Shirley*, a very Noble Knight.

HALFHIDE was in the Time of *Henry* 3d, the Inheritance of *Robert Coſney*,

Cosney, of *Weston Cosney*, and 31 *Edw.* 3. *John* his gave it to *John* his younger Brother.

SOW being past, *Half-hyde* receiveth in *Chesby-Parish*, *Ecclesshall-water*; *Chebse* as it appears in *Doomsday* Book, was the Lands of one *Humfridus*, who held the same of *Henry de Ferrars*; and not long after, about *Hen.* 2d's time, *Eutropuis de Hasting*, as Heir to his Mother *Maud*, was Lord of *Chebsey*, *Half-hyde*, *Shawford*, *Norton* and *Walton*, *Nixon* and *Ellenhall*, and from whom it descended to *Robert de Hasting*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Robert*, *William*, and *Richard*; *Robert* had issue *John*, who were all Knights; which *John* had issue *Katherine*, one of his Daughters and Heiress, Married to *Ralph*, first Earl of *Stafford*, but had no issue by him; and *Maud* Married to *Ralph Stafford* of *Grafton*, 2d Son of Sir *John Stafford*, a 2d Brother of Sir *James Stafford* of *Sandon* Kt. *Ralph Stafford* had issue Sir *Humph. Stafford*, who had issue Sir *Humphry Stafford*, Lieutenant of *Calais*, who had issue *Humphry*, who had issue Sir *Humphry*, who had issue Sir *William Stafford*, late Husband of the Lady *Dorothy Stafford* of the Court, Sister of *Ed.* Lord *Stafford*, and Mother of Sir *Ed. Stafford*, then both living, who sold the same to *Roger Harcourt*, Uncle

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to Sir *Walter Harcourt* Kt. then living. *Walton* in *Hen.* 2d's time, was held of one *Alvicia de Walton*, who was Married to *Peter Gifford*, from whom it descended to *Peter Gifford* their Son, who had issue Sir *John Gifford*; of whose Descent see where I speak of *Chillington*.

Ecclesshall-water taketh its beginning Westwardly, but not far from *Adbaston*, 20 Conquest, the Bishop held *Adbaston* of the King, being now the Seat of the *Brodocks*, which I take to be, *ab Origine*, *Cheshire* Men, and descended from the *Lostocks*, so I have a piece of Evidence importing; for *Richardus filius Richardus Lostock, dedit Richardo filii Letitiæ de Tabeleigh Terram suam apud Brodhoc*; of which no doubt *Brodocks* took their Sir name. Moreover, it would so also seem by *Brodocks* Armory, being *Argent* a Greyhound in a Border engrailed Sables; and *Lostocks* is *Argent ague Leveire*, save without the Order; and about *Edw.* 4's time, one of his Ancestors Married the only Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Griffin* of *Cheshire*; another Argument of his being of *Cheshire*.

Ecclesshall-water also leaveth *Amington*, being the Lands of *William Butler*, 9 *Ed.* 2. and sometimes the Lands of *Ralph Premonile*, or *Warmoure*, something Westwardly

wardly from it; and so it doth *Fleetsbrook*, otherwise *Flassenbrooke*, 20 Conq. *Fleetsbrook* was in the King's Hands, and 24 *Edw.* 1. was the Seat of *Richardus de Pulsdon*, who had issue *Jordanus de Pulsdon*, who had issue *Jordaine*; in whose Race by the Sirname of *Jordaines* it continued till about *Hen.* 6. or *Edw.* 4. time, when one *Browne* who was Barber to *Henry* Duke of *Buckingham*, and thereof took the Sirname of *Barber*, Married as I take it, to *Jordain*'s Heir.

Eccleshall-water having gathered it self with a pretty Brook, runneth by *Bishops-Offley*: *Offebecia* held it of the Bishop 20 Conq. and after; it was about the time of *Edw.* 1. the Inheritance of *Tho. Caverswall* which had it in Frank Marriage given him by *William de Chedleton*, with *Jone* his Daughter; which *Tho. Caverswall* who Inherited the said Lands as Heir to his Mother, who had issue three Daughters; as I take it, one Married to *Adam Pershall*, another to *William Tronowine*, and a 3d Married to *Knighton*, in the Division of *John Caverswall*'s Lands. *Bishops-Offley* was alotted to *Adam Pershall* and his Wife, but it would seem that *Caverswall* had not the Seignory of *Bishops-Offley*; for that I find that Sir *John Leybourne* Kt. gave all his Lands, Tene-

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ments, Rents and Services in *Bishops-Offley*, to the said *Adam Pershall*, 19 *Ed.* 3. whereby it was apparent that the said Sir *John Leybourne* was until then Chief Lord thereof.

Eccleshall-water being past, *Bishops-Offley* entreth *Peshall*, leaving *Horsley* a little Mile Southward, being now the Chief Seat of the *Pershalls*, whom I take to derive themselves *ab origine*, Paternally from the *Swinertons*, for they bear their Armory as moving from them; *Swinertons* bearing *Argent* and a *Cross Forney* and *Flower Sables*; and now the *Pershall*'s bearing the same with a *Canton Gules* charged with *Richard* Earls of *Chestherwolf*'s Head. But the first Sir *Richard* that I read of, whom I take to be Son of Sir *John Swinerton*, and his Heirs, bear it without the *Canton*, and one charged *Swinerton*'s Coat with an Eschutcheon, which *Ra.* 2. Earl of *Chester*, viz. *Gules* a Lyon *Saliant Argent*. To fortifie which Opinion, I have seen a Deed made, as I take it, in the time of *Hen.* 3. whereby *Robertus filius Stephani de Pershall dedit domo Johan. de Swinerton totam terram suam cum Grindonibus & cum redditibus servitiis homagiis releniis & escaetis ac totam terram quam emit de Thoma filio Thomæ de Pershall*, and there is

is *Testis* to the Deed, Sir *Robert de Knightly*, *Rob. de Bromley*, Sir *Philip de Mitton*, *Roger de Chawner*, *Tho. de Tittenzer*, *Jua de Raden*, *Robert de Johnson*, &c. The same Sir *Richard*, as I take it, dwelleth at *Pershall*, who had issue a younger Son called *Adam*, which was the Man, as I take it, that took the *Canton* and Wolfs-head for his difference; for I have seen a Seal of his Son's Sir *Richard Pershall*, with the same Cross Canton and Wolf's-Head for his Armory. This *Adam* Married one of the Daughters and Heirs of the afore-named *John Caverswall*, and had *Bishops-Offley* by reason thereof; for whose better Advancement, his Father, as I take it, gave him *Horsley*, to make him a Marriage fit for an Heir; who had issue by her Sir *Richard Pershall* Kt. who Married *Jone* Daughter and Heir of *Reynold* Son and Heir of Sir *John Chetwind* of *Chetwind* Kt. who had issue *Richard*, *Nicholas*, and *Humphry*; *Richard* had issue *Joyce*, Married to *Pigot*, and *Isabell* to *Grosvenor*; *Nicholas* had issue *Hugh*, who had issue *Humphry*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Thomas Pershall* now of *Horsley*; which *Thomas Pershall* had issue *John*, and they are both living. *Humphry Pershall* the 3d Brother, had issue *Richard*

Perſhall, who had iſſue *Humph.* who had iſſue Sir *Hugh Perſhall* Kt. who had iſſue *Katherine* his only Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *John Blount* Kt. Father of Sir *Geo. Blount* Kt. and *Angle* the Wife of *Richard Lacon*, Mother of *Richard Lacon*, to whom Sir *George Blount* left all his Lands.

Eccleſhall-water being paſt, *Perſhall* approacheth *Eccleſhall*, where was an Ancient and fair Caſtle of the Biſhop's, and a pretty Market-Town. *Eccleſhall* is a great Manor or Lordſhip, contains a great number of Villages and Hamlets; as *Flaſhembrooke*, *Charner*, *Chatchillton*, *Darſlow*, *Bretton*, *Leefoard*, *Aſton*, *Chuldon*, *Cherry*, *Litton*, *Coates*, *Myſe*, *Badenhall*, *Slindon*, *Dorpe*, *Bridgford*, *Haſpley*, *Crocerton*, *Offley*, and it ſeems that now *Sugenhall* is reputed as a Member of *Eccleſhall*, with the appurtenances thereof. But in *Doomſday-Book* it appears that the Biſhop held *Sugenhall* as a diſtinct Manour, having alſo divers Members belonging thereto (to wit) *Bromley*, *Tunſtall*, *Podmore*, *Swineſtead*, *Ellenhall*, *Walton*, *Adbaſton*, *Woodton*; *Chimton* in *Eccleſhall* is the Seat of one of the *Swinertons*, which hath been of a very good Living, but *Edw. Swinerton* lately deceaſed, hath almoſt ſold it all, and reſerved

ved little more than *Isewood*, his House, and some few Tenements, in the same Town.

Eccleshall-water passeth by *Hilcot*, the Seat now of the *Nowells*, who descended from *Nowell* of *Eccleshall*, who by the common Report is reputed to have been a Baron; so that the *Harcoats* of that Age are of many called Barons of *Eccleshall*. Whereupon such a Report should go I can't conjecture, neither can I think that *Eccleshall* was a Barony, nor any of *Nowell*'s Lands; for that all, or the most and the chiefest of them are at this day; and it appears by the Book of *Doomsday*, were at the Conquest holden of the Bishop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, as Members and Parcels of his Manour, or as I rather take it, of his Honour of *Eccleshall*; and that *Nowell* now of *Hilcott* is descended from *Nowell* of *Eccleshall* is both true and apparent; for *Philip* then living was the Son of *Robert*, who was the Son of *James*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *Richard*, the Son of *William*, the Son of *Thomas*, the Son of *Philip*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *Philip*, the younger Brother of *Thomas*, and Son of *Robert*, the Son of *William*, who lived as I take it, about *Henry* the first, or King *Stephen*'s time, and then was Lord of *Eccleshall* and

Ronton both of them; for I take it either he or his Son *Robert* founded the Abby of *Ronton*, *Seybford*, *Cookslaine*, *Bridgfort*, *Worceston*, *Podmore*, *Milnemese*, and the Hall of *Catculme*; *Ellenhall* the ancient Seat first of the *Nowels*, and since of the *Harcoats* in *Staffordshire*, stands somewhat lower than *Chebsey*, and removed its like a Mile more from *Swinerton*.

Of *Ellenhall* was Lord as I said before, about *Hen.* first time *William de Nowell*, and he had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Thomas* and *Philip*, to whom he gave *Hilcot*, and certain other Lands lying in *Seighford*, of whose Descent I have spoken of before; *Thomas Nowell* had issue *Alicia*, Married to Sir *William Harcoat* Knight, and *Jone* Married to *William Dunston*. Sir *William* and *Alicia Harcoate* had for their parts of *Nowell*'s Lands, *Ellenhall*, *Podmore*, *Seighford*, *Milnemese*, and the Moiety of *Catculme*, and *William Dunston* and *Jone* his Wife had *Ronton*, which *Godericus* 2d Conq. held of *Rob. de Stafford*, *Bridgfort*, and *Worceston*. Sir *William Harcoate* and *Alice* his Wife had issue Sir *Richard Harcoate*, who had issue Sir *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Richard*, all Knights. Sir *Richard* had issue *John*, who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue

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Sir *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *Robert*, Kt. of the Garter; Sir *William*, and Sir *Richard Harcoate* both Knights, and *John* his 4th Son. Sir *Robert Harcoate* Knight of the Garter had iſſue, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Geo.* *John* had iſſue Sir *Robert*, *Richard*, and *William*, who died all without iſſue Male, and ſo did *Thomas* and *George*, and their Uncles, and Sir *William* their Great Uncle, ſo that all their Lands deſcended to Sir *Simon Harcoate* Knight; which Sir *Simon Harcoate* was the Son of *Chriſtopher*, the Son of the laſt repeated Sir *Richard*; Sir *Simon* had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue *Simon*, who had iſſue Sir *Walter Harcoate* then living, and was Father of *Robert* and *Michael Harcoate*. The *Harcoates* as it appears by two ancient pieces of Evidence which I have ſeen preſently after their Match with *Nowell*'s Heir, intruded themſelves into *Nowell*'s Armory; *William Dunſton* had iſſue by *Jone Nowell* his Wife, *William Dunſton*, who had iſſue *Roſell*, alias *Roſia* his Daughter, and her Married to Sir *John Doyley*, who had iſſue *John Doyley*, who had iſſue *Jone* his Daughter and Heir, Married to *Thomas Lukemore* Knight, who had iſſue by her *Roger Lukemore*, both Knights, who had iſſue *Thomas Lukemore*, who had iſſue *Roger Lukemore*, both Knights; who had

iſſue *Ellenor*, Married to Sir *Robert Harcoate* as his 2d or laſt Wife, who had iſſue by her his 4th Son *John Harcoate*, which as Heir to his Mother, Inherited *Ronton*, *Bridgford*, and *Weverſton*, and had *Milnemeſe* and other Lands given him, which his Father belike covenanted to give him at his Marriage to the Heirs of him and his Wife, in conſideration of the preferment they were like to have by their Mother his Wife: *John Harcoate* had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had *John* a Baſtard, to whom his Father gave all his Lands; whereby he is now Lord of *Ronton*, *Milnemeſe*, and ſome other of his Father's Lands, and has iſſue *Humphrey Harcoate*. *Sow* being paſs'd *Chebſey*, and having receiv'd *Eccleſhall-Water*, and leaving *Eccleſhall* about a Mile Weſtward of *Ronton*, and the Abby almoſt two Miles the ſame way, paſſeth under the Bridge of *Bridgford*, and ſo leaveth *Seighford* upon the South Weſt Bank.

IN *Seighford* is a Hamblet called *Heckſtall*, whereof was Owner about *Richard* firſt's time, one *William de Heckſtall*, who had iſſue *Jordaine*, who had iſſue *Henry*; and about *Henry* 6th time, *Hugh Hextall* was Owner thereof, who had iſſue *William*,

liam, who had iſſue *Margaret*, Married to *Richard Petid*, or *Pagett*.

SOW being paſs'd *Bridgford*, and *Sleighford*, paſſeth by *Creſwell*, 2 Conq. *William* held *Creſwell* of *Montgomerina*; there dwelt ſometime at *Creſwell* a Race of Gentlemen of the ſame Name, whereof the laſt was a Knight; from the *Creſwell*'s it came to *John de Wythers*, who called himſelf *Epſtone*, I think by deſcent, or *John de Wyther*, alias *Epſtones*, had iſſue *William Epſtones*, who had iſſue *Alice*, Wife of the ſaid *Ralph*, a 2d Son of *William Brereſton* Knight; *Ralph* and *Alice* had iſſue Sir *Ralph Brereton* Kt. who had iſſue *Ralph*, who had iſſue Sir *Ralph Chamberlain* of *Cheſter*, who had iſſue Sir *Ralph*, who had iſſue *Ralph*, who had iſſue Sir *Ralph Brereton* now living.

FROM *Creſwall*, *Sow* paſſeth to *Tillington*, which at the Conqueſt was the Land of *Robert de Stafford*, whereof was Owner *John de Peelton* 1 *Hen.* 3d.

From *Tillington Sow* waſhing the walls of *Stafford*, paſſeth between the Town and Caſtle of *Stafford* Town. I can ſay no more, than in *Doomſday-Book* where it is termed a City, is to be ſeen, except that it now remains the Shire Town, and has the liberty belonging to ancient Burroughs,

roughs, as having two Bayliffs chofen yearly for Government, findeth two Burgeffes for the Parliament, and by the ancient Cuftom thereof, being Burrough Englifh, the youngeft Son doth inherit all Lands lying within the Liberties of the Town, with other like Liberties belonging to Buroughs Englifh. The Town has been Walled, as I take it, round about, whereof fome yet remains, and the reft fheweth by the Ruins where they have been; and there hath been alfo a Caftle within the Town, but now 'tis quite decayed: The Caftle which now ftands on the South fide, and is half a Mile or more from the Town, hath and doth belong to the Barons of *Stafford*. The faid Caftle that now is, was built by *Ralph* firft Earl of *Stafford*, as the report is, and not unlike to be true, and yet I have certain Deeds dated *apud Caftrum juxta Stafford*, long before the faid *Ralph* lived; fo that it would feem that *Ralph* Earl of *Stafford* did not build it a-new at the Conqueft, as appears by *Doomfday-Book*, one *Robert* was Baron of *Stafford*, whom I fuppofe to be a *Norman*, and to come in with the Conqueror; which *Robert* had' iffue *Nicholas* Baron of *Stafford*; *Nicholas* had iffue *Robert*, who had iffue *Robert* and *Milifcent*; *Robert* died without iffue, *Milifcent*

liscent was Married to *Harvy Bygod*, who had issue *Harvy* Baron of *Stafford*, their Son, and *Henry*, *William Stafford* Knight, and *Robert Harvy* Baronet of *Stafford* had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Nicholas*, who had issue *Edward*, who had issue *Ralph*, first Earl of *Stafford*, who had issue *Hugh* Earl of *Stafford*, who had issue *Thomas* Earl of *Stafford*, that also died without issue; *William* Earl of *Stafford* that also died without issue, and *Edward* Earl of *Stafford* had issue *Humphry* Duke of *Buckingham*, slain at *Northampton*, who had issue *Humphry* Earl of *Stafford*, slain at St. *Alban*'s in his Father's Life time; *Humphry* had issue *Henry* Duke of *Buckingham*, beheaded at *Salisbury*, who had issue *Edw.* Duke of *Buckingham*, beheaded at the *Tower* of *London*; who had issue *Henry* Baron of *Stafford*, that died without issue, and *Edward* Baron of *Stafford* now living, 1596.

PENK taketh its beginning a little above *Penkford*---*Almarus* 20 Conquest, held *Penkford* of *William filius Anselmi*. It is now the Seat of *Walter Fowler*, Son of *Gab. Fowler*, younger Son of *Roger Fowler*. From thence *Penk* passeth to *Somerford*, and from thence to *Engleton*, leaving on the West side first *Guston*, the Seat of one of the *Fowkes*, and then *Chillington*, the

the Seat of the *Giffords*. I take it that in the time of the Conqueſt *Chillington* was the Inheritance of *William filius Corbuco*, who held the ſame of the Biſhop for about the time of King *Stephen*; *Corbucan* gave the ſame in Frank with *Margaret* his Siſter, to *Peter Gifford*, which *Gifford* I take to be a younger Son of ſome of the *Giffords* Dukes of *Buckingham*; *Peter Gifford* had iſſue *Peter*, who had iſſue *William*, and Sir *John Gifford* Knight; *William* died without iſſue, Sir *John* had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Edmund*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *John Gifford* Knight, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas Gifford* Knight, who had iſſue *John Gifford* now living, 1596.

And then *Hyde* the Seat of the *Lands*; *Richard Land* lived in *Henry* 5th's time, and had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Ralph*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *John*, now living.

PENK, Eaſtward, leaveth firſt *Coven*, which 20 Conqueſt, *Prevere* held of *Rob. de Stafford*, and ſomewhat further of *Hilton*; *Helgotus* held *Hilton* 20 Conqueſt, of *Robert de Stafford*. It was ſometimes the Inheritance of the *Swinertons*, and then

then *Sharſhall* and *Sarden Hervuis* held *Sarden* and *Sharſhall* of *Rob. de Stafford*, 20 Conqueſt. Since they were the Inheritance, and *Sharſhall* the Seat of Sir *William Sharſhall* Knight, who had iſſue *Jone*, his Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *Richard Harcoate* Knight, from whom it is come to Sir *Walter Harcoate*, now Lord thereof.

PENK then having left *Sharſhall* ſomewhat Eaſtward, paſſeth through *Somerford*, of which is Owner a Gentleman of the ſame Sirname, whoſe Anceſtors have been Owners long thereof, 17 *Edw.* 3d, *John Somerford* was Owner thereof.

From *Somerford*, *Penk* runneth to *Engleton*, the Seat now of one of the *Moretons*, who have for ſome time poſſeſſed the ſame; one of whoſe Anceſtors Married a Daughter and Heir of one of the *Engletons*, ſometimes Lords thereof, and by that reaſon have inveſted themſelves with *Engleton*'s Armory. At *Engleton*, *Penk* receiveth Weſtward *Breewood-water*, which taketh its beginning not far from *Halas*.

20 Conqueſt, *Reynald de Balginde* held *Halas* of *Roger de Montgomery*, of which were Lords ſince *Pandolfs*; there lies one buried under an old Croſs-leg'd Monument,

ment, which ſome ſuppoſe to be one of the *Pandolfs*, but I am of a contrary Opinion.

And not far from thence Southward lieth *Weſton-Under-Lizard*, of which was Lord in 20 Conqueſt, the ſame *Reynaldus de Balgavile*, from him it deſcended, or was received of, as I have heard, by one *Hugo de Weſton*, who had iſſue *Hugo*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue Sir *John Weſton* Knight, 19 *Edw.* 2. who had iſſue a Daughter, and her Married to *Adam Peſhall*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *Adam Peſhall* Knight, who had iſſue *Margaret*, Married to *Richard Mitton*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *William Mitton*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *John Mitton*, who had iſſue *Jone*, Married to *John Harpsfield*, who had iſſue *Edward*, who called himſelf *Mitton*, after his Mothers Father, who had iſſue *John Mitton*, now living, 1596.

Breewood-Water leaveth not far off Northward *Blymhill*, whereof, as alſo of *Bruington*, was Lord, one *Warrin*, and held them 20 Conqueſt, of Lord *de Stafford*, *Hen.* 2d's time *William Bagod* was Lord of *Blymhill*, it being then his Seat; and 9 *Edw.* 2. *John de Epſtones*, as I ſuppoſe, was

was Lord of *Blymhill*, and *Bruington*, a Lordſhip adjoyning to *Blymhill*.

Breewood-water being paſt theſe Manours, enters into *Breewood*, 20 Conqueſt, the Biſhop held *Breewood* of the King, and the Biſhops of *Litchfield* continue Lords thereof till this day. It hath been a Market Town, and continues yet a pretty Country Town; in *Breewood* is the Chief Houſe of *Tomlymes* of *Staffordſhire*; from thence *Breewood-water* paſſeth thro' *Ingleton*, where it enters into *Penk*, which being paſt *Ingleton*, waſheth the Banks of *Stretton*, ſo called, becauſe it ſtands on the way called *Watlingſtreet*; as if you ſaid the Street Town.

IT was the 7th *Edw.* 3d, the Seat of one *William Champaine*, one of whoſe Daughters and Heirs one *Congrive* Married, the Poſterity of whom have inveſted themſelves into *Champaines* Armory, and cheated themſelves of the Chief Houſe.

CONGRAVE, a pretty little Village, ſtands a little lower upon the ſame ſide of the Bank of *Penk*; it joyns unto *Stretton*, and was the ancient Lands and Seat of the *Congraves*, whoſe Inheritance it continues until this day.

ON the other ſide of the Bank, ſtands *Water-Eaton*, from which, not far, is *Longmore*, both at this day the Lands of *Tho-*

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mas Aſton, of *Aſton* in *Cheſhire*, 20 Conq. *Herveus* held both *Stretton* and *Eaton* of *Robert de Stafford*: in *Hen.* 3'ds time, *Eaton* and *Longmore* were the Inheritance of *John de Eaton*, who had iſſue *John Eaton*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *John Eaton*: *Thomas Eaton*, as I take it, ſold them both, about 10 *Edw.* 1. to Sir *Thomas Beſſyne* Knight, from whom they are come by deſcent unto the ſaid *Tho. Aſton*, as you may ſee before, where I ſpake of *Aſhley*. *Eaton* is held of the Baron of *Stafford*, by 5th part of a Knight's Fee, and *Longmore* by 4th part; of which ſee the Copy of a Deed here following. *Hen. Allyn Bat. feod. Com. Staff. recepi de Dom. Rogeri de Charleton Novem. ſolid. Argent. & quar. par feodi vnuis Militis in Eaton, & quar. par. feodi in Longmore, quar. idem Rogerus tenet de Domino meo dat. apud Caſtrum juxta Stafford*, 43 Edw. 3*d.*

PENK being paſt *Water-Eaton*, and *Congrave*, leaveth Weſtward from it more than a Mile, *Lapley*, now the Seat of *Richard Brooke*, the 2d Son of Sir *Robert Brooke* Knight, late Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas. *Lapley* was ſometimes a Priory, and then *Penk* receiveth in on the ſame ſide a Brook, or little River

ver called *Rowley*, which taketh its beginning not far from *High-Offley*.

Leaving Southwardly from it *Norbury*, a goodly Mannor, ſometime the Land of one *Hugh Kilpeck*, who held ſome other Lands by the Tenure, to be the King's Champion at his Coronation; from him *Norbury* came to *Philip Marinon*, by *Jone* his Wife, *Secunda Genita*, and one of *Hugh Kilpeck*'s Heirs, and from them to *Maud* their Daughter, Mother of *Ralph Butler*, whoſe Seat it was. This *Norbury*, *Forton-mear*, *Aquilot* and *Sutton*, were all purchaſed, with much Lands, in King *Edward*'s time, by one *Thomas Schrimpſhawe*, Prothonotary of the Common Pleas, which *Thomas* had iſſue *John* and *Thomas*, to *Thomas* he gave his Towns in *Staffordſhire*, Land in *Hereforddſhire*, *Worceſterſhire* and *Salop*, to the Value of a convenient Gentleman's Living, all by him purchaſed: *John* had iſſue *Thomas*, *James* and *Richard*. To *James* he gave *Norbury*, with the Park and *High-Offley*. *Thomas* had iſſue *Thomas*, *John* and *Bryan*; to *John* he gave *Dorſlow*, and Lands in *Omely*; to *Bryan*, he gave Lands in *Whitmore*, all purchaſed by the firſt *Thomas Schrimpſhawe*.

Rowley-Water paſſeth on and entereth *Knightly Park*, *Comes Rogerus* held *Cheverly* 20 Conq. of the King: About *Hen-*

ry 1. time, or King *Stephen*, one *William* was Lord of *Knightly*, which *William* had issue *Nicholas*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Jordanus* and *Sabryna*; *Jordanus* had issue *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Robert Knightly* Kt. who had issue a third *Robert*, who had issue a fourth *Robert*, who had issue *John* and *Ralph*, that died without issue, and *William*: *John* had issue *Jone*, his Daughter and Heir, married to *Roger Peshall*, who had issue *Jone*, married to *William Leigh*, who died without issue. *William Knightly* before spoken of, had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Alicia*, married to *Richard Peshall* of *Chetwinde*, which he had in right of *Jone* his former Wife, who had issue *Thomas Peshall* Kt. who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *Hugh Peshall* Kt. who had issue *Catharine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Blount* Kt. who had Sir *George* and *Agnes*, Wife of *Richard Lacon* and *Henry Blount*, which *Henry* had issue *George Blount*, but Sir *George Blount* his Uncle and Godfather, gave all his Lands to *Rowland Lacon*, Son of *Richard Lacon* and *Agnes*, Sister of the said Sir *George*.

Rowley-Water being past *Knightley*, enters into *GNOSALL*; 20 Conquest *Samps* held of the King *Gnosall*, being a Collegi-

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giate Church, and having four Canons that had Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions, the said Canons be ordinarily there, but since the Dissolution of Religious Houses, the Prebends Lands being first leased to Sir *George Blount* Kt. who gave the same to *Draper* and two other of his Servants, the Reversion was given by the King to the Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*. In *Gnosall* is a Mannor-house, or Capital Messuage, call'd the *Burgh-hall*, sometimes of one *Adam de Burgh*, from whom it descended to *Knightly* of *Knightly*, and after, when *Knightly* descended to the Heirs General, this House was reserved to the Heirs Male, and continued in the Name, as being the Inheritance of *Thomas Knightly*, second Son of Sir *Valentine Knightley*, who had Demised the same to *Robert Harcoate*, Younger Brother to *John Harcoate* of *Ronton*.

This River being past *Gnosall*, leaveth *WILLBRIGHTON* and *MORTON* more than a Mile from it Southward, both the Inheritance of one *Morton*, who hath in *Wilbrighton* a proper Gentleman's House of Brick, 20 Conquest *Robert de Stafford* held *Wilbrighton* of the King, in *Henry* 3. time, and 9 *Ed.* 2. *Johannes de Morton* was Lord of *Morton*.

Then the Brook entreth *ROWLEY* divided between *Chetwind* and *Whitgrive*, and leaveth *Hallington* a Mile Northward, being the ancient Seat of the House of *Hallington*. *Robert de Stafford* held *Allughstone*, 20 Conquest, of the King, in *Henry 3d*'s time; *Robert de Hallington* was Lord of *Hallington*, *High-Offley*, *Weston* and *Mear*, and in 9 *Edw.* 2. *Thomas de Hallington* was Lord of them, since I know not by what means it came to the Possession of Lord *Bourchier*, the last *Bourchier* of which, *Ralph* left it to Sir *Ralph Bourchier* his Bastard, since he sold it lately to *Ralph Sneyd*.

And so passing on to *CHURCH-EATON*, a Mannor late the Lord *Staffords*, and by him sold to his Sister *Dorothy*, who gave it in Marriage with her Daughter, to one *Drake*, which hath very lately sold it to *Walter Chetwind*, second Brother of *William Chetwind*, and so of *John Chetwind* deceased.

And so leaving *BRADLEY* Northward, a Mannor also belonging to the Lord *Stafford*'s Barony ever since the Conquest, and *Mitton* a Mannor divided between *Chetwind* and ——— entreth into *Penk* somewhat about *PENKRIDGE*, *Pancize* so called in *Doomsday-Book*, or the Town *de Penocure*, as Mr. *Camden* would have it, or

or *Penkrich*, as it is vulgarly called, and as the River of *Penk* would ſeem to give it its Name, was by one *Sampſon* held of the King, 20 Conqueſt, and by *Edwin* and *Alice* Prieſt to him, and in the time of *Edward* 3. *Andrew Blount* was Lord thereof, and 9 *Ed.* 2. *Hugo de Blount* was Lord thereof, from whom it came, I know not by what means, to *Robert Willoughby*, Lord *Brooke*, in *Henry* the ſeventh's time; from him it came to Sir *Fulk Grevill*, who ſold it, and now young *Fulk* hath bought it again.

Likewiſe, a mile Eaſtward from *Penkridge* ſtands *Pillaton-hall*, the Seat of the *Littletons* of *Staffordſhire*, and *Beddington*, 20 Conqueſt the Abbot of *Burton* was Lord of *Bedington* and *Pillaton-hall*; for in *Henry* the firſt's time, *Galfridus*, Abbot *de Burton*, gave *Beddington* and *Pillaton-hall* to *Edwin* of *Pillaton-hall*, as his Father held the ſame in Fee Farm, paying 20 *s. per Ann.* which *Edwin*, I think, had *William*, which *William*, as I ſuppoſe, had iſſue *Alfrid*, for all theſe ſucceſſively were Owners of *Pillaton-hall*; and after them it came alſo to one *Henry Burch*, as I ſuppoſe, by deſcent; for I have ſeen a Deed whereby *Richard Abbot de Burton* gave him *Pillaton-hall*, to hold as freely as the Predeceſſors of the ſaid *Henry*, Alderman of *Huntington*,

which I think to be *Alfride*, before ſpoken of, or *Braine Alfrides* Brother, held the ſame at 10*s*. *per Annum*, but long after that time it came to one *Wineshery*, the laſt of which *William* by Name, had iſſue *Alice*, Daughter and Heir, married to *Richard Littleton*, who had iſſue Sir *Edward Littleton*, Father of another Sir *Edward*, who was Father of Sir *Edward*, now living, all Knights.

And a little more Eaſtward lies *HUNTINGTON* and *HATHERTON*, 20 Conqueſt, *Clodaine* (or rather I think it ſhould be *Chenew*) held them both of *Robert de Stafford*, and he of the King, which *Chenew*, had iſſue *Richardus de Chenew*, who had iſſue *Margery* married to *William Crooke*, that was hanged, and *Margaret* married to *Robert Rock*, who had iſſue *Margery*, married to *Hugo de Leges*, who had iſſue *Hugo de Leges*, who lived in *Henry* the 3d's time.

Penk being paſt *Penkridge* leaveth weſtwardly *DRAYTON*, ſometime of the Barony of *Stafford*, and by *Hervey Bagod* and *Miliſcent* his Wife, ſold to the Priory St. *Thomas*, whereof now *Walter Fowler* is Owner, and alſo *Dunſton* a divided Mannor, ſometimes between the Baron *de Stafford*, and *Richard de Stretton*, who paſſed his Intereſt to one *Thomas Pickſtock*, but

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long after one *William Stretton* passed his Interest to one *Robert Dorrington* of *Coton*, in 15 *Ed. 6.* who had issue *John*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Hamblet*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Sampson*, who had issue *Anthony*, who had *Katherine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to the Son and Heir of *Richard Masterson* of *Namptwich* in *Cheshire*.

Penk passing further to *ACTON*, 20 Conquest, *Robert* held *Acton* of the Bishop, since it was the *Trussels* Land, and therefore commonly called *Acton Trussel*, and lately sold to the Earl of *Oxford*, one of whose Ancestors married *Trussel's* Heir.

Eastwardly, and somewhat more removed Westwardly, lieth *BURTON*, the *Whitgraves*, the 11 *Hen. 6. Robert Whitgrave* was Owner thereof, and since, another *Robert*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had another *Robert*, both then living, but in 1654, *Thomas Whitgrave* is Owner thereof.

Penk running on his Course, leaveth *RICARSCOATE*, which 20 Conquest, *Elenor* and *Robert*, held of *Robert de Stafford*; on the West is *Bedenhall*, *Walton*, *Brockton* and *Boswick*; on the East, all the 20 Conquest, the Lands of the Bishop of *Litchfield*; and so *Penk* entereth *Sow*, which being joyned, washeth the Walls of

the Priory of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, *juxta Stafford*, founded by one *Gerardus de Stafford*, *filius Brieni de Stafford*, so called himself, and more of *Gerardi filius Brieni de Stafford*, doubtful I am whether he were of the House of the Barony of *Stafford*, or else some wealthy *Burgo Master* of *Stafford*, and called himself *de Stafford*, as dwelling in the Borrough or City of *Stafford*, as it is called in the Book of *Doomsday*. At this Day it is the Seat of *Walter*, the Son of *Bryan Fowler*, to whom *Rowland Leigh*, Bishop of *Litchfield* gave it, and all other the Lands for the most part of the said Priory, as being the Son of *Sibile* his Sister, by her Husband *Roger Fowler*, *Roger* was the Son of *Edward*, the Son of *Thomas*, second Son of *William Fowler de Rycote* in *Oxfordshire*, the Son of *Henry*, the Son of *John Fowler* of *Foxly* in *Buckinghamshire*.

Sow being past St. *Thomas*'s Priory, divideth *Tixall* (whereof I have spoken before) from the Forest of *CANK*, commonly called *Cankwood*, and so entreth into *Trent*, between *Haywood* (spoken of also before) and *Sowborrough* called *Shuttborrow*, whereof remains the Ruins of a goodly House, sometimes the Bishop's, and since the Lord *Pagett*'s, who had the same, the *Canock* Town and Forest, together with *Haywood*, *Longdon*, *Rudgley*, *Budesert*, another House also,

alſo, ſometime the Biſhop's, and of late enlarged, and new Re-edified by the late Lord *Pagett*, together with the Park of *Haywood* and *Budeſert*, and great number of Hamblets and Villages, both in and adjoining to the ſaid Foreſt; all which were the Biſhop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*'s Lands, and by him given in exchange of certain Parſonages impropriate, and other Benefices which the ſaid Lord *Pagett* had obtained of King *Edward 6.* whereby he procured himſelf to be created Lord *Pagett* of *Budeſert*; in *Canock* long ſince was the Seat of the *Trumurynes*, of the Original of which Houſe, ſee the Copies of Deeds here following, *Wilielm. Rex Angl. &c.*

I have not the Deſcent of this *Trumuryne*, or *Truwin*, that was betwixt his time and the time of *Hen.* 3. but in *Hen.* 3. time lived one Sir *William Truwin* Kt. who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *William Truwin*, written in one Deed *le Rider*, which I take to be as much as *Chevalier* or *Knight*. who had iſſue Sir *William* and Sir *Roger*, both Knights, Sir *William* had Iſſue Sir *William* and *John Truwin*, who, as I take it, died both without iſſue; for all Sir *William*'s Lands came to the iſſue of Sir *Roger*, who had iſſue Sir *Roger* and Sir *John Truwin* Kts. *Robert* and *David*, but

but all died without iſſue, ſo that all the Lands of Sir *William Truwin* and Sir *Roger*, deſcended to *Katherine*, Daughter of Sir *Roger*, Wife of Sir *John Maford*, who by her had iſſue *Jone*, their only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Waſhburne*, who had iſſue *Iſold*, married to *John Leacroft* of *Salway*, of *Leacroft*.

LEACROFT is a Hamlet in *Canock* Pariſh, Lord of which Town was one *William Salway*, about *Hen.* 3d's time, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Adam*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue the ſaid *John Salway*, Husband of the ſaid *Iſold*; *John Salway* and *Iſold* his Wife, had iſſue *Humphrey Salway*, who had iſſue *John* and *Thomas*; *John* married the Daughter of *Hugh Erdſwick* of *Sandon*, by whom he had iſſue *Cecill*, married to *Thomas Conesby*, Father of *Humphrey*, Father of Sir *Thomas*, now living, *Margaret* married to *Richard Biddulph*, Father of *Francis*, Father of *Richard* now living, and *Joice* married to one *Aſhby*, and after to one *Woolſey*. *Thomas Salway* Brother of *John*, that had three Daughters, had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Arthur Salway* of *Stanford* in *Worceſterſhire*, now living.

Trent being paſt *Shutborrow* and *Haywood*, runneth by *COLWICH*, where hath

hath been a Gentleman bearing the name of the Place, whose only Daughter and Heir, in our time, was married to *Leicester* of *Tabeley* in *Cheshire*, the first of the *Colwiches* which I find, was one *John Colwich*, who lived in, or, before *Hen.* 3d's time, he had issue *Adam*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Edward* and *George*; *Edward* had issue *Elizabeth* his only Daughter and Heir, married to *Peter Leicester* of *Tabeley* in *Cheshire*; *Peter* and *Elizabeth* had issue three Daughters, *Alice* married to Sir *George Leicester* of *Toft* Kt. *Elizabeth* married to *George Leigh* of *Hyleigh*, both *Cheshire* Men, and *Katharine* married to *John Ireland* of the *Hutt* in *Lancashire*, Sir *George Leicester* and *Alice* had issue, *Ralph*, *George* and *Elizabeth*, had issue *Thomas Leigh*, and *Ireland*, and *Katherine* having no issue, their parts of *Colwich*'s Lands came to Sir *George Leicester*, who hath now two parts.

Trent having past *Colwich*, entereth between *Bishton* and *WOOLSEY*, famous for the Bridge that passeth over *Trent* there, of which *Woolsey* is a Gentleman bearing the name of the Place, it is a Member of *Haywood*, and in 20 Conquest, *Nigellus Greesly*'s Paternal Ancestor held it of the Bishop.

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As alſo *MORTON*, ſtanding a Mile Northward, about *Hen.* 2'ds time, *Wolſey* was a divided Mannor between *Richard Hint* and *Richard de Wolſey*, as appears by a Deed, *Morton* deſcended from *Nigellus* and *William* his Son, Lord of *Greeſly* Caſtle, and divers other Mannors, as appears by *Doomſday-Book*; which *William* founded the Monaſtery of *Greeſly* in *Darbyſhire*, and had iſſue Sir *Robert de Greeſly*, who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *Jeffry*, who had iſſue Sir *Peter*, all Kts. Sir *Peter* had iſſue *Jeffry*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *Nicholas*, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas* Kt. who had iſſue Sir *William*, Sir *John* a Prieſt, Sir *George* a Knight, *Robert* and *James*, Sir *William* and Sir *John* died without iſſue, Sir *George* had iſſue, Sir *William* Father of Sir *Thomas Greeſly* of *Drakelow* and *Colton*, now living, 1596.

Trent being paſt *Wolſey*, paſſeth between *COULTON* and *RIDGLEY*, ſometime a Mannor belonging, as I have ſaid, to the Biſhop. Of *Colton* was Lord in the Conq. time one *Galfridus*, and immediately *Hardulphus de Gaſtenoy Miles*, was Lord of all, or half of it, I know not which, for in 9 *Ed.* 2. Sir *William Waſtner* and *Anſelmus le Marſhall*, were joint Lords there-

thereof; Sir *William* had iſſue Sir *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *Philip*, who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *William*, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas Waſtner*, all Knights; Sir *Thomas* had iſſue *Thomazine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *Nicholas Greeſly* before named.

Trent being paſt *Coulton* and *Ridgley*, paſſeth between *MAVESTONE-RIDWARE*, and the *HERMITAGE*; of *Maveſtone-Ridware*, was Lord, one *William Maveſtone*, about *Ed.* 1. time, for in 33 *Ed.* 1. and in 9 *Ed.* 2. his Son Sir *Henry* was Lord thereof, and he had iſſue *Robert*, and he or his Son had iſſue *Hugo de Maveſtone*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue Sir *Robert Maveſtone*, Knight, ſlain at the Battle of *Shrewſbury*, *pro Rege*, as his Monument in *Maveſtone-Ridware* ſaith, and well might be called *Maveſtone*, as the report of the Country is, going towards the ſaid Battle, he met with his Neighbour Sir *William Handſacre* going alſo towards the ſame Battle, either of them being well accompanied with their Servants and Tenants, and upon ſome former Malice, as may ſeem, or each knowing each other to be back'd with the

the contrary Party, (for it is ſaid *Handſacre* went on *Hen.* 4. and *Maveſtone* on *Piercy*'s ſide,) they encountred together, and fought as it were a Skirmiſh or little Battle, where *Maveſtone* had the Victory, and having ſlain his Adverſary, went after to the Battle and was ſlain himſelf; the ſaid Sir *Robert* left behind him two Daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Margaret* who were his Heirs, *Elizabeth* was married to Sir *John Cawarden*, Kt. and *Margaret* was married to Sir *William Handſacre*, Kt. Son of the afore-named *William*, to whom ſhe brought her Property, and a Recompence for the Death of his Father, ſlain by hers: Sir *John Cawarden* had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue *Thomas* and *Jeffry*; *Valertus Regis & poſtea Serviens ad Arma*, *Hen.* 8. *Thomas* had iſſue *David*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Elizabeth*, *Joyce* and *Mary*, *Jeffry* had iſſue *Walter Cawarden*.

Armitage leaveth from it *HAUSEYARD*, whereof was Owner in *Ed.* 3. time *Humphrey Ridgly*, it being his Seat, *Humphrey* had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Nicholas*, who lived 7 *Hen.* 6. and from *Nicholas* it is deſcended to *Thomas Ridgly*, lately deceaſed, leaving his two Daughters his Heirs.

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A little more South-East is *BREWERTON*, whereof is the Lord *Chetwinde*.

Trent being past *Armitage* leaveth *HANDSACRE* a mile removed from it, a place possessed a long time of very brave Knights of the same Name, in *Henry* 2d's time, one *Robert de Handsacre* was Lord thereof, and after Sir *William*, who had to his Wife *Ada*, *Adalera*, *Aldithа*, or rather *Aldelia*, for all these ways have I seen it very anciently written, the Widdow of *Henry* Lord *Hastings*, and Daughter and Coheir of *David* Earl of *Huntington*, Brother of *William* King of *Scots*, by *Maud* his Wife, eldest Sister and one of the Heirs of *Ralph* Earl of *Chester*; the said Sir *William Handsacre* had issue by her Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *William*, and either he or his Father Sir *William*, had issue Sir *Simon Handsacre*, who had issue Sir *William*, slain riding towards *Shrewsbury*, by Sir *Robert Mavestone*, as I said before, who had issue *William Handsacre*, who married *Margaret* second Daughter and Heir of the said Sir *Robert Mavestone*; and had issue by her *Margaret*, *Jone* and *Anise*, whereof the eldest Sister was married to *Westcoate*, for *Henry Westcoate*, at this day, hath *Handsacre*'s Seat; and another Sister was

was married to *Peter Melborne*, but what became of the other Sister I know not.

Trent being past *Handsacre*, hastneth to *KINGS BROMLEY*, where a Bridge has been over it, but is now decayed: *Kings Bromley*, at the Conquest, was in the King's Hands; and was then, I suppose, an antient Demesne, and so continued till *Hen.* 3. time; in 43 *Hen.* 3. *Roger Corbet* died, holding *Bromley* in *Capite*, and *Thomas* was then his Heir, *Ætate* 11 Years, about the beginning of *Edward*'s time, Sir *Thomas Corbet* Knight was Lord thereof, in the Right of *Jone* his Wife, who had issue Sir *Roger Corbet*, who lived 33 *Ed.* 1. and it continued in his Posterity till after *Hen.* 6. for in 30 *Hen.* 6. Sir *Richard Corbet* Kt. was Lord thereof, from whom it came by Descent to *Baddeligh* of *Cheshire*, as I take it, from him to one *Partridge*, who in his Age sold it to *Francis Agard* of *Ireland*, who left it to his eldest Daughter, married to *William Agard* of *Foston* in *Derbyshire*, who is Owner of it in his Wife's Right.

Trent being a little past *Kings Bromley*, receiveth on the South a Brook coming out of *Canockwood*, where it taketh its beginning, and passeth between *Pipe* and *BEWDSERT*, late the Lord *Pagett*'s Seat,

Seat, and *Longmore*, of which alſo *Bewdſert* is a Member.

Of *PIPE* was Lord in 26 *Ed.* 1. time, Sir *Tho. Pipe*, who, I think, married *Iſabel*, Widow of *Nicholas* or *Robert* Baron of *Stafford*; but not long after, as I take it, *Pipe* had a Daughter married to *William Campeville* Lord of *Clifton*, of whom deſcended *Maud*, firſt married to Sir *Richard Vernon*, and after to Sir *Richard Stafford*, Knight, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas Stafford*, *Edward* Biſhop of *Exeter*, and *Katherine*, Sir *Thomas* had iſſue *Thomas*, that died without iſſue, and ſo did the Biſhop of *Exeter*; *Katherine* being Heir of *Clifton* and *Pipe*, was married to *John Arderne*, Knight, who had iſſue by her *Maud*, married to *Thomas Stanley*, who had iſſue by her Sir *John Stanley*, Knight and Baronet, who had iſſue Sir *Humphrey Stanley*, Kt. from whom both theſe Mannors with *Aſton*, and the reſt of his Lands are come to *Heningham*, as you may ſee where I ſpoke before in *Aſton*.

This Brook leaveth *Farwell* but a little, ſometimes a Nunnery, and now the Seat of *Nicholas Baghall*, and ſo entereth *LONGDON*, through which it paſſeth, where be the Seats of divers Gentlemen, tho' of no great Living, yet of long Continuance, the firſt, Sir *Edward Littleton* of

whom I have ſpoken before, hath a Houſe at *Cheſthall*, but by what Title he came to it I know not, then one of the *Ridglyes* had an Houſe there, but the laſt *Francis* ſold it to *Huſſey* of *Albrighton*, near *Shrewbury* and he ſold it to one *Barlowe* of *Darbyſhire*, who paſſed it over to *Lawrence Wright*, who I take to be now owner of it. In 7 *Ed.* 3. one *Symon Ridley* was owner thereof, from whom it deſcended to *James*, who lived 44 *Ed.* 3. and had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who lived 30 *Hen.* 6. from whom it came by deſcent to *Francis*, who ſold it to theſe *Ridgleys*. It may ſeem that one of them married the Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Trefford*, Knight, who lived 33 *Ed.* 3. and had, as I ſuppoſe, his Houſe ſomething near the Town, or Prebend of *Trefford*, or ſome other Advancement by the ſaid Marriage, for into *Trefford's* Armory they have intruded themſelves, and have uſed it long, even until this our time, there is alſo one other good proper Houſe, imployed to the uſe of the Younger Brother of the Houſe of *Tickſall*, or *Aſtons* of *Haywood*, for it hath in that Name continued ever ſince *Ed.* 1. time, and divers of the Younger Brothers have lived there; next on the ſame ſide, is an Houſe of the *Broughtons*, which had continued in that Name from

from before *Hen.* 3d's time, for in King *John*'s time, one *Regnerus de Broughton* was possessed of *Broughton-hall* in *Longdon*, as it is now called, and also of his Capital Messuage in *Broughton*: This *Regnerus*, as I take it, was Brother to *Robert* Lord of *Broughton*, which *Robert* had issue *Peter*, who had issue *Thomas* Lord of *Broughton*, who sold the Lordship of *Broughton*, to *Roger Aston*, 44 *Edw.* 1. *Regnerus de Broughton* had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Thomas*, who Married *Isabell* Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Walter Aston* of *Aston* in *Ombersly* Parish in *Worcestershire*, and had issue by her *Richard Broughton*, who had issue *Bryan*, Father of *Edward*, now living, and being yet under Age.

Next *Broughton-hall*, stands *Arblaster-hall* lower upon the same Brook; 25 *Edw.* 3. *Adam Arblaster* was Owner thereof, from him it descended to *James Arblaster*, and so to *Thomas*, and from him to *Richard*, who lived 14 *Hen.* 7. In this King's Time *Humphry Arblaster* had the same Lands, and died without issue, so it came to *Richard* his Brother,

who had iſſue *Thomas Arblaſter*, now Ownerr thereof.

TRENT having received this Brook, makes haſt to receive *BLITHE*, betwixt which Rivers, even at the joyning of them on a good rough ſteep Hill is *BLYTHBURY*, where hath been the Seat of a Gentleman's Houſe, which in my Judgment ſtood very Pleaſantly. I think it was the Seat of the *Maſons*, which ſince hath been removed lower to *Trent* ſide, to the Town of *Maveſton Ridware*; and yet in *Hen. 3d*'s time, *John* the Son of *Thomas Buckland* paſſed one Tenement to them, *cum homagiis reditibus Warenis, Cervicis, Curiis releviis Wardij & Eſcheatis*, to *Roger* the Son of *Ralph Aſton* of *Haywood*; but in *6 Edw. 3.* one Sir *Robert Maveſton*, and Dame *Margaret*, Sir *Treſ. Trefford*'s Daughter granted three Plats of Land lying invironed, *Chebell-hall, cum Blythbury, cum* ſeveral and all Meadows and Paſtures, which lately were *Nicholas Halls*, to *William* the Son of *Robert Hall*; ſo that it ſhould ſeem *Maveſtone* was Lord of it, notwithſtanding the former Deed.

BLYTHE taketh its beginning in *Wetly-More*, between *Dilverne* and *Weſton ſubter Keverſmount*; which *Weſton* taketh its Name of *Weſton*, as ſtanding

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West of *Carswall*, as a Man might say, the West Town of *Carswall*, in which Parish it is; altho' it be a distinct Mannor, and was parcel of the Fee of *William filius Alcini*, *filij Fladeldi* Baron of *Clumree*, and *Albastree*, and so is not *Carswall*; both *Carswall* and *Weston* were held 20 Conq. by *Ernienfold de Hastings*, of *Rob. de Stafford*. *West sub Carsmount*, commonly called *Weston Cuny*, for that an House of the *Cuneys* have been Owners thereof ever since the Conquest, as I verily think; for in *Hen.* 2d's time, one *Robert Cuny* was Lord thereof; which *Robert* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who Married *Margaret* Daughter of *William de Erdington*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Hugoha*, Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Ed. Burnell* of *Ey* and *Langly* in *Shropshire*; who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Margaret* Daughter of *Robert Haleighton*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Alice* the Daughter of *Hugh Erdswick*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Dorothy Moverless*'s Daughter, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, now living, Father of *Thomas*, Father of *Thomas*, all three living, 1596.

Of *CARSWALL* was Lord in *Richard* the first's Time, one *Thomas de Carswall*, from whom it descended to Sir *William de Carswall* Knight, who had issue Sir *Richard de Carswall* Knight, who had issue *William de Carswall*, who built there a goodly Castle, and Pools, the Dams being of Masonry, and all his Houses of Office likewise: He had issue *Richard de Carswall*, who lived 19 *Edw.* 3. from the *Carswalls*, it came by descent to the *Mongomeries*, from them to the *Giffords*, and from them to the *Ports*, and from *Port*, to my Lord *Huntington*, now Owner thereof, in the Right of the Countess his Wife. The Castle was lately in reasonable good Repair, but was let to decay by one *Browne* a Farmer, lest his Lord should take conceit to live there, and so take the Demesne from him. It is since Sold to *Matthew Craddock* Esq; in whose Line it continues, 1655. Captain *Packer* now Owner.

In the Church is a Monument of *Williom de Carswall*, with this Inscription about it, WILLIELMUS *de* CARSWELLIS at the Head, and then about it,

Castri Structor eram domibus Flossisq; cemento
Vivis dans operam nunc claudor in hoc Monumento.

Whereby

Whereby it appears that *William* that lies there was Builder of the Castle, and the rest. The Monument is of Marble, the Picture, Arms and Epitaph have been Engraven and Laid with Copper, but the Copper is taken out, such is the Iniquity of this Age; and yet I might perceive what the Letters were, but not the Arms. *Somerset* and *Scarble* his Painters, would needs perswade me that his Coat was *Argent* three Pair of *Gemets Sable*, and in the Window is such a Coat, but it hath a Red *Labell:* The Coat without the *Labell*, belongs to *Ercoll* in *Shropshire*, as it is not indeed *Carswall*'s; but it would rather seem that some of the *Carswalls* had Married with a Daughter of some of the *Ercolls*. *Carswall*'s Coat I have seen divers Seals of, and all agree that it is *Frett* with a *Fess*; and in *Cubly* Church Window in *Derbyshire*, sometimes *Montgomerie*'s Seat, who was also Lord of *Carswall*, *Stanhope* hath it as Heir to *Montgomery*. I have seen *Argent* fretted blue, with a red *Fess*, which no doubt was set there for *Carswall*'s Arms, and there is one *Knighton* who did bear the same with three *Mullets* Gold upon the *Fess*, but he intruded himself thereunto; for that I take it, one *John Carswall* a younger Son of the afore-named *Thomas* bears it, and the two

Daughters; one Married to *Perſhall*, and the other to Sir *William Trumuryne* of *Cannock*; and I believe there was a 3*d* Married to *Knighton*, whereupon *Knighton* bears *Carſwall*'s Armory.

BLYTH being paſt *Weſton Cuny*, leaveth *Mear*, ſometimes Lands belonging to the Knights of St. *John*'s Order, but within the Lordſhip of *Weſton* upon the Weſt from it, and enters between *Stallington Granges* (ſometimes belonging to the Priory of *Stone*) and *Fosbrook*; and ſo leaving *Fullford* (a Lordſhip, whereof *Richard Leigh* was Lord, 9 *Ed.* 2d, and now *Gifford* is Lord of it) more than a Mile South-Weſt of it, and ſo enters into *Dracote*, a Member of *Sandon*, and Seat of the *Dracots*.

Immediately after the Conqueſt, *Hugh* the Son of *Nicholas Dracot* was Lord thereof; which *Nicholas*, as I verily take it, was the Son of *Philip*, Brother of the firſt *William* Baron of *Wiſhmillbank*, for *William* Son of *Hugh*, Son of the ſaid Sir *William Malbank*, confirms *Dracot*, *Lea*, *Newton* and *Creſwell*, to *Hugh* the Son of *Nicholas* of *Dracot*, to hold of him by two parts of a Knight's Fee, and if he have contention for certain Lands lying in *Newton*, then he is to hold it by half a Knight's Fee. *Hugh Dracot* had iſſue

Sir

Sir *Philip*, Juſtice of *Cheſter*, 23 *Hen.* 3. Sir *Richard* had iſſue *Philip*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue *John*, who who had iſſue *Roger*, who had iſſue *Roger*, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *Philip*, who had iſſue Sir *Richard*, who had iſſue *John*, Father of *Philip*, now both living; which *Philip* is Father of *John* now alſo living. Sir *Philip Dracot* having Married *Alicia de Colvill*, bear a Compound Coat of *Verdon* and *Colevile*, that is Gold fretted Red, and on a Blue Canton a Croſs Pattee Silver; for *Colevile* of *Cambridgeſhire* bears Argent a Red Croſs Pattee; but Sir *Richard* his Son being as I ſaid Juſtice of *Cheſter*, the ſame time that *John Scott* was Earl, forſook the Coat of his Father, and imitating his Lord, bear'd Gold three Pales, or Piles, which you will, for all is one; for if they be made in a Coat, Armor, or Banner, they muſt be made ſquare at both ends; but if they be made in a Shield, then they are uſually made ſharp at the lower end as the Shield is, and over all a Bend Ermins for his difference, to ſhew he was a Lawyer, and ſo it is made in *Cheadle* Church, and his Name written over it; which I doubt not but was firſt ſet up in *Edw.* 1*ſt*'s time, but after his death, his Son *Philip* reaſumed the Fret Canton and Croſs. He Married

Married *Joan* the Daughter of *Edmond* Lord *Emgecourt*, and his Son (or rather *Emgecourt*, Sir *John*, left the Cross again, leaving *Emgecourt*'s devise, and so of all the Race of the *Dracot*'s ever since.

BLYTH being past, *Dracot* enters into *Lea*, which *Ormus* held to Farm of the Abbot of *Burton*. In the Conquest and *Hen.* 1st's time, *Rob. filius Veneti* held it in Fee Farm, paying 4*l. per Ann.* to the Abbot of *Burton*. Which *Robert* had issue *Henry*, who had issue *Robert de Lea*; which *Robert* had issue *Philip*, after *Dominus de Lea*. *Aliva* Married to Sir *Richard Dracot* Knight, *Ellen* Married to *Hugo de Lea* of *Highleigh* in *Salop*, and *Cicely* Married to Sir *Roger Sandback*, of *Sandback* in *Cheshire*, Knight. *Philip Dominus de Lea*, had issue *Robert Lea*, that died without issue; so that the Heirs of the Daughters divided *Lea* amongst them. Sir *Richard Dracot* had issue by *Aliva* his Wife, *Philip*, who had issue *Philip*, the Son of *Philip*, had issue *Richard*, who died without issue, and *Edmund Dracot*, Heir to his Brother *Richard*. *Ed.* lived 16 *Edw.* 3. from whom *Dracot* descended to *Montgomery*, and from *Montgomery*, to Sir *John Vernon*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *John*, who hath lately sold it. *Hugo de Lea* had issue *Reynald*, that

that died without iſſue, and *Philip* who had iſſue *Reynald* who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Reynald*, that died without iſſue. *Eliz.* Married to Sir *Thomas Aſton* of *Haywood* Knight, and *Joan* Married to *Tho. Gattacre* of *Shropſhire*, who ſo divided the Lands, that *Aſton* had the 3d part of *Leigh*, and *Gattacre* had *Hugh-leigh* in *Salop*. Sir *Roger Sandback*, and *Cicely* had iſſue Sir *Richard Sandback* Knight, who ſold his Town in the Advowſon, and one Town in *Leigh*, to Sir *William Stafford* of *Bromſhall*, who gave it to Sir *John Stafford*'s youngeſt Son; the reſt of *Leigh* which was alotted to Sir *Roger Sandback*, and *Cicely*, long after the time of Sir *Richard Sandback*, Son of Sir *Roger Sandback*, viz. 36 *Hen.* 6. to the hands of one *William Morgan* of the Weſt Country, I think, by deſcent, and hath removed in the *Morgans* Poſſeſſion until this time, the Heir being now under Age; whoſe Uncle being then Heir of the Houſe, and Eldeſt Brother of the Father of this preſent Heir, a heavy Misfortune befel, whereby he was *per ſummum jus*, as they ſay, Executed; for as I have heard it Reported, his hap was Riding on his way towards *London*, upon ſome Affair he had there to do; and Riding with a couple of Servingmen to a Gentleman's Houſe called *Stourton*,

Stourton, (that had Married his Mother) to know if it was her Pleaſure to command him any ſervice to *London*; where finding his Father-in-law, his Mother, and one *Turberville* that had Married his Siſter, which was then newly deliver'd of a Child, and ſo kept her Chamber in the ſame Houſe (her Husband and ſhe then ſojourning there) at Dinner, and after ſome ordinary ſpeeches of Duty to his Mother, and Congratulation to his Father-in-law, and Mother, intreating him to ſit down and take part of a Dinner, he anſwer'd, *That his Company might be offenſive to ſome there, and therefore deſired leave to depart.* Whereupon *Turberville* riſing from the Table, told them that he meant him; and *Morgan* affirming that he did ſo indeed, *Turberville* having the Knife wherewith he Dined, within his Hand, offer'd to ſtab *Morgan* therewith; but *Morgan* being adviſed thereof, ſtayed *Turbervill*'s Hand, and having a Pocket-dagger at his Girdle, drew the ſame, and ſtabbed *Turberville* therewith, in ſuch a ſort, that he preſently died thereof: Whereupon, *Morgan*'s own Siſter, being *Turberville*'s Wife, ſo proſecuted the Matter, by the help of *George Turberville*, Brother of the Party ſlain, that they procured a Verdict and a Judgment

againſt

against *Morgan*, of Murther, wherein he had hard measure, and whereupon he was Executed.

BLYTH being pass'd through *Leigh*, entreth *FIELD*, which in *Hen* 1st's Time, was given by *Jeffry Abbot* to one *Andrew*, in Fee Farm for 20 *l. per Annum*; but after *Nich. Verdon* Abbot of *Burton*, gave the same with the Homage and Services (*Jeffry St. Maure* then Farmer thereof,) to his Brother *Bertram Verdon*, in Exchange for his Lands in *Stepenhall*, whereof was Heir one *Rosia*, but whose Daugher she was, I find not; she Lived in the Time of *Ed.* 1. I suppose she was Daughter and Heir of some of the *Staffords*; the Reason that induceth me to think so, is, that she had to her Husband one *Robert de Pipe* Knight, who bears Arms two Pipes in Pale, and the Field Crusele seamed Gold, and sealed by the seam; his Son by her Sir *James* by Name, who lived 28 *Edw.* 3d, notwithstanding sealed with a Chevron in a Border plain: this *Rosia* had by *Robert Pipe*, *John* and *Thomas*, who called themselves by the Name of St. *Maure*, and *Alice* Married to *William de Sarponvile*, who lived all 12 *Edw.* 2d. *Thomas* had issue *William de St. Maure*, 18 *Edw.* 3. who passed all his Lands to Sir *James Pipe*, and about

bout *Richard* 2d's time, it came to the Poſſeſſion of Sir *John Baggot* Knight, but by what means I know not, whoſe Heirs are Owners of it to this day. 1659.

BLYTH being paſt *Field*, leaveth *Gratwich*, the Manor of the *Chetwinds* on the ſouth ſide thereof paſſing along after the ſide of *Chartly*, leaveth *Kingſton*, a Mannor, a long time the *Greaſlyes* Lands, but ſold then by the *Greaſlyes* to Sir *Walter Aſton*, and from Sir *Walter*, to *Henry Goreing* Eſquire.

On the Northern ſide, and ſo paſſeth to *Bagots-Bromley*, which *Bromley*, the *Bagots* have been Owners of ever ſince the Conqueſt; for I find in the Book of *Doomſday*, that one *Bagot* was the Chriſtian Name of the ſame, held *Bromley* of *Rob. de Stafford*; and in *Hen.* 2d's time one *Symon Bagot* was Owner thereof; which *Symon* had iſſue Sir *Hugh Bagot* Knight, who had iſſue Sir *John*, who had iſſue Sir *Ralph Bagot* Knight, which Married *Elizabeth* Daughter and ſole Heir of *Richard Blythfield*, and by her had iſſue Sir *John Bagot* Knight, Lieutenant of *Calais*; which *John*, together with *William Scroope* Earl of *Wiltſhire*, Lord Treaſurer of *England*, Sir *John Buſhy*, and *Henry Green*, were Attainted by Parliament in *Richard* 2d's time, through the procu-

procurance, as I remember, of the Duke of *Gloucester*; but *Bagot* flying into *Ireland* saved his Life, and was restored in Blood, and to his Land in *Hen.* 6th's time; as I take it, he had issue *Richard Bagot*, who had issue *John*, who had issue Sir *Lewis* Knight; Sir *Lewis* had issue *Thomas*, that died in his Father's Life time, that had issue *Walter*, Father of *Lewis*, both living 1596. but *Lewis* died before his Father, and the Land came to Sir *Henry Bagot* Baronet, who is now Living, 1656, and a very Honest Noble Gentleman; and had issue *Edw. Bagot*, now Owner of *Blythfield*, who hath many fine Children.

BLYTH having left *Booth-hall*, a Seat lately of one of the *Meverills*, whose Daughter and Heir was Wife of *John Chetwind* of *Ingestry*, Mother of *William Chetwind*, both deceased, the Land fell to Sir *Walter Chetwind*, who had *Walter Chetwind* now living, who hath issue another *Walter*, who hath lately Married *Anne Bagot*, Daughter of the above-named Sir *Edward Bagot*, 1658.

From thence *Blyth* passeth on to *Abbots-Bromley*, now called *Pagett's-Bromly*, which it leaveth about a Mile Eastward; which *Bromley* hath been the Inheritance of *Burton*, Abbots from the first Foundation of the

the Houſe, until the diſſolution thereof, when *William* Lord *Paget* had it of the King, as I conceive. *Bromley* is a pretty Town, which hath a Fair at *Bartholomewtide*. In *Bromley* was a Seat of the *Enſors*, who ſay they deſcended from the Houſe of the *Enſors* in *Darbyſhire*; but now the *Enſors* of *Bromley* are clearly gone, and the Houſe almoſt down.

And not far from *Bromley*, being in the ſame Pariſh, is *Horecroſs*, where is a fair Gentleman's Seat, and a Park, ſometimes the Houſe of *Humphry Wells*, and now a Nephew of the ſame Sirname is the Owner thereof.

And on the Weſt ſide is a Village called *Newton*, which 20 Conqueſt was the Inheritance of *Reynoldus de Bulgdall*, and ſince came to the Lord *Weſtons* of *Weſton*, *ſubter Lydiat*, and one *Hawks* of *Ruſhall*, and *Richard Bagot* bought a part thereof, and that of *Weſton*'s, is now the Land of one *Wilbram*, the Son of Sir *Thomas Wilbram of Woodhey* in *Cheſhire*,, who Married the Daughter and Heir of *Mitton* of *Weſton*, late Owner thereof.

BLYTH having ſevered *Bromley*, enters *Blythfield*, of which was Owner at the Conqueſt one *Hermanus*, and he had iſſue *Wilielmus filius Hermanus*, which *William* had iſſue *Amalricus*, and *Johannes*

nes, a younger Son, to whom his Father *William* gave *Blythfeild*; whereupon he was called *Johannes de Bliefelde*.

Amalricus had Iſſue *William*, *Filius Amalrici*, and he had Iſſue *Richard de Hulcombe*.

Johannes de Bliefelde had Iſſue Sir *Henry de Bliefelde* Knight, who had Iſſue Sir *James*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Henry*, and *John*; *Henry* died without iſſue, *John* had iſſue *Richard*, who Married *Catherine de Baliden*, and by her had iſſue *Elizabeth* the Wife of Sir *Rauft Bagod de Bromley* Knight, whoſe Poſterity of the *Bagod*'s have been Owners thereof ever ſince to this very day, and there have Seated themſelves.

BLYTHE leaving *Blythfield*, paſſeth on till it come to *Hampſtall-Ridware*, where it receiveth on the North ſide a Brook that hath its beginning in *Needwood* Foreſt, ſomewhat above *Newborowe*, through which Town it paſſeth.

In *Newborow* is the Seat of one *Agard*, and alſo of one *Whittington*, two Gentlemen (but neither of them as I take it, of any large continuance there.) From hence this Brook paſſeth by *Geffrey Cawarden*, (of whom I have ſpoken before) to *Hore-*

Cross (also before remembred) and from thence to *Hamstall-Ridware*.

Which in the time of the Conquest was holden *de Comite Rogerio*, by one *Walterus*, who had issue *William* and *Robert*; of whom, see the Copy of a Deed here following.

> *Sciant tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego* Willielmus de Ridware, *dedi concessi & hac mea carta confirmavi,* Waltero de Ridware *filio meo* 44 *s. de redditu meo de* Seilee, (viz.) De Willielmo *fil.* Warini 5 s. *De* Rado. *fil.* Goasmer 4 *s.* *De* Wulfrico 3 *s.* *De* Henrico Fabro 6 *s.* *De* Willielmo *fil.* Nigelli 7 *s.* *De* Hughone *de* Seilee 10 *s.* *De* Rob. Messore 7 *s.* *De* Williel. *de* Hasteng, 2 *s.* *In auxilia enim* Hernesgiardi *In expectatione que ei melius faciam. Hiis Test.* Rog. *de* Ridware, Rob. *fratre* Willielmi *de* Ridware, Henricus *de* Huenhull, Waltero Cow, Hamone *Clerico.* Roberto *de* Wudhuss, *& multis aliis.*

Whereby it appears that the same *William* had issue *Walter* and *Robert*. Of one *Walter* I have seen a Seal with an Eagle display'd with one Head, and a Chief verry.

But

But long after, about 3 *E.* 2. *Thomas Ridware* Sealed with an Eagle display'd, having two Heads; and yet ever since the *Ridwares* have born Azure an Eagle display'd with one Head, Silver Beak, and Feet red.

About the latter end of *Edward* 3d's time, *William Cotton* Married *Agnes*, Heir of *Hampstall Ridware*, and by her had issue *Richard Cotton*, who had issue *John*, *Cotton*, who had issue *Richard Cotton*, who had issue *Maude*, Married to Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert* Judge. *Elenor* Married to Sir *William Venables*, *Catharine* Married to *Richard Grosvenour*, *Isabell* to *John Bradburne*, and *Thomas* that although he had issue, yet the same died without issue, and before him.

So that his Sisters were his Heirs, whereby *Hampstall Ridware* in the Division came to be alotted to Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, and *John*, *William*, and *Richard*. Sir *Thomas* died without issue, Sir *John* had issue *Thomas* now living, *Nicholas*, *Francis*, and *Anthony*, all also living.

BLYTHE having passed to *Hampstall Ridware*, and left the Town on the South, and *Rowley Park* (a Member thereof) on the North, entreth presently into *Trent*,

which leaveth alſo a little More Northwardly *Toxhall*, whereof Sir *Robert Holland* 9 *Edw.* 2. was Lord, and lately Sir *William Holles*, and now his Sons Son, Sir *John Holles* I think is Lord.

One *Salte* a Gentleman hath a Houſe in the ſame Town.

TRENT then paſſing on Eaſtward, receiveth on the ſouth ſide a little Brook, which taketh its Beginning above *Litchfeild*, where it being ſtayed, divideth the City and Cloſe aſunder in ſuch ſort, that there is no acceſs from the one to the other, but only over two Cauſeys or Bridges made for that purpoſe.

And firſt to ſpeak of the Cloſe (ſo called, as I take it) for that it is encloſed about with a Wall, and a good deep dry Trench on all ſides, except towards the City, where it is defended by a great Mariſh or Pool which the ſaid Brook maketh, either of its own Matter, or by reaſon it is ſtayed to raiſe a Pond where the Mills ſtand.

In the Cloſe, there is a goodly Cathedral Church, if I ſhould ſay one of the Faireſt and beſt Repaired in *England*, being throughly Builded and Finiſhed, which few are, I think I ſhould ſpeak no otherwiſe than the Truth is, wherein be alſo a great

great number of very fair Monuments, of the Bishops, and other Clergymen, besides divers others of Noblemen, as one very fair one of the Lord *Bassett*, one other of the late Lord *Pagett*, another of one of the *Stanleys*, &c.

There are also outwardly builded three Pyramids, or Steeples of a good convenient and seemly height, all very well wrought with Free stone, and especially the two Gemetts that stand Westwards, very well cut, and curiously wrought. The which West Part is at the end also exceeding finely and cunningly set forth, with a great number of Tabernacles, and in the same, the Images, or Pictures of the Prophets, Apostles, Kings of *Judah*, and divers other Kings of this Land, so well Embossed, and so lively Cut, that it is a great pleasure for any Man that takes delight to see Rarities, to behold them.

Moreover in the same Close are a great many very fair Houses belonging to the Canons or Prebends of the Church, but above all, the Bishop's Palace is the fairest by much, having in it a goodly large Hall, wherein hath been excellently well Painted (but now much decayed) the Coronation, Marriages, Wars and Funerals of *Edw.* the first; and some Writing there is

yet alſo remaining, which expreſſeth the meanings of the Hiſtory; where is eſpecially mentioned the Behaviour of Sir *Roger Pewleſdone* and others againſt the *Welſhmen*; as alſo of *Almaric de Bailgioll*, *Burnell Valence* E. of *Pembroke*, of the Lord *Badleſmere*, and other Barons a gainſt the *Scotts*, where the ſaid Earls and Lords are very lively Pourtrayed, with their Banners of Arms bravely before them; but it is great pity that the ſame is not repaired by the Lord Biſhops, before it be quite decayed.

The BISHOPS *of* Litchfeild *Dioceſs that have been, be theſe which here follow, who Succeſſively Govern'd the Churches of this Dioceſs, as they be here named.*

1 DWyna } *both Scotts.*
2 Ceollachus }
3 Trumherus,
4 Jarumanus
5 Cedda, *the firſt that placed the Biſhop's Seat at* Litchfeild.
6 Winfridus
7 Saxulfus
8 Headda
9 Aldwinus
10 Witta

11 He-

11 Hemelus
12 Cuthfridus
13 Berthunus
14 Higbertus
15 Aldulfus
16 Herewinus
17 Æthelwoldus
18 Hunberhtus
19 Cineferthus
20 Tunbrihtus
21 Ælla *ſive* Ælfwinus
22 Alfgarus
23 Cincius
24 Winſius
25 Ælfegus
26 Godwinus
27 Leovegarus
28 Brihtmarus
29 Wulſius
30 Leofwinus

Petrus Anno, 1067, 10 W. Conq.
Robertus de Limeſia, Anno 1088, 10 W. Ruf.
Robertus Peche, *Anno* 1117. 17 H. 1.
Rog. de Clinton, *Anno* 1128, 28 H. 1.
Walterus Durdent, Anno 1149. 14 Steph.
Ricardus Peche, Anno 1162, 8 H. 2.
Gerardus de Puella, Anno 1186, 32 H. 2.
Hugo de Novant, Anno 1198, 9 *Ric.* 1.

Galfr. de Muſcham, Anno 1245, 29 H. 3.
Willielmus de Cornhill, Anno 1256, 40 H. 3.
Alex. de Stavenby, Anno 1295, 23 E. 1.
Hugo de Patſhull, Anno 1322, 15 E. 2.
Rog. de Weſcham, Anno 1360, 34 E. 3.
Rog. de Moyland, Anno 1385.
Walt. de Langton.
Rog. de Norburgh.
Rob. Stretton.
Watt. Skirloo.
Ricardus Scroop.
Johannes Burghill.
Johannes Aller.
Willielmus Hayworth.
Willielmus Booth.
Regin. Bolars.
Johannes Hales.
Willielmus Smyth.
Johannes Arundell.
Galfridus Blythe.
Rolandus Leghe.
Ricardus Sampſon.
Rad'us Bane.
Tho. Bentham.
Willielmus Overton.
Geo. Abbotts.
Ric. Neyle.

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I can ſay little of the Antiquities thereof, more than I have done; it is now a County, but I ſuppoſe hath been ſo but a ſmall time.

It is Govern'd by two Bayliffs, hath a Sheriff, with other Officers, which ſerve for the City; but foraſmuch as the Liberties are, or have been lately in queſtion, I will ſpeak no more of them, except that it makes two Burgeſſes to the Parliament.

Theſe Towns here following were Members or Appendances belonging to the Biſhop's Barony of *Litchfeild*, 20 Conq. as appears by Doomsday-Book, *viz. Padenton*, the two *Hamerwiches*, *Lichebroke*, *Norton*, *Wirley*, *Rouveley*, *Morton*, *Puginton*, *Tamehorne*, *Handſacre*, *Hintes*, *Locheſhale*, *Rideware*, *Wefforde*, *Burroweſton*, *Littlebenche*, *Fraiford*, *Tinemore*, *Horeborn*, *Smedemirche*, and *Tibintone*.

Litchfeild Brook being paſſed the City, leaveth Eaſtwardly (like half a Mile) *Streetheye*, ſo called (as I think) becauſe it ſtands on a great forced way that paſſeth from *Litchfeild*, to *Burton*, and ſo to *Derby*, and *Nottingham*.

In *Streethey* is the Seat of a Gentleman bearing the ſame Name.

This Brook paſſing on thus, runneth by *Curborow*, and *Hodley*, to *Alderwas*, where it enters into *Trent*.

Trent

Trent then passing on between *Alderwas*, and *Wichenore* (the Seat of the *Griffins* of *Staffordshire*.

Those two Mannors were antiently the Lands and Seat of *Somervile*, and since of the *Griffines*.

About *Hen.* 3d's time, *Edw. Simervile* was Lord of them, and he had issue *Robert*, which lived 23 *Ed.* 1. and had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Philip Somervile* Knight, and he had issue *Joan*, his only Daughter and Heir, Married to *Reus ap Griffine* Knight, which *Resus* (as I take it) was the Son of *Geffrey Griffine*, who held the Hundred of *Pirehull* of the King *in Capite*, by Serviceauncye, to keep the same Hundred, paying Yearly therefor six Marke and half. Which *Geffrey* (as I also take it) was the Son of *William Griffin*, who held the same Hundred, paying the same Rent in the form of the County.

The afore-named *Rese Griffine*, had issue *Rese Griffine* of *Wichmore* Knight, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *John Griffin*, who had issue *Walter*, who had issue *Walter*, who had issue *George*, all Knights. *George* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *Henry* now living, *Anno* 1397.

Treut having passed *Wichmore* and *Alreways*, receiveth on the East part a fair River

River called *Tame*, which taketh his first rising near *Dudley-Castle*, the ancient Seat of the Barons of *Dudley*, whose Barony although a great part thereof lie in *Staffordshire*, as you may perceive by that I shall set down hereafter, yet lieth a dozen Towns of his said Barony in *Worcestershire*, as appears in Doomsday Book. For there it is said that *Willielmus filius Auscusfi de Pinchengi tenuit Estelie, Nordfelde, Franchelie, Welingwiche, Werewely, Cercechalle, Bellein, Hageleia, Dudeleie, & ibi est Castellum ejus, Swineforde, Pevemore-Cradelie, & idem tenet W. Belintones in sua Castelaria.*

He held then also of the King much other Lands in divers Shires in *England*; that is to say in *Sudrey, Wittforde, Michelham, Wendelesforde, Middletone, Abinceborne & Padendene.* In *Barkshire, Gelefelle, Bradefelde, Hurtebrige, Englefelle, Offetone, Hodicote, Histelew, Etingdene, Stanewarde, Hingepene, Contone, & Chingeshone.*

In *Wiltshire, Tornevile & duas hydas* 1 in *Bradenestock, & alteram* in *Clive*. In *Middlesexshire, Cranforde.* In *Buckinghamshire, Esenbrige, Newport,* & in *Bradwelle* 4 *virgat.*

In *Oxenefordshire, Hundworde.* In *Cambridgeshire, Stantone,*

In

In *Huntedunſhire*, *Wedreſly*. In *Bedfordſhire*, *Totrope*, *Bernac*, *Bromewick*, *Waure*. In *Warwickſhire*, *Eſtone*, *Witone*, *Hardintone*, *Celbaldeſtone*, *Bermingham*, & *Eſenington*.

So that in all Places, he ſhould ſeem to be Lord of 80 Mannors or Hamblets, and more.

This *Willielmus filius Auſchusſi de Pinchengi*, was either Father, or Paternal Grandfather to *Roger de Somerye*, whom I think had iſſue *John de Somerye*, and he had iſſue *Raufe*, who had iſſue *Roger*, who had iſſue another *Roger*, who had iſſue a third *Roger*, who had iſſue *John*, that died without iſſue. *Margaret* Married to Sir *John Sutton* Knight, and *Joan* Married to *Thomas Botetowrt*, Siſters and Heirs to their Brother *John*.

Sir *John Sutton*, and *Margaret* his Wife, Eldeſt Siſter (who had *Dudley* in the Partition, and *Botetourt Weley*, or rather *Wereweley*) had iſſue another *John*, who had iſſue a third *John*, who had iſſue a fourth *John*, who had iſſue a fifth *John*, all Knights. This fifth *John* had iſſue a ſixth *John*, who was Knight of the Garter, & *cinctus in Baroniam de* Dudley *apud* Redinge xviii *Hen.* VIth; which laſt

John

John had issue *Edward Dudley* Knight, that died *vita patris*, and *William* Bishop of *Durham*.

Sir *Edward* had issue *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, Knight of the Garter, *Arthur*, *Geffreye*, *Thomas*, *George*, another *Thomas*, and *Richard*, besides five Daughters.

Edward Lord *Dudley*, had issue *John* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue *Edward* now Lord *Dudley*, and his Brother *John*.

It is well known that Sir *John Sutton*, who Married *Someryes* Daughter and Heir, was the Son of Sir *Richard Sutton*, and *Isabell* his Wife, Daughter and Sole Heir of *William Patricke*, and *Beatrice* his Wife, Eldest, and one of the two Daughters and Heirs of *David* the Bastard, Son of Sir *William Malpas* Knight, and Baron of *Malpas*; which Sir *William* was Son and Heir of *David* the Clerke, Baron of *Malpas*, who was Son and Heir of *William Belward*, Son of *Richard* and *Leticia* his Wife, the only Daughter and Heir of *Robertus Filius Hugonis*, first Baron of *Malpas* since the Conquest; to whom *Hughe Lupus* E. of *Chester* gave the Manour of *Malpas*, and above thirty other Manours, as appears in Domesday Book, and

and Created him Baron of his Parliament at *Chester*.

David the Baſtard (before ſpoken of,) entruded himſelf into the Lands and Barony of *Malpas*, and left the ſame to his two Daughters; whereby a Moiety of the ſame, came to the Poſſeſſion of Sir *Richard Sutton*, (as I have before remembred.)

Sir *Richard Sutton* was the Son of one *Hughe Sutton*, but from whom or of what Houſe this *Hughe Sutton* ſhould deſcend, or what Arms he ſhould bear, hath been a great Queſtion amongſt the Antiquaries and Herauls of this Age.

Allayne, *Sutton*, *Harvie*, *Clarencieux*, and after them *Cooke Clarencieux* (Follower of *Leceſter*) would firſt have him to be deſcended from *Sutton* of *Sutton* in *Cheſhire*, being near *Macleſfelde*, and after from one *Saherus de Sutton*, a great and ancient Family in *Holderneſs* in *Yorkſhire*.

Robert Glover (late *Somerſet*) thought he came from *Wirkenſope*, vulg. *Worſope* in *Nottinghamſh.* and ſo would have it ſeem that *Sutton* of *Averam* in the ſame ſhire, and this *Hughe*, ſhould be both of one Family.

That

That *Sutton* of *Averam* descended from *Worsope*, I have seen a Matter that might induce a Man so to think; but I never saw likely matter for Proof, or but for Conjecture, to cause a Man once to think, that this *Hugh* should come thence.

And now lastly, Mr. *Henry Ferrers* thinketh that he took his Name of a Manour called *Sutton super Trentham*, for which he sheweth some Proof; that Sir *John Sutton*, Son of Sir *John*, writeth himself *deSutton super Trentham*. For which purpose, *Harvie*, *Cooke* and *Sutton* following their Humour, that *Sutton* of *Holdernesse* should bear a Lyon (which he did not indeed, but *Robert Percye* who Married *Sutton*'s Heir, bare Gold a Lyon blew, charged with a Bend Gubayne white and red; and that Lyon he bare, as being a younger House of the *Percyes*, which descended from *Joselinusde Lorayne.)* But they finding a *Sutton*, which I take it descended of some young House of *Worsope*, to bear a shield of Gold with a green furshed Lyon I would under invest the Lord *Dudley* therewith.

But *Glover*, *Somerset* supposing him to descend (as I have said) from *Worsope*, and that *Sutton* of *Worsope* bare the Lyon but with one Tayle, did also cut off one of *Dudley*'s

Dudley's Lyons Tayles. But indeed before the time of *Henry* the Eighth, never did any of the *Suttons* of *Dudley* Castle bear it either way, but either *Someryes* two Lyons, or else Argent a Cross Patee blew, which I take verily to be *Sutton*'s Coate proper to his Name.

If therefore it be lawful for me to speak my Opinion against these so many great Antiquaries, and especially against Mr. *Somerset* (the only sufficient Man in his time for Armorye and Descents in this Land) and Mr. *Ferrers* (being so skilful a Man as he is in those Matters) yet since they went all of them for the most part by likelihoods, guesses and conjectures.

If it please you, you shall hear some more probable Conjectures, and likely Guesses (if I be not too far in love with mine own Conceit) than any hath been yet made.

First then, I conceive that this *Hugh*, was rather descended of the *Sutton* of *Sutton-Madoc* in *Shropshire*, than from any of the afore-named Places, considering that in the Age before *Hughe Sutton*'s time, (being about the beginning of *Hen.* 3d, there was one *Dominus Madocus de Sutton* who (we doubt) did not only take his Sirname

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(of *Sutton*) of the Place, but alſo gave to the Town the addition of *Madoc*, being his Chriſten Name, which alſo argueth the Man to be a *Welſhman*; for that *Madoc* is a familiar Name in *Wales*, and ſeldom or never uſed amongſt *Engliſhmen*.

What need was it then to ſearch out *Suttons* in far Countries, to Marry a Daughter and Heir of the Barons of *Malpas*, ſince in *Shropſhire* near to the *Malpas* was a Knight's Houſe of the *Suttons*, whoſe Heir being near in the Country, was like enough to be affected to Marry her.

Thus much for the Name, Place, and Country. To fortifie which Opinion, do but alſo conſider that *Sutton* bare a Croſſe Patee, and then do but mark what a number of *Welſh* Gentlemen (as this *Madocus* was) bear Croſſes, and very many Patee alſo.

But now it will be objected that the Croſs was *Malpaſs* his Coat, and not *Suttons* (before he match'd with *Patrick*'s Heir) which I take to be utterly untrue, or that the ſaid Croſs ſhould belong to the Barons of *Malpas* at all, I ſee no cauſe to believe. For firſt it is well known that *Patrick*'s Coat (proper to his Name) was Gules; three Mulletts of ſix Points Gold, and that his Anceſtors uſed the ſame.

Howbeit, I have seen a piece of Evidence by him sealed, with a Shield, and three Dart Heads thereon; which Deed imported as followeth.

WILLIELMUS PATRIC *dedi, &c.* Nicho. *fri.meo Burgagium* Hugonis Pigot *&c. in* Malupassu, *Test. Dno.* Hugone *de* Chelmondeley, Willielmo Taylart, Hugo Lambert, Petro Janitore, *&c.*

The Seal thus Circumscribed, *Sigillum* WILLIELMI PATRIC.

Which Dart Heads he had from the Barons of *Malpas*: For I have also a Deed, whereby *William de Malopassu* (Great Grandfather to Sir *Richard Sutton*'s Wife *Isabell*, and Father to *David* the Bastard) granted to *Richard* the Son of the first *William* Baron of *Malpas*, and Brother to *David* his Father, the Eighth Part of the Town of *Hamton*, in Exchange for the Eighth part of the Town of *Duckenton*, and Witness to the same was *Dominus Hugo de Cholmundesley*; which Deed was sealed with the three Dart Heads as *Patric*'s was, and had written in the circumference, *Sigillum Willielmi de Malopassu.*

So that it is apparent that he had the Cross neither from *Patric*, nor *Malpas*, and therefore it must most assuredly be his own

own Coate, as descended from the Father *Hugh Sutton.*

But to make the Matter more plain, my self hath also the Copy of an old Roll which I writ out with my own Hands; which old Roll I can justly Testifie was not written since the time of *Edw.* 3d, and it saith thus. *Monsieur R. de Suttone port de Argent Avgue croize patee de Azure.* Will a Man then think that Sir *Richard Sutton* being a Knight, and living in so glorious an Age as *Edw.* the first his time, had never a Coate from himself; and besides that he would invest himself into a Coate, that neither *Patric* bare, nor *David* the Bastard, *Patric*'s Father-in-Law, nor *William* his Father, nor *David* the Clerke his Father, nor *William Belwarde* his Father, first Baron of *Malpas* of this House ever bare.

But some peradventure may object, that *Robertus filius Hugo* might happily bear the Cross, whereof I could never see proof, (neither I believe) is any Man else able to make proof what Coate he bare, (living as he did in the Conqueror's time, & himself failing of issue Male, and leaving but one only Daughter behind him.) But if he had born the same Cross, it is more likely that his Daughters Son, or some of his Posterity, that presently

enſued, ſhould rather have intruded themſelves thereinto, than that Sir *Richard Sutton* ſhould ſeek to Uſurp it, living ſeven Ages after him, and never any of his Wives Anceſtors once remembring the ſame.

So that it is apparent to me that the Darts Heads were *Rob. fil. Hugonis* Coate, or elſe that by length of Time the ſame is loſt. And that the Croſs was Sir *Richard Sutton*'s own Coate, as deſcending to him from his Father *Hugh Sutton*, and not from his Wives Parents.

And therefore I could wiſh my Lord *Dudley* to caſt off theſe new Toys of his Green Lyon, ſince theſe latter times have been too much addicted to follow every fantaſtical ſurmize, and to betake himſelf to his old blew Croſs, which he may ſee hath been borne both by his Anceſtors Sir *John Sutton*, that Married *Somerye* Lord *Dudley*'s Daughter and Heir, and alſo by his old Anceſtors Sir *Richard Sutton*, Father to Sir *John* laſt before ſpoken of, which alſo Married *Iſabell Patric*'s (Daughter) and Heir to *William Patric*, and *Beatrice Malpas* his Wife.

And I believe that my Lord (if he will ſuffer his Evidence to be ſeen and ſought throughly) may both find Seals that his Anceſtor *Hugh Sutton* Father of *Richard* ſealed

ſealed therewith; and alſo who was the ſaid *Hugh Sutton*'s Father, and clear all thoſe doubts.

Another thing to fortifie my Opinion that *Hugh Sutton* ſhould be born in no far Country, but either in *Cheſhire*, or *Shropſhire*, or that part of *England* is, that if you do but conſider, (that by reaſon of the two *Hughes* both Earls of *Cheſter*, and of *Hugh* Count. *de Salop*,) what a number of Gentlemen bear the Chriſtian Names of *Hugh* in thoſe Countries both about that time, and ever ſince. And I believe there is, nor hath not been the like number in part of *England* by much; which may ſeem alſo to be one probable conjecture that *Hugh Sutton*, Father of Sir *Richard*, that Married *Patric*'s Daughter and Heir, was of ſome Place in thoſe Countries, and (as they ſay) no far born Child.

Dudley Caſtle ſtands mounted loftily on a very high Mountain, and hath a large Proſpect into *Derbyſhire*, *Leceſterſhire*, *Warwickſhire*, *Worceſterſhire*, *Shropſhire*, and a great part of *Wales*, and is it ſelf in *Staffordſhire*, all over which it looketh.

It is a goodly Houſe of an Antient Building, and large, with great Trenches about it, hewn out of the hard Rock, and a fair chief Tower within it on the South ſide.

It was Built I ſuppoſe at the firſt, by *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*, or ſome of his next ſucceeding Heirs of the *Someryes*, but hath been as I take it ſince re-edified by ſome of the *Suttons*.

And of late *John Dudley* late Duke of *Northumberland* (faſhioning himſelf, becauſe of his Name, and for the Honourableneſs of the Houſe to be deſcended of it) in his Greatneſs affected it; and meeting with a ſimple Gentleman (Grandfather of this Man) who was the Lord *Dudley*, got it from him, and made himſelf Lord thereof, and then made great Repair, and built more thereto within the Ancient Walls of the Caſtle, which is now called the New Work.

This *John* Duke of *Northumberland* (which was Attainted in Queen *Mary's* time) Father of *Ambroſe* E. of *Warwick*, and *Robert* E. of *Leceſter*, was the Son of one *Edmund Dudley*) ſometimes of *Lincolnes-Inn*) which *Edmund* afterwards creeping into Favour with K. *Henry* 7th, by reaſon he found him a Wiſe Prince, and ſomething given to enrich himſelf, thereby to be able both to wield his Subjects, and encounter his Enemies, without too much drawing from his Subjects by Loans, Subſidies and Taskes, and ſuch Payments which he found by experience both in

Henry

Henry 6th's, *Edw.* 4th's, and *Richard* the 3d's own time, to be a means to lose the Hearts of his People, and to stir them up to desperate Enterprizes upon every light Occasion, thought it therefore a more just and plausible means to constitute just Laws, and to lay great Penalties upon the Infringers and Breakers of them, which was not unlike but that many would do, notwithstanding the greatness of the Penalties, which Men would hope would be passed over (as we daily see they do) without any great looking unto. But the King being of a contrary Mind, and meaning thereby both to enrich himself, to procure a good and peaceable Government, and also to gain the Reputation of a Just, Wise and Circumspect Prince, caus'd them indeed to be strictly look'd unto; and either finding this *Edmund Dudley* a fit Man for his Purpose, or else *Dudley* (by some means learning the King's Humour) intruded himself, and in such sort executed the Office, as thereby he so highly obtain'd the King's Favour, that he obtain'd of him the Ward and Marriage of *Eliz.* the only Sister and Heir of *John Grey* Viscount *Lisley*, who himself Married, and by that means possess'd himself of a goodly Inheritance, which he left to his Son (by the same Woman) *John Dudley*, who was

first Knighted, and after Created Viscount *Lisley*, then Earl of *Warwick*, and lastly Duke of *Northumberland*, and greater would have been, if he might have had his Will.

This *Edmund* was the Son of one *John Dudley*, which the Duke would needs have (for so I have heard *Somerset* say he saw a Descent, wherein the Duke with his own Hands had put it down) that he was the second Son of *John Sutton* first Baron of *Dudley* of the *Sutton*'s Race, and Brother of the first *Edward*. But whether he were so or not, I will not take upon me to dispute, being of my self ignorant, except by Hearsays and Reports.

For I have heard it also by one, that took upon him to be of good Credit (while he lived) that the said *John*, Father of *Edmund* was a Carpenter, and indeed born in the Town of *Dudley*, but not of the Name, other than Travelling for his Living, and hapned to be Entertain'd at the Abbey of *Lewes* in *Sussex*; where (growing into Favour with the Abbot) he was appointed Carpenter for the House, and there Married, and (after the manner as the Monks used) was called *John* of *Dudley*; not because his Name was so, but because he was Born in *Dudley* Town.

And

And having by his Wife this *Edmund*, who was taken into the Houſe, and there brought up at School, and proving a towardly Child, and apt to Learn, the Abbot (having divers Shollars room in the Univerſity) this *Edmund* was placed into one of them. And after the Abbot having Suits in Law, and finding this young Schollar ingenious and wiſe, took him from the Univerſity, and placed him at the Inns of Court, where he maintain'd him, and us'd him as a Solicitor to follow the Suits of the Houſe; which not only he did ſufficiently and well, but alſo ſo ſtudied the Laws of this Land, that he became very well learn'd in them, and ſo was brought into the favour of King *Henry* the 7th, whereby he was advanc'd in manner as I have before ſpoken of.

Dudley Caſtle ſtands within the Mannor of *Sedgley*, in the very Confines of *Staffordſhire*, and ſo near *Worceſterſhire*, that the Town of *Dudley* (whereof the Caſtle is called, ſtanding within a ſtones caſt of the Caſtle) is in *Worceſterſhire*, and ſo (as I take it) is the Priory alſo. Which Priory was at the firſt Founded, as I think, by *Willielmus ſilius Auſculfi*, or his Son.

In the Church of the ſame Priory, were divers goodly Monuments of the *Someryes* and *Suttons*, and eſpecially one being croſs

croſs-legg'd, and a very old one; which as it was a very goodly one for the Workmanſhip, ſo it was much more ſtrange for the ſtature of the Perſon Buried. For the Picture which was laid over him I took the Meaſure of, and found it to be full eight Foot long; neither was the Perſon leſſer of ſtature; for the Coffin wherein the Charnel was laid, being of Free-ſtone, and hewed hollow, anſwerable to the proportion of a Man, the hollow was alſo eight Foot, ſo that the Body could be no leſs; for if it had, it could not with conveniency have been layed in it.

Writing I could ſee none, nor any other Matter, whereby I might diſcern whoſe it was; until ſeeking ſomething narrowly, I found under the Arch of the Monument the Gold freſh, wherewith no doubt it had wholly been gilt over. And in the Gold an hinder Leg and a piece of the Tayl of a blew Lyon, which alſo a Man might diſcover to be paſſant, and that by the ſpace of place it was contain'd in, there muſt neceſſarily be two Lyons; otherwiſe the Leg and Tayl muſt proportionably have been much bigger and larger than they were, and otherwiſe placed. So that thereby you may perceive it was a *Somerye*, and (as I take it) the firſt Founder of the ſaid Priory.

Divers

Divers other Monuments there were; one other alſo croſs-leg'd, but much ſlenderer than this other was, and alſo ſhorter.

Another newer, which I take to be for ſome of the *Suttons*, ſince they were Lords of *Dudley*; but great pity it was methought to ſee both the Church and the Monuments ſo defac'd as they were, and ſo I then told my Lord; and that he marvel'd that either he or any of his Anceſtors would ſuffer it; and he anſwer'd me, that it was done while the Duke was Owner of it; ſo that the Fault was neither in his Anceſtors, nor him.

The Town of *Dudley* is a good handſom Town, and (I think) hath been a Market Town, wherein are two Churches, into one of which is remov'd out of the Priory, a goodly Monument of one of the *Suttons* Lord *Dudley*; which I take to be for him that was firſt Created Lord *Dudley* of that Houſe, in *Henry* the ſixth's time, for that the Picture lieth in the Order of the Garter, and ſo was the firſt *Sutton*, which was Created Lord *Dudley*.

There is in the other Churchyard a Monument, with Saxon Characters (as I take them) whereof I cauſed *Worley* to take a Note, and ſend the ſame to Mr. *Cambden* to *Weſtminſter*,

The

The Lord *Dudley* hath in Demesne, the Town, Castle, and Parks of *Dudley*, and *Sedgley*, together with *Swinford*, *Clent* and *Mere*, and in Services,

Enfeild, *Bushburye*, *Amilcote*, *Morfe*, the two *Penns*, (over and nether *Pen*) *Hagely*, *Molesiey*, *Overton*, *Womborne*, *Oxeley*, *Tresell*, *Seisdon*, *Himely*, *Hondesworth*, *Parresine*, *Sandshall*, *Einsinton*, *Parva Barre*, *Cippemor-Etingham*, *Cocorton*, *Penkford*, *Alrewiche*, *Magna Barre*, and *Rushall*.

Having said what I know concerning *Dudley*, I will leave *Tame* at his first Fountain for a time, and discover *Stowre*, another River; whose first Spring, though it be within less than two Miles of the Head of *Tame*, yet takes a quite contrary Course; for bending first Westwards for three or four Miles, turneth afterwards plain South; taking its Course through *Worcestershire*, into *Severn*; for by following this River, and some other little ones that falleth into it, I shall discover all the South part of the Shire, and so following *Tame*, till it come into *Trent*, shall only leave a piece of the *Morelande* to finish withal.

Stowre then taketh its beginning about *Rowley*.

Rowley

Rowley at the Conqueſt remained of the King's Demeſne, and ſo continued till after the xxth Year of his Reign.

But in 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Somerye* was Lord of it, and continueth ſtill in the Inheritance of his Poſterity, (the Lord *Dudley* being now Owner thereof.)

Being paſt *Rowley*, *Stowre* receiveth a little Brook, which comes from *Hales Owen* in *Worceſterſhire*, and from that time continues the *Meere* between *Worceſter* and *Staffordſhires*, until it come to *Stowrebridge*. But before it cometh there by a Mile, hath *Amelcote* ſtanding on the North Bank thereof.

XXth of the Conq. *Pagen* held the ſame of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*; but in 9 *E.* 2. it was come to the Hands of Sir *William Stafford* of *Sandon*. From whom it deſcended to *William* his Son, and from him to Sir *James*; after whoſe Death, there aroſe great Controverſie, and Suits about it, and other Lands, between Sir *John Stafford*, Brother of Sir *James*, and *Thomas Erdeſwike*, that had Married Sir *James*, his only Daughter and Heir (Sir *John* Claiming as Heir Male) and the other as Heir General, but the *Staffords* carried away the Title; ſince which time it is come to the *Grayes* of *Enfeild*, the laſt

last of whom, *John* by Name, as I take it, sold the same.

Stowre being past *Stourbridge* (which standing on the South Bank) is in *Worcestershire*, receiveth *Smestall*-Water, which taketh its beginning between *Tettenhall*, and *Bushburye*.

One *Robert* held *Busheburie* 20 Conq. of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*, which continued in a Race of Knights of the *Bushburyes*, whom I think descended from the said *Robert*, until after *Edw.* 3d's time; for in 9 *E.* 2. Sir *Henry de Bushburye* was Lord thereof.

And 1 *E.* 3. *Robert de Bushbury* was Lord thereof.

Since it is come unto a House of the *Grosvenors*, whose Seat it now is, but by what Title I know not.

Tetenhall is of the ancient Demesnes of the Crown, and so continues, except one part thereof, which belonged to the Church of *Wulfrunashampton*, as I think; so that *Tetenhall* is known by the Name of *Tetenhall Regis*, and the Church-Lands are Named *Tenementas Clericorum*.

In *Henry* 3d's time, one *William Camoys* held *Tetenhall* of the King, as I think, at Will; and 45 *Edw.* 3. one of the *Ferrers* held the same, but the King was ever Lord

Lord of the Mannor; for so it appears he was, 9 *Ed.* 2.

Wulfruneshampton, so called, because one *Wulfruna* was Lady thereof, about the time that King *Edgar* was King of *England*. Which *Wulfruna* Dedicated the Church, and Erected a Dean and secular Canons there, *&c.*

About a Mile from *Tetenhall* Northwards, lieth *Coddeshale*, which *Theni* held xx Conq.

And the like space, but plain West from it, lieth *Wrottesly*, lying in the utmost Confines towards *Shropshire*; being the Seat of a Race of Gentlemen, which took their Name of the Place, and I suppose have been Owners thereof ever since the Conquest; when in the 20th Year of the Conquest, one *Goldene* held it of *Robert de Stadford*.

In *Henry* 3d's time, *Hugo de Wrottesley* held it, and in the 9th of *Edw.* 2. *William de Wrottesley* was Lord thereof.

In *Edw.* 3d's time, *Hugo de Wrottesley*, one of the first Founders of the Knighthood of the Garter (as they are vulgarly called) was Owner of this Mannor and Seat of *Wrottesley*, which Sir *Hugh Wrottesly* Knight of the Garter had issue *John*, who had issue another *Hugh*, who had issue Sir *Walter Wrottesly* Knight, who had

had issue *Richard Wrottesly*, who Married *Dorothy* the Daughter of *Edward* Lord *Dudley*; *Thomas* Married to *William* Lord *Stourton*, *Alice* to *Thomas* Lord *Scroop* of *Upsall*, and *Anne* to *Richard* Lord St. *Amand*. *Richard* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Walter*, Father of *Hugh Wrottesley*, now both living, *Anno* 1597.

I must now move a Question what Coate of right the *Wrottesleys* ought to bear.

I know well they use to set up for them Gold, three Piles Sable, with a Canton Ermine, and so it is set up in the Hall at *Wrottesly*, with a Garter about it, and somewhat Old; and for their Crest a Boar's-Head Ermine, which this present Man hath changed for a blew-Boar's Head with Bristles and Tusks, and forth of a Crown of all Gold.

The Coate I know of right to belong to *Roger Basset* of *Warwickshire*, and not the Title or Reason why *Wrottesly* should bear it.

Somerset told me, that at *Windsor* was set down for Sir *Hugh Wrottesley*, that was Knight of the Garter, Gold a Bend engrailed Gules: And yet as I have said, in *Wrottesly-Hall*, *Roger Baslet*'s Coate is set

set down for *Wrottesly*; with the Garter about it.

Smeltall River passing its Course Southwards, leaveth *Perton* about half a Mile of the West side.

XXth of the Conquest, it was the Lands of the Abbot of *Westminster*.

But afterwards, about 40 *Henry* 3. it appears that *Ranulfe Perton* held the same, and *Trescote*, a Town standing on the same side of the River, a Mile lower, by servauncy of the King, in keeping of his own Castle for eight days, and afterwards to have 8*d*. for the day at the King's Pleasure; and he ought to go also at his own Charges for eight days to serve the King in his Wars in *Wales*; and afterwards, as also beyond the Seas, at the King's Stipend; from which *Ranulfe* is descended to *William Perton* his Brother.

In 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Perton* was Lord thereof.

The *Pertons* bear Argent a Pear-Tree Charged with Fruit proper.

Since about the time of *Henry* the 8th, *James Leveson* a Merchant of *London* bought it, which *James* had issue Sir *Richard Leveson* Knight, who had issue Sir *Walter Leveson*, Father of Sir *Richard Leveson*, both Knights, and living, the seat of which Sir *Richard*, at present, it is.

About a Mile and more, farther Westward from *Perton*, stands *Pattengham*, which 20 of the Conq. was of the Demesnes of the King; but after it came to be of the Fee of the Earl of *Chester*.

9 *Edw.* 2. it was the Lands of *Raufe Basset*, by whose Ancestors before it had long been holden of the Earl of *Chester*.

And about a Mile yet more Eastward, towards *Shropshire*, is *Pattesbul*, now the seat of the *Asteleys* of *Staffordshire*.

XX. of the Conq. one *Hugo* held the same of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And in *Henry* the first's time, *Rob. de Pekdesbull* held the same of *Rob. fil. Odoniis*, who held the same of *Rob. de Stafford*.

In *Hen.* 3d's time, *Raufe de la Mare* held it of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And 9 *Edw.* 2. *William Bagod* was Owner thereof.

And 1 *E.* 3. was *Rob. Mansfeld*.

After it came, as I take it, but I know not whether by Marriage, or Purchase, or by what Title, to the Possession of Sir *William Asteley* Knight, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, all Knights.

Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Gilbert*, who had issue *Thomas*,

Father

Father of *Walter*, now both living, *Anno* 1597.

The first Sir *William* I think, was Brother of *Thomas*, and Son of *Giles*, both Lord *Asteleys*; which *Giles* was Son of *Andrew* Lord *Asteley*.

The *Asteleys* of *Patteshull*, bear the *Asteleys* Armory, with a Label (*viz.*) blue a Cinquefoile Ermine, with a Label Gold, every point charged with two Bars of the first.

Over-against *Perton*, more than a Mile from the River Eastward, and not a Mile from *Wolverhampton* Southwards, stands the *Lea*, where hath dwelled for seven or eight Descents at the least, a Gentleman of the Name of *Warings*.

Over-against *Trescote* stands *Nether Pen*, and a Mile further off stands *Over Pen*.

XX Of the Conq. *Gilbert* held *Nether Pen*, and *Robertus* held the other of *William filius Ausculfi*.

9 E. 2. *Henry* of *Bushbury* was Lord of *Over Pen*, and *Robert Ruffiarus* of *Nether Pen*. 1 E. 3. *Rob. Bushbury*, as I think, held *Over Pen*, and *Wil. Rumfren Nether Pen*.

Smestall Water passeth then Southwards, and leaveth *Seisdon* (whereof the Hundred taketh its Name.)

On the West side, about half a Mile off of *Seisdon*, was Lord 20 of the Conq. one

Wabbertus, who held the ſame of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi.*

And 9 *E.* 2. (as I take it) *Johannes de Treſſill* held both *Treſſill* and *Seiſdon.*

For 1 *Edw.* 3. *Thomas Stockley* held them both.

Treſſill ſtanding on the ſame Bank, about a Mile lower.

XX of the Conq. was holden of *Willielmus fil. Auſculfi*, by one *Baldinus.*

And 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Treſſel* held the ſame.

And 1 *E.* 3. (as I have ſaid) *Tho. Stockley* held both it, and *Seiſdon.*

About a Mile from *Treſſill*, on the Eaſt ſide of the River ſtands *Womborne*, which *Raufe* held of *Willielmus fil. Auſculfi*, 20 of the Conq.

9 *E.* 2. *Tho. Overton* was Lord thereof.

And 1 *E.* 3. *Walter Overton* held the ſame of *Roger Somerye.*

Smeſtall Water receiveth two Miles lower a Brook, which cometh Eaſtwards from *Sedgeſley*, where it taketh its beginning.

Willielmus filius Auſculfi held the ſame in Demeſne, 20 Conq. and ſo it continueth in the Lord *Dudleys* Demeſnes until this day.

In *Sedgeley* is a large goodly Park, of the Lord *Dudleys*; and in the ſame Lordſhip,

ſhip is the antient Seat of a Gentleman that beareth the Surname of *Dudley*, whom (as I take it) deſcends paternally from the *Someries* Lord of *Dudley*, for he beareth blue a Cheveron between three Lyons heads eraſed Gold.

This Brook paſſing Southweſtward comming between *Himeley* and *Penſenet*-Chaſe.

HIMLET was holden 20 of the Conq. of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*, by *Minus* and *Arni*.

IX *Edw.* 2. *William Bereford* was Lord thereof.

But in the 1 *Ed.* 3. it was divided again between *Petrus de Sell*, and *Willielmus de Engleſield*, or rather *Enfield*.

This Brook having diſcharged it ſelf into *Smeſtall* River, which turneth South-Eaſtward to meet with *Stoure*, leaveth *Swinford Regis* two Miles Eaſtward, and *Bobbington* as many Weſt from it.

Swinford although it have the addition of *Regis*, yet I ſuppoſe it hath been of the demeſne Lands of the *Someries*, ever ſince the Conqueror's time. For the Earl of *Salisbury* held the ſame by reaſon of the minority of *Raufe Somerye* granted to the ſaid E. of *Salisbury*, about *Ric.* 1, or K. *John*'s time, and ſo continued demeſne Lands to the Lord *Dudleys* until

1 *Edw.* 3. and (I think ſo doth ſtill.)

Preſtwood ſtands upon the Mouth ſide of the ſame Water about a Mile beneath *Swinford*, where Sir *John Littleton* did lately build a fair Houſe. He bought it of the late Lord *Dudley*, and there hath bin great Contention between this Lord *Dudley* and *Gilb. Littleton* (Son of Sir *John*) for the ſame.

It ſhould ſeem to be a member of *Swinford Regis*, and that both *Morue*, *Penſenet* Chaſe, *Aſhwood*, and a great part of that County are within the Foreſt of *Kinfare*.

Hillarye was Lord of the Mannor of *Preſtwood* 24 *Edw.* 3.

Bubbington was held 20 Conq. of *Rob. de Stafford*, by one *Helgothus*.

In King *John*'s time, *Philippus Holgat* held it, who had iſſue *Johan. filius Philippi* who held it in *Hen.* 3ds time.

And in 9 *Edw.* 2. *Hugo de Hulpham* (I think *Helgath.*)

In *Bubbington* dwells one of the *Brookes*, that takes himſelf to be a Gentleman.

Smeſtall water being paſt *Preſtwood*, makes haſte to meet with *Stowre* which taketh its Name from it, and being a proud Brook, gives its name firſt to *Stowerbridge* a pretty Market Town, but ſtanding on the Eaſt-bank thereof is in

Worceſter-

Worcestershire, for that this River divides the same from *Staffordshire*. And presently after finding a Village wherein is a Castle giveth also its name to them both. The one being called *Stowrton*, and the other *Stowrton Castle*, but both within the Parish and (I think) Mannor of *Kinfare*, which stands two Miles lower upon the same River, which 20 of the Conq. was of the King's Demesnes.

About *Henry* the 2ds time, *Phillip Holgat* held both the Mannor and Forest of *Kinfare* of the King, by the Rent of nine Pounds, with the Customs of the Mannor, which *Philip* had issue *John*, who called himself *Johan. filius Philippi*, who held them both paying yearly 15 Pound, and by the Service to keep the same Forest.

And 9 *Ed.* 2. *John de Vaux* was Lord of *Kinfare*.

In 34 *Ed.* 3. one *Tyrel* was owner both of *Kinfare* and *Stowrton*.

And in *Edw.* the 4ths time, one *John Hampton* was Lord of *Stowrton* and the Castle, of whom, or some of his Ancestors, there is a fair Monument in *Kinfare* Church.

There is also in *Kinfare* Parish, a Mannor call'd *Whittington*, which about *Hen.* 5ths time was the Seat of *Robert Gray* in the

the right (as I take it) of his Wife *Elianor*, the only Daughter and Heir of *Humfrey Lowe* and *Alice* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *William Butemor* of *Withybrooke* in *Warwickshire*, which *Humfrey* was the Son of *John Lowe*, Lord of the Mannor of *Whittington*, and also of *Enfeild*, (a goodly Mannor) and a Park standing Northwest from *Whittington* and *Kinfare*, something more than two Miles, where *Thomas Grey* late of *Envilde*, built a very proper Brick House.

These *Grays* do derive themselves from *Robert* third Son of *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, and second Son of *Joane* his Wife, the only Daughter and Heir of *William* Lord *Astley*. Which *Reginald* was the Son of *Reginald* and *Elianor* Daughter of *John* Lord *Strange* of *Blackmore*, which *Reginald* was the Son of *Roger* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and *Isabel* Daughter and Heir of *John Hastings* E. of *Pembroke*, which *Roger* was second Son of *John* Lord *Grey* of *Wilton*, and eldest Son of *Maud* his second Wife, Daughter of *Rause* Lord *Basset* of *Drayton*. *John* Lord *Grey* of *Wilton*, was Son and Heir to *Regin.* Lord *Grey* of *Wilton* and *Ruthin*, Son and Heir of Sir *John Grey* of *Eaton* Knt. second Son of *Henry Grey* of *Turoke* and younger Brother to Sir *Richard Grey* of *Eylefford*, Knt.

Father

Father of *Richard* Lord *Grey* of *Codnor*, which *Henry Grey* was Son of Sir *John Grey*, Knt. *&c.*

The said *Robert Grey* (third Son of *Regin.*) had issue *Robert*, that Marry'd *Elianor* only Daughter and Heir of *Humfrey Lowe* (as I said before.)

This *Robert* and *Elianor* had issue *Humfrey Grey*, who had issue Sir *Ed. Grey*, Knt. *Eliz.* Married to *Sampson Erdeswick*, and another Daughter marry'd to *Sainbark* (Grandmother or Mother to the Wife of Sir *Francis Wasingham*) Sir *Edward Grey* had issue *Thomas Grey*, who had issue *John Grey* that sold his Lands to Sir *Henry Grey* of *Pirgoe* and *Grooby* Knt. and died without issue.

This Sir *Henry* was Son and Heir of the Lord *John Grey* of *Pirgo* in *Essex*, second Son of *Thomas* Marq. *Dorset*, which *Thomas* was Son and Heir of *Thomas Grey* Marq. *Dorset*, Son of Sir *John Grey* Knt. and *Eliz.* his Wife, Daughter of *Richard Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*, who was after marry'd to King *Edward* the 4th.

Sir *John Grey* was Son and Heir of *Edward Grey* Lord *Grooby* in right of *Eliz.* his Wife, Niece and Heir of *William* Lord *Ferrers* of *Grooby*, and elder Brother of *Edward Grey* Visc. *Lisley*, Grandfather to *John* Duke of *Northumberland*.

Edward

Edward Grey Lord of *Grooby* in his Wifes Right, was ſecond Son of *Regin.* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, and ſecond Brother of *John Grey* Earl of *Kent*, and elder Brother of *Rob. Grey* that marry'd *Lowes* Daughter.

John Haſtings Earl of *Pembr.* before ſpoken of, was the Son of *John* Lord *Haſtings*, and *Iſabel* Siſter and Heir of *Almeric de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, in his Wife's Right *Joane*, Daughter and Heir of *Warine Mountcheſney* and *Joane* his Wife, Siſter and Heir of *Walter Marſhall* Earl of *Pembroke*, youngeſt Brother of *Gilbert*, younger Brother *Richard*, younger Brother of *William*, Son of *William Marſhall* the old, all Earls of *Pembroke*.

John Haſtings was the Son of *Henry* Lord *Haſtings* of *Abergavenney*, in right of his Wife *Joan Cantelupe*, Daughter of *Will. Cantelupe* and *Eve* his Wife, Daughter of *William Bruſe*.

Henry Haſtings was the Son of *Henry* and *Adelia* his Wife, Siſter and Heir of *John* the *Scot*, Earl of *Cheſter*, Son of *David* Earl of *Huntingdon*, and *Maude* his Wife, eldeſt Siſter and Heir of *Randulph* Earl of *Cheſter*.

David Earl of *Huntingdon*, was the Son of *Henry* Earl of *Huntingdon*, the Son of *Malcolme* King of *Scotland*, and *Margaret*

garet Daughter of *Edward* the Outlaw and *Agatha* his Wife, Daughter of *Henry* the third Emperor, Son of *Conrade* Emperor.

Edward the Outlaw, was Son of *Edm. Ironside*, K. of *England*.

Henry Lord *Haſtings*, was the Son of *William* Lord *Haſtings*, and *Margerye* Daughter of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Mort*.

William Lord *Haſtings* was the Son and Heir of *William* Lord *Haſtings*, and *Maude* Daughter of *Thurſtan Banaſter* (and elder Brother of *Robert Haſtings*) of whom the Earls of *Huntingdon* are deſcended.

This *William* was the Son of *Hugh Haſtings* and *Erenburga* his Wife, Daughter of *Hugh Hamvile*, *Hugh* was the Son of *William*, Son of *William Haſtings*.

In *Envile* Church are divers fair Monuments, whereof one is of Alabaſter, made for *Thomas Grey* Father of the laſt *John*.

And in Glaſs, which I will ſet down for the raritie of them, one being Gules a border Gubanic *Or*, and Gules a Canton *Or*, quarter, rather, for that it takes away the border ſo far as it goeth, which is the fourth part of the Sheild, and the Canton is alſo Gold.

I know not whoſe it ſhould be, unleſs it be ſome that deſcended from the *Mortimers*

timers of *Chelmersh* (a Lordship not far off, which *Mortimer* of *Chelmarsh* bears *Mortimers* Coate, but all Gold and Gules, (except the Scutcheon with is Argent) and something resembles this.

Another is quarterly Arg. and Gules a Bend blue charged with three Lyons saliant *Or*. Another is like the same, being argent, the Bend Blue charged with the Lions Gold, between two red Lions saliant.

Envile was the Lands of one *Gilbert*, who held it of *Will. fil. Ausculfi.* In *Henry* third's time. The Heirs of *Envile* held the same, and 9 *Ed.* 4. *Andr.* of *Envile* was Lord thereof.

Southwards from *Envilde* stands *Compton* (I think) also within the Parish of *Kinfare.* It is the Seat of *Horewood.*

About *Edward* the 4ths time *Jo. Horewood* (as I take it) was owner thereof, which *John* had issue *John* and *Thomas Horewood. John* had issue *John* and *William*, Attorney General to King *Henry* the 8th. *John* had issue *Edward*, *Rob. William*, *Anthony* and *Jerome. Edward* had issue *Thomas* Father of *Gerrard*, both living *Anno* 1597. At *Compton* is a fair Park.

Two Miles South-West from *Compton*, upon *Severne* bank, stands *Arley* or *Arnly*, which Lordship and Parish stretcheth over

over *Severne* more than a Mile; ſo that only in this Nooke *Staffordſhire* extends it ſelf on both ſides *Severne*: In Doomſday Book, I find there was *Emeleys*, which I take to be *Arley*, for 'tis a very large thing, and that the Cannons of *Hampton* were owners thereof 20 Conq. But *Oſbert* the Son of *Richard* took them by force, the one of them 9 *Ed.* 2. *Hugo de Audley* was the owner thereof, and in 30 and 39 *E.* 3. the Earl of *Northamp.* was owner thereof, and ſo having finiſh'd the South part of *Staffordſhire*, except one part environed round about with *Worceſterſhire* but a very little, which borders on *Salop*, which part being about three Miles Eaſtward from *Kinver* and *Whittington* contains only *Kenelme*, *Clent*, and *Broome*, which were in the Kings hands 20 Conq. *Clent* was in *Henry* the 3ds time in *Roger Sumery*'s hands, but after in the diviſion of *Sumery's* Lands between *Sutton* and *Bottetourt*, *Clent*, and *Mear*, *Handſworth* were allotted to *Rob.* It ſhould ſeem that Sir *Kenelm* was married to *Clent*, for that in one part of it is a Church or Chappel called *Kenelms* in the vulgar Rythme, which confirms the ſame.

That in Clent *on* Comback *under a Thorne,*
Lieth King Kenelme *with his Head off ſhorne.*

Tame

Tame takes its first beginning about *Oldbury*, being a Mile or something more Eastward from *Dudley* Castle, whether a Man might say, that place to be some principle Seat of that Borrough, of the first place, where the first Barons in the *Saxons* time before the Conq. were seated or not, I stand in doubt only, the name of *Oldbury* or Borrough an old Saxon word signifying an old Place or Town of account, would give some little light that so it should be.

Tame passing from *Oldbury* North-West for two Miles or more, reneweth a little Brook at *Tibbinton* vulgo *Tipton*, which comes from *Sedgeley*, at the Conq. one *Will.* held *Tibbington* of the Bishop, not long after one *Will.* the Son of *Will. filius Warini* was L. thereof, in right of his Wife *Lucia Savage*, who had by her Sir *Jeffery Fitzwarren*, Knt. who had issue *John Fitzwarren*; but afterwards in *Henry* 2d's time, *Robert Wirley alias Wyrely* was Lord thereof, in whose Posterity it continued to this Day.

Tame being past *Tipton*, leaveth *Bisson* two Miles West, twenty Conq. the Cannons of *Hampton* held the same, there dwelleth in the same Town a Gentleman of the Name of *Morsley*, and two Miles from *Tame* East, is West *Bromwich*, whereof as I take it was L. 21 *E.* 1.

one

one *Richard Basset*, and now one of the *Stanleys* hath a Seat.

Tame being past North, takes its course to *Weedsbury*, which at the Conq. was antient Demesnes of the King, but by him was after given about *Henry* 2d's time, to the Ancestors of *William Heronvile*, in exchange for the Town of *Cobsfiele*, which is in *Oxfordshire*, and is now parcel of the Honour of *Woodstock*, which *William* had issue Sir *John Heronvile*, Knt. who had issue *Henry Heronvile*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *Jone*, Daughter and Heir, married to *Henry Beaumont*, Knt. Uncle and Heir Male to *William* Viscount *Beaumont*, Son of *Henry* Viscount *Beaumont*, Son of *John* Lord *Beaumont*, and *Elmouth* the Daughter of *Henry Covil* Earl of *Lancaster*, which *Henry* was the Son of *Ed.* 2d. Son of 3d. *Hen.* Son of *John* Lord *Beaumont*, was the Son of *Henry* Lord *Beaumont*, and *Alicia* the Daughter of *Alexander Covill* Earl of *Bigton* in *Scotland*, who was the Son of *Alexander* Earl of *Bohun*, and *Agnes* the Daughter of *Roger Swans* the Earl of *Winchester*, and *Elemi* the Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Allome* of *Gallway* and *Margaret*, *David* Earl of *Huntingdon* and *Margaret* Daughter of

Hugh

Hugh Kevelock Earl of *Chester*, *David* was the Son of *Henry* Earl of *Huntington*, who was the Son of *David* King of *Scots*, the Son of *Malcome* and *Marg.* Daughter of *Ed.* the Outlaw: *Henry* Lord *Beaumont* was the Son of *Lewis* the 8th King of *France*, Sir *Henry Beaumont* who married *Jone Leventroope*, had issue *Henry Beaumont*, who married *Ellenor* the Daughter of *John* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue Sir *Henry Beaumont*, Knt. who had issue *John*, who had issue *Dorothy*, one of his Daughters married to *Humphry Cumberford*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *William*, all four living (1597) the *Cumberfords* being now Lords of *Weedsbury*.

Tame holding on the same Course, makes haste to receive *Walsall* Water, takes its first Spring not far from the two *Worleys* Great and Little, the third called *Norton*, for that it stands North from the other two *Nortons*, *Almicus* held of the Bishop, and the other of the Bishop of *Chester*, as being member of *Litchfield*, 20 Conq. About *Henry* the 2d's time, as I take it, was *William Dunstans* Land for *Adam* Son of *Robert de Parva*, *Wirley* bought *Virgat Terra* of him *Hen.* 3d, as also 12 *Ed.* 3. *Hugo de Loges* was owner of the Lands

there,

there, which he held by serieaunc y to to keep the Forest of *Canock*.

And in 9 *Edward* 2. *Rob. de Knightley* was Lord of *Wirley*.

Walsall Water being past the *Wirleys*, runneth between *Telshall* and *Bloxwiche*.

The Cannons of *Hampton* held *Pelshall & Comes Rogerius de Montegomerici Blechesworth* 20 Conq. which I suppose to be *Bloxwiche*.

Walshall Water being past *Pelshall*, leaveth *Alrewiche* almost a Mile Westward, *Rob.* held *Alrewiche* of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi* 20 Conq.

About *Henry* 3ds time it was the Seat of *Rob. Stepleton*, where in the Church is a fair cross-leg'd Monument of the said *Robert Stepleton*, and also of one *Nicholas de Alrewize*.

And afterwards *Henry Harecourt* had *Stepleton*'s Lands there, and since the *Hillaries*, and lastly the Lord *Ferrers* were Owners of *Alrewiche*.

Walter Father of this present Earl of *Essex* sold it, as I take it, to *Robert Stamford* now living.

There was in *Alrewiche* a House of Gentlemen of good Account, which called themselves *Alrewiche*: And it would seem that *Alrewiche* is within the Man-

nor of *Barre*, for so I have seen it named in some evidence.

Walshall Water passing on runneth thro' *Rushall*.

XX Conq. *Robert* held it of *Willielmus Ausculfi*.

About *Henry* 1st time *Nigellus* was Lord thereof.

Nigellus had issue *Osbert*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Alice*, married to Sir *Hugh Bowles*, Knt. who had issue by her *William*, who had issue *William*, who had issue a third *William*, who had issue *Catherine*, first married to *John Hewet*, by whom she had issue *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Hecstall*, and *Margaret* married to *William Stokeley*. *Katherine* was married afterwards to *Robert Groberd*, who had issue by her *William Groberd*, that called himself *Rushall*, and had issue *Elianor* married to Sir *John Harper*, who had issue *William Harper*, who had issue another Sir *John Harper*, Knt. who had issue *Robert Harper*, *Dorothy* and *Elizabeth*: *Robert* had issue *Dorothy* married to Sir *Anthony Kingston*, and after to Sir *Richard Eggerton*, Knt. but had no issue, so that the Lands came to her two Aunts. *Dorothy* was married to *Thomas Hoorde* of *Bridgnorth* who had issue by her *Frances*, married

ried to *Thomas Farmer*. *Frances* alſo died without iſſue, *Elizabeth* was married to *William Leghe* Son of Sir *Roger Leghe* of *Wellington*, which *Roger* was Son of *Richard* a ſecond Son of *John Leghe* of the *Ridge* in *Cheſhire*.

William Leghe had iſſue *Henry*, who had iſſue *Edw.* who poſſeſſeth *Ruſhall*, and hath iſſue *Henry Leghe*, both living *Anno* 1597.

In *Ruſhall* is a fair Seat of a Houſe: The Houſe built about with a Wall, and a Gate-houſe of Stone, all embattled Caſtle-wiſe, where is alſo a Park, *&c.*

Walſhall Water being paſt *Ruſhall*, enters into *Walſhall*.

As I take it, *Robert* held the ſame of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*, 20 Conq.

But about *Henry* the 3ds time, *Willielmus Rufus* held it in Fee-farm of the King, paying 26 Pound 19 Shillings.

9 *Ed.* 2. *John Somerye* and *Tho. Rows* were joint Lords thereof.

And 17 *Ed.* 3. *Baſſet* was Lord of it; ſince it came to the King's hands, but by what occaſion I can't learn.

Queen *Mary* gave the ſame to *Richard Wilburnham*, Father of *Thomas*, now Lord thereof.

In *Walſhall* hath bin a Park, and there is alſo a very fair Church, where are di-

vers Monuments, but eſpecially one fair one, of one of the *Hillaryes*.

Walſhall Water a little beneath the Town, receives on the Weſt-ſide a Brook that cometh from *Wilnhalle*, which 20 Conq. belonged to the Canons of *Hampton* and *Derlaſton*, whereof *William* of *Derlaſton* was Lord about *Henry* the 3d's time, *Thomas* of *Derlaſton* was Lord 34 *Ed.* 1. and 9 *Ed.* 2.

Walſhall Water having increaſed it ſelf with this Brook, ſhortly after enters it ſelf into *Tame*, which leaveth *Barre* a Mile Eaſtward.

XX Conq. *Drogo* held it of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*, as alſo he did *Pirie* and *Hondſworth*. In King *John*'s time *Barre* was divided into two Mannors, *Magna Barre* and *Parva Barre*, and *Guido* held *Magna Barre*, and one Richard was Lord of *Parva Barre*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Henry* held *Magna Barre*, and *Robert* held *Parva Barre* of *Roger Somerye*.

In 9 *Ed.* 2. *John Somerie* held *Magna Barre*, and *John de Parva*, *Parva Barre*. 15 *Ed.* 2. one *Robert* was Lord of *Magna Barre*, and (I think) the ſame *John* was Lord of *Parva Barre*.

Pirie ſtands two Miles lower upon the ſame ſide of *Tame* that *Barre* doth.

About

About King *John*'s time one *Henry de Pirrie* was Lord thereof, whom I think had iſſue *Richard*. And 9 *Ed.* 2. another *Richard* was Lord thereof, and yet in *Ed.* 1ſt time, or *Henry* the 3ds, one *William Wirley* gave to *Philip* his Son and Heir, all his Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Services, in *Pirrie*, *parva Barre*, and *Eſtcote*, that is to ſay, the Homage, Services and Fortunes, of *Grey* his Son, of *Roger* the Son of *Richard*, of *Henry* of *Pirrie*, *John* the Son of *Robert* his Brother, of *John de Wilnall*, of *Nicholas* his Brother, of *Raufe* the Son of *Henry Fulmer* of *parva Barre*, and of *Kiniat*. And yet Teſtee to the ſame Deed was *Richard* Lord of *Pirrie*.

And now it is the Seat of *Robert Stamford*, Son of Sir *William Stamford*, Knt. late Juſtice.

Over againſt *Pirrie* on the North ſide of *Tame*, is *Hamſtede*, the Seat of the *Wirleys*. Now *Humfrey Wirley* is Heir thereof.

He was the Son of *John*, who was the Son of *Thomas*, who was the Son of *William*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *John*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *Roger*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *Roger*, the Son of *John*, the Son of another *John*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of another *Robert*, the Son (I think) of *Adam*, who was the Son of *Robert de*

parva Wirley, whom I think lived either in *Henry* the 2d's time, or before.

Farther from *Tame* alſo Weſtward, is *Sandall*, ſometime a Houſe of Religion, and now the Son of *Thomas Whorwood*, the Son of *William*, the Son of *Robert*, ſecond Son of *John Whorwood*, and Brother of *Edward Whorwood* of *Compton*.

A Mile lower Southwards, upon the Weſt-ſide of *Tame* is *Hondeſworth*, where *Tame* enters into *Warwickſhire*.

As I have ſaid before, *Drogo* held the ſame 20 Conq. of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*. And about *Henry* the 2d's time, one *Paganus de Parles* held the ſame, in right of *Alicia* his Wife.

And about *Henry* the 3d's time, Sir *William Parles*, Knt. lived.

15 *Ed.* 1. and after 13 *Ed.* 3. *Walter Parles* lived, and had iſſue *Raufe Parles*, who lived until 17 *R.* 2.

And in 32 *Henry* the 6th, the Wardſhip of *Joane*, Daughter and Heir of *John Parles*, was granted to *William Cumberford*, who married her to *John* his Son.

Tame having entred into *Warwickſhire*, between *Pirie* and *Hondſworth*, ſo continues for the ſpace of a dozen Miles or thereabouts, comes not near *Staffordſhire*, until it come to *Drayton Baſſet*, where it 's the Meare betwixt *Warwickſhire* and *Stafford-*

Staffordſhire, and ſo continued for two or three Miles, that it comes to *Tamworth*, where again it enters into the Shire, and makes it ſelf a *Staffordſhire* River.

Drayton 20 of the Conq. was the Lands of *Thurſtine de Baſſet*, and contained five Hydes of Land, which *Thurſtine* had iſſue *Raufe Baſſet*, who under *Henry* the 1ſt, was *Juſticiarius Angliæ*, and conſtituted many good Laws, as the Law of *Franc Pledge*, and ſuch others. He alſo perſwaded the King, whereby the Court of Exchequer was order'd to remain in one certain place, and was buried at *Abingdon*, all his Sons honourably accompanied him to his Sepulchre.

He had Sons, *Thurſtine*, *Thomas*, of whom deſcended the Barons of *Hadington*, and *Wycombe*. *Richard* of whom deſcended the Barons of *Wilteringe*; *Weldon* and *Drayton*, and *Nicholas*, which was overthrown by ſtanding with King *Stephen*, againſt *Henry* the ſecond.

Richard Baſſet Married *Maude* the only Daughter and Heir of *Geffrey Ridell*, Lord of *Witteringe*, by *Gava* his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *Robert Buſſie* Lord of *Weldone*, and by her had iſſue *Geffery*, who ſurnamed himſelf *Riddell*, and was a great Baron and Lord of *Witteringe*. *Richard Baſſet* Baron of *Weldone*,

done, *Raufe Baſſet* Baron of *Drayton*, and *William Baſſet* Shiriff of *Warwickſhire*, and Juſtice in Itinire of the Shires of *Lincoln*, *Nottingham*, *Derby*, *Stafford*, *Warwick*, *Northampton*, and *Leiceſter*, 22 *Henry* 2. and to whom *Osbert Baſſwyne* gave the Mannor of *Chedle*.

Raufe Baſſet Baron of *Drayton*, had iſſue another *Raufe*, who had iſſue a third *Raufe*, who had iſſue a fourth *Raufe*, who had iſſue a fifth *Raufe*. *Margaret* Married to *Edmund* Baron of *Stafford*, and *Maude* to *William Herize*.

The fifth *Raufe* had iſſue a ſixth *Raufe*; who dyed before his Father, leaving one Son only, (and no other Children) called *Raufe*, who was alſo after the Death of his Grandfather, Baron of *Drayton*, and dyed without iſſue, and lies buried in the Minſter at *Litchfield*, under a goodly Monument. So his Barony and Lands, were divided betwixt his two great Aunts, or their Children.

Margaret who had *Drayton* for her part, and was married to *Edmund* Baron of *Stafford*, had iſſue *Raufe* firſt Earl of *Stafford*, to whom deſcended *Drayton*, and in whoſe Poſterity it remained till the Attainder of *Edward* laſt Duke of *Buckingham*, by reaſon whereof, it eſcheated to the King, who made a Leaſe thereof for many Years to one

one *Robinson*, whose Son mortgag'd and sold the same to *Richard Paramore*, who having much Sute and Trouble about it, passed over his Interest to my Lord of *Lecester*, who left the same to the Countess his Wife, whereby Sir *Christopher Blount* who hath married her, and She, are now Owners of the said Mannor and Honour; and (as I hear) Sir *Christopher* hath either purchased the Inheritance thereof, or at the least, taken it in Fee-Farm.

Tame having wasted the Banks of *Drayton* (for the space almost of two Miles) receiveth on the Westside a Brook called *Black-Brooke*, which taketh its beginning about *Hamerwiche*, whereof I have spoken as much as I know before, and from thence passeth by *Chesterfield*, whereof I Read nothing, except that about *Richard* the 1st's time, *Alane* of *Cumberford* was Lord thereof.

And then leaving *Shenston* a goodly Mannor, and a Park half a Mile Southwards, so passeth on to *Thickbroome*.

Scertestane (which I take to be this *Shenestone)* was holden of the King 20 of the Conq. by one *Leonilde*.

About King *John*'s time, it was holden of *Henry D'oylie* his Barony.

And after in *Henry* the 3d's time, when *Henry* first Earl of *Warwick*, had married *Marga-*

Margaret Sister and Heir of *Henry Doylie*, it was holden of the Earl of *Warwick* their Son, by one *Robert de Grendon*, by the sixth part of a great Fee, *se de veteri feoffmento*, which *Robert* (as I take it) had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Raufe*. For 9 *Edw.* 2. *Raufe Grendon* was Lord thereof, in whose Posterity it continued (as I have heard) until one of them committed a forfeiture of his Hand by striking in the Court: For the Redemption whereof, he yielded the said Mannor to the King.

In *Shenston* is the Habitation of a Gentleman of the Surname of *Rugeley*. The *Black Brooke* being past *Thickbroome*, (a Member of the Bishops Barony of *Litchfield*) remains the Mear between the Shires of *Stafford* and *Warwick*, for the space of two Miles, and leaveth *Weyford* a little Northward: So called (I think) because *London* way passeth there over a Forde of the said Brook, it being well and deep for the most part in other places.

XX of the Conq. *Raufe* held the same of the Bishop, as a Member of his Barony of *Litchfield*.

And 24 *Ed. Will. de Odnigsells* held *Weford* and *Thickbroome* of the Bishop, by a Knights Fee.

From *Weford* it passeth to *Hintes*.

XX Conq.

XX Conq. *Oſwaldus* held it of the Biſhop, as a Member of his Barony of *Litchfield.*

And 24 *Ed.* 1. *Hugo de Maynell*, held it of the Biſhop, by half a Knights Fee. And from him it deſcended to his Son *Giles*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *Hugh*, who had iſſue *Thomaſine*, firſt married to *Hugh Erdeſwicke*, but he dyed without iſſue, and after to *Reginald Dethike*: *Margaret* married to *Roger Dethike*, eldeſt Brother to *Reginald*, *Joan* married to *Climton*, and *Alice* married to *Aſton*, but ſhe dyed without iſſue.

In the pertition of *Menill*'s Lands, both *Hintes* and *Langley* in *Derbyſhire*, fell to *Thomaſine*, who had iſſue by her Husband *Roger Dethick*, *Margaret* their only Daughter and Heir, married to *Raufe Baſſet* of *Blore*, by whom ſhe had iſſue *William Baſſet*, *Cecely* married to *Hugh Erdeſwike*, and (as I think) another Son to whom *Hintes* was given in Appennage: For at this Day one of the Baſſets, hath his Seat at *Hintes.*

The *Black Brooke* being paſt *Hintes*, entreth into *Tame* above *Faſeley* Bridge, which holdeth on its Courſe to *Tamworth*, a divided Town; for the Caſtle and ſome part of the Town ſtands in *Warwickſhire*, and

and the Church, and the reſt, in *Staffordſhire.*

Tameworth is a very proper Market-Town, and makes two Burgeſſes to the Parliament Houſe, one for *Staffordſhire* part, and another out of *Warwickſhire* part.

There are divers Gentlemen that have Houſes in the ſame Town, as Sir *Humfrey Ferrers*, who is Lord of the Caſtle, but becauſe it is in *Warwickſhire*; tho' I could ſay ſomething to the purpoſe, who have ever ſince the Conqueſt bin Owners thereof, and how it came to the *Ferrers*, yet will I leave it for Mr. *Henry Ferrers* of *Adeſley*, both becauſe I would have him to do for *Warwickſhire*, as I have done for *Stafford*, as alſo, coming out of the ſame Houſe, he cannot (being ſo great an Antiquary) but know all that is to be had of his own Houſe.

In *Staffordſhire* ſide there is a Houſe of the *Bretons*, who have very long had their Seat there. For 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Breton* was of *Tameworth*: He had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *John* and *William*, ſince which time the Race of them have continued until this day.

There is alſo there, a Houſe of the *Harecourts*, *Edward Harecourt* now living, was the Son of *Walter*, who was the Son of *Richard*, ſecond Son of *Thomas Hare-*

Harecourt of *Raunton*, Son and Heir of *John Harecourt* of *Raunton*, fourth Son of Sir *Robert Harecourt* of *Ellenhall* and *Stuunton Harcourt*, Knt.

Tame having taken leave of *Tameworth*, enters between *Hopwayes* and *Cumberland*, leaving the one on the Weſt, the other on the Eaſt.

Hopways 20 Conq. was in the Kings own hands.

Alanus de Hopways in *Henry* the 3ds time dwelled there.

Paginton which ſtands two Miles farther, Weſt from *Tame*, was holden of the Biſhop 20 Conq. by *Utechell.*

In *Henry* the 2d's time, *Robertus de Packington*, and 24 *Ed.* 1. *David de Packington* held it of the Biſhop, by the fourth part of a Knights Fee.

And 1 *Ed.* 2. *Thomas Baſſet* was of *Packington.*

Now *William Stamford* is Owner of *Packington*, and *William Comberford* of *Hopways.*

William Stamford was the Son of *Edw.* the Son of *William*, the Son of *Thomas*, the Son of *William Stamford*, who both had *Paginton*, *Rowley* by *Stafford*, and other Lands given him (as the Report is) for taking the Duke of *Longvile* Priſoner 16 *Aug.* 5 *Henry* the 8th, beſides *Terravanan.*

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Cumberford ſtanding on the Eaſt-ſide of *Tame*, is a Member of *Wiggington*, which ſtands off by the ſpace of a Mile, and yet in *Cumberford* (it being a Mannor of it ſelf, though a Member of another) is the Seat of a very antient Race of Gentlemen, taking the name of the place.

Of *Wiginton* was Lord about *Henry* the firſt, or ſeconds time (I know not well whether) one *Thomas filius Roberti*, as appears by the Copy of a Deed here following.

Thomas filius Roberti, hominibus ſuis & amicis ſal'tem ſciant omnes tam qui ſunt, quam qui futuri ſunt me conceſſiſſe Alano de Comerfort, & Heredibus ſuis Virgatam Terre & dimid' que fuit Rogeri de Witintonia, a me & heredibus meis, Servicio unius lib. piperis: Teſt. Rob. Fil. Galfr. Rob. Pingnat Rog. Capellano, Willielmo de Hales, Rog. de Hadeford, Godefrido Briano Sacerdote Nicholao de Liceſelde, & multis aliis.

Whether a Man may ſay that this *Thomas filius Roberti*, were the Nephew of *Hugh Famvile*, and that *Erenburga* that was married to *Hugo de Haſtings* were his Aunt or not, I ſtand in doubt; but ſure

ſure I am, that *John Haſtings* Lord of *Aburgavenny* was Lord thereof 9 *Ed.* 2.

And *Nevile* Lord of *Abergavenny* ſold it to *Thomas Cumberford*, yet living. So that *Comberforde* is now Lord both of *Comberforde* and *Wiggington*.

Alanus de Cumberfort, was Lord of *Comberfort* (as you may partly above perceive) in *Henry* the 1ſt's or 2d's time. He had iſſue another *Alanus*, who had iſſue *Roger*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Humfrey*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *William*, who hath iſſue *Humfrey*, who hath iſſue *William*, all four living *Anno* 1596.

A little lower upon the Bank of *Tame*, ſtands both *Tamehorne* and *Tinmore*.

Tamehorne was holden 20 of the Conq. by *Nigellus Greyſley*, Anceſtors of the Bps.

In *Henry* the 2d's time, *Rob. de Thamenhorne* held it by half a Knights Fee. And 24 *Ed* 1. *Willielmus de Thamenhorne* held the ſame of *Geffrey Greſeley*, *per quartam pertem Feodi*, and the ſame *Geffrey* of the Biſhop, by the ſame Services.

This *William* (I think) was the Son of *Thomas*, who was the Son of *John*, and *William* was the Father or Grandfather of

Thomas,

Thomas, which *Thomas* was alſo the Father or Grandfather of another *Thomas*, who dyed 4 *Henry* the 5th, and left *William Vinton* in ward for it.

Ranulfe held *Tinmore* of the Biſhop 20 of the Conq.

And about *Henry* the 1ſt's time, *Simon Clericus de Litchfield* was Lord thereof, who had iſſue *Petronell* his Daughter and Heir, married to one *Godard*, who called himſelf *Godard de Tinmore*, who had iſſue *William*, which was Lord thereof; who had iſſue *Hugh* 5 of King *John*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Hugh*, which held *Tinmore*, *Freford*, and *Frodſwell* of the Biſhop, by a Knights Fee, 24 *Ed.* 1. who had iſſue *John*, whoſe Heir *Alice*, was married to *John Heronvile*, who by her had iſſue *John Heronvile*. In which Line of the *Heronviles*, and of the *Beumonts* of *Wodensbury* (one of which married the Daughter and Heir of *Heronvile*) it continued until the three Daughters and Heirs of the laſt *John Beumont* of *Wodensbury* were married. The eldeſt, *Joan*, to *William Babington*, *Dorothy*, the ſecond, to *Humfrey Cumberford*, and the youngeſt, *Elianor*, to *Humfrey Babington*, which *Tinmore* in the Diviſion, was allotted to *William Babington* and *Joan* his Wife, who had iſſue *Anthony Babington*, who had iſſue

iſſue *William*, who had iſſue *Anthony Babbington* that ſold it (not long ſince) to *Peter Roſſe*, as I take it, and he to..... *Stanley*, who ſold it over, I think, to *Michael Lowe*, an Attorney in the King's Houſe.

Two Mile farther Weſt from *Tame* lies *Stotfold*, which one *Richard Salvein* in *Henry* 2d's time, and after one *Robert Salvein* held, together with *Haſeſover* by a Knights Fee. And of which was Lord 24 *Ed.* 1. one *Geffrey Camvile*, and held it and *Haſeſover* of the Biſhop, by a Knights Fee: From whom it deſcended to *Stafford*, and from the *Staffords* to *Arden*, and from him to the *Stanleys*, and from them to *Hercye*, who was Owner thereof in the right of his Wife, whom together gave the ſame from their next Heir of it, to *Humfrey Wolverſton*, who had iſſue *Hercye Wolverſton* now Owner thereof.

Not far eaſtward ſtands *Whittington*, whereof *Roger Fewke* and *Richard Puer* were ſometimes Lord, and which *Richard le Child* held of the Biſhop, 24 *Ed.* 1. by the fifth part of a Knights Fee, and now one of the *Everards* hath a Houſe there, which deſcended to him from his Mother *Clerks* Daughter and Heir, firſt married to *Humfrey Everard*, and now Captain *Wildſon*'s Wife.

A Mile lower than *Comerfort*, upon the ſame ſide of *Tame* Bank ſtands *Elforde*, a goodly Seat of a Houſe, now poſſeſſed by Sir *John Bowes*.

Before the Conqueſt *Algarus* was Lord of it.

And 20 *William* Conq. the King himſelf was owner of it.

About *Henry* 3d's time one *Walkelinus de Arderne* was owner of *Elford*. And 9 *Ed.* 2. *John Arderne* had it.

15 *Ric.* 2. Sir *Thomas Arderne* was Lord of it; he had iſſue Sir *John Arderne*, who had iſſue *Maud*, married to *Thomas Stanley*, ſecond Son of Sir *John Stanley*, Knight of the Garter, and Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and of *Iſabell* his Wife, Sir *Thomas Lathom*'s Daughter and Heir.

Sir *Thomas Stanley* and *Maud Arderne* his Wife, had iſſue Sir *John Stanley* his Son and Heir, and Sir *Humfrey Stanley*, Knight Baneret, his ſecond Son.

John Stanley had iſſue a Son ſlain in his Infancy, with a Ball, (whoſe Monument being in *Elford* Church of a Childs holding a Ball to his..... and written upon, *Ubi Dolor ibi digitus*) *Margaret* married *William Stanton*, and a ſecond Daughter married to *Henry Ferrers*, and a third married to *Savage* of *Worceſterſhire*.

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William Stanton and *Margaret* his Wife, had iſſue *Anne*, married to Sir *William Smyth*, Knight, who had iſſue *Margery*, married to *Richard Huddleſtone*, who had iſſue *Anne* married to Sir *John Bowes*, yet living, and *Lucia* married to *John Brooke*.

Sir *John Bowes* hath iſſue *Richard Bowes*, who hath married *Kebell* of *Leiceſterſhire*'s Daughter and Heir.

Sir *John Bowes* in the partition of his Wife's Lands had *Elford* allotted unto him, and *Brooke Haſelover*, a Town ſtanding on the ſame ſide of *Tame*, but a Mile farther off.

Haſelover 24 *Ed.* 1. was the Lands of *Geffery Camvile*, who, as I ſuppoſe, had iſſue *William Camvile*, who had iſſue *Maud*, married to *Richard Stafford*, ſecond Brother to *Rauf* firſt Earl *Stafford*, which *Richard* and *Maud* had iſſue Sir *Thomas Stafford*, Knight, *Edmund* Biſhop of *Exceſter* and *Catherine*.

Sir *Thomas* had iſſue *Thomas* that dyed without iſſue.

Catherine was married to Sir *John Arderne*, Knight; who had iſſue *Maud*, married to Sir *Thomas Stanley*, before ſpoken of, who had iſſue Sir *John Stanley*, in the Line of whoſe Poſterity it continued, until it was allotted to *John Brooke*, who had it

in the right of his Wife *Lucia*, by whom he had issue *Robert Brooke*, who had issue *James*, *William*, *Susan* and *Eleanor*.

Tame being past *Elforde*, receives on the West-side a little Brook, which takes its beginning at *Swyneten*, where is a House of a Gentleman, taking their Name from the Place.

Willielmus Swinten, Armig. married *Jocosa*, I think, one of the two Daughters and Heirs of *William Sparnore*, 13 *H.* 6.

This Brook, keeping on its course, enters into *Tame*, leaving *Fisherwike* on the West Bank thereof.

And not far from *Tame*, *Roger Durdent* held *Fisherwike* of the Bishop 24 *Ed.* 1. And 4 *Ed.* 2. *Nicholas Durdent* was Lord of it, which I suppose, was procured to some of his Ancestors of the same Name, by their Kinsman *Walter Durdent* Bishop of *Litchfield*, in the beginning of *Henry* 2. time.

About *Ed.* 3d's time, as I think, it came to the possession of Sir *Roger Hillarye*, and in the division of his Lands was allotted to *Elizabeth* his eldest Daughter, which was married to Sir *William De la Planche*, from whom it descended to their Daughter *Elizabeth*, Lady *Clynton*, who enfeoffed the same, together with other Lands to *Thomas Wydevile*, *John Longevile*, *John Barton*

Barton and others, and after ſhe dyed without iſſue, but what became of it after, I cannot yet learn, by what Title or means *Skeffington* now Owner thereof came thereto, but there he hath ſeated himſelf and built a very proper Brick-Houſe.

From thence this little Brook paſſing preſently, enters *Tame*, which takes its courſe, without touching any notorious place, until it enters into *Trent*. But a little before the entry into it, it receiveth Eaſtwardly a pretty River which is called *Meeſe*, which cometh forth of *Leiceſterſhire*, firſt paſſeth by *Chilcote*, leaving it ſomething removed from the South-bank, ſo called, as I think, becauſe it was one *Childe* his Land.

41 *E.* 3. One *Richard Childcote*, was, as I take it, Owner thereof, and ſo continued till 11 *Ric.* 2. But whoſe it was before or ſince, I know not.

Meeſe being paſt *Childecote*, leaving on the ſame ſide *Clifton* and *Haumton*, but nearer his Bank.

Haumton is a Member of *Clifton*, and are both the Inheritance of *Walter Heningham*, who inherits it as being the Son of *Chriſtofer* the Son of *Eraſmus Heningham*, and .... his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Iſabell*, the Wife of *Walter Moyle*, and

Daughter and only Heir, that had Children, of *John Stanley*, Son of Sir *Humfrey Stanly*, Knight Banoret, Son of Sir *John*, Knt. Baneret, Son of *Thomas Stanley* and *Maud* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Arderne* and *Catherine* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Stafford*, and *Maud* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of Sir *William Camvile* Lord thereof, 9 *E.* 2. and Son of *Geffrey Camvile* of *Clifton*, the Son of *William*, who lived, or his Father *William 2do Regis Johannis*, whose Seat it was for for many Descents.

And 20 Conq. the King held it, and *Algarus Comes* before the Conq. Beneath *Hampton*, and on the same side as the *Mase* stands *Hernulveston*, *vulgariter Harleston*.

Before the Conq. *Algarus Co.* held it. And 20 Conq. the King held it.

Before, or in the beginning of *Hen.* 3. *Gilbertus Franceys* was Lord of *Harleston*; and after in *Hen.* 3d's time Sir *Richard Vernon*, Knight, held it of *William Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, and had it from his Father, Sir *William Vernon* Justice of *Chester*, 15 *H.* 3.

Sir *Richard* had issue *Richard Vernon* of *Harleston*, who lived 30 E. 1. who had issue a third *Richard*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue a third Sir *Richard*, that

that was Captain of *Roane*, who had iſſue Sir *William Vernon*, Conſtable of *England*, 38 or 39 of *Henry* the 6th.

Sir *William* had iſſue Sir *Henry*, who had iſſue *Richard*, who had iſſue Sir *George*, who had iſſue *Margaret*, married to Sir *Thomas Stanley*, and *Dorothy* to *John Mannors*, his two Heirs.

Sir *Thomas Stanley* and *Margaret*, had iſſue *Edward Stanley*, now Lord of *Harleſton*.

Something lower upon the ſame ſide of the River ſtands *Edinghall*; 20 Conq. *Rob.* held it of *Willielmus filius Auſculfi*.

Tame having paſt *Edinghall*, joins hands with *Trent*, but looſeth the credit of his Name.

Trent being now the Mear between *Staffordſhire* and *Derbyſhire*, receiveth no beautifaction on *Staffordſhire* ſide, as following the wild Foreſts of *Needwood*, and therefore to omit *Barton* under *Needwood*, in the King's hands 20 Conq. was after given to *Henry Ferrers*, as a Member of his Barony in demeane, and ſo he held it, and in *Henry* the 3ds time loſt it with the reſt.

A Mile before *Trent* comes to *Burton*, there enters into it a little Brook coming out of *Needwood*, but there is nothing upon it worth Noting, except a Man

ſhould account *Tatenel* for a beauty, whereof I never heard any Man make any great account, except *(Thomas Leeſon)* a poor Prieſt, that was Parſon of *Packington* in *Leiceſterſhire*, and was born there; who commending in a ſort his Birth place, left theſe Verſes upon his Monument in *Packington* Church.

Me Tatenell *genuit, aſt Aſhbi davia Nutrix,*
Packington *tumulus, ſic mea fata ferunt.*

Braunſton famous for Grindſtones, which 20 Conqueror was holden of the King by the Abbot of *Burton*. The Abbots whereof ſo held it until the diſſolution of the Houſe.

In *Burton* are divers things worth the the noting.

As firſt, a goodly Abbey was there founded by one *Wilfricus Spot*, and *Ælſwitha* his Wife, *Saxons*, long before the Conqueſt, and was of that Credit, that the Abbots having great Lands, riſing to the eſtimation of a Barony, were called to the Parliament Houſe.

XX of the Conq. belonginging to the ſaid Houſe (in *Staffordſhire*) were theſe Towns following, *viz.* 1 *hide & dimid.* in *Stafford*, *Brawnleſtone*, *Witemere*, *Stratton*,

ton, *Brunlege*, *Derlaveſtone*, *Witteſtone*, *Navven* and *Bedinton*.

In that part of the Church which I think then belonged to the Pariſh, for it is now uſed as the Pariſh Church, but joins unto the decayed Abbey-Church, which ſeems to have been a very goodly One, for the ruins be very large; there lies a Monument, which whether it were ever in the ſame place it now lieth in, or removed out of the part that is decayed, I ſtand in doubt: For it lieth cloſe to the New Wall, that now divides the Church from the Ruins, and is ſo broke and defaced, that one would think it had been removed. Which Monument, the common Fame (of the unskilful) Reports to have been the Tomb of the firſt Founder *Wilfricus Spot*, and that cannot in any wiſe be ſo. For being of Alablaſter, it is faſhioned both for Armour, Sheild, and all other things, ſomething like to our new Monuments; ſo that *Edw.* the 3d's time is the oldeſt that can poſſibly be. And a Man would rather by the Sheild (for it is ſquare at both ends, and flouriſhed with Gold both above and beneath, as the *Londoners* ſet out Sheilds in their Pageants) think it were of *Edw.* the 4ths or *Henry* the 7th's time, and yet I can by no means learn whoſe it ſhould be, and

Writing

Writing there is none. The Sheild is of Gold, and a blue Croſs engrailed, charged with five Mullets Silver thereon.

If it be indeed the Founders Sheild (as it may be, for I have ſeen the Coat well and old in other places, both of the Church and Town) then did ſome of the Abbots of late time make this Monument new, in reſpect of ſome old one that was decayed, as it might be they did; for that you know the Monks were very careful to ſet out gay things for their Founders, to the end it might be thought they were not unmindful of good Men which were their Benefactors. But ſurely I rather conjecture it was made for ſome Benefactor of theirs that hath lived in later times than *Wilfricus Spotte* did.

There is alſo a goodly Bridge well wrought, of very good Stone, of 34 Arches over *Trent*, for *Trent* begins before it comes there to be a reaſonable good big River.

Some be of Opinion alſo, that the firſt Founder built the ſame Bridge, which cannot be, for the Bridge ſeemeth much newer than it would do if it ſhould be of ſo great continuance. And beſides there are evidences yet extant to be ſeen, that were made by one *William de la Warde*, wherein is expreſſed that the ſaid *William*, in

in the time of *Bernard* Abbot of *Burton* *dedid terram Pontis de Burton, reddendo vid. ammatim sibi ei heredibus suis imperpetuum.*

I take it that this *William de la Warde*, was the Father of *Robert de la Warde*, that lived in *Henry* the 3d's time, who had much Lands in the Country, as *Newhall*, *Staunton*, and much others. And to induce me so to think, the Arms of the said *Robert*, and rest of the *De la Wardes*, being very Arg. and Black, stands very old in *Burton* Church.

Also *Rob. de Bersing Coate* gave one Acre of Land in *prato de Burscote juxta Trent pro fabrica pontis de Burton.*

So that it is clear, that the Bridge was made of much later time than the Abbey was finished.

In *Burton* is also a House of the *Blounts*, which have been there for a good continuance.

Trent holding out the Course Northeast, at the parting receives *Doue*, a very fair River, having one of the best Banks of any River in *England*.

It is the Mear between *Stafford* and *Derbyshire* from its first Spring, until it comes into *Trent*.

Doue then takes its beginning at the *Thrieshire* Mear, where the very Spring stands,

ſtands, between *Cheſhire*, *Derbyſhire* and *Staffordſhire*, and ſo holds on its Courſe through a Mountainous wild Country, and hath neither Gentleman's Houſe nor good Town. For until it be paſt the Mountain Country, the Bank is not of that eſtimation I have before ſpoken of, being very narrowly penn'd in with Mountains, ſo that the Name of the Bank for a good ſpace, is called *Narrow Dale*: In the end whereof a Gentleman hath his Seat, the place and the Man having both the Name of *Beresford*.

Edward Beresford hath now his Seat there, *Edward* was the Son of *Sampſon*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *John*, the Son of *John*, which firſt *John* lived in *Henry* the 6ths time, *&c.*

Doue being paſt *Beresford*, leaveth *Allſtone Field*, whereof *Beresford* is a Member a Mile Weſtward.

XX Conq. *Willielmus de Malbance* held the ſame *de Comite Rogerio de Montegomerici*, which *William* had iſſue *Hugh*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue three Daughters, of whom ſee more, when I ſpeak of *Namptwiche* in *Cheſhire*, by reaſon of the diviſion between the three Daughters, whom alſo in proceſs of time had iſſue Daughters.

Alſton-

Alſton Field (now one Man affecting to ſeat himſelf in that wild Country) was divided into many parts. For although in 9 *Ed* 2. *Hugo le Deſpencer*, and *Nichol. Audley*, are only ſaid to be Lords thereof, yet were there divers other Lords, which (their purparty being but ſmall) were omitted to be ſpoken of in the Record. The moſt whereof are now come by purchaſe to *Harper* of *Swareſton* in *Derbyſhire*.

Allſton Field is a great large Seignorie, hath many Hamlets, hath alſo of old time been Foreſt Lands, and hath many Privileges belonging unto it.

Doue having paſt by the ſide of *Alſton Field*, for three or four Miles, without any matter worth the noting, at laſt recovereth on the Weſt part a pretty Brook (for its many Turnings, by reaſon of the Mountains, and the unevenneſs of the Ground, called *Manifolde*) which taketh its beginning within a Mile of the head of *Doue*, and fellow like, keepeth its Courſe with it, never being above two Miles from it until they meet.

Somewhat near unto the head whereof is *Longnore*, a Village now ſomething ſpoken of; but I think, being in ſo wild a Country, lay waſte at the Conqueſt, and long after was not inhabited. For I cannot

not once find it named in any Record, no not in *Nomine Villarum*, which was taken in *Edw.* the 2d's time, although I find another *Longnore*, which being but a Member of *Water Eaton*, and in another Hundred, ſpoken of in divers Records, whither a Man may think a Member.

Warſlawe being four or five Miles lower on the ſame River I doubt.

Wareſlaw I think is in *Alſton Field* Pariſh (though it be four Miles from it) but a diſtinct Mannor of it ſelf.

XX of the Conq. *William Mallbanc* held it (as he did *Alſtonfield*) *de Co. Rogerio de Montegom.*

A Mile lower, and half a Mile Weſtwards from *Manifold*, ſtands *Butterton*, 20 Conq. *Robert Stadford*'s Lands. And being paſt *Butterton* runs to *Wetton*, ſtanding on the Eaſtſide of the River Bank.

A little lower on the Weſtſide (a Mile off) is *Grendon*, which *Robert de Stadford* held 20 of the Conq.

1 *Henry* 3. *William Auldeley* held it and *Blore* of the Baron of *Stafford*. And 9 *Edw.* 3. *Johanna le Strange* was Lady of it, of which you ſhall ſee more where I ſpeak of *Blore*.

Manifold being ſomething paſt *Grendon*, receiveth into it *Hans* Eaſtward, commonly called *Waterſall*: For that after it hath

hath continued running from the Spring ſeven or eight Miles, it falls into the Ground, and riſeth not up again until it come into *Manifold.*

There is not upon this Brook any Town worth the ſpeaking of, except a Town called *Waterfall*, where it falls into the Ground, which is alſo of ſo ſmall eſtimation, that I never find the Name of it (except it be known by ſome other Name) in any Record.

Within leſs than half a Mile of the place Southwards, where *Manifold* receives *Hanſe* out of the Ground, is *Throwley*, a fair antient Houſe, and a goodly Demeanes, being the Seat of the *Meverels*, a very antient Houſe of Gentlemen, and of goodly living, equalling the beſt ſort of Gentlemen in the Shire; though God hath not for two or three Deſcents bleſſed their Heirs with the beſt Gifts of Nature.

Whether it be a Member of *Cauldon*, or of *Blore*, or *Grendon*, I know not, but I cannot find the Name of *Throwley* in any Record, only I find that *Oliver de Meverell* lived 5th of King *John*, who I ſuppoſe had iſſue *William*, and *William*, *Thomas*, who 2 *Ed.* 1. had married *Agnes* eldeſt Daughter of five, and one of the Heirs of *Gerebert de Gayton.*

Manifold

Manifold having left *Throwley*, runneth down to *Ilam* by *Casterne*, sometimes *Ipstone*'s Lands, from whom it descended to the *Walkers*, in which Name it continued for a space, until this our Age, that one of them sold it to *Lawrence Wright*, and having past *Ilam* enters into *Doue*.

At the meeting of which two, but a little Southwards from them is *Blore*, a goodly antient House and a Park, now the Seat of the *Bassets* of *Staffordshire*.

XX Conq. *Edricus* held it of *Robert de Stafford*.

And 33 *Henry* 3. *Willielmus de Blore*, who had married *Agnes* Daughter to *Petrus Thornton Clericus Hugon. Co. Cestrie* was Lord of it.

William Blore had issue by the said *Agnes*, *Clementia*, married to *William* younger Son of *Henry de Audeley* and *Elianor*.

William de Audeley and *Clementia* (who had *Blore* and *Grendon* in the partition) had issue *John Dominus de Blore*, who had issue *Willielmus Dominus de Blore*, who had issue *Alain* Lord of *Blore*, who had issue *Hugh Audeley* Lord of *Blore*, and *Grendon* in the latter end of *Edward* the 2d's time, whose Daughter (or Sister and Heir as I suppose) was married to *John* the Son of *John Basset*, or else to Sir *Henry Braylesford*, Knt. and his Daugh-

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ter and Heir *John*, was married to Sir *John Baſſet*, Knt. which Sir *John Baſſet* was Son to the aforeſaid *John*, Son of *John*. And the firſt of theſe three *Johns* was ſecond Son of *Raufe Baſſet* of *Chedle*, who was the Son of *Raufe*, ſecond Son of *William Baſſet* Juſtice in Itinere 22 *Henry* 2. which *William* was youngeſt Son of *Richard*, youngeſt Son of *Raufe Juſticiarius Angl.* Son of *Thurſtine* 20 Conq.

Sir *John Baſſet* before ſpoken of, had iſſue *Raufe Baſſet* of *Newplace* and *Chedle*, who had iſſue another *Raufe*, who had iſſue *William*, who had iſſue another *Wil.* who had iſſue a third *Wil.* who had iſſue Sir *William Baſſet*, Knt. who had iſſue *William* Father of *William Baſſet* now living, and Lord of *Blore* and *Grendon*.

Doue beginning at *Blore* to inlarge his Banks, paſſeth on to *Okeover*, where is another fair old Houſe, and a Park, and a goodly Demeaſne, of which, a Gentleman of the Name of *Oker* hath the preſent Poſſeſſion, as deſcending to him from his Anceſtors of the ſame Surname, which have continued there ever ſince the Conqueſt.

At the Conqueſt one *Ormus* was Lord thereof, who had iſſue *Raufe* of *Okeover*, who had iſſue *Adam*, who had iſſue Sir *Hugh*, who had iſſue Sir *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *John Okeover*, who had iſſue

Sir *Roger*, who had iſſue Sir *Thomas*, who had iſſue Sir *Philip*, all Knights.

Sir *Philip* had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Philip*, who had iſſue *Raufe*, who had iſſue *Humfrey*, who had iſſue *Philip*, that died in the Life of his Father, and had iſſue *Raufe*, *Philip* and *Rowland*.

Raufe died leaving five Daughters, and having never a Son, left his Lands to his Brother *Philip*, who alſo having no Children but one Daughter, hath married *Raufe* eldeſt Son of his Brother *Rauford* for his Heir.

Doue having waſhed the Banks of *Okeover*, paſſeth on to *Matherfield vulgariter Mayfield*. At the Conqueſt it was in the King's hands, but given by the Conq. after to *Henry de Ferrers*, and was by the Heirs of him afterwards given to the Priors of *Tutbury* (as they ſay) in *Liberam Elemoſinam*, in whoſe poſſeſſion it continued until the diſſolution of the Houſe.

When after it came into the King's Poſſeſſion, he gave the ſame, the Seat of the Abbey of *Hilton*, *Bradnoppe*, and divers other Lands, to old Sir *Edward Aſton*, in exchange for his Lands at *Eſtede*, *Michell*, *Herlaveſtone*, and *Londeſtrope*, which they ſay, Sir *Edward* had by deſcent from his Anceſtors. And which *Radulfus filius Willielmi Camerarii* immediately after the Con-

Conquest to *William de Mara*, whose Heir the said Sir *Edward* was.

From *Mayfield*, *Doue* passeth to *Calwiche*, whereof I can make only this Report, that being or belonging to a Cell or House of Religion, now a *Lancashire* Gentleman is owner thereof, who (as I have heard) hath made a Parlour of the Chancel, a Hall of the Church, and a Kitchin of the Steeple, which may be true, for I have known a Gentleman in *Cheshire* which hath done the like.

Doue being past *Calwiche* visits *Ellaston*.

XX Conq. *Woodman* and *Alfi* held *Elachesion* of *Robert de Stafford*.

Also I find, that about the latter end of King *John*'s time, *Willielmus de Audeley cum perticibus suis*, held of *Rob. de Stadford*, *Blore*, *Grendon*, and *Athelarton*. And in *Henry* the 3d's time. *Nigellus de Longford* held it of the Baron of *Stafford*.

9 *Ed.* 2. *Nicholas de Langford* and *Theobald de Verdon* were Lords of *Athelarton*.

Doue having left *Ellaston* approacheth *Rowcestre*.

XX Conq. *Hervey* held *Ruscete* of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And some of the *Staffords* of *Sandon*, either founded there (as I take it) the Priory, or were thereunto great Benefactors. For in that part of the Church which yet standeth for the Parish Church, there are

Monuments yet remaining of them, and very few of any others.

The ſight of the Houſe with the demains being both pleaſant and very profitable, for that it ſtands between *Doue* and *Churnet*, a good pretty Water.

Where it enters into *Doue*, is now the Seat of *Frances* the Son of *Thomas Trentham*, which *Thomas* his Father, being in *Henry* the 8th's time a Favourite, obtained it of the King.

The *Trenthams* derive themſelves from a Houſe of the *Trenthams* in *Shropſhire*, which in *Henry* the 6ths time were of good account, but now quite decayed or gone, for I know none of the Houſe remaining, this of *Rowceſter* excepted, which it pleaſeth God to advance in good ſort.

Churnet at *Rowceſter* entring into *Doue* upon the Weſtſide, hath its firſt Spring within leſs than two Miles alſo of *Doue* Head, though it wander ſomething further off then *Manifold* did, and therefore is longer e're it ſhake Hands with it.

Churnet paſſing from the Head through one of the barrenneſt Countries I know, hath not any place worth the naming till it come to *Dieu le Creyſe*, an Abbey founded by the laſt *Ranulfe* Earl of *Cheſter*.

The ſaid Houſe with the moſt things belonging unto it, was given in King *Edw.* the 6ths time to Sir *Raufe Baggenholt* for his

his Advancement. But Sir *Raufe* (good Fellow like) dispers'd *& dedit Pauperibus*: For he sold it to the Tenants for the most part, to every Man his own, at so reasonable a Rate, that they were well able to perform the Purchase thereof, and spend the Mony he received Gentleman like, leaving his Son Sir *Samuel Bagenholt* (now lately Knighted at *Cales Anno* 1596) to advance himself by his Valour, as he before had done.

Churnet a little beneath *Dieu le Creyse*, receives a pritty Brook Westwards called *Dunsmore Brook*, coming from *Risseton James*, which *Ulviet* held before the Conquest, and 20 of his Reign the Conqueror held it.

This Brook leaving *Rudyard* standing on the side of *Dun* (a great Mountain) a Mile Northward, whereof is Owner one *Tettesworth* (as *Somerset* reported his Name to be) but now called *Rudyard*, who have continued Lords thereof for a long time.

Raufe was Owner thereof in *Henry* the 8ths time, and he had issue *Thomas*, Father of *Thomas*, now of *Rudyard*.

Over against *Rudyard*, a quarter of a Mile from *Dun*, on the South side of the Bank, is *Herracles*, where one *John Wedgwood*, who advanced himself from a Free-

holders Son, to the Eſtate of a Gentleman, hath now ſeated himſelf; but his Son ſeeking further to advance himſelf, enters into a Courſe contentious, and I doubt will prove nothing commendable (if it be true that I hear.)

Dun being paſt *Herracles*, diſchargeth it ſelf into *Churnett*, a little above *Leeke* a Market Town. In the King's hands 20 Conq. and before *Algarus Ca.* held it.

After it was given by *Ranulfe* Earl of *Cheſter* to the Houſe of *Dieu le Creyſe*.

Churnett leaves the *Wall Grange* (which the Anceſtors of Sir *Walter Leveſon* hath bought) and then receives *Yendon* Water, which takes its Name of a Lordſhip called *Endon* or *Horton*.

In Doomſday Book I find *Horteburie*, I take it to be this *Horton*.

Enedone is ſaid in the ſame Book to be holden by the King, and that *Duninge* held it before the Conqueſt.

Hortberie was then held by one *Rogerius*, *de Comite Rog. de Montegomerici*.

Not long after the Conqueſt, *Enedon* or *Horton* (call it whether you will) came to the Poſſeſſion of the *Audeleys*, and in that Line continued, and was parted between the Siſters, the third part whereof my Lord of *Bath* hath and holdeth to this day, as being deſcended to him from his

his Anceſtors, but the other two parts were lately ſold by the Lord *Audeley Tuchet* (who did alſo inherit them from his Anceſtors *Audeley*, and the third Coparcener *Hillarye*) to *Eggerton* of *Wall Grange*, and *Wedgwood* of *Herracles*.

Enedon or *Horton*, being a large and goodly Mannor, and becauſe it lieth in ſuch a barren Country, is thereupon called *Horton Court*, occupieth almoſt all the Ground. *Endon* Water paſſeth through until it comes to *Churnett*.

A little beneath the entry on the Southweſt Bank thereof, ſtands *Chetelton*.

I find in Doomſday Book, that one *William* held *Celtetone de Comite Rog. de Montegom.* and that it belongs to *Werſley* in *Alſtonfield* Pariſh, and reputed now as a Member of *Alſton Field*.

In *Rufus*'s time, one *Sirardus* was Lord of *Chetelton*, which *Sirard* had iſſue *Peter*, which *Peter* or his Son had iſſue Sir *William de Chetelton*, who had iſſue *Robert Sirrard* Lord of *Chetelton*, which *Robert* had iſſue *Henry Chetelton*, who had iſſue *William de Chetelton*, Knight, who had iſſue *Matthew*, who had iſſue *William* that died without iſſue, and *Annabilla* his Siſter and Heir married to *William Bromley*, ſecond Brother of *Walter Bromley*, and after the Death of *William Bromley*, ſhe

married *John de Lasci*, which *Walter* had issue one only Daughter, *Alice* by Name, married to *John Frodesham*.

Which *William Bromley* and *Annabilla*, had issue *Annabilla*, married to Sir *John Hankeston*, Knight, who had issue *Ellen*, married to *William Eggerton*, who had issue *Raufe Eggerton*, who had issue *Hugh*, who had issue *Ranulfe*, who had issue *John*, who had issue Sir *Raufe Eggerton*, Knt. Father of *Edward* now living, *Anno* 1597. and Lord of *Chetelton*.

Two Miles lower on the same side of *Churnett*, is *Cunsall*, given by *William de Chetelton* in King *John*'s time, to *Philip Dracote*, in whose Posterity it continues, *John Dracot* being now Owner thereof.

From *Cunsall*, this River passeth to *Kingesley*, being on the same side of the River, and two Miles lower.

XX Conq. *Chingesleya* was the Lands of *Radulfus filius Huberti*. And a Mile lower is *Ipstones*.

Rob. de Stadford 20 of the Conq. held *Hulstone* of the King. About *Edward* the 1st's or 2d's time, one Sir *John de Ipstones*, Knt. whose Father had married the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Henry* of *Cresswelle*, Knt. was Lord thereof.

Sir *John Ipstones* had issue *William*, who lived 22 *Ric.* 2. and had issue *Alice*, married

ried to Sir *Raufe Brereton* (as you may ſee where I ſpeak of *Creſwall.*)

Churnett being paſt *Ipſtones*, leaves alſo *Cauldon*, more then too Miles Northward.

XX Conq. *Rob. de Stadford* held it of the King.

It would ſeem that not long after the Conqueſt, *Cauldon* came to the hands of the Conſtable of *Cheſter*. For I have ſeen a Record which ſaith, that the Earl of *Lincoln*, which was *Edmund Laſcie* Conſtable of *Cheſter*, whoſe Father, *John*, had married *Margaret*, Daughter and Heir of *Robert Quincy* Earl of *Lincoln*, held *Caldon* of *Rob.* Baron of *Stafford* in *Henry* the 3d's time.

In *Edward* the 2d's time, it came to the Earl of *Lancaſter* by Marrying *Alice* Daughter and Heir of *Henry Lacy* Earl of *Lincoln.*

Churnett keeping on its Courſe Eaſtwards, enters into *Alton* Park, and runneth under the Walls of the Caſtle.

Elveton was 20 Conq. in the King's Hands. Before-time one *Lunar* held it.

About King *Stephen*'s time, or the beginning of *Henry* the 2d, it ſhould ſeem that *Alvoton* deſcended to one *Roiſa*, who was Heir thereof, but whoſe Daughter ſhe ſhould be, I cannot learn.

She

She was married (as I take it) to *Bertram de Verdon*, or his Father, whom ſhe overlived, and in her Widowhood held *Alveton* as her own Inheritance, and founded the Abbey of *Crokeſden*.

And as I think, ſhe had iſſue by her ſaid Husband, either *Bertram*, and he had *Nicholas*, or elſe *Nicholas de Verdon*, whom alſo (I think) had iſſue *John Verdon*, who had iſſue *Simon*, whom (I alſo ſuppoſe) had iſſue *Theobaldus de Verdon*, who lived 29 *Ed.* 1. and 9 of *Ed.* 2. and had iſſue *William* that died without iſſue: *Joan* married to *Thomas* Lord *Furnival*, and (I think) *Margery* married to *James Berlers*, *Margery* to Sir *John Crophull*, Knt. and *Iſabel* his 4th Daughter, marry'd to *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of *Grooby*, who held *Alton* 23 *Ed.* 3.

Broghton ſets down a piece of *Verdon*'s deſcent in this ſort.

Firſt that *John* before ſpoken of, had iſſue *Theobald*, whom he ſaith had iſſue another *Theobald*, which laſt *Theobald* ſhould have the four Daughters.

I am not very perfect in *Verdon*'s Line, and therefore will take upon me neither to approve nor correct what he hath ſet down.

Thomas Lord *Furnival* (who married *Joan* eldeſt Daughter and Heir of *Theobald*

bald Lord *Verdon*, and had *Alveton* in the partition of his Lands 39 *Ed.* 3.) had iſſue *Thomas Furnivall* Lord of *Hallamſhire*, who had iſſue a Daughter and Heir married to *Thomas Nevill*, ſecond Brother to *Raufe* firſt Earl of *Weſtmorland*, who had iſſue by him *Maud* her Daughter and Heir, married to *John Talbot* firſt Earl of *Shrewſbury*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue a third *John*, who had iſſue *George*, who had iſſue *Frances*, who had iſſue *George*, who had iſſue *Gilbert* now living, all Earls of *Shrewsbury*, and Lords of *Alveton*.

Churnet having taken leave of *Alveton*, Maketh haſte to meet with *Doue*, which alſo holding its Courſe, receives Weſtwards another little Brook, which hath its firſt head about *Madele Alphore* (as ſome write it) but I think rather *Madely Ulfac*; for that one *Ulfac* 20 of the Conq. held it of *Rob. de Stadford*, whoſe Name was after uſed to make a diſtinction between this, and the other *Madeley* before ſpoken of.

In the beginning of *Henry* the 3d's time, *Raufe Baſſet* held it of *Robert* Baron of *Stafford*, and not long after, *Raufe*, another (I think) of the ſame Name.

9 *Ed.* 2. It was in the King's hands, by reaſon of the minority of *Rich. Baſſet*, and now (as I take it) the Lord *Windſor* is

Lord

Lord thereof, and had it by descent from *Blount* Lord *Mountjoy*.

A little lower upon the same Brook, is *Croxton*.

XX Conq. *Alwaldus* held *Crochesden* of the King. And after *Roisia de Verdon* builded there a goodly House of Religion, and endowed it with fair Lands.

I am doubtful whether this *Roisia* were Wife to to the first *Verdon*, and Heir of *Crochesden Alveton*, and the rest of the Lands in this Country, which the *Verdons* afterwards possessed; or else that she was Heir to some of the *Verdons*, and so never meaning to Marry, yet held the Lands during her Life, and founded this Abbey, and afterwards dying without issue, left the rest of the Lands to descend to some *Verdon*, her Uncle or other Kinsman.

After the suppression of Abbeys, a younger Brother of the *Fuliambes* of *Walton* in *Derbyshire* obtained it, and left it to *Godfrey Fuliambe* his Bastard Son, who hath both sold it and all other the Lands his Father left him.

A little lower stands *Denston*, where one *Madeley* hath a pretty Seat of a Gentlemans House.

The King held *Denston* 20 Conq. and before *Lunar*.

This

This Brook at *Canbridge* enters *Doue*, which more then a Mile lower, receives alſo *Tene*, which hath its head ſomething above *Dillorne*.

Walbertus held *Dulverne* 20 of the Conq. of *Rob. de Stadford.*

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Raufe* of *Dulverne* was Lord of it.

And 9 *Ed.* 2. *Richard de Caverſwall* was Lord.

Two Miles lower, *Tene* receives (from the North) *Chedle* Brook, which comes from *Chedle.*

Robertus held *Celle* of *Rob. de Stadford* 20 Conq.

22 *Henry* 2. *Osbertus Baſſwyne* gave *Chelle* or *Chedle* to *William Baſſet*, which *William* had iſſue *William* or *Simon* and *Raufe*, which *William* or *Simon*, had iſſue *Raufe Baſſet* Lord of *Chedle* and Baron of *Sabcote*, which *Raufe* gave to *Raufe* the Son of *Raufe Baſſet* his Uncle, the *Parkhall* in *Chedle*, of whoſe deſcent ſee more where I ſpeak of *Blore.*

Raufe of *Sabcote* had iſſue *Simon*, who had iſſue *Raufe* 21 *Ed.* 1. who had iſſue *Simon*, 20 *Ed.* 2. who had iſſue *Raufe* 2 *Rich.* 2. who had iſſue *Alice*, married to Sir *Robert Mutton* of *Peckelton*, Knt. and *Eliz.* married to *Richard* Lord *Grey* of *Codnore.*

Sir

Sir *Robert Mutton* and *Alice*, had iſſue Sir *William Mutton*, who had iſſue another Sir *William*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *John Hariegton*, Knt. who had iſſue Sir *James* Father of Sir *John* now living.

Richard Lord *Grey* and *Elizabeth*, had iſſue *Henry* Lord *Grey* and *Elizabeth*, married to *John Zouch*.

Henry Lord *Grey* had iſſue *Henry* Lord *Grey*, who died without iſſue.

John Zouch and *Eliz.* had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue Sir *John Zouch*, Knt. Coſen and Heir to the laſt *Henry* Lord *Grey* of *Codnor*.

Sir *John Zouch* had iſſue *George Zouch*, who had iſſue Sir *John Zouch* of *Codnor*, Knt. Father of *John* now living.

Tayne Water paſſeth on to the two *Taynes*, *Over* and *Nether*. *Rob. de Stadford* held *Tayne* 20 Conq. of the King.

About *Henry* the 2d's time, *Robert Beke* was Lord of both *Taynes*: He had iſſue *Gilbertus de Beke*, who was Lord of both the *Tayns*. Alſo *Gilbert* had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue Sir *Richard Beke*, Knt. who had iſſue Sir *Nicholas Beke*, Knt. who had iſſue *Helen* his Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *Robert Swinerton*, Knt. who had iſſue Sir *Robert Swinerton*, Knt. who had iſſue *Maud* his Daughter and Heir, firſt

first married to . . . . . *Peſhall*, and after to Sir *John Savage*.

Peſhall had iſſue by the ſaid *Maud*, *Richard Peſhall*.

And Sir *John Savage*, Knt. had iſſue by her another Sir *John Savage*, Knt. whom after long Contention betwixt them for *Beke*'s Lands, at the length ſo compounded it, that *Peſhall* had *Over-Tayne*, and *Savage Nether-Tayne*.

Richard Peſhall had iſſue *Humfrey Peſhall*, who had iſſue Sir *Hugh Peſhall*, Knt. who had iſſue *Catherine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Blount*, who had iſſue Sir *George Blount*, Knt. *Henry Blount*, *Elizabeth Blount*, Mother to *Henry Fitz-Roy* Duke of *Richmond*; and another Daughter called *Ann*, married to *Richard Lacon* of *Willey*.

Sir *George* had iſſue a Daughter married to *John Purſlow*, who hath iſſue by her.

Henry Blount had iſſue alſo a Son called *George*, but Sir *George* gave both *Tayne*, *Hopton*, *Knightley*, and all his other *Shropſhire* Lands, from both his Daughter, and her Children, and his Brother *Henry* and his Son, to his Siſters Son *Rowland Lacon* of *Willey*, who is now Lord of *Tayne*, (the Cauſe being unknown why he ſo did.)

Sir

Sir *John Savage* Son of Sir *John* and *Maud Swinerton*, had iſſue a third Sir *John*, who had iſſue a fourth Sir *John*, who had iſſue a fifth Sir *John*, who had iſſue a ſixth Sir *John*, who had iſſue a ſeventh Sir *John*, Father of *John*, both living; but this laſt Sir *John* hath ſold his *Tayne* to *Roger* the Son of *Richard Wilburnham* of *Nampt-wich*.

Tayne Water being paſt both the *Taynes*, paſſeth by *Checkeley*.

XX Conq. *Ocha* held *Cedla* of the King. It after came (about King *John*'s time) to be parcel of *Ferrers*'s Barony, but the manner I know not. Now the Parſon is the beſt Man in the Town, for he hath both a good Tythe and a fair Houſe, and a great deal of Gleab Lands, and is Lord of the Town. And yet *Beke* and his Heirs were ever Patrons of the Church.

In the Church (being a goodly Country Church) is a fair Monument of the *Bekes*, which the Tenants of *Tayne* ſeek to deface and ſuppreſs, by reaſon they would conceal a parcel of the Task due for *Beke*'s Lands, which I think was his Demeans.

There be alſo in Glaſs divers fair Monuments of the St. *Maures* and others. *Tayne* Brook leaving *Checkley* paſſeth between the two *Foales* antiently called *Falled*.

Over

Over Foale is a Member of *Leghe*, and the *Nether* of *Madeley*.

9 *Ed.* 2. *Henricus St. Maure* was Lord of *Folde*, which is parcel of *Madeley Holme*, and now the Lord *Windsor*, but by what Title I know not.

A little lower on the same Brook, is *Strangsheild*.

XX Conq. *Alricus* held *Stugrigeshall* of the King.

Roisia de Verdon was afterwards Lady both of *Crochesden*, *Stranshill*, and *Crakemarsh*, and held them all of *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*.

XX of the Conq. the King held *Crachmers*.

Crakemarsh is a goodly and profitable Lordship, lying in a very good Soil between *Tene* Water and *Doue* at their meeting.

It was *Delues* his Lands, and descended to the Lord *Sheffeild*: And this last Lord's Father sold it when he sold *Hildrestone*, of whose descent I have said what I know before.

Doue having received *Teane* Water, passeth on till it comes past *Utcester*, where it receives a Brook that takes its beginning above *Bromshall*.

Rob. de Stadford held *Berevust* of the King 20 Conq.

Milicent de Stafford, and her Husband *Hervy Bagod*, gave it their younger Son Sir *William Stafford*, Knt. in whose name it continued until 12 *Ed.* 3. that *Thomas Erdeswike* married the only Daughter and Heir of Sir *James Stafford*, Knt. And from that time the *Erdeswikes* were Lords of it, until *Henry* the 7th's time, that Sir *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, Son of Sir *John Willoughby*, Knt. and *Ann* his Wife; *Elizabeth* the Widow of Sir *John Colleshull*, Knight; and *Elianor* the Widow of *Thomas Stranguish*, put the same in Sute, claiming as Heirs to *Alice*, Mother of the said *Elizabeth*, *Elianor*, and *Ann*, and Wife of Sir *Edmund Cheynie*, Knight; which *Alice* was Aunt and Heir to *Humfrey Stafford* Lord *Stafford* of *Southwike*, and Earl of *Devonshire*, which *Humfrey* Earl of *Devonshire*, was the Son of *William*, Son of Sir *Humfrey Stafford*, Knight, with the Silver Hand, and Brother of *Alice Cheynie*.

Sir *Humfrey* with the Silver Hand, Father of *William* and *Alice*, was the Son of *Humfrey* Lord *Stafford* of *Southwick*, who was the Son of Sir *John Stafford*, Knt. and elder Brother of *Raufe Stafford* of *Grafton*.

Sir *John Stafford* was the second Son of *William Stafford* of *Bromshulfe*, and younger Brother of Sir *James Stafford* of *Sandon*.

Now

Now Sir *Fulke Grevill*, Knight, is Lord of *Bromſhulfe*, as being Son and Heir of Sir *Fulke Grevill*, Knight, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Edward Willoughby*, Son of *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, Son of the afore-named *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, and Steward of the Houſhold to King *Henry* the 7th, Son of Sir *John Willoughby* and *Alice Chaynie*, Daughter of Sir *Humfrey Stafford*.

In *Bromſhull* about *Henry* the 3d, *Edward* the 1ſt, and *Edward* the 2d's time, was a Houſe of the *Verneys*. This Brook being paſt *Bromſhull* leaveth *Lockeſley* half a Mile Southwards.

I have ſeen ſome that might move a Man to think that one of the *Ferrers* of *Tutbury* gave to his younger Son *Lockeſley*: For in *Henry* the 3d's time, there was *Robert Ferrers de Lockeſley*, whereupon a Man may conjecture that *Kinardſley* now of *Lockeſley* his firſt Anceſtor of that place, ſhould marry the ſaid *Ferrers* of *Locheſley*'s Daughter and Heir, whereunto I am perſwaded by the ſimilitude of the Armory, which now *Kinardſley* bears, and ſo hath done of a long time: For I have ſeen a Seal of it 18 *Ed.* 3. The Mark is Silver, a Feſſe of *Ferrers* Eſq; verry Gold and red, between three Eagles diſplayed Gules.

Whether *Ferrers* of *Lockesley* bear it so, or that *Kinardsley* added the Eagles, or in some sort imitated the Armory, I know not.

18 *Ed.* 3. (as I have said) *John Kinardsley* was Owner of *Lockesley*.

How long before the *Kinardsleys* had been Owners of it, I know not. But ever since, to this Day, his Posterity is.

A little nearer *Utseter* is a House of the *Blounts*, called *Blounts Hall*, whereof *Blount* of *Osbaston* in *Leicestershire* is Owner. A Man would think that it should by the Name, be the antient Seat of the *Blounts*, but that is not so. For this is a House of no great account, and but lately built by one that being a little glorious, would have it called by his Name.

This Brook passing by *Uttecester* enters into *Dove*.

XX Conq. the King held *Wotocheshed*: It came, not long after, to *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby* his Possession: The last whereof (amongst his other Lands) in a sort forfeited the same. So that now (as all the rest of *Ferrers*'s Lands in *Staffordshire* do) it belongs to the Dutchy of *Lancaster*.

In *Utcester* is a House of the *Myneres*, very antient Gentlemen they are: For I find Testees to a Deed of *Henry* the 3d's time, or I think rather in King *John*'s time,

time, *John de Evereus*, *Robert de Baskervilla*, *Walter de Evereus*, *Richard Talboth*, *Roger de Mineres*, *William de Mineres*, *Regin. de Mineres*, *Radulfe de Baskervilla*.

I have alſo ſeen a Deed of *Edward* the 1ſt's time, whereunto were Teſtees *John de Mineres*, *Henry de Hounhill*, *Thomas de Pipe*, *Robert de Beks*, and *Philip de Draicot*.

And I have alſo Read that Sir *John Mineres* was a Knight in the 6th of *Ed.* 3.

So that by this it may appear, that the *Mineres*, are both of a very antient Houſe, and have been of good Eſtimation.

A Man would think (and I verily believe) ſeeing ſo many *de Evereus*'s, ſo many *Baskerviles* and *Miners* together; and conſidering that the eldeſt Houſe of the *De Evereus* bear Gules a Feſſe Arg. and three Plates in Chief. The younger, Silver a Feſſe Gules, and three Torteaux in Chief. That one *Baskervile* bears a Cheveron Gules between three Torteaux. And another Arg. a Cheveron Gules between three Heruts. Another Arg. a Cheveron Blue between three Torteaux, and that *Miners* bears Gules a Feſſe Arg. between three Plates, that the *Devereus*, *Baskerviles*, and *Miners* ſhould be all of one Houſe.

Uttecester is a very good Market, ſtandeth in a Rich Soil, and was lately reaſonably well built, but (great pity it is) hath ſuffered of late, great loſs by Fire.

About two Miles lower upon the South Bank of *Doue*, is *Marchenton.*

At the Conqueſt *Henry de Ferrers* held it of the King.

It is within the Bounds of the Foreſt of *Needwood.*

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *William Chamberlen* or *Camden*, and *Robert Selman* held it of *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, by the 10th part of a Knights Fee.

9 *Ed.* 2. The Earl of *Lancaſter* was Lord of it.

A Mile from *Marchington*, and as much from *Doue*, is *Houndhill*, an antient Seat of a Houſe of Gentlemen, carrying the ſame Surname.

It is now (as I take it) a divided Mannor, between *Edward Leghe* of *Ruſhall*, and one of the *Vernons*, that dwelleth there.

Leghe came to it by deſcent, for about *Henry* the 3d's time, Sir *Henry* of *Handbury*, Knight, Lord of *Hondbury vulgariter Handbury*, (a Town ſtanding two Miles lower, but ſomething farther from *Doue*) married the Daughter and Heir of *Houndhill*; and by her had iſſue Sir

Henry

Henry Handbury, Knight, that (I think) dyed without iſſue; *Agnes* married to *William Bowles* of *Ruſhall*, and another Daughter, which I take it, was married to *Vernon's* Anceſtor, who dwelleth there.

From *Bowles* it deſcended to *Leghe* (as you may ſee before) where I ſpeak of *Ruſhall*.

Betwixt *Houndhill* and *Handbury*, there is a Town called *Draycote*.

XX of the Conq. *Henry de Ferrers* held it of the King.

16 *Ed.* 3. There was one *Richard Draycote* Lord of this Town.

As I take it, theſe *Draycotes* were of another Houſe than the *Draycotes* in the *Morelands*, and differed. For the other bear, as I have before ſet down, *viz.* Gold fretted Gules, a Canton blue, with a white Croſs Patee therein.

And this I have ſeen a Seal of 16 *Ed.* 3. and it was a Feſſe between three Billets, and about the Seal was written, *S. Ricardi de Draycote*.

You may ſee he was a *Needwood* Foreſt Man by his Billets. Now I think Mr. *Edward Stanley* poſſeſſeth it, as Heir to his Mother.

I have but a few Words to ſay more, before I ſtep down to *Tutbury*, and the Caſtle, though it ſtand on a high Hill, which is,

That I take *Handbury*, that was Lord of *Handbury*, to be a *Dabernun*, for that he bears as he doth, blue a Chev. Gold, only he adds one of *Lancaſter*'s Lyons in a Cheif for a difference.

And two Miles lower from *Handbury*, and one Mile from *Doue*, is a Town called *Houndeſley*, (*vulgariter Anneſley*) whereof *Edward Maynwaring* of *Whitmore* is Owner.

Lower towards *Tutbury* ſtands another *Fauld*, *vulgariter Falle*.

XX Conq. *Roger de H.* held *dim. hid.* in *Fauled*, of *Henry de Ferrers*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Stephen Curſon* held *quartam perted. Feodi* in *Falled*. I think this *Stephen* was of *Crokeſhall* in *Derbyſhire*, and that either he, or ſome Anceſtor of his, had married a Daughter and Heir of ſome younger Brother of the *Ferrers*; For *Curſon* of *Crokeſhall* quarters Verry Or and Gules, a Cheif Sable with three Horſeſhooes.

Although I know Mr. *Henry Ferrers* of *Badeſley*, to be better acquainted with the Antiquities of his own Houſe, then my ſelf can be, by any means poſſible, being (as he is) ſo great an Antiquary, and having had the view of ſuch a number of good things, and (as all Men are) cannot but be moſt inquiſitive of his own Parents.

Yet

Yet ſince *Tutbury*, (the chief Seat of the *Ferrers*) falleth out to be in *Staffordſhire*, and that I ſhould leave my Work very imperfect, if I ſhould omit it; I will therefore under his Correction and yours, expreſs that little I know thereof.

Firſt then, I find, that *Henry Ferrers* coming in with the Conqueror, 20 of his Reign had theſe Lands following.

Firſt, in *Burton* he held half an Hyde of Land, *in quum ſedet* (ſaith the Record) *Caſtellum ejus*. So that by this Record it would ſeem, that *Tutbury* was then reputed to be a Member of *Burton*. For I cannot perceive any other likely place near *Burton*, where the Ruins of any ſuch Caſtle appears; and beſides, *Tutbury* being within three Miles of *Burton*, is not once named in the Record.

So that ſurely by this half Hyde which is ſaid to be in *Burton*, the Town, Priory, and Caſtle of *Tutbury* are meant.

He is ſaid alſo in the ſaid Record, to hold *Rolveſton*, *Merchampton*, *Edgareſleg*, *Draicot*, *Feled*, *Morton*, and *Cebbeſie*.

He held alſo *de Comite Rog. de Montegomerici*, *Tycheſhall*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, he had alſo to his Barony added, *Utceſter*, *Crachemers*, *Clifton*, *Horulveſton*, *Strangſhull*, *Checkley*, *Crocheſden*, *Wiſtaneton*, and *New-Caſtle*.

But

But whether they were given him to increaſe his Barony, by the Conqueror, or ſome of the ſucceeding Kings, or that they deſcended to him by the Marriage of the Earl of *Cheſter*'s Siſter and Heir, as *Charteley*, and the tenure of *Sandon* did, I know not.

This *Henry* founded the Priorey of *Tutbury*. *Pro Anima Willielmi Regis, & Matilde Reginæ, & pro ſalute Anime Patris ſui & Matris, & Uxoris Berte, & Filiorum ſuorum Engenulfi, Willielmi, Roberti, & Filiarum ſuarum.*

Where was a Monument made for him, having this Inſcription upon it,

Hic jacit Henrici *de* Ferrariis *comes hujus,*
Eccl'iæ fundator Imago nomine cujus;
Anno Milleno Domini quater atq; viceno,
Tutburiæq; novo domus eſt fundata Patrono.
Anno 1089, 2 *Will. Ruf.*

I find alſo a Confirmation made *per* Rob. *de* Ferrariis, *Filium & Heredem nobilis viri* Willielmi *de* Ferrariis *quondam Co. Derb. Deo & b'te* Mariæ *& Eccl'æ de* Tutburie, *& Monachis ibidem Deo ſervientibus, de omnibus quæcunq;* Hen. *de* Ferrariis *fundator ejuſdem Eccl'em*: *Seu* Eugenulf. *de* Ferrar, *vel* Rob. *de* Ferrar, *vel al* Rob. *de* Ferrers, *vel* Willielmus *de* Ferrers,

Ferrers, *vel alius* Will. *de* Ferrar, *Avus suus, vel* Will. *de* Ferrers *Pater suus, sive aliquis Antecessorum suorum dederunt.*

So that by this Confirmation, and the foundation before, it appears, that *Henry de Ferrers* had issue *Engenulf, William* and *Robert.* And it would seem that both *Engenulf* and *William* dyed without issue, and that *Rob. de Ferrers* had issue *Robert*, who had issue *William*, who had issue another *William*, who had issue a third *William*, who had issue *Robert* which made the Confirmation.

This *Robert*, was the Man that overthrew the greatness of his House, by joyning with *Simon Mountfort*, and the rest of the Barons, against King *Henry* the 3d. For which Offence he was fined 50000 Pound, which Fine the King gave to his Son *Edmund*, for Payment whereof, there entred into Bonds, as Manucaptors for the said Sum, first, *Henry* Son to *Richard* King of the *Romans*, *Cosen-Germayn* to the same *Edmund*, *William de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, Uncle to the said *Edmund*, *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*, *William Beuchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, *Roger de Somery*, *Thomas de Clare*, *Robert Walrande*, *Roger Clifford*, *Hamon Strange*, *Bartholomew de Sudeleghe*, and *Robert Brews*, all Knights, and (as I also take it) Barons; to

to be payed *Quindena Joh. Bapt.* next following.

Which *Robert*, for the ſaving of the ſaid Noble Men harmleſs, granted by his Deed to them all his Lands, (except the Mannor of *Charteley* in *Staffordſhire*, and *Holbroc* in *Derbyſhire*) until the ſaid Sum of 50000 Pound, to the ſaid *Edmund*, were paid. And if the ſaid Sum were not paid at the day, that then it ſhould be lawful for them to grant the ſaid Lands to the ſaid *Edmund*, until the ſaid Sum were paid.

I have alſo ſeen the Copy of a Supplication to this Effect:

Significat Sanctitati veſtre Johan. *de* Ferrariis, *Filius & Heres* Rob. *de* Ferrers, *olim Co. Derb. G. ſevienti guerra & dictus* Rob. *tradidit terram animi valoris trium Millium Libr. Sterling*; Edmundo *Filio Regis* Henrici *ſibiet Heredibus, donec idem* Rob. *vel Heredes ſui, ſolverent prefato* Edmundo, *ſive Heredibus ſuis, ſimul ac ſemel vuo die*, 50 *Milia Librarum ſterlingorum.*

Sunt nonnulli Anglie prelati qui ejuſdem Johan. *moleſte fereri incommoda eidem aliquid de bonis ſuis contribuere curarent quo citius dictam Pecuniam ſatisfacere*

poſſit,

possit, si auderent propter penam nuper à vobis editam in contrarium.

Supplicat idem Johan. *Sanctitati vestri ut Prelati in hac parte affectionem in ipſ.* Johan. *valeant ad implere, dignimini auctoritate apostolica indulgere.*

Moreover I find that *Quant E. Filius le Roy prist la conge d' aler en la Terre seint, et soy conseila du Roy H. son pere, il eust pitie del dit Countie* Rob. *de* Ferrers, *& vient a* Wallingford *& delivera le Counte hors de la haulte tour, & lui bailla son noir Pallefrey.*

I find also after his Offence committed, and before things came to this Extremity *viz*, 50 *Hen.* 3. That *Rob. de Ferrers Co. Derb. liberavit in gardirobam Regis unum Pottum auri cum lapidibus preciosis, pro gratia Regis habenda.* But it would not be.

Tutbury Castle is a goodly antient House, Walled on all Sides but one, where the Hill is so steep (for it stands on a high Hill, and steep on all sides except one) that it needs not in respect of Fortification any Wall there, and yet it is inclosed with a strong Pale there also. The House and Gate-House (being a fair one) Walls and all were builded (I think) by *John* of *Gaunt*, Duke of *Lancaster*. Although I know there was an antient House and Castle

Castle there before, but I think it was decayed by reason of the Rebellion which *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* made, who (before his Overthrow) fortifyed it against the King. It stands (as I have said) on a high steep Hill.

And somewhat lower (yet a good height upon the same Hill) the Priory stood (being now the House of *Henry Candish*) and the Town below in the Valley under them, both upon *Doue* Bank.

The Hill is as it were thrown out of the Forest (a great Woodland, and an high Ground) into the Meadows and brave Pasture Grounds, both upon *Doue* and *Trent*.

It hath a large and brave Prospect both to it, in it, and from it.

Northwest and North, it looks up the goodly Meadows and Pastures to *Utcester*, *Rowcester*, *Ashburne*, and *Derby*.

Eastward it looks down the Rivers *Doue* and *Trent*, even to *Nottingham*, South-East towards *Burton*, *Drakelow*, *Greyseley Castle*, and *Ashby de la Zouch*.

Upon the Southwest and South, it is shadowed as it were with the Woodland, where is a goodly Forest, and a great number of Parks, (I think) a dozen at the least, whereof, a great many belongs to the said Castle and Honour.

A great

A great part of the Country about it, are Homagers, and hold thereof.

The *Ferrers* (as you may perceive before) were Owners of it from the Conqueſt, until that this *Robert* (before ſpoken of) forfeited it (as I have rehearſed.)

The deſcent of his Poſterity is ſet down where I ſpeak of *Chartley*.

By deſcent in Blood, *Robert* now Earl of *Eſſex*, is Heir to *Robert Ferrers* who forfeited it. And if it be lawful for me to ſay ſo much, the Gentleman being ſo brave a Souldier, and daily ſerving his Prince and Country in ſo many Noble Enterprizes as he undertakes, it were a Gracious and Magnificent Work in her Majeſty, to reſtore this Caſtle and the Appendances unto him, having been antiently the Inheritance of his Anceſtors. And altho' it may be objected, that being now a Member of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, it were a great Inconvenience to diſfurniſh the ſaid Dutchy of it. Yet let it be conſider'd again, that it came to the Crown from this Nobleman's Anceſtors, and the means by which it came; and the greatneſs which the Dutchy is of otherwiſe, this ſmall Portion will be no great blemiſh unto it.

Uuderneath *Tutbury*, at the meeting of *Trent* and *Doue*, but nearer *Doue*, between them both, is *Roleſton*.

Henry

Henry Ferrers 20 of the Conq. held it of the King.

It is, and hath been long the Seat of a Gentleman, that takes his Name of the Place, whom I imagine originally to be a *Mutton*, and that being a younger Brother, changed his Name, when he became Lord of that Town, which his Armory induceth me to think, being Arg. a Cinquefoil blue, and differs only from the Coat of *Mutton*, by having a red Cheif charged with a Lyon paſſant, gardant Gold, which Chief was added, that he might thereby differ from the elder Houſe, given (as it ſhould ſeem) by one of the *Lancaſtrians* ſince they came to have the *Ferrer*'s Revenues. And yet I have ſeen very old Monuments of the Coat and Cheif, eſpecially one in Glaſs in *Adbaſton* Church, ſo old, that a Man would think it to be of *Henry* the 3d's time, and therefore I think ſet up by the firſt Owners of *Rolleſton* being of this Houſe.

And now having run over this Shire in ſhort and brief ſort, but as much as my little Knowlege yet extends unto (though I be in hope to inlarge it ſomething e're it be long) I would gladly confer with you upon one Point more, which is,

Since the Shire conſiſts upon five Hundreds, and every Hundred upon certain Con-

Conſtablewicks, *viz. Pirehull*, wherein are *Offeley*, *Cuthelartone*, *Seyſdone*, and *Tatmonſlowe*.

I would firſt fain know your Opinion, whether you think there were at the beginning (when the Shires were firſt divided,) any Hereditary Earls of the ſaid Counties, in manner as the Names do import. And as there is a certain ſhadow by the naming of divers to be Earls, ſome of one Country, and ſome of another, tho' many times the ſaid Earls have little or no Lands in the Shires, whereof they have there Title of Dignity. Or that the ſame Shires were diſpoſed to ſome Men at the Princes Pleaſure to remain Officers for a time, as for Life, or certain Years, or but for one Year, as now the Sheriffs do

Since the Conqueſt, a Man may perceive by the Records, that there hath been Sheriffs of every Shire, Coroners and other Officers who have by the Princes been removeable at their pleaſures, and that there hath been Juſtices in Itinere, and of the Benches, or alſo from time to time at the Princes appointment.

But whether it were ſo eſtabliſhed *Egbert*, *Alfred*, or *Edward*, when they had brought it to a Monarchy, and Shired it out into parts, or that they appointed Earls in every County, which had an In-

heritance therein, and had Jurisdiction, as by the County Court and Sheriffs Turns, it would seem it was: Is the Question I desire to be resolved of.

The Hundreds likewise, whether they were Baronies, and that certain had them, whereby they held their Hundred Courts, being both Leetes and Court Barons, or not, is the like Question.

And surely, methinks the said Hundreds should not at the first be jumbled together, with the Sheriffs Jurisdiction, nor that so mean Men as ever since the Conq. have been Sheriffs or Bailiffs of Hundreds, should have such eminent Jurisdiction, as those Officers would at the beginning seem to have. And for my part therefore, I rather conjecture, that upon uniting of the Kingdom into a Monarchy, the Kings placed their greatest Noble Men (as being either their Sons, Kinsmen, or otherwise allyed, or Wise and Faithful unto them) in the Government of the Country, and gave them Jurisdiction, and made them Hereditary. And also, either at the desire of the said Earls, appointed their Kinsmen or Friends, or others, at their Pleasure, under them, to hold the Hundreds over as they did.

How can it come else to pass, that by the antient Laws of this Land, an Earls

Fee

Fee ſhould be ſet down ſo certainly what it is, and likewiſe a Barons Fee. And why ſhould they be compelled to pay them, if they ſhould not have Earldoms and Baronies, but were only called by Writ to the Parliament Houſe, as of late time they have been; and as I have known many, both Antiquaries and Lawyers hold Opinion, that it ſhould be the moſt antient Means whereby Noblemen were Erected, which ſurely cannot be ſo. For how ſhould it then come to paſs, that ſuch a Man, and ſuch, ſhould have ſuch Mannors, and ſuch, by an Earl or a Barons Fee.

But thus I do conjecture it to be, That at the firſt Unitining of the Heptarchy of the *Saxons*, and the Shiring out of the Kingdom, it was divided into Shires, and the Shires again into Hundreds, as it fell out, in ſome more, in ſome leſs: Which Shires (as I have ſaid) the King gave to ſuch as he pleaſed, and to their Heirs, to hold of him by an Earls Fee.

And that likewiſe the ſaid Earls granted the Hundreds to other Perſons, and their Heirs, to hold by Barons Fees. And they again, over Mannors and Townſhips, likewiſe to be holden by Knights Fees. And that after (partly through the Invaſion of the *Danes*, and Treachery or Rebellion of the Nobility,) the Govern-

ment being troubled, and all things out of order, the Kings were forced to restore the Liberties of many. And the Conqueror finding things out of order, and the Government uncertain, framed his Estate as he thought best, for the keeping both of his Nobility and inferiour Subjects in obedience, and so framed Justices in the Courts, and in *Itinere*, and Bailiffs or Sheriffs of the Shires, who should only have Authority by Commission from him, revocable without breach of any Law at his pleasure; and yet cunningly framed a certain form of the antient Government but so mingled his Nobility, that the greatest had not in any one Country (except the County Palatines) any absolute Authority, but had divers his Equals in the same County so placed with him, that without general Revolt, both of the Nobility and inferiour Subjects any Rebellion could be hardly practised, when as no one had any absolute Government, but such as were removeable upon any displeasure, or but suspicion of Infidelity. And those of great living were without Jurisdiction, except it pleased the Prince for a time, to grant them any, and as I have said, were so placed; as both such as had Government by Commission, and others; and that a good convenient Number in every place, where they had Lands, and their own Lands were also dispersed into several Counties, and not the same

ſame in every County joyned, but others placed with them, that as I have ſaid, whom a great diſliking and general revolt, both of the great Eſtates, Officers that were temporarie, and the Plebeians altogether, no danger of Rebellion could poſſibly be practiſed in any ſort, but that it might be diſcovered, and prevented, except the Prince were ſo ſimple and negligent as yielded him impotent for Government. And yet in a ſort the Conqueror in his diviſion, tho' not in Juriſdiction, imitated the ancient Eſtate of the Land, as you may perceive by the allotments in *Staffordſhire*, where, reſerving to himſelf a greater Portion than any one of his Subjects had; for though he had not ſo many Lordſhips or Mannors in number, as ſome of them had, yet they were Greater, Larger, and beſt inhabited by likelyhood, for they lay, the moſt of them, in the midſt and fruitfuleſt Places in the County. The greateſt part of the reſt, he divided into five parts, as tho' they had been Hundredors, but they were not, betwixt the Biſhop, *Co. Rog. de Montegom. Hen. de Ferrariis*, *Rob. de Stadford*, and *Willielmus filius Auſculfi.* What was either in any Clergymans Hands or Lay, were nothing ſo many, and divided into ſmall Allotments, as may be ſeen in the Book call'd *Doomſday*, kept among

the Records of her Majesties *Exchequor*; a Brief whereof I have annexed hereunto, that you may see the Policy of the Conqueror, who would seem in shew to follow the antient Laws and Government, but in substance quite altered it, which after bred great Contentions, and sometimes open Wars between his Successors and their Subjects, as all Histories do plainly shew.

Rex Tenet.	*Patingham*	*Molewic*
	Clifton	*Cote*
Swinecford	*Drayton*	*Henton*
Totehale	*Opewas*	*Hidulvestone*
Wadnesberie	*Horulveston*	*Cotewoldstone*
Pencriz	*Bromelei*	*Helcote*
Trenham	*Bidolf*	*Wodeton*
Alrewas	*Buchenole*	*Musede*
Scandon	*Aseley*	*Staneshope*
Certley	*Stantone*	*Elvetone*
Wistaneton	*Heolla*	*Denestone*
Crachemers	*Sceon*	*Suneshala*
Wotocheshede	*Fernelege*	*Fotesbroc*
Berton	*Niweton*	*Enedune*
Lec	*Lufameslege*	*Estone*
Rugeley	*Risetone*	
Medefelde	*Scelfitone*	Terra Epi'um
Mera	*Hetone*	Cestrie.
Chenet	*Messe*	
Eleforde	*Fuleforde*	*Brewode*
Chenevare	*Rugehala*	*Bercheswic*

Wale-

Waletone
Broctone
Bedenhale
Haywode
Actone
Huscedone
Ulseley
Frodswell
Ecclesshell
Fletesbroc
Cernernest
Cetgnill
Dorueslaw
Cerueleda
Cerleton
Cota
Messe
Badehall
Slendone
Brocton
Haspeleia
Crochesion
Offeleia
Solehell
Bramele
Podemore
Tunnestall
Snesueshede
Elinehale
Waletone
Edbaddeston

Wodestone
Chintestone
Nas vel Mas
Cesteforde
Estone
Dochesig
Brigeford
Cote
Scotesley
Mortone
Drengeton
Smedewic
Tibintone
Lecefelle
Padintone
Hamerwiche
Hamerwicae
Lichebroc
Norton
Wirleia
Rovveleia
Nortone
Pagington
Tamahorn
Handsacre
Horeborne
Hintes
Lochesbale
Wefforde
Burovestone
Litlebenche

Rideware
Fraiforde
Tinnemore

Abatia Sancti Petri de West-ministri.

Pertone.

Abatia Sancte Mariæ de Burton.

In Stafford 1 *Hid. & dim.*
Brantestone
Witmore
Stratone
Brunlege
Derlavesion
Witeston
Naunen
Bedinton

Eccl'ia Sancti Remigii.

Madeforde
Naunen
Rideware

Canonici de Stadford.

Pancriz
Genehale

Comes Rogerius tenet.

Redevare
Blidevelt
Becheswod
Senet

In *Stadford* 3 *Hid.*

Canonici de Handun.

Claverlege
Nordelege
Alvidelege
Corbinton
Halas
Chenisleley
Moreton
Otone
Metone
Hortberie
Erlehyde
Merseton
Gayton
Cote
Colton
Rideware
Lochesfei
Crassevale
Dodinton
Enestanefelde
Weresley
Celletone
Tichesbale
Weiforde
Esselay

Unum Hid. de Sanson.

Ernelege
Biscopesberie
Cote
Totenhale
Bilresbrothe
Hawic
Wodenecfeld
Wivenhale
Pelisbale
Litone

Sanson tenet de Rege.

Hargedone
Chenwardestone.
Haton
Ferdeston.

Terra Hugonis de Montegom.

Norfelde ibi 3 Hid.

Terra Henrici de Ferreres.

In *Burton dim. Hid.*

Rolvestone
Merchanton
Draicote
Felede
Mortone
Cebbesic

Terra Rob. de Stadford.

Tillintone
Tene
Grendon
Caldone

Bagen-

Bagenhale
Hulſtone
Braddeley
Berenn
Berderton
Abetone
Belinton
Burton
Setchemore
Longnalle
Muttou
Allughſton
Ullaveſton
Waleton
Eſtone
Stoke
In parva Sandon 1 virgat
Boteton
Selte
Levinton
Offeley & 2 hid.
Standon
Rigge
Ledehale
Mere
Madeley
Norton
Suluton
Helton
Riſſeton
Eſton
Bernulveſton
Bubinton
Ranton
Eiton
Cucheſlande
Heldulveſton
Acle
Burwardeſle
Coltone
Mulewiche
Ingeſtree
Titenſowre
Weſton
Caveresſwell
Madeley
Brameley
Flacheſton
Blora
Dulvene
Pecleſhelle
Celle
Wicenore
Sireſcote
Wrotteſley
Rideware
Wilbrechſton
Bruinton
Blimehull
Ruſcote
Stretone
Etone
Grageley
Saredone
Sareſhell
Odreſton
Coven
Coppenhall
Ricardeſcote
Monnetvile

Terra Willielmi Filii Auſculfi.

Seggeſley
Morve
Penne
Eſnefelde
Penne
Oxeley
Etinghale
Alrewic
Barre
Riſchale
Biſcopesberie
Overtone
Sceiſdone
Wrageſley
Waneburne
Cippemore
Moleſley

Eſning-

Esnington
Biscopesberi
Himley
Elmelecote
Tresley
Cocortone
Penkeforde
Piria
Barra
Honesworde

Terra Willielmi Corbution.

Sibeforde ibi sunt 10 *Hid.*

Terra Turstini.

Draiton ibi sunt 5 *Hid.*

Terra Rici Forestarii.

Turvoldesfelde

Witemore
Normanescote
Heneforde
Hancese
Claitone
Dulmestene
Clotone
Estendone

Terra Rainoldi Balgiole.

Westone
Bertone
Brotone
Niwetone

Terra Radulfi Filii Huberti.

Brenteley
Chingesley

Terra Nigelli.

Torpe
Clistone
Chingeston
Morton

Terra Tainorum Regis.

Codcshale
Seresdone
Bigeforde
Chenete
Bispestone
Cheniltone
Moclestone
Weningtone
Betelege
Baltredelege
Bathedelege
Aldidelege
Talc
Westone
Ame
Grineshole
Cedla
Crotestane
Fentone
Heidene

So may you perceive that in the Conqueror's time, there were 334 Towns, Villages

lages or Hamlets, whereof the King retain 55 of the beſt.

Of the reſt he diſtributed to the Clergymen 99, and to the Laiety 180.

The Clergy Men's were divided, ſo as the Biſhop had 67, which was his Barony, and might well ſerve. For the Abbot of *Weſtminſter* had but One, the Abbot of *Burtone* Nine, the Church of St. *Remige* Three. The Church of *Stafford* had three Hydes, which I take at leaſt to be three Townſhips, (though they be not named) if they were not more; but yet becauſe they were not expreſſed in the Record, I account it but for one. The Church of *Hampton* Twelve.

One *Sampſon* (what he was I cannot learn) but I take it, he was of ſome Spiritual Profeſſion, had Six.

Of Laymen *Roger de Montegomerici* Earl of *Salop*, 29.

Hugo de Montegomerici, three Hides, which ſure is three Towns about *Wrvilde*, which I ſet down but one: For the Record naming *Wrvilde*, which is now in *Shropſhire*, and ſo uſed. So that I think the meaning is ſome Hamlets adjoining to *Wrfelde*, and then reputed as Members of it; but lying in *Staffordſhire*: For *Stafford* and *Shropſhire* join near *Wrfelde holme*, and the Name *Holme*, argues it to be a large

large Segnory, compounded of many Hamlets.

Henry de Ferrers 8, but a Foreſt alſo within the Compaſs of them, and belonging to them, and they both large and very good Lands.

Robert Stafford 74
Willielmus Filius Auſculfi 27
Will. Corbution 1 containing one Hide.

Turſtine Baſſet Paternal Anceſtor, one containing 5 Hides, which cannot be but divers Hamlets.

Ricardus Foreſtarius 9
Rainoldus de Balgiole 4
Radulfus filius Huberti 2
Nigellus Greſleys Paternal Anceſtor 4
And *Taini Regis* 20

So that I reckon the Form to be, That the King had in Demean the 55, repreſenting the Earl's Potion and Demean.

And that the Biſhop had one Barony, *Rogerus de Montegomerici* another, *Henry Ferrers* a third.

Robert Stadford a fourth Barony.
Willielmus filius Auſculfi the fifth.

To the intent that the 5 Baronies might anſwer the 5 Hundreds, though they were otherwiſe divided, and had not ſuch Juriſdiction as the Earls and Barons of Hundreds antiently.

Some

Some Account of WOLVERHAMPTON.

By Sir WILLIAM DUGDALE.

THE Parish of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*, is in Circuit near 30 Miles, containing 17 great Villages, wherein are but three small Chappels of Ease, not capable of a tenth part of the Inhabitants; which have been ordinarily computed to be near Thirty Thousand Souls; whereof, by proportion, seven or eight Thousand are thought of Age to communicate.

In this great Parish, King *Edgar*, about the Year 970 (*Anno Regni* xi) at the Request of his dying Sister *Wulphrune* (as 'tis

'tis ſaid) from whom 'tis called *Wulphrune-Hampton*, founded a Chapel of eight Portionaries; whom, by Incorporation ſhe made the Rector of that Pariſh, to receive the Tythes in common, but deviſable by an yearly Lot.

The Head or Chief of theſe, ſhe made Patron to them all, and ſole Ordinary of that whole Pariſh, *cum omnimodâ Juriſdictione*: And thereby made that Church, *cum Membris*, exempt, not only from *Coventry* and *Litchfield* by expreſs Compoſition, but alſo by the Papal Bull, from all his Legates, and Delegates for ever. In which Condition it hath ſince continued, to theſe Times, ſubject to no terrene Power, but the Supream Majeſty of *England*, and, under it to the perpetual Viſitation of the Keepers of the Great Seal *pro tempore*.

Within this Juriſdiction are Nine ſeveral Leetes, whereof Eight belong to the Church. The *Cuſtos* lately called *Dean*, is Lord Borough of *Wolverhampton*, *Codſall*, *Hatherton*, *Petſhall*, in *Com. Staff.* and of *Ludley* in *Com. Wigorn.* hath all manner of Privileges belonging to the View of *Frank-Pledge*, Felons Goods, Deodands, Eſcheats, Marriage of Wards, and Clerks of the Weekly Market, rated at 150*l.* *per Ann.* and in the Total is valued worth near 300*l.* *per Ann.*

Each

Each of the other Potionaries have a ſeveral Leet, whereof

	Per Ann.
Kynvaſton is reputed worth	100 *l.*
Wobaſton	100 *l.*
Wilnall	100 *l.*
Fetherſton	80 *l.*
Hilton	70 *l.*
Monmore	70 *l.*
Hatherton	40 *l.*

And the Sacriſt to attend theſe in *Capitulo* 40 *l.*

In this ſtate the Church ſtood near 600 Years, confirmed by the ſeveral Charters of the Conqueror, in theſe few Words: —— *Dedi Sampſoni Capellano meo, omnem Terram pertinentem ad Eccleſiam de* Wolver-Hampton, *cum omnibus libertatibus, franchesiis, ei immunitatibus, &c. Henry* the 1ſt, the 2d, the 3d; *Edward* the 2d and 3d, and of *Richard* the 2d.

All which the Charter of King *Edward* the 4th alledges by a ſeveral *Inſpeximus*; and laſtly ratifies for himſelf, his Heirs and Succeſſors for ever.

The ſaid King *Edward* the 4th *Anno Regni* 19. *Febr.* 21. united the Cuſtody or Deanery of this Church, to the *Cuſtos* or Dean of *Windſor*, and his Succeſſors for ever; the two Colleges ſtill remaining diſtinct as before, having two ſeveral Books of

of Statutes; and two ſeveral Seals, and Revenues proper to their ſeveral Bodies.

We find divers famous Men upon Record, who had the Cuſtody of this Church; as the fore-named *Sampſon*, *Petrus Bleſenſis*; *Egidius de Erdington* (*Capellanus domeſticus Henry* 3.) *Tediſius de Cinvillâ* 2 *Ed.* 1. *Richard Beauchamp*, Biſhop of *Sarum*, Chancellor of the Garter, and Councellor to King *Edward* the 4th.

A Brief

A Brief Historical Account of BEESTON-CASTLE *in* Cheſhire.

By Mr. ERDESWICK.

AS in *Staffordſhire* I have begun with *Trent*, ſo proceeding to the Deſcription of *Cheſhire*, I think it my readieſt Courſe to begin with *Weever*, a fair River, which takes its firſt Sourſe or Spring to *Peckforton* Hills, near *Beeſton-Caſtle*, and preſently runneth, firſt South-Eaſt, than plain South, then bendeth South-Eaſt again, then plain Eaſt; then turneth ſuddenly plain North, and ſo keepeth on its Courſe, though it have divers Windings, ſometimes Weſtwards, and ſometimes Eaſt, for fifteen or ſixteen Miles ſtill Northwards, and then returneth, as it were, ſuddenly

Weſt; which Courſe it holdeth on until it come into the Freet of *Merſey*, where it diſchargeth it ſelf into a pritty little Sea. And as *Trent* doth, divides the Shire into near two equal parts Eaſt and Weſt; the one being call'd the Overſide of *Cheſhire*, and the other the Lower-ſide.

Not far from the Fountain of *Weever* (as I have ſaid) ſtands *Beeſton-Caſtle*, which, for that it was more Eminent and Famous, than any particular part of the Shire (the City of *Cheſter* excepted) I covet to begin withal; and you muſt ſomething bear with me, if a little I range about the Head of *Weever*, for three or four Miles on both ſides the River; for that, in that part of (the Shire, the Riverers be not ſo plentiful as in other places thereof: And beſides, the Barony of *Rob. filius Hugonis* being the firſt Barony which is ſpoken of in Doomſday Book, which therefore I covet to begin withal, lieth the moſt of it about this part of *Cheſhire*, and not far from *Weever*, between it and *Dee*, except ſome little of it which lies in *Flintſhire*, then reputed as a Member of the County Palatine of *Cheſter*.

Beeſton-Caſtle ſtands very loftily and proudly, upon an exceeding ſteep and high Rock, ſo ſteep upon all ſides but one, that it ſuffers no acceſs unto it; ſo that tho'

it

it be Walled about, yet (for the moſt part thereof) the Wall is needleſs, the Rock is ſo very high and ſteep. And where the Nature of the thing admitteth acceſs. There is firſt a fair Gate, and a Wall furniſh'd with Turrets, which incloſeth a good quantity of Ground (four or five Acres) which lieth North-Eaſtwards, ſomewhat riſeth, until it come to the over-part of the Rock, where is a great Dike or Ditch, hewed out of the main Rock, and within the ſame, a goodly ſtrong Gatehouſe, and a ſtrong Wall, with other Buildings; which when they flouriſhed, were a convenient Habitation for any great Perſonage. In which, it is a wonder to ſee the great Labour that hath been uſed to have ſufficient Water; which was procured by making (no doubt with great difficulty) a marvailous deep Well, through that huge high Rock; which is ſo deep, as that it equals in depth the Riveret which runneth not far from the ſaid Caſtle, through *Teverton*, *Hocknell*, and ſo into *Merſey*.

This Caſtle ſtands within the Mannor of *Beeſton*, but the Ground whereon it ſtands, was procured by *Randulf* the third Earl of *Cheſter*, from the Owner of the ſaid Mannor, to the end he might Make

Fortify the said Castle there, which he did accordingly.

The Mannor of *Beeston*, whereof this place was a Member before the Castle was Builded, is within the Parish of *Bunbury*; possessed at this day by Sir *George Beeston*, whose Son and Heir *Hugh Beeston*, hath (as I hear) also purchased the Castle of *Beeston* of the Queen.

The *Beestons* are descended Paternally from the *Bunberyes*, who (as I take it) were Lords of the whole Parish, or the most of it, about *Henry* the 2*d*'s time; and were at the first known by the Name of *St. Peere*: But (by reason of their Habitation, and the Seignory of *Bunbury*, together) changed their Name from *St. Peere* to *Bunbury*. As *Henry* of *Bunbury* (to whom his Father had given *Beeston* about King *Henry* the 3d's time) had issue a Son named *David*, who was called *David de Beeston*, by reason of his Habitation, which *David* had issue *Henry Beeston*, who had issue *David Beeston*, *William* (that dyed without issue) *Henry* that begat *Thomas*, and *William* that had issue *John*, *Raufe*, and *Agnes*.

F I N I S.

OBSERVATIONS
UPON THE
POSSESSORS
OF
MONASTERY-LANDS
IN
STAFFORDSHIRE.

By Sir SIMON DEGGE, Knight.

Sir WILLIAM DUGDALE'S ATTESTATION.

THE *Original of this brief View of* Staffordſhire, *written by the proper Hand of the Worthy Author (whence I* William Dugdale *tranſcrib'd the preceding Copy) being lent to Sir* Simon Degge, *Knt. a learned Lawyer, and one of the Juſtices of Aſſize for* North Wilts, *after the Reſtoration of King* Charles *the Second) by* George Digbey *of* Sandon, *Eſq; upon his return thereof to Mr.* Digby, *he ſent this following Letter,* viz.

Honoured

Honoured Sir,

I Do herewith Return your Book (which I hope will come ſafely to your Hands) and I give you Hearty Thanks for the Peruſal of it. Truly I have kept it much longer than I intended; which I was the bolder to do, becauſe you limited me no time of the Return: And what between the Troubles, and Preparation for the Term, I had much to get time to peruſe it ſo thoroughly as I deſir'd. In Truth it is a worthy Work, and 'tis pity ſome able hand did not continue it, and make it Publick. Had it been ſo done before Mr. *Dugdale* did Publiſh his *Warwickſhire*, it would have taken the firſt place of any in this Kind: But in Truth, for that County he hath done ſo exceeding well, and ſo far outgone all others, that he'll diſcourage all that come after him.

I find ſome Ancient Families omitted by Mr. *Erdeſwick*; whether willingly, or negligently, I know not; as *Chetwode*, *Port*, *Witghwicke*, *Thietneſſe*, *Stareſmore*, *Ralegh* of *Uttoxiter*, *Aſhenhurſt*, *&c.* But 'tis a wonder to ſee, that in ſixty Years (it being no more ſince Mr. *Erdeſwike* wrote this Tract) one half I believe of the Lands in *Staffordſhire* have changed their Owners: Not ſo much, as of old they were wont, by Marriage, as by Pur-

chase. And if it were not, that I should tire out your patience, I could give you my Conjecture of the Reason: but I know the freedom of your Disposition so well, that I hope you will pardon his boldness.

The 1st Reason, I conceive to be; for that our ancient Gentry were so guilty of *Henry* the 8th's sacrilegious robbing the Church, that this mingled Church-Lands with their ancient Inheritances, and 'tis no wonder to see the Eagle's Nest on fire that steals Flesh from the Altar for her Young ones; this very Subject would take up a large Volume, and besides your own ingenious Observation of *Sherburn* with your Patience, I will give you a little taste of the success these Lands have had in *Staffordshire*, for *Abbey Hilton*, *&c.* that was given in exchange to Sir *Edward Aston*, was with much more sold by his Son, and where this issue will stay God knows. You know how near to an end it hath brought that Family, and as I told Mr. *Hugh Snead*, I fear'd it was a Worm in his Estate, for it was travelling apace. *De la Cresse* was given to the *Bagnals*, which like a Mushroom rose on a sudden, and vanished assoon in the first Gradation. *Anthony Rudyard* has the *Scyte*, and as I take it, he is issueless; *Jolley* has *Leeke*, and some other things, how long it will stay there God knows, *Calwich* is

is next in order, bought by Sir *Richard Fleetwood*'s Grandfather, how unhappily it prosper'd with the Grandson you have seen, and the Children of that Family have been unfortunate.

Rocester was granted to *Thomas Trentham*, whose Son *Francis*, soon after, so settled it, that he nor any of his Sons could alienate it, which if any of them had had power to have done, it had been gone, and now 'tis got into a strange Family, where its believed it will not stay half another Age.

Croxton is next, which one of the *Fuljambs* had, and died a Beggar in a Barn, after he had sold it to Sergeant *Harris*, who had a hopeful Son who died soon after the Purchase, by which it came into a strange Family.

Tutbury was old Mr. *Henry Cavindishes*, the common Bull of *Derbyshire* and *Staffordshire*, yet died issueless, that still continues in his name, so doth *Burton*, but the Son of him that purchased it from the Crown was attainted of Treason. The Father of this Lord *Pagett* re-purchased it at 700*l.* a Year Rent; and this has much wasted his Estate, no body knows how.

Canwall you know, has changed his Master twice in our time, but to come back to *Trentham*, there have been two successive

ſive Owners who are both like to die iſſueleſs. How *Stone* hath proſpered both in the *Collier*'s and *Crompton*'s hands you have and will ſee.

Blytheberry hath ſped no better, Sir *Thomas* has ſtaid longeſt, but the preſent Owner moſt unfortunate. To conclude, 'tis my Obſervations that the Owners become Bankrupts and Sell, or elſe die without iſſue Male, whereby their Memories periſh. I wiſh no better ſucceſs to the Sacrilegious Purchaſers of this Age, and ſure the ſame God that has been thus juſt in his own Cauſe, neither ſlumbereth nor ſleepeth, but will ſend the ſame Vengeance after it, for Lands once given *Deo & Sanctæ Eccleſiæ*, I know no human Power that can juſtly alien.

The next thing that hath been a great Ruin to the Gentry, is their living and taking pleaſure to ſpend their Eſtates in *London*, and this they are the leſs to be pitied in, becauſe it is their own Folly, and for the proof of this Aſſertion, be pleas'd to obſerve with me, that when Mr. *Erdſwick* writ this Tract, there were but three Citizens Owners of any conſiderable Eſtates in *Staffordſhire*, *Slaney* at *Norton* Farm, *Offley* and *Crompton*, the two latter in the Sons, the firſt was the Purchaſer, and ſince vaniſhed.

But

But in these latter 60 Years, you'll find three Barons, four Baronets, and near 20 that will take it ill if you write them less than Esquires.

For the Barons, there is the Lord *Leigh* of *Hamstall Ridware*, *Ward* at *Dudley*, and *Cocken* at *Rocester*.

Baronets, Sir *Edward Mosley* at *Roulstone*, Sir *Francis Lawley* at *Stourton Castle*, and *Canall*, Sir *Edward Seabridge* at *Prestwood*, and Sir *William Boothby* at *Cleeadle*.

And for Esquires, Alderman *Drury*'s at *Aston*, Alderman *Broomfield* at *Barton* and *Blah-hall*, Alderman *Andrews* at *Ecclesshall*, Alderman *Pyots* eldest Son at *Stretehay*, Alderman *Wollestons* Son at *Walsall*, Mr. *Watson* a Hosier at *Blythbury*, Mr. *William Wolestons* at *Chebsy* and *Outcote-Grange*, Deputy Alderman *Clark*'s Son Lord of *Marchinton*, Mr. *Best* at *Perryhall* and the Deanary at *Wolverhampton*, Mr. *Holland*, Mr. *Bradock*'s Estate at *Albaston*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Crompton*, Justice *Wood*, Mr. *Miner*'s Seat, and the *Deff*... Mannor of *Uttoxiter*, Mr. *Hart* Father and Son, Hosiers at *Uttoxiter*, Mr. *Creswell* at *Barnshurst*, Mr. *Sam. Tyrick* at the Hill, *Fox* a Scrivener at *Fole*, by these it appears plainly which way our Gentry destroy themselves.

Cheshire

Cheſhire holds out better, becauſe they have their Laws at home, and frequent not *London* much, yet by Country Trades, in this late Age, many are crept into handſome Eſtates, as *Robert Hunt* a *Welch* Draper in *Shrewsbury*, hath left his Son the *Mathfields*, *Rinſley* and *Froghall*. Your Neighbour *Jolley* (inferiour to none) Lord of *Leek*, half *Chedleton*, *Carſwall*, *Creſtwood*, *Bothams*, &c. and a Pawn in *Aſtenhurſt*'s Eſtate, Mr. *Floyer* of *Hints*'s Grandfather, a Mercer in *Uttoxiter*, Mr. *Parks* of *Willingworth*, his Grandfather carried Nails on his Back, *Biddulph* of *Elmoſt* from *Litchfield*, Mr. *Matthew Cradock*'s Father, a Wool-buyer at *Stafford*, *Hurt* of *Caſterne*, his Father a Lead-Merchant, *Ingge* that has built a fair Houſe at *Thorpe*, (near *Tamworth*) and left his Nephew near a 1000 *l.* a Year, a Mercer at *Leiceſter*, Mr. *Collier* of *Stone*, Mr. *Erdſwick* tells you his Pedigree, Captain *Ormes* Father by Grafing; *Foley*, *Chetwind* of *Rugeley*, and *Goring* by Iron-Works.

Some few Serving Men have leapt into handſome Eſtates, which it is hard to do honeſtly, as Mr. *Lodkin*, *Cotton* and *Ferers* of *Crakemarſh*, *Brookes* of *Haſeler* from the Stable to his Young Miſtreſſes Bed.

Whitby

Whitby, *Coleman* of *Connock*, *Barber* of *Tamworth*, &c. and ſome in all Ages, have crept into Eſtates here, by the Common-Law, tho' the Country never made ſo Rich a Lawyer as *Brooks* of *Lapley*, *Littleton* of *Pillaton*, *Schrimpſhire* a Prothonotary, *Harris* a Serjeant at Law, of of *Croxdon*; *Cook* of *Knightley*, *Shilton* of *Weſt Bromwich*, *Adderly* at *Cowns*, Sir *William Stafford* had *Aſton*, *Dones*, *Packington*, *Perry-Hill*, *Rea-Hall*, &c. *Richard James* of *Kynſton*, Sir *Richard Dyott* and Mr. *Anſon*, and ſome others of ſmaller Account, but of all theſe, only *Dyott*, *Adderly*, and *Anſon* (that hardly deſerves the Reputation of a Lawyer, being two or three times cenſur'd in the *Star-Chamber*, for his Knavery or Folly) that lived and got their Eſtates in the Country.

But that which wonders me moſt, is, that we have no Family ſetled which is either by Biſhop or Civil-Law, from *Litchfield*, ſave the fair Houſe, and ſmall Eſtate left by *Babbington*, and now enjoyed by his Grandſon, and that *John Dyott*, his Predeceſſor, laid the Foundation, whereon *Anthony Dyott*, Father of Sir *Richard*, raiſed that Eſtate left to Sir *Richard*.

For the two *Weſtons*, I know not whether they got or loſt, the one by the Common, the other by the Civil Law, for tho'

they

they lived handſomly, they died poor Knights.

Sir, I muſt now beg your Pardon for detaining you thus long,

Your very faithful Servant,

20 Feb. 1669.

SIMON DEGGE.

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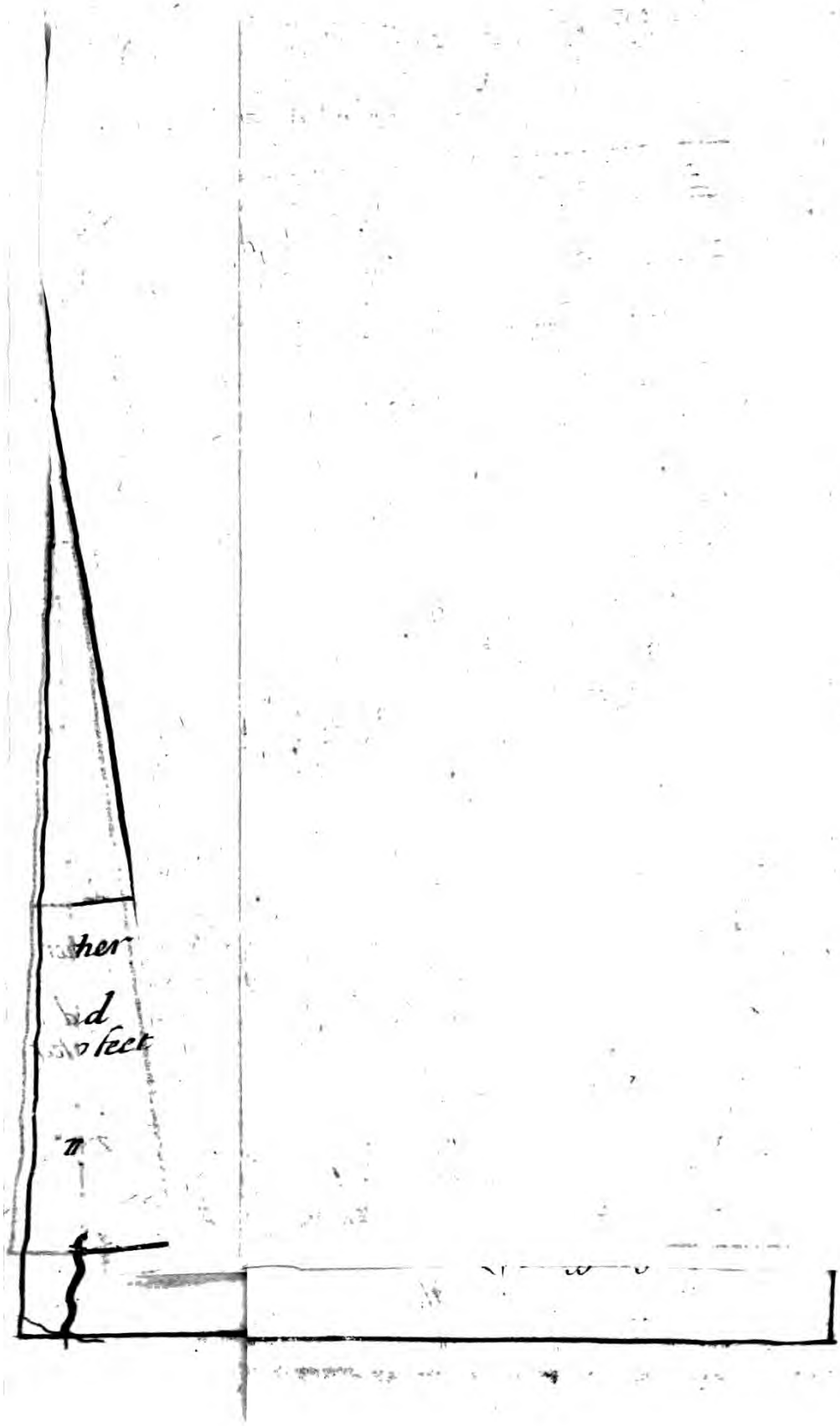
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OR,

PROPOSAL

For making a

Navigable Communication

Between the

Rivers of *Trent* and *Severn*,

In the County of *Stafford*.

By Dr. THOMAS CONGREVE,
of Wolver-Hampton.

LONDON,

Printed for E. CURLL in *Fleet-street*, 1717.

TO

William Ward, Esq;

Knight of the Shire for the County of *Stafford*.

SIR,

I Have here sent You an Account of the Length and Fall of the *Rivers* that may be made Navigable betwixt *Severn* and *Trent*, and the other Papers relating to this Design.

I am,

SIR,

W. Hampton,
Feb. 6. 1716-17.

Yours, &c.

T. CONGREVE.

The Distance and Fall of the Water from Alderfley *to* Burton *upon* Trent *is as Follows,*

From *Alderfley* to *Newmills* is

	Miles.	Furl.	Perch.		Feet.	Inch.
	2	1	25	Its Fall	20	0
	Thence to *Penkridge*,					
	8	3	36	Fall	68	9
	From *Penkridge* to *Burton*,					
	33	2	00	Fall	100	9
Total	43	7	21		189	6

In which Space are 17 Mills and Forges.

From *Alderfley* to *Newbridge*

	Miles.	Furl.	Perch.		Feet.	Inch.
	0	4	00	Its Fall	6	0
	Thence to *Preftwood*					
	12	5	00	Fall	175	0
	From *Preftwood* to *Severn* is					
	13	0	08	Fall	104	6
Total	26	1	08		285	6

In which Space are 25 Mills and Forges.

The

The Length of the Whole

Miles.	Perches.		Feet.
70	29	Fall both Ways	475

There is upon the whole Length of the said Water, Forty two Mills and Forges.

The Fall of the Water in the Canal betwixt *Peterburg* and the *Wolga* both Ways (that is *East* and *West*) is 555 Feet, which is more than the Fall of the Water of this Canal by eighty Feet. *Vid.* Captain *Perry*'s Account of *Russia*.

In 475 Feet (the Fall of the *Penk* and *Smethstall*) are 158 Yards one Foot, which will require 32 Locks, Wares and Turnpikes, each Lock, *&c.* being 5 Yards high, which is not equal in Number to the Locks upon the River betwixt *Letchlade* and *London*, which, in 138 Miles hath 36 Locks, Wares and Turnpikes.

A Canal from Severn *to* Trent *may be made*, viz.

Sixteen thousand Acres, are in a Square, whose Side is five measur'd Miles; such a Square seems to be betwixt *Esington Windmill*, the Head of *Chillington* Mill-Pool and the

the Tops of *Wrottesle-Park*, *Tettenhall-Wood*, *W. Hampton*, and *Bishbury Hills*.

Seven Brooks arise from the Springs and Rain-Waters that fall on these 16000 Acres, and may all be drawn into a Magazine in the *Moors* betwixt *Tunstall* and *Penford*.

Five or six hundred Acres will be in this Magazine, if a Dam of 24 Foot high be made betwixt the new Mills at *Penford* and the Hill, in which is the Stone-Quarry, and another at the new Bridge of *Tettenhall* 10 Foot high.

Twelve Miles or less will be the Length of the Canal from *Tettenhall* to *Prestwood*, where the *Smethstall* meets the Water from *Stourbridge*, and so goes to *Severn*.

Eight Miles or less will be the Length of the Canal from *Penford* to *Penkridge*, from whence the River will easily be made navigable to *Burton*: The Land-Floods of these 16000 Acres that now are hurtful to Mills and Forges, by this Magazine will be made serviceable.

Seventy one Market-Towns and Cities may trade by this Canal; more may be added.

Two Brooks run into the *Pool* at *Gosebrook* Mill, from whence the Water will run both into *Severn* and *Trent*, whenever the Miller pleases.

Five

Five Brooks only feed the Magazine of St. *Feriol* in *Languedoc*, which hath 595 Acres in it, and supplies a Canal 64 *French* Leagues long. See, *Philos. Transact.* No. 56.

Two Millions and fifty thousand Acres in the three Counties of *Stafford*, *Derby* and *Leicester*.

Twenty four Miles Inland Navigation only to these three Counties.

One Market-Town only out of forty hath Navigation in the three Counties.

Two hundred and fifty thousand Pound *per Ann.* is got by Water-Carriage in the same Quantity of Land in the seven *Dutch* Provinces.

Two thousand six hundred and twenty five Miles is the Length of the fifteen *Roman* Roads in *England* and *Wales*, many Parts of which are spoil'd for Want of Inland Navigation.

One thousand Pound *per* Week is lost out of the Iron Trade within six Miles of *Dudley* Castle.

One thousand Tun of Coals might perhaps be sold every Week more than now are in the three Counties, and as many of Lead, Lime, Iron, Stone, Timber, Marble, Fullers-Earth, Wool, *&c.* If a Canal were made betwixt *Severn* and *Trent* by *Penk* and *Stour*, then Clothiers might trade from *Burton* to *Kinfare*, and so to *Bridgwater*, &c.

One

One Tenth of the waste Lands of the three Counties inclos'd, will be worth 10000 *l. per Ann.* at 4 *s. per* Acre, which will make a Canal, and keep poor Vicars, this Canal will make an easie and cheap Carriage betwixt the Western and Northern Clothiers, and bring Fish living, in Well-Boats to supply these three Inland Counties.

300000 *l. per Ann.* is, says Sir *Wm. Petty*, the Charge of the Land Carriage in *England*, one Third of which might probably be sav'd if this Canal were made betwixt *Severn* and *Trent*, and another betwixt *Severn* and *Thames* by the *Bath* River, and Market-Towns have Corn, Cheese, *&c.* carry'd cheaper than by Horses, and 2000*l. per* Week might be added to the Wages of the Labourers in Husbandry and Manufactory, the Money sav'd by Water Carriage.

Nine Parts in ten of the Product of all till'd Lands, are owing to the Labour of Men and Horses, says Mr. *Locke*, so that to take off many Men and Horses from Husbandry to Land Carriage, must be a vast Damage to Husbandry, and no small Damage to the Roads.

Two Miles and a half or more is the Length of the Magazine, in the Moors betwixt *Newbridge* and *Penford*, on the West

West Side of it, three Miles the Length of it on the East Side, it may contain 456 Acres.

Fifty Acres more might be added to it, by placing one Sluice on the *Damnill* Brook, out of the boggy Lands betwixt *Barnhurst* and *Cronkwall*, and one other Sluice on the *Mosely* Brook, out of the boggy Lands betwixt *Penford* Wood and *Mansell-Newhouse*, upon the Road betwixt *Wolver Hampton* and *Stafford*.

More Magazines may be made on the Brooks that come out of the Forrest of *Cannock*, *&c.* which would fall into the Canal, tho' not into this Magazine.

Seven Mills upon the Brooks that would come into these Moors, to join the *Barnhurst* Brook, *viz.* *Chillington*-Mill, *Dam*-Mill, *New*-Mill, *Seawall*-Mill, *Gosebrook*-Mill, *Tunstall*-Mill, and *Fordhouse*-Mill, all which depend upon Springs, and have but small Pools except one.

If the Rains on these 16000 Acres that come into these Moors betwixt *Newbridge* and *Penford* are 36 Inches, which is less by six Inches than the Rains of *Lancashire* and *Cheshire*, which join to Part of *Staffordshire*, they are more than the Rains of *Lisle* by one Third, for their Rains are but 24 Inches, which help their Canal and that of *Mardyke*; and almost double to the Rains of

of *Paris*, which are 19 Inches, and perhaps to those of *Briare*, which help to fill the Canal betwixt the two Rivers of *Paris* and *Orleans*.

The Rains on these 16000 Acres will probably fill this Magazine 12 times *per Ann.* 2 Yards deep.

The Depth of Rain Water, if it were to stagnate on the Earth, would amount, one Year with another at *Townley* in *Lancashire*, to 42 Inches and a half, at *Upminster* in *Essex* 19 Inches and a Quarter, at *Zurich* in *Switzerland* 32 Inches and a half, at *Pisa* in *Italy* 43 Inches and a Quarter, at *Paris* in *France* 19 Inches, and at *Lisle* in *Flanders* 24 Inches.

Forty Acres allow'd to each Canal and its Locks, so that the Magazine of 500 Acres will fill both the Canals, and their Locks, being 80 Acres, five or six times before its empty once.

N. B. That the Rains on the West side of *England* are double to those on the East side, and that this Magazine will not be 40 Miles from *West-Chester*.

If this Canal were made and two or three more, its very probable that the same Number of working Horses and their Drivers now employ'd in *England*, working the same Number of Hours every Day, may improve the Product of the

Lands

Lands of *England* to be worth 1000000 *l.* of Money *per Ann.* more than they are now. For the Horſes that might be ſpared from Carriage on the Roads, as alſo thoſe that carry Corn, *&c.* to Markets, might carry Marle, Lime, *&c.* which now lye uſeleſs in the Earth, for Improvement of Land, to make them produce much more Corn and Graſs, than they now do.

OBSER-

OBSERVATIONS Concerning the Rivers betwixt Oxford *and* Bath.

SIR *James Long*'s Objections were made new in 1683-4, which are said to be answer'd in 1664 by Mr. *Ayliffe*, Mr. *Smith*, *&c.* who were for an *Inland Navigation* betwixt *Avon* and *Isis*, by a Cut to be made from *Malmsbury* to *Summerford* upon *Isis* near *Cricklade*.

Sixty thousand Pounds computed by *Mathews* and *Baskerville* to be the Charge of the Canal from *Bristol* to *Oxford*, tho' there may be Rocks to be cut thro'.

Three Pound per Ton the Price of Carriage by Land, and twenty Shillings per Ton by Water from *Oxford* to *London*.

Mr. *Hill* and Mr. *Rowland Vaughan* were said to design this in Q. *Elizabeth*'s Time.

Judge *Vaughan* proposes Projectors to be hang'd that did not finish any Navigation undertaken by Subscription, if they misapply'd the Money.

From *Cricklade* to *Purtonstalke*, one Mile and a half thence to the Foot of *Purtonhill* one Mile and an half, thence to *Brinkworth* betwixt *Summerford* and *Malmsbury* to fall into the *Avon* seven Miles. Here may a Canal be cut.

A Boat might pass from *London* to *Bristol* in ten Days.

The

The Bill ſaid to paſs the Commons but ſtopt when twice read with the Lords.

Cromwell ſaid to offer 20000 *l.* at the *Navy-Office* to join the City of *London* in this deſigned Cut.

Matthews dedicates a Book about it to K. *Charles* II. *An.* 1670.

Vid. Mr. *Fridour*'s Book 1672 of the *Languedoc* Canal and *Philos. Trans. No.* 56. where is a Map of it.

Mr. *Collins* ſays, from Canals to water Grounds ſprinkled with Salt is vaſt Profit.

Capt. *Matthews* had a Private Seal for the Cut granted to him as he ſays by King *Charles* II.

Thirty ſix Locks, Wires and Turnpikes are upon the River *Thames* betwixt *London* and *Letchlade*, by which Navigation, *London* receives the Proviſions of Seven Counties, and ſends its Merchant-Goods to them.

It's humbly ſuppoſed that the ſame Number of Locks or fewer, may make good this Navigation betwixt *Severn* and *Trent*, and carry the Proviſions and Manufactories of ſeven Counties or more, to above 70 Market Towns and Cities.

93 Miles Engliſh is the Length of the Canal begun betwixt the *Don* and the *Wolga*, to make a Communication betwixt the *Caſpian* and the *Euxine* Seas.

The

The *Ladoga* Canal design'd for the Use of *Petersburg* 460 English Miles long, the Fall of the Rivers that fall into the *Wolga* 110 Feet, of those that fall into the *Neva* (upon which another Dock is to be made) 445 Feet fall. Total 555.

Vid. Capt. *Perry's* Account of *Russia.*

Four hundred seventy one thousand one hundred and fifty four Men were employ'd to cut aCanal to draw down the Lake of *Mexico. Vid. Collection of Travels.* Vol.4.page 531.

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